

Peoria Audubon Society

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LAKEVIEW'S OUTDOOR ADVENTURE FILMS

For the 18th consecutive year, Lakeview Museum, with the cosponsorship of the Peoria Academy of Science, is offering a series of five Outdoor Adventure Films, each personally presented by a naturalist of the first rank.

1984-85 Season Schedule
All at 7:30 p.m.
Lakeview Museum Auditorium

"Vancouver: Isle of Wonder" - October 29, 1984
Tom Sterling

"Hawaii ... Naturally" - December 3, 1984
Willie Moore

"Roger Tory Peterson's Wild Africa" - January 23, 1985
Herman Kitchen

"Animal Antics" - February 18, 1985
Kent Durden

"Outdoor Yearbook" - March 18, 1985
Steve Maslowski

SEASON TICKETS

Members (Lakeview of Academy of Science)	\$10.00
Non-members	\$11.50
Students (High School or Under)	\$ 5.00

SINGLE ADMISSIONS

Adults	\$3.50
Students	\$1.75

The season opens auspiciously with the showing, postponed from last year, of "Vancouver: Isle of Wonder", personally narrated by Tom Sterling, longtime favorite of local audiences. On Vancouver Island which stretches 300 miles along Canada's west coast, wilderness and wildlife abound: gray whales, tidal pool life, rain forests, abundant alpine flowers, beaver ponds, river otters, peregrine falcons, tufted puffins, sea lions, and, climaxing all, daring underwater shots of the awesome killer whales.

We urge that you purchase season tickets now. If ordering by mail, please make check payable to Lakeview Museum and enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope.



PROGRAMS - Lakeview Museum, Rooms A&B, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 7 - "River Restoration by the Palmiter Technique", a slide program by Diane Marlin of University of Illinois.

Oct. 5 - "Prime Natural Areas and Their Preservation, a slide program by Dr. David Kenney, Director Illinois Dept. of Conservation.

FIELD TRIPS - 1984 FALL MIGRATION

BANNER MARSH AND RICE LAKE - September 9
Meet at the parking lot across from Keystone in Bartonville at 1 p.m. Car pool from there. Please call leader Louise Endres - 682-8500.

CHAUTAUQUA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE - September 16
Meet at refuge headquarters at 8:30 a.m. Helen Gasdorf is leader. Chautauqua headquarters may be reached by taking the Manito Blacktop south of Pekin about 15 miles. Look for the NWR sign.

FOREST PARK NATURE CENTER - October 7.
Meet at the Center at 7:30 a.m. Maury Brucker is leader.

CHICAGO MSD, Cuba, IL - October 20.
Meet at 8 a.m. at Jcts. of routes 116 and 78 in Farmington. If you plan to attend, please call leader Bert Princen at 691-0519.

CHAUTAUQUA NWR, SPRING LAKE CONS. AREA, SAND RIDGE STATE FOREST, RICE LAKE AND BANNER MARCH - November 3.
Meet at 7:30 a.m. on the Manito Blacktop opposite the Powerton Plant south of Pekin. In addition to our regular tour, we'll include a stop at Powerton Lake if access is available. If you plan to attend, please call Dr. Richard Bjorklund at Bradley University, 676-7611, x480.

AUDUBON CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON INDIANA CAMPUS IN OCTOBER

The "Michiana" area of southwestern Michigan and northwestern Indiana will host the National Audubon Regional Conference October 26, 27, & 28, 1984 in South Bend, Indiana. This ecologically significant area is an ideal site to stage this biennial event where Audubon members will meet with one another to learn about, share, and enjoy natural history and the environment. The Conference is intended to offer members information, inspiration, and opportunity for personal growth and interaction with other wildlife enthusiasts.

Wildlife and the habitat needed to support healthy populations will be emphasized throughout the conference program. In the past year Audubon has reaffirmed its commitment to preserving wildlife habitat through many local and national habitat preservation projects. In 1985 Audubon will continue efforts to strengthen the Endangered Species Act, to protect avian winter habitat in the tropics, to directly aid species like the California condor, to control habitat damage caused by acid rain, and to launch two new programs to educate the next generation of voters and decision makers about birds and nature. Come and learn about these important subjects.

The South Bend Audubon Society is planning field trips to local natural areas and super birding spots to be held before and after the Conference. Friday morning choices include Birding Along Lake Michigan with master birder Dr. Kenneth Brock and Canoeing the St. Joe. Friday afternoon will be a pre-conference session, "The Problems and Joys of Owning a Sanctuary" followed by a pancake supper for participants at the South Bend A.S. Sanctuary. Sunday afternoon choices will include "Waterfowling" at Worster Lake with super-naturalist John Schaust and "Sandhill Craning" at Jasper Pulaski Refuge. And of course, Saturday and Sunday birding is scheduled on the St. Mary's College and the Notre Dame University campuses. Plan to come early and/or stay late to take advantage of these opportunities. Registration is limited for some trips.

Speakers include Dr. Russell Peterson, president of the National Audubon Society, Dr. Durwood Allen, nationally known wildlife biologist and N.A.S. Board member, and Dr. Orie Loucks, one of the nation's top experts on the impacts of acid rain on forests and aquatics of the midwest.

The Conference will be held at St. Mary's College on the banks of the St. Joseph River across the street from Notre Dame University. The college has preserved its own 100-acre natural area and is known for its comfortable and peaceful atmosphere. It makes a great place to renew old friendships and make new friends. Conference registration and meals package is \$40. You will need to arrange your own transportation and lodging. Special rates have been arranged for at nearby hotels.

There is a role for everybody as we work together to improve the environment for wildlife and ourselves. Join us in October to revitalize your spirit and renew the comradery of working together and sharing our enjoyment of the natural world. For further details and registration and lodging information, write: Audubon Conference, 444 Barker Road, Michigan City, IN 46360-7426. Chapter officers have copies of the registration forms and will have Field Trip details in the near future.

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***Neglected to mention-
Season tickets for Audubon Film Series
may be purchased in advance from
several Peoria Audubon Society members***



FROM CENTRAL MIDWEST REGIONAL OFFICE -
NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

CLEAN WATER BILL STILL AWAITING SENATE ACTION

House Action Leaves Focus on the Senate:

After considerable work, a strong Clean Water Bill, H.R. 3282, was recently passed the House by an overwhelming vote (405-11). Ten additional strengthening amendments were included in its final floor passage on June 26th. Some of the most important of these amendments include provisions for studies of water pollution problems in aquifers located in various groundwater systems around the country, and for \$11.75 million for development of a comprehensive estuary management plan for Puget Sound.

We are excited about the strong House Clean Water Bill, and with your help the Senate Bill can be just as exceptional.

Two Senate Bills to Support: S. 431, Sen. Chafee's (R-RI) bill, is an excellent package of amendments. It includes provisions that:

- reverse attempts to weaken state water quality standards;
- reduce pollution of pristine waters in national parks and refuges;
- tighten controls at "toxic hotspots" to make waters in heavily industrialized areas fishable and swimmable again; and
- provide funds for cleaning up the Chesapeake and Narragansett Bays.

S. 2006, the Senate nonpoint source pollution control program which will be proposed as a Committee floor amendment to S. 431, provides procedures for states to develop and implement programs to control runoff from farms, mines, construction sites, and city streets, sources of almost half the pollutants entering our waterways. S. 2006 is the end product of a compromise struck by diverse interest groups, including the timber and agriculture industries, and is very similar to the nonpoint source program contained in H.R. 3282. As such, S. 2006 takes an important first step toward controlling nonpoint source pollution.

Both bills have been unanimously approved by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and await floor debate and a vote.

August 16, 1984
Any amendment allowing cities to "opt out" of the pretreatment program will result in weaker requirements in those areas and greater amounts of toxics in the water and sludge. EPA Administrator Ruckelshaus opposes such an amendment because it would be too costly and complex a program to administer and enforce, and would not achieve control of toxic pollutants as quickly as will the existing program.

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