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A Note from the President

The Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis' membership has been stable for the last five years. We draw a majority of the members from the near-Minneapolis suburbs, but we see very few minorities attending our programs. We have had three presenters this season from minority communities and will try to have more in the future. The rising percentage of minorities in the state indicates that Audubon needs to do more to get involved with its communities. It is our future! We need them [minorities] to accomplish our environmental goals over the long haul.

The Chapter has begun a mentoring program at a school with a large minority enrollment. We need to expand this mentoring to other schools in the Minneapolis area. We believe this will provide the base for giving these children a contact with nature which we believe is vital—even in the inner city—if they are to grow up as healthy and mentally-balanced individuals, and to pass onto them our goals for protecting habitat, birds, and other living creatures, including humans. We feel this will help us spread nature-nurturing (birding) from the children to their parents and ultimately to the children's children. This outreach will help to build the network needed to save the habitat so vital to our survival.

We need your help. We need to mentor more schools, and we would like you to volunteer to give presentations to a school about birds and their habitat, or just lead field trips for the children in the school.

Our goal is to have a network of school mentors helping teachers with the Audubon message of conserving and restoring natural ecosystems, focusing on birds and other wildlife and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity. Jim Egge can help with presentation content and how to conduct an effective field trip. Call Jim at 612.827.7629 or email him at aubullet2@yahoo.com to get more information.

—Jerry Bahls

Bring your mug to the winter mug club
Hot water and an assortment of instant coffee, tea, and cocoa provided.



March Program

Designing a Duck Stamp

Joe Hautman of Plymouth recently was named winner of his third Federal Duck Stamp contest with his exquisite painting of Northern Pintails. Joe will tell us all about it in his presentation titled, "Designing a Duck Stamp."

From an early age, Joe loved to draw and paint. He was exposed to the arts by his mother, Elaine, a trained artist. His father was an avid hunter and a collector of duck stamps. Joe's artistic interests took a backseat during his academic career as he studied physics at the University of Minnesota, and eventually earned a Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics.

At the urging of his younger brothers, Robert and Jim, both of whom had won Duck Stamp competitions, Joe also entered the Federal Duck Stamp contest. While working on postdoctoral research at the University of Pennsylvania, he painted a Spectacled Eider in his spare time and won the 1991 contest. This provided an incentive to turn professionally to painting.

In 2001 Joe won the federal contest for a second time with a painting of Black Scoters. After sitting out from the contest for the required three years, Joe entered the competition again and in 2007 he won the contest after an exciting three-way tie-breaking vote!

Joe now paints full time at his studio in Plymouth, Minnesota. His work features a variety of North American animals, as well as wildlife from around the world. He has designed conservation stamps for New Jersey, Connecticut, South Carolina, Texas and Minnesota. His artwork has also helped to raise conservation funds through projects with Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl, the United Nations, and many other conservation organizations. Some of his paintings can be viewed at his website: <http://www.hautman.com>

Tuesday, March 3rd
7:00 PM at Mayflower Church



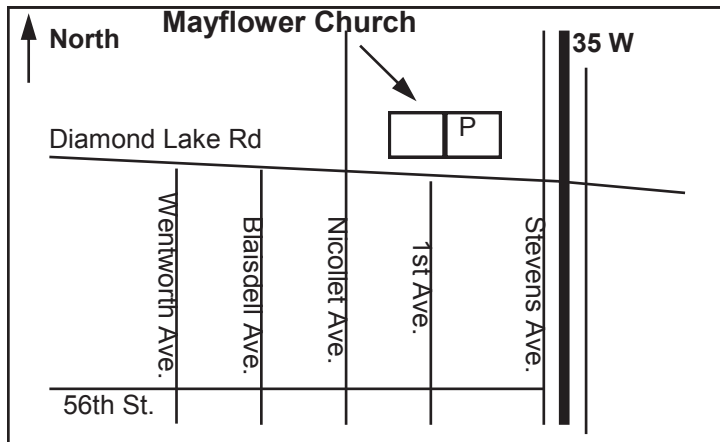
Come to Our Next Program!

DATE: Tuesday, March 3, 2009

“Designing a Duck Stamp,” Joe Hautman

TIME: Program at 7:00 PM

AT: Mayflower Church, Minneapolis
35W & Diamond Lake (road map below)



OUR FIELD TRIPS

Free and Open to All!

Migrating Waterfowl

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2009

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Trip Leaders: John & Pamela Arthur,
952.931.0819

Meet: At Black Dog Park (south side of Minnesota River), 10945 Territorial Drive, Burnsville

See some of the earliest migrating ducks!

The 39th Annual Rivers and Wildlife Celebration

March 20-22, 2009

Kearney, Nebraska

500,000 Sandhill Cranes

Pete Dunne – Author, renowned birder
Joel Sartore – *National Geographic* photographer

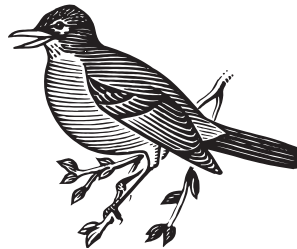
For complete schedule and registration:

www.nebraska.audubon.org

402.797.2301

All Welcome to ACM Membership Committee Meeting

The Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis Membership Committee has begun meetings to discuss ways to increase interest in being Chapter leaders and to recruit members to the Chapter. Susan Anderson, Membership Chair, is leading the discussions. They meet the 3rd Friday of the month at 9:00 AM at the Cupcake Café, 3338 University Ave., west of Hwy 280 on University Ave., St. Paul, across from KSTP.



Please e-mail Susan (susan331@mac.com) or Jerry Bahls (jobaud@comcast.net) to confirm date and time.

Nominating Committee Named

The Nominating Committee submitted by President Jerry Bahls and approved by the Board of the Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis will be Susan Anderson, Chair (612 331-1117 or susan331@mac.com), Jim Egge and Trudi Poquette. They will serve until January of 2010. If anyone would like to be nominated for the Board or to be an officer of Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis, please contact anyone on the Nominating Committee.

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**MOU Rare Bird Alert:
763-780-8890**

Day at the Capitol

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2009

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: State Capitol, St. Paul

Regions: Twin Cities Metro



Join us at the State Capitol to Protect Minnesota's Future!

Minnesota is a special place. This is the time of the year where we come together to make sure our state legislators know that Minnesotans value our lakes, rivers, streams and our Great Outdoors.

We need your help to make sure Minnesotans are heard and Minnesota's future is protected so we can pass it on to our children and grandchildren.

To Register: Go to www.mepartnership.org and click on "Register now etc." Register as a member of Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis.

Register Now!

This is your opportunity to talk to your legislator about issues that are important to you!

Check out the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN during the month of March for the 2009 "Soar With the Eagles Festival." Each weekend has special activities and presenters!

Homeschooler's Guide to Project FeederWatch

FeederWatchers keep track of the numbers and kinds of birds at their feeders throughout the winter and report what they see to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

The **Homeschooler's Guide to Project FeederWatch** will guide you through bird-related activities that promote learning across many disciplines, including science, math, history, and the arts.

To download the **Homeschooler's Guide to Project FeederWatch**, visit www.FeederWatch.org and click on the Education/Home School button. For questions, e-mail feederwatch@cornell.edu.

Birds in Flight

by Carrol Henderson

Birds in Flight is Carrol Henderson's first book not published by the Minnesota DNR. Being a retired scientist, I found the book to be a very good read for the nonscientist with enough technical information to keep me interested.

His photos of birds demonstrating the principles of flight are outstanding. It left me wanting more of them, but I understand the need to limit the size of the book to make it publishable at a reasonable price. His pictures of feathers, wings and tails were so informative that it left one wanting to get out there with binoculars to observe birds flying, landing and taking off. The explanations of why a loon does the belly landing and how a large bird like the Great Blue Heron can land in a tree were very informative.

My quibble with the book is the delay I had to accept before I got to the real subject matter in chapter two. Not that the first chapter was uninteresting but in my mind it should have been an epilogue. It would have given the reader that little extra that one desires after reading a good book.

—Jerry Bahls

Sales Committee Chair

Jean Kelly, who has been our Sales Committee Chair and only sales person at our meetings for many years, would like to step down from this position. The Chapter would like to have someone replace her as soon as we can. Currently, the Sales Committee Chair is responsible for the sales at the program meetings and any other place where needed. The Chair is also responsible for purchasing items that are sold, keeping records of sales and reporting all sales and giving receipts to the Treasurer. If interested, contact Jerry Bahls (763.572.2333 or jobaud@comcast.net).

Black Gold

Late winter—
late in day.

Cold lone tree.
Washed in golden
rayed sunset.

Silent crow silhouettes
cover tips of branches.
Like buds.

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Yes, I'd like to join! As a senior citizen or student, I am able to join for only \$15!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Send this application and make check payable to:
National Audubon Society
P.O. Box 422250
Palm Coast, FL 32142-2250



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Minneapolis, MN 55403
Incentive Code:
C9ZM020Z

Calendar of Events

MARCH

- 3** Chapter Program at 7:00pm
- 5** Day at the Capitol
- 14** Chapter Field Trip
- 20** Membership Committee

APRIL

- 7** Chapter Program 7:00 pm
- 13-16** Great Backyard Bird Count
- 17** Wood Lake Nature Center program

Board meetings are held every month on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Lund's store on Lake Street just west of Hennepin (except in July).

All are welcome to programs, trips and board meetings. Call Jerry Bahls for details!

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