



# EVERGLADE KITE

THE AUDUBON SOCIETY  
OF THE EVERGLADES  
(serving Palm Beach County, Florida)

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## CALENDAR

Sat. Mar. 27th, 8:00 a.m. – Frenchman's Forest Preserve and other local areas. Meet West side of Prosperity Farms Rd, north of PGA Blvd. Bring Lunch. Leader: Marvin Greenberg

Sun April 4, 6-8 p.m. – Lake Worth Lagoon Boat Ride to see our Sanctuary Islands. \$20 per person. For reservations Call Claudine Laabs 561-655-9779

Sat. April 10, 8:00 a.m. – Hugh Taylor Birch State Park and Bonnet House, Fort Lauderdale. Meet inside park entrance, north side of Sunrise Blvd. Just west of A1A. Optional tour of Bonnet House historical site follows. Bring lunch if staying.

Sat. April 17, 8:00a.m. – Spanish River Park, Boca Raton. Meet at South side of Spanish River Blvd., just west of A1A. Leader: Chuck Weber.

Sat. April 24, 8:00 a.m. – Spanish River Park, Boca Raton. Meet as above. Leader: Ray Bucholtz.

Tues. April 27, 8:00 a.m. – Spanish River Park, Boca Raton. Meet as above. Leader: Barbara Liberman.

Sat. May 1st, 8:00 a.m. – Frenchman's Forest Preserve, Palm Beach Gardens. Meet West side of Prosperity Farms Rd, north of PGA Blvd. Bring Lunch. Leader: Marvin Greenberg.

Tues. May 4th 8:00 a.m. – Boynton Inlet. Boynton Beach, A1A south of Manalapan. Meet at south side of inlet on west side of A1A. Leader: Dorothy Brindle.

Sat. May 8th – Spring Migration Count.  
Compiler: Cynthia Plockman, 561-585-1278.

May 27 – June 5 – Cruise the Amazon. For more information Contact: Claudine Laabs 561-655-9779.

## TUESDAY March 2nd , PROGRAM

Claudine Laabs, Program Chair

EAGLE LADY - Doris Mager  
& her feathered friends

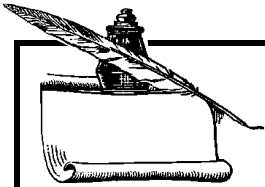


The special guest speaker for our annual meeting began her career in Florida when an injured Red-tailed Hawk was brought to the office of Florida Audubon. She learned how to care for raptors and rehabilitate them and return them to the wild. The ones that were too severely injured became educational birds that were used for programs and lectures.

Doris Mager established a non-profit organization S.O.A.R. (Save Our American Raptors) and drew attention to the plight of the Southern Bald Eagles by staying in an abandoned nest for 24 hours a day for one week. She also organized Biceagle USA across the country from California to Florida giving more than 100 free programs to school children along the way. Even though she moved her operation to Clyde, N.C., Doris is here once again giving programs in Palm Beach County Schools.

Please join us on Saturday, April 3 at the Airport Hilton just west of I-95 at Southern Boulevard. The social event begins at 4 P.M. with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The business meeting begins at 6:00 P.M. and Doris's program follows.

MORE DETAILS on our Annual Meeting  
Can be found on PAGE 3.



~ Presidents column ~  
**Carol Shields**

**Something from the heart –**

We fight hard for the environment. We work on educating the public about habitat, wildlife and resources. But personally, I feel if we don't address world population--the single most significant cause of our changing environment--we may be working in vain.

World Population Day isn't until July 11, but focus should be on the ever-increasing population of the world. 1 billion adolescents will be coming into their reproductive years. Focus must be to educate adolescents, particularly females, across the world. An educated woman--the bearer of generations--will make smart choices.

There are hundreds of new families moving weekly into Palm Beach County. Many are migrating from other parts of the state or country, but, nonetheless, these increases take a toll on our environment and we fight to keep a balance. But as the world population grows, non-renewable resources are depleted. And it is only common sense to know that this cannot continue indefinitely.

This is my last article as your president, as my term tenure is up. Everything changes, nothing remains the same. These five years have given me some of the most memorable experiences of my life. But I am not going far. I will still serve on the board as VP to help in any way I can to further the mission of this chapter. And I hope to work closer with many of you who support this chapter. And I am confident the next president elected will serve well. Thanks to all of you.

**ARMCHAIR ACTIVISTS**

Are you willing to help the environmental cause but would like to do it from home? Do you have access to the Internet? Barbara Lea has offered to take charge on getting the environmental action news out to those of you who wish to participate. By participating, We mean sending e-mails or making phone calls or writing letters. Whatever suits your fancy -- just get involved. Many times the issue is of short notice and it doesn't make the chapter newsletter.

Barbara will e-mail out environmental issues, mostly on the local level, that would benefit from comments by the community. Choose what you'd answer to. Perhaps it's an issue near and dear to your heart; perhaps you really want to make a difference and make your voice heard. Here's an avenue open to you.

As this method of communication progresses you can expect to hear what is going on and what you can do to help. If Interested:

Send your e-mail address to Barbara at  
barbara4audubon@bellsouth.net.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS / NOMINATION SLATE**

2004 - 2006

President	Claudine Laabs
First Vice President	Carol Shields
Second Vice President	Pat Althouse
Secretary	Rick Byrnes
Treasurer	Leah Schad

**The Election of Officers will take place at the annual meeting in April.**

*Special thanks go to Ann DeBooth, Barbara Liberman, and Susan Snyder for serving on the Nominating Committee.*



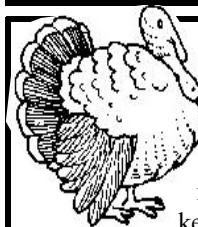
**WE'RE SERVING BEER ON CLEMATIS**

Carol Shields

ASE had applied and recently received confirmation by the city of WPB to allow us to be the non-profit groups serving beer at the Thursday night Clematis By Night. We will be there April 22, which is the Environmental Night. Very appropriate, don't you think?

We need volunteers for the evening; lots of them. And no, you cannot drink the beer. But the chapter does have an opportunity to get a fair amount of profit from the night. Any profit made above the cost of goods is for the non-profit group to make.

Here's your chance to donate your time to a worthy environmental cause — and what better day than on Earth Day! Volunteers need to be there from 5-9 p.m. You will receive a t-shirt for the night and must expect to stand for 3-4 hours. It can get very busy. If your interested in having a fun night with friends (you don't have to be an Audubon member to volunteer) please contact me, Carol Shields, at 964-1522 or e-mail cksaudubon@yahoo.com. Let me know soon if you can help. Time is short! Thanks!



**JAKE**

By Hank McCall

Kyle, age 14, was looking for birds in the woods seven miles west of Ft. Pierce. He found the remnants of a turkey nest with all the eggs broken but one. He took it home and put it in a shoe box with a small light bulb. Days later Jake came out of his shell. Kyle raised Jake on cracked corn and whole grain cereal.

When I met Jake he was two feet tall with a gorgeous blue head and a four pound body with a full stand of soft brown feathers with gold edges. His tail was a magnificent bronze fan. He was lacking a beard.

When Kyle goes to school he puts Jake in the back yard fence with two Labs. They get along just fine.

When Jake grows his beard will he heed the call of the wild as sung by the young female turkeys?

**INCOME – 2004-2005**

National Dues Incentive	\$ 4,000.
Grants and Donations	7,000.
Fund Raising	8,000.
Investment Income	7,000.
Other Income	3,000.
Field Trips	<u>21,000.</u>
<b>Total Anticipated Income</b>	<b>\$50,000.</b>

**EXPENSES – 2004-2005**

Administration	\$ 5,000.
Fundraising Expense	2,100.
Programs	30,550.
Education	10,500.
Donations	1,350.
Contingency	<u>500.</u>
<b>Total Anticipated Expenses</b>	<b>\$50,000.</b>

**INCOME Descriptions:**

Other Income —  
Sale of books, Sales Table, etc.

**EXPENSE Descriptions:**

Administration —  
Includes Accounting, Insurance Storage Unit, Telephone, Office Supplies, Rent

Programs —  
Includes Newsletter, brochure, Field Trips, Conservation

Education —  
Includes Speakers, Community Relations, Conferences & Conventions, SOAR, Young Naturalist, Everglades Day, Library Purchases, Busch Wildlife, Public School Education Programs

Donations —  
Includes Science Fair, Envirothon, Naturescaping etc.

**Annual Meeting Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
at the Airport Hilton**

Audubon Society of the Everglades will hold its election of officers and approval of the 2004-2005 budget at our next annual meeting.

This year the meeting will be on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> to allow our members to celebrate the Passover, which this year occurs on our regular Tuesday meeting night. Chapter business will be conducted beginning at 6 p.m., followed with our guest presenter, Doris Mager, the Eagle Lady.

Prior to the meeting, members can donate \$25 and attend a reception from 4-6, with Doris Mager. This donation also places your name in the hat for a chance to win Bushnell Digital Binoculars. The reception will include hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Deadline for reservations is March 29<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are still available and may be obtained from our treasurer Leah Schad. Please make your check payable to Audubon Society of the Everglades and mail to Leah at, 3634 N Flagler Drive, WPB FL 33407; or call her at 848-9984.

**EARTHDAY EVENTS AROUND TOWN**

**Environmental Night  
at Clematis By Night**

Thursday, April 22,  
from 5- 9 p.m.  
Music by Terry Hawk,  
Blues Band Come out  
for a great evening.



**~ NatureScaping 2004 ~**

**An Earth Day  
Celebration**

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park will hold its 15th Annual Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 17 from 10 a.m.- 3p.m. For more information call the park's Nature Center at (561) 624-6952.

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park is located on Singer Island between Blue Heron Blvd. and PGA Blvd. in North Palm Beach.

**REMEMBER. ....**

The Audubon Society of the Everglades Board of Directors meets the third Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m., at the Phipps Park Fire Department Station. The Fire Department is located on Dixie Highway just south of Southern Blvd. The Board meeting is always open to all Audubon members. Input from members is an integral part of the success of this chapter.

*"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."*

Aldo Leopold  
(1887-1948)  
U.S. Forester



**Spring Frolic – Celebration  
Saturday, April 17, 2004  
10 am – 4 p.m.**

Celebrate Earth Day with the Palm Beach Zoo's annual cultural arts & crafts fair to educate children on the importance of our environment.

## Memberships in the National Audubon Society make great gifts!

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The Audubon Society of the Everglades General Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month, 7:30 p.m. at Howard Park Recreation Center in West Palm Beach. The phone number for the Recreation center is: 561-835-7055. The public is welcome to attend.

**Deadline** for submissions for the **May 2004** issue is **April 10th**.

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