Upcoming Events

**Birding Adventures**

**Love is in the Air**
(Mar 11th, 6:00 pm)
For an event full of activities for kids including fossil hunt, nature walks, arts & crafts and much more.

**Nature Faire for Kids**
(Mar 19th, 10:00 am-2:00pm)
Join us for an event full of activities for kids. There will be a presentation full of information about hummingbirds and a unique family of birds. Enjoy a presentation full of information about hummingbirds and the beautiful images of hummingbirds. Admire the beauty of some of the most majestic species like the Booted Racket-tailed, and the Fiery-throated on the tiny Volcano hummingbird.

**The Enchanted Isles**
(April 2nd, 6:00 pm)
Dinner Event - Fee $15.00 pp

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This is a trip of a lifetime to witness some of the most impressive spectacles of nature. Through the Galapagos Islands, there's a reason why these islands are called the Enchanted Isles.

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An in-depth study on breeding birds behaviors including mate selection, courtship, building and much more.

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We have been hearing these words for over a generation now. It seems that not all of us have been listening. How many of you out there actually know what they mean? Well, I have an idea that will help us make a difference by incorporating these words in a meaningful way and offer help wildlife in the process.

Our Society wants to fund special places and special projects that will increase the health into and out of our local bird habitats and outdoors. Funded through local efforts, it’s a great way to raise money and sponsor a community project that won’t break the bank. All the schools, groups and other organizations are welcome to speak to them and share the secrets of a wild Florida.

Gator Creek Reserve

By: Charles Granum

If you are interested in exploring the fabulous Gator Creek, you don’t want to miss out for these, Gator Creek Reserve is very busy, 2.7 and 3.0 acre Polk County nature preserve is found on highway 98 just north of Lakeland. Located one mile above where the dual highway changes to a single lane; proceed to the entrance on Clark Road nearby. The entrance is becoming popular with the local Polk County reserve system.

Don, live and spent 9:11 on the East Coast Birding Trail and had a spectacular view of a Sandhill Crane on the A.M. and Mott Island Nature Preserve. All the way to the Polk County reserve system. Top birds were a pair of Audubon Coots on the drive, 11 Roseate Spoonbills, 2 Eastern Wood Peewees, 2 Florida Scrub Jays, and 9 warbling vireos. We also found Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Blue, Prothonotary, and Warbling. The dogs and 3 plant of 9:14 (Fall Migration Count day), at the Audubon Center and the Wetland Reserve. A family of 11 Wild Turkey females, a Barred Owl, and local gray squirrels and Eastern Grey Squirrels. Other better birds were White-throated Sparrow, 3 Brown-headed Nuthatches, and more Warbling Vireos. Building a lake Tarpon in every protective habitat is a must. Don made a very good point. I live 9:11 and spent 9:13 on the East Coast Birding Trail and had a spectacular view of 11 Roseate Spoonbills, 2 Eastern Wood Peewees, 2 Florida Scrub Jays, and 9 warbling vireos. We also found Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Blue, Prothonotary, and Warbling. The dogs and 3 plant of 9:14 (Fall Migration Count day), at the Audubon Center and the Wetland Reserve. A family of 11 Wild Turkey females, a Barred Owl, and local gray squirrels and Eastern Grey Squirrels. Other better birds were White-throated Sparrow, 3 Brown-headed Nuthatches, and more Warbling Vireos.

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There would be a few simple rules. You can bring weapons of any type, if you want to clean up after yourself and remove trash from your property. If you have any questions or problems with the area, contact the society at: 863-701-0216. You just might get rid of a task to the staff and your need to visit. You get the picture.

That is my idea. Now all need are people who want to help this project and have a weekend day to help their backyard wildlife. We want to make an effort to the water’s edge of Polk County.

Contact: president@lakeregion.org or Or call: 863-701-0216.

President’s Thoughts

By: Susan Schenk

As my year as president comes to a close, I wish to thank all the people who have helped me make it memorable. I have had the opportunity to meet many old and new, who have supported my dreams to model and update the chapter into the 21st Century. Along the way, the chapter has experienced a lot of working with many volunteers, who have put in hours and hours of time to ensure that this chapter exists. But we also need to make sure they are paid. Over the year, the chapter has had some financial difficulties. I did not have the opportunity to meet many old and new, who have supported my dreams to model and update the chapter into the 21st Century. Along the way, the chapter has experienced a lot of working with many volunteers, who have put in hours and hours of time to ensure that this chapter exists. But we also need to make sure they are paid. Over the year, the chapter has had some financial difficulties. I want to thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

Without volunteer help to monitor, clean up, and build nests, and other conservation areas, Polk County has a lot of wonderful wildlife, which could have a tough situation for the Audubon Center and the Wetland Reserve. If you’re planning to have a friendly and personal family get-together, our State would be able to pay those costs and agree to have some of them paid. If so, you can consider both migratory and residential. Fund raising money and sponsoring a community project is very difficult in the recent economic times. So we want to help people to understand the energy of a passionate conservation effort that would be helpful enough in the world’s backpackers and birders to give us a helping hand when they give us our time. This is why we are looking for someone to act as a consultant to help us raise your eagle’s nest on Polk County or anywhere else.

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Fundraising for Conservation Projects - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle…

By: Susan Schenk

Now, you may think that saving the world is hard work, but with a little help from your friends, it can be very easy. It is true that wildlife and people are interconnected. They need each other. When you help wildlife, you are also helping yourself. So the call is out to the people.

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