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## MONTHLY PROGRAM

Farrand Hall  
Santa Barbara  
Museum of Natural History  
2559 Puesta del Sol  
Santa Barbara

May 27 - Friday  
8:00 ~~7:00~~ PM

### "Walk About in Australia"

Lisa Kelly-Blackburn will walk you about the Australian continent by way of slides and stories. She and her husband covered 28,000 miles, capturing the plants, rock formations, and birds and other wildlife (on film, of course). They also took photographs of aboriginal rock art paintings in the land down under. Please join us in viewing these lovely slides.



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## Santa Barbara Audubon Society's 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & Annual Meeting

JUNE 3 - 7:00 pm

### MOM'S ITALIAN VILLAGE

This year our annual meeting will be incorporated into a celebration of a special quarter-century anniversary of the formation of the Santa Barbara chapter. All members are urged to attend.

We are especially hoping that charter members attend this party. Currently, we are compiling a list of names and addresses of these folks and hope to be able to contact many of them. If you joined SBAS in 1963, be sure to attend this banquet. And if you know of others who were charter members, please notify them.

Held at Mom's Italian Village, 421 E. Cota St., in Santa Barbara, there will be two choices of entrees: chicken or vegetarian pasta. We can meet early, at 6:00 for no-host cocktails, and dinner will be served at 7:00.

Our guest speaker will be the vice-president of National Audubon, **Glenn Olson**. Glen is in charge of the Western Regional Office which includes 94 chapters. He will show slides and discuss wetlands, riparian environments, rain forests, clean air, and acid rains.

Raffle tickets will be sold for some nice prizes which will be displayed. So, fill out the coupon inside and get it mailed to us by May 25. We look forward to seeing you.

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- May 7  
Sat 7:30 am      **Refugio Canyon** - Chance to see Blue Grosbeaks, Lazuli Buntings, Orioles. Meet Jack-in-the-Box by K-Mart. Bring lunch/water. Leader: Guy Tingos (687-8266)
- May 12              Board Meeting - all members welcome. Call office for location.
- May 14              **Birdathon CANCELLED** due to lack of response/interest
- \*May 21  
Sat 7:00 am      **Riverbottom** - Bird walk, 5 miles west of Buellton. Chance to see Yellow-breasted Chat. Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and boots.
- May 22              **Benefit Auction La Purisima Audubon** Contact Debra Argel, president LPAS, 4269 Constellation Rd., Lompoc 93436. Call SBAS for phone no.
- May 25              **Reservation deadline** for 25th Anniversary/Annual Meeting
- May 27  
Fri ~~7:00~~ pm  
8:00              **Monthly Program** - Walk About in Australia - See cover for details
- \*May 28  
Sat 7:00 am      **De la Vina Canyon** - Bird walk, by De la Vina Ranch, Santa Ynez tributary. Beautiful area; should see many species.
- June 3  
Fri 7:00 pm      **25th Anniversary Banquet & Annual Meeting** See cover for details
- \*June 5  
Sun 7:00 am      **Grassland - Roadside Bird walk**, Santa Ynez Valley: Sweeney Rd., northside of river. Might see Blue Grosbeak, Grasshopper Sparrow, Lazuli Bunting.
- \* *These walks all in the Santa Ynez Valley: For all three meet by K-Mart, Goleta by 7:00 am; bring lunch/water drinks, return mid-afternoon. Leader John Flavin (565-1229) (Note: Correction to last issue's calendar: John Flavin has completed his annual breeding-bird census and the results should be published soon.)*



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a busy year for the board. Next year's board is already "under construction", and we have not accomplished all we had hoped to. But, next year's budget is truly balanced, based solely upon income, not saving\$, and plans for major fund-raising are underway.

Personally, I have enjoyed the challenge of coordinating these efforts, but regretfully I must announce I will not be returning to the board next year. Jerry and I are moving to Buellton in June, and I don't feel it would be fair to SBAS or myself to try to participate from that distance.

Current efforts to reconstruct the board are meeting with dismal results. President, vice-president, conservation, and field trip chairpersons and committee members are left **unfilled**. These are *major* areas of activity. Your Audubon chapter needs you; not just your dues.

Please consider giving several hours a month to a cause in which you evidently feel worthy of membership. The board is not a private club entered into by invitation only. It is the life-blood of Audubon activities and accomplishments; people are the oxygen in the blood. Are you out there? Let us hear from you. I hope to see you at our Anniversary dinner June 3! Mary Ann Ambrose

### TRAVEL-LOG

Often, members call us, asking if we know of anyone else who is planning a birding trip to some particular location. Some folks don't wish to go with a formal tour group but *would* like to share expenses and experiences with others.. Sometimes people just want information on areas they are planning to visit.

To better facilitate communication, the office will keep a "travel-log", containing a running list of names and phone numbers of members interested in pairing up for travel. It will also contain a list of those who are knowledgeable of specific birding areas (anywhere in the world) and who are willing to share their knowledge to help others plan trips.

First, we need members let us know their travel plans and that they are willing to serve as "experts". Then we'll have a file of information available for members to review as a travel resource.

### 1988 ACTIVIST AWARD

Sue Higman, of SBAS, was among those chosen to receive the Audubon Chapter Activist Award in recognition of outstanding contributions. The founder of Small Wilderness Area Preserve, she was the leader in preventing El Capitan being developed, in addition to many other projects and accomplishments.

### MONO LAKE'S BEST FRIEND

Everyone who knew him or knew of his works was shocked and saddened by the sudden death of **David Gaines**, founder and chairman of the Mono Lake Committee, in early January. He was described as "the essential environmentalist, proof that one individual, if his goal is true, can move mountains." Our heartfelt sympathy to his wife and children and to all of those who loved him.

### MONO BASIN PLAN

Support NFS's fight with LA Dept. Water/Power. Write D. Martin, USFS, 873 N. Main, Bishop, CA 93514.

### VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

On your June ballots, everyone is urged to vote **YES on Proposition 70**, the California Parks & Wildlife Bond Initiative which includes **14 million dollars** for Santa Barbara county. Save our wildlands and open spaces from development!

And Santa Barbara city residents should vote to save the Wilcox Property: **YES on Proposition C**.

### PROTECT OUR WESTERN HERITAGE

Write to Senator Wilson to urge his support of Mojave, Joshua Tree, and Death Valley becoming national parks; 81 BLM wilderness areas; protection of Indian Canyons; and adding to Red Rock Canyon State Park. 11111 Sta Monica Blvd. #915, L.A. 90025.



### BREEDING SITES SOUGHT

B. "Moose" Peterson, local wildlife photographer, is seeking assistance in locating active breeding sites for Hairy, Downy, and Acorn Woodpeckers; Northern Flickers; Great Horned Owls; and Barn Owls. Any birders with information on any of these species' nest sites, please call 569-3731. Thanks!

### LA PURISIMA AUDUBON CHAPTER

We welcome the formation of a new chapter in the Santa Ynez Valley, La Purisima. Their membership will include Solvang, Buellton, and Santa Ynez area. All new Audubon members in those areas will automatically become a part of La Purisima. If you are currently a member of SBAS living in zip code areas 93460, 93463, and 93427, and wish to become a member of La Purisima, you must notify National *in writing* or you will remain with the Santa Barbara chapter. On May 22 they will hold a benefit auction. See calendar.

### 1988 WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

In spite of car trouble, and problems with a room, Marge Cappiello enjoyed the stimulating atmosphere of the NAS's conference in Asilomar in late March. Attended by over 800 representatives from the western region, many of whom traveled clear from Hawaii, numerous workshops and presentations covered a vast array of problems and solutions that concern us all. (We could have used ten more local representatives to cover everything offered.) Marge was especially heartwarmed to see *so* many people who share her interest in the environment. This conference is the *largest environmental gathering in the west!*

### BRUSH UP ON YOUR OFFICE SKILLS

Our Audubon office, located in the wonderful and historic Goleta Depot, needs a volunteer or two on Wednesdays and Thursdays. You can bring your portable hobbies or potable hubbies, browse through our library, or gaze out the window when you're not busy answering phones, selling birdseed and books, or sorting mail. Please call and volunteer now!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY EARTH DAY

The starting point of national environmental consciousness was 18 years ago, on April 22. Prior to the 1970 event, the word "ecology" was not commonly used and the USA thought the earth would provide endless resources.

### 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & ANNUAL MEETING BANQUET

Come celebrate with us **June 3, Friday**, at **MOM'S ITALIAN VILLAGE** 421 E. Cota, SB. No-host cocktails @ 6:00 pm, dinner @ 7:00 pm. \* \* \* \* Cost \$13.00 per person.

Yes I/We will attend! Check enclosed for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ dinners.

Indicate how many of each entree: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Pasta

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Send check by **May 25** made out to:  
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Tickets will be held at the door.



### ARE YOU RECYCLING?

We hope you are saving all of your aluminum cans and other recyclable items and taking them to the downtown recycling center. Remember to tell the recycle folks to credit SB Audubon Society for the recycled goods. We appreciate your efforts in this.

### DESPERATELY SEEKING CENSOR

We need one person to be responsible for monthly reports on the Bird Refuge census, and we need others to participate in the census-taking. Please call office.



### TREASURE HUNT

We have some good raffle prizes lined up for our 25th anniversary dinner and annual banquet on June 3, but could use some more. Do you have anything wonderful you'd like to donate? Please call the Audubon office. Thank you!

### SOUTH COAST BIRD REPORTS

Los Angeles	(213) 874-1318
San Bernardino	(714) 793-5599
San Diego	(619) 435-6761
San Francisco	(415) 528-0288
Santa Barbara	(805) 964-8240



### HAZARDOUS WASTE

Collection day Saturday, May 14. Call 963-0583 to get rid of old paints, anti-freeze, solvents, etc.



### JUST LIKE THE SWALLOWS TO CAPISTRANO

The following board members have agreed to return to serve on chairs or committees for the upcoming fiscal year: Marge Cappiello, Anne Eissler, Tomi Sollen, Lee Sutter, Wynne Tufnell, and Audrey von Bieberstein. And thanks to Ada Babine who has volunteered to serve on the board next year. The nominating committee will make the selections at the annual meeting on June 3.

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