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JULIE KUMMEL STEPS DOWN

by Darlene Chirman

Julie Kummel has been involved with Santa Barbara Audubon for a decade and a half. As a Board member, she served on the Development and Conservation committees. On the Conservation Committee, she volunteered with the habitat restoration program. Most recently, Julie served as Co-Chair of the Development Committee. The birds and all of us in Audubon have benefited from her dedication, her cheerful countenance, and her deviled eggs at many a picnic and potluck! Julie has also donated funds to the Endowment, contributed to Eyes in the Sky, and generally supported the chapter. She is a model Audubon member, committing both her time and funds for a mission she believes in: *conserving and restoring ecosystems near Santa Barbara and connecting people with birds and nature.* May we follow in her footsteps.

We are fortunate that Julie will continue to volunteer, helping with Audubon events. We hope you will join us at **Stow Grove Park on Saturday, June 18, 3-5pm**, to *honor Julie* for her service to Santa Barbara Audubon at our **annual membership gathering**. Finally, one Audubon event Julie won't be organizing!



No Program in June

Programs resume in September

Santa Barbara Audubon Society Annual Meeting and Get-Together

Saturday, June 18, 2016,

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Stow Grove Park, Space #3

Join us for friends and music

ELECTION OF NEXT YEAR'S BOARD

Bring hors d'oeuvres or finger food to share

Soft drinks & water provided. BYOB.

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and

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BY GLENDESSARY JAM

*Say Goodbye and Thanks to Julie Kummel,
long-time Audubon Board Member*

BOOK SALE

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2016 JOY PARKINSON AWARD SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SCIENCE FAIR

By Steven Senesac - Santa Barbara Audubon Society Science Chair

Dominique Aranda won the Joy Parkinson Science Fair Award this year for her research and presentation of “A Test of Soap Effectiveness in Cleaning Oiled Bird Feathers”.

Dominique is in 11th Grade at Pioneer Valley High School in Santa Maria. She is interested in going on with her studies in Science and Engineering and is considering various possibilities in those directions. Her parents were very kind to drive her all the way from Santa Maria for our April 27 general meeting at the Natural History Museum.

Inspired by images from the Plains All American Pipeline rupture last year near Refugio State Beach and classroom discussions about this, she investigated the overall effectiveness of several detergents in removing the oil from bird feathers.

She looked at both the efficiency in removing the oil and the least detrimental effect on the bird's skin from the chemicals making up the detergent. Of the five detergents tested, she found Planet Ultra to have the best combination of the two. She would like to explore this more thoroughly during her summer break.

In sharing her presentation with us, she converted us all to her fan club. Her enthusiasm, poise, and command of her topic were enchanting. All the best for you and your promising future, Dominique!



CALIFORNIA BROWN PELICAN ROOST SURVEY

by Libby Patten

On May 7th, from 5-7 pm, Santa Barbara birders participated in the first-ever coastal survey of the once highly-endangered Brown Pelican. A total of sixteen birders counted the pelicans seen at five key spots from Santa Barbara Harbor all the way up to the Santa Maria River mouth. Surveys were also conducted during this same two-hour period from Mexico, along the West Coast and into British Columbia. This was the pilot effort for a new biannual survey of the Brown Pelican on the Pacific Coast, to continue to monitor the health of this iconic species.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If any of these appeal to you, please contact
President@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org

- Write thank-you letters and “Welcome to the Flock” notes to new members
- Help with the Birdathon
- Work on the Silent Auction in October
- Join the Development Committee and help secure our future!

AUDUBON AT EARTH DAY



Audubon's booth at CEC's Earth Day celebration, April 16 at Alameda Park, was a busy place as friends old and new stopped by, and children delighted in dissecting owl pellets all day long. Thanks to all our Board Members and EITS volunteers who staffed the booth.



NEWS FROM EYES IN THE SKY

By Judy Hogan

On March 24, we hosted students from the Police Activities League (PAL) (see Audubon and PAL article). After a tour of EITS' Aviary, PAL students met each of our raptors and learned about bird handling and care from our volunteers. The PAL students were excited to be so close to such magnificent birds, took many photos, and asked lots of great questions.

On April 1, New York Times bestseller *H is for Hawk* author and lecturer Helen Macdonald spent an active afternoon at



the aviary with our raptors and Friday volunteers. As Helen was learning about EITS' raptors, she shared stories of her own raptor experiences and her goshawk Mabel. Volunteers and guests brought copies of her book which she gladly autographed. Please check out more photos of her visit at eyesinthesky.org.

Max, Ivan, Kisa, Athena, Kachina, Kanati, Puku, and their volunteer bird handlers had a particularly busy Spring as Gabriele continues to receive requests for school programs and community events. Our raptors always enjoy their time visiting new places at programs with kids, families, and seniors.

If you know of a school, after-school program, senior center, youth camp, or a community or company event that would like to book an EITS raptor visit/program, please call Gabriele at 805-259-1446 to discuss fees and schedule.



MEET YOUR AUDUBON BOARD

A SERIES INTRODUCING THE DIRECTORS OF OUR CHAPTER



Our new Conservation Committee Co-chair, Scott Cooper, grew up on a ranch in Nebraska, did his Bachelor's degree at the University of Nebraska and his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, both in zoology, then joined the faculty at UCSB in 1979, where he taught courses in aquatic biology, freshwater ecology, and watershed science for 33 years. Throughout his career at UCSB, he conducted research in many parts of the world, including Central and North America and Africa, and held many administrative positions, such as Department Chair, Director of the Natural Reserve System, Academic Dean of the UC-wide Education Abroad Program, and Director of the University of Nairobi-UC exchange program. Recently retired, he maintains an active research program focused on the effects of climate and land use change, invasive species, and fire on streams in the Sierra Nevada and coastal southern California. He continues to act as an advisor to a number of government agencies and conservation groups about natural resource management issues, including current service on the state's Peer Review Committee for the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program, which deals with salmon and steelhead recovery.

Scott initially became involved in SBAS when he was asked by Steven Ferry, then Co-chair of the Conservation Committee, to serve as Audubon's representative on the Goleta Slough Management Committee. Since that time, he has become increasingly involved, on behalf of the Conservation Committee, in many local environmental issues that affect bird and wildlife populations and habitats. His membership in Audubon, then, reflects his desire to make worthwhile

contributions to environmental protection and the preservation of wildlife species.

Scott's pastimes relate to travel, hiking, camping, ballroom dancing, reading, enjoying good food and wine, photographing bugs, and attending cultural events (plays, movies, concerts). He is pleased to assist Audubon in advocating for the interests of birds and wildlife.

AUDUBON AND PAL

Santa Barbara Audubon joined hands with the Police Activities League (PAL) this spring for outdoor education on nine Thursday afternoons. Participating teens dubbed the program *EYE to Nature: Explore Your Environment*. SBAS member Aaron Budgor brought us this idea which perfectly matches our mission. Excursions to the Natural History Museum, Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration (CCBER), Coal Oil Point, Carpinteria Salt Marsh, and more shared Audubon's enthusiasm for nature with PAL's young teens.

During Spring Break, Audubon also organized a Big Pal-Little Pal afternoon at Lake Los Carneros. SBAS adults guided 28 PAL boys and girls around the lake, identifying birds. Eyes in the Sky volunteer Betsy Mooney brought our Peregrine Falcon, Kisa, to add to the fun. Kisa may have enjoyed the windy afternoon most of all.

A thank-you from PAL read, "We weren't aware how many types of birds we have in Santa Barbara. It was so eye-opening. I mean we just learned about birds, imagine all the other animals! How cool!"



Photo by Steven Grade 6



Photo by Dolores Pollock



Photo by Aaron Budgor

Many thanks to all who planned and helped: Barbara & John Ahlman, Judy Blue, Kathleen Boehm, Aaron Budgor, Karen Dorfman, Gabriele Drozdowski & EITS volunteers, Patty Garcia, Joan Kent, Susan Kentro, Aaron Kreisberg, Andy Lanes, Janice Levasheff, Betsy Mooney, Libby Patten, Dolores Pollock, Carol Rae, Manny Raya, Dennis Ringer, Glennie Rodgers, Steve Senesac, Melba Sprague, Cherie Topper, Kiefer Tuck and Jane Warner.

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Tecolote Circle donors sustain Audubon's core programs in perpetuity through their vision and generous donations to our endowment. They gave a one-time donation of \$1000 or more to the endowment or named SBAS in their will and let us know. Many continue to donate. Endowment gifts are invested, and income generated supports our work. Consider becoming a member! Connect the community with nature...now and for generations to come.

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SBAS: FRIDAY BIRD WALKS

LA CASA DE MARIA BIRD WALK

June 10, 2016 (8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.)

Target Birds: Canyon Wrens, songbirds, raptors, etc.

Directions: Take Hwy 101 to the San Ysidro Road off-ramp (#93) and head towards the mountains. Turn right on East Valley Road-Hwy 192 (Stop light). Proceed 2/10 mile and turn left on El Bosque Road. Follow El Bosque into the La Casa de Maria grounds. Upon entering the grounds, immediately turn to your right and park across from the Registration office. We will meet at the fountain in the central courtyard near the Registration office for a brief welcome.

TABANO HOLLOW OPEN SPACE

June 24, 2016 (8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.)

Target Birds: Songbirds, woodpeckers, hummingbirds, etc.

Directions: Take Hwy 101 to Turnpike Rd. off-ramp and head towards mountains. Turn left on Calle Real (stop light), then right on San Marcos Rd., left on University Dr., left on Ribera Dr. Park where Ribera make sharp left and becomes Matorral. (Bridge under Hwy 101 and Open Space sign can be seen.)

ATASCADERO CREEK

July 8, 2016 (8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.)

Target Birds: Waterbirds, songbird, and raptors

Directions: From Hwy 101 take the Patterson off-ramp and head towards the ocean. We will park in the dirt area near the Atascadero Creek Bridge.

FARREN ROAD

July 22, 2016 (8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.)

Target Birds: Hummingbirds, kingbirds, flycatchers, sparrows, and Blue Grosbeaks

Directions: From Santa Barbara, take US 101 north to Winchester Canyon Road exit. Go straight on Calle Real, and straight again at the stop sign at bridge over 101, continuing on Calle Real to end of road. Turn right on Farren Road and park on side of road; we will meet here. From the North, take US 101 south to Winchester Canyon Rd exit. Turn left onto bridge, left at the stop sign onto Calle Real, and follow to end of road as above.

SBAS: FIELD TRIPS

HOLLISTER RANCH FIELD TRIP

Saturday, June 25, 2016 (8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) (7:00 a.m. at mandatory carpool location)

Reservations are required due to a limited number of vehicles allowed on the Ranch.

Target Birds: Songbirds, ocean and pond waterfowl, raptors, and perhaps an owl or two

Reservations are required. We are limited to 20 people (five vehicles). Please email Jack Sanford at birdsandtennis@hotmail.com on or before **Wednesday June 22** to reserve your place. Please let Jack know if you are willing to drive your vehicle and how many people it will hold. Jack will confirm your reservation by email.

Directions: We will carpool from the upper parking lot of the Sears Shopping Center at 7 a.m. (\$8.00 gas money to drivers). We must carpool as we are limited to 5 vehicles. Bring water, snack, or lunch, and wear comfortable shoes. Binoculars and spotting scopes are useful.

Leader: Guy Tingos

Don't miss out on this opportunity to bird the private and unique Hollister Ranch.

TROUT CLUB, SANTA BARBARA

Saturday, July 9, 2016 (8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) (8:00 a.m. at car pool location)

Target Birds: Flycatchers, thrushes, gnatcatchers, hummingbirds, sparrows, orioles etc.

Leader: Susanne Barrymore

Directions: We will carpool (no gas money) from the upper parking lot of the Sears Shopping Center at 8:00 a.m., or you can meet at the entrance to the Trout Club off Old San Marcus Road. Take Hwy 101 to Hwy 154 north from Santa Barbara and turn left on Old San Marcus Road (Painted Cave Road is on your right). Go a very short distance and park in the dirt area near the Trout Club entrance. We will bird from there. Take advantage of this opportunity to bird the private Trout Club.

SBAS: PREMIER TRIPS

SAVE THE DATES!

Sept 23 (Pt. Mugu), Nov 4 (Oso Flaco), and Dec 2 (Pt. Mugu).

Your support of these Friday fundraisers helps all of us at Santa Barbara Audubon--thank you! Special thanks to Peggy Kearns and Jeff Hanson for their work in organizing these outstanding opportunities.

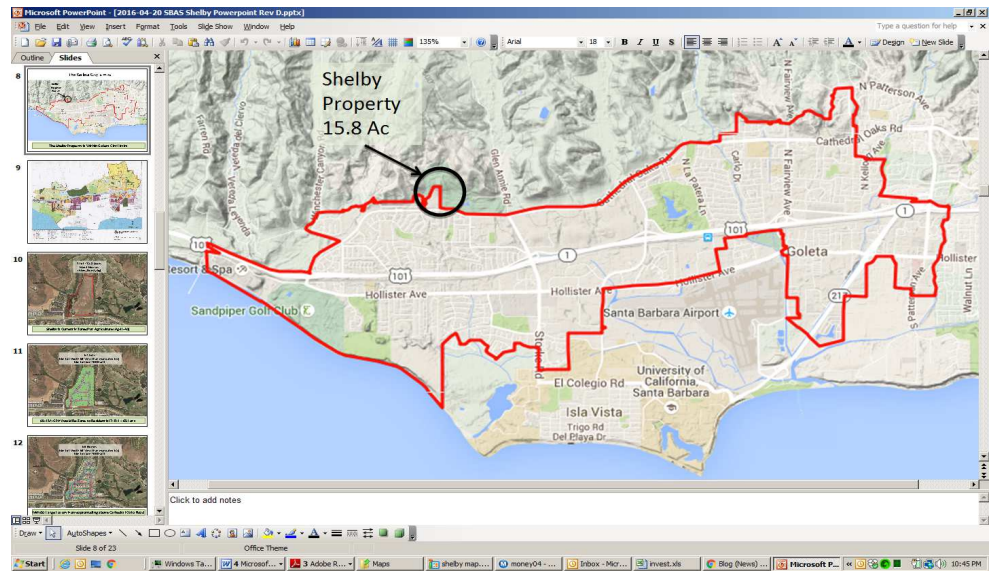
SHELBY DEVELOPMENT TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

by Steve Ferry

Santa Barbara Audubon recently announced that SBAS had joined a coalition of Santa Barbara County community and environmental organizations called the Shelby Foothills Coalition (SFC). SFC advocates for the preservation of land zoned for agriculture on the South Coast to maintain open space and bird habitat. SFC was formed from community concerns about the recent, rapid, massive development that has occurred in the Goleta Valley. These huge developments are threatening the quality of life in the Good Land with traffic congestion, crowding, environmental degradation, and loss of open space.

One project of particular concern is the Shelby development which has been proposed for a 14-acre parcel above Cathedral Oaks Road, adjacent to Glen Annie Golf Course. The developer wants the City of Goleta to re-zone this land from agricultural to residential use to build 60 expensive houses, directly contrary to the city's General Plan. This development would extend the ongoing urban sprawl into the Goleta foothills. In addition, it would reduce habitat for sensitive species, eliminate bird nesting sites, damage water quality, and severely degrade an important wildlife corridor. SBAS Conservation Committee members interested in preserving the integrity, health, character, and environmental quality of our area have been working hard to oppose the Shelby development. We believe that the Shelby development, if approved, could set a dangerous precedent that would lead to the development of more agricultural land in the foothills, including orchards in the County areas of the foothills. The proposed Shelby development has been going through environmental review. SBAS and other local environmental groups and individuals have submitted extensive comments on the Shelby Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), pointing out significant flaws and inadequacies in the DEIR. Until early May 2016, City of Goleta staff had been working on responses to the public comments on the DEIR, in preparing a final EIR. **At that time, the City learned that the Shelby development could not convert its agricultural water meter to residential use due to rules included in a citizen initiative that passed almost thirty years ago (Measure J). Therefore, the Shelby development application with the City of Goleta has been temporarily suspended.**

The Shelby Foothills Coalition will continue to exercise vigilance in monitoring this project and preventing the Shelby development from moving forward. SFC is aware that there could be other sources of water, other than agricultural meter conversion, that might allow the development to proceed. SFC will continue to monitor the development process and endeavor to ensure that any proposed water source is fully compliant with all laws and the best interests of the community. In addition, we will continue to advocate that the City of Goleta should honor its own carefully-crafted General Plan, retaining the agricultural use zoning for the Shelby parcel.



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- Renewal notices are sent from the local Santa Barbara Chapter
- Note, we do not share personal information with other organizations
- Membership applications received between
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Field trip leaders Paul Keller, Rob Lindsay, Libby Patten, Cruz Phillips, Jack Sanford, Guy Tingos
Libby Patten for organizing Pelican Roost Survey volunteers on May 7
All shutter openers and bird handlers for EITS--you are appreciated!
Employers like Deckers who match employee donations to SB Audubon
The five friends of Judy Blue who donated to Audubon as a b'day gift to Judy
Karen and Don Schroeder for the loan of your canopy on Earth Day
The 150+ members who donated to Santa Barbara Audubon this year!
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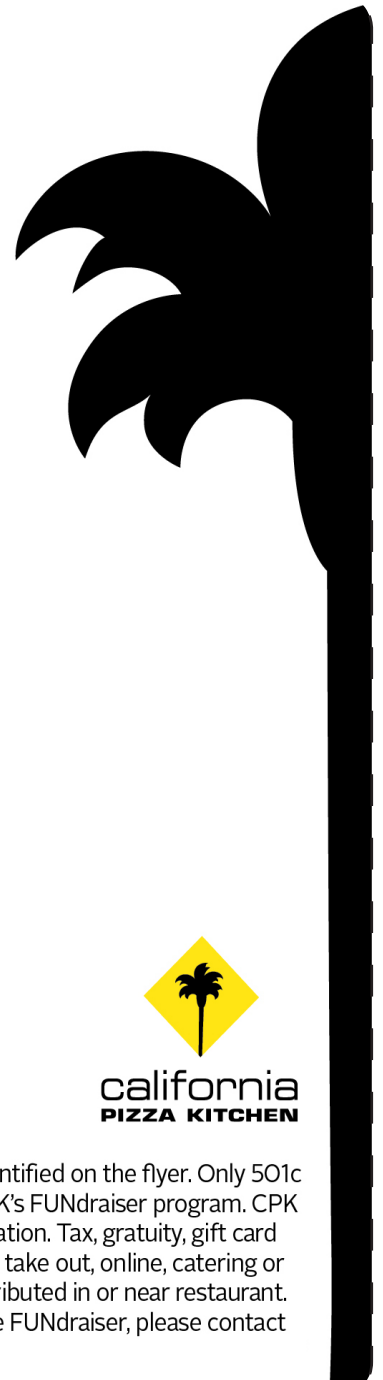
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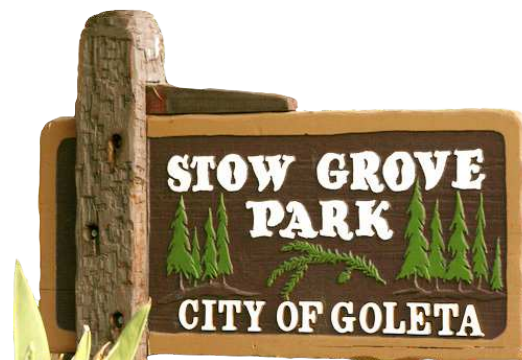
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MEMBERSHIP GET-TOGETHER



Stow Grove Park, Spot #3
June 18, 3:00-5:00

Music - Camaraderie - Special Guests

Bring finger food to share, soft drinks provided.

See You There!

North La Patera Lane at Cathedral Oaks Road