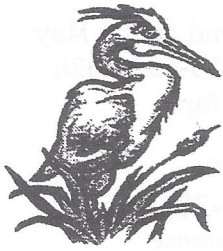
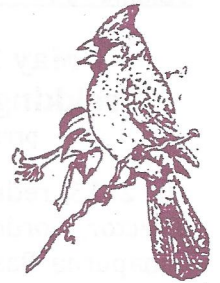


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The Canton Audubon Society is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to meet our members' varied interests in the field of nature. For some the focus is on birds and animals, for others it's on plants, and still others it's on waterways and diversities of the land. For all it is an interest to enjoy, to conserve, restore, share with others, and to educate both adults and students.

As a member of the **NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY**, you are also a member of the **CANTON AUDUBON SOCIETY**, and are invited to attend our monthly meetings held at 7:00 p.m., the third Wednesday each month (September thru June), at the **STARK COUNTY PARK DISTRICT'S EXPLORATION GATEWAY**, 5712 - 12th St., NW, Canton. You will receive **AUDUBON NEWS & VIEWS** September/October issue with our calendar of activities for the entire year.

Visit our website: www.cantonaudubon.org or phone 330-209-1261 for further information about our activities.

CALENDAR

May 2017

- Fri. - Sun. 5 - 14 **THE BIGGEST WEEK IN AMERICAN BIRDING**, See page 7.
- Wed. 17 5:30 p.m. **CAS Pre-Meeting Bird Walk at Stark Park's EG**
Meet at the south end of the EG on the balcony.
- 7:00 p.m. **REGULAR MEETING, "Trekking at the Top of the world"**,
presented by Gordon Maupin. See "[May Meeting Preview](#)", page 2.
- Sat. 20 7:30 a.m. **CAS Prothonotary Warbler Field Trip**, Hoover Reservoir, Area M, at Galena. Pre-registration is required See [field trip](#), on page 7.

June 2017

- Sat. 3 8:30 a.m. **Metzger Park Walk** - New sign presentation, Louisville.
This walk has become a Canton Audubon tradition since we sponsored the erection of the sign over 8 years ago. The original sign was showing its age. A new one has been created by our original local business - Sign Pro (Akers Signs). It will be in its holder, advertising (hopefully) the presence of Red Winged Blackbirds, Savannah Sparrows, Bobolinks, and Eastern Meadowlarks in the park. Join us for this walk, followed by socializing. Metzger Park is located on South Nickel Plate Avenue, just south of Louisville High School.
- Thurs. 8 All Day **World Oceans Day**
A global day of ocean celebration and collaboration for a better future. The overall theme for World Oceans Day 2017 is: **Our Oceans, Our Future**. Conservation action focus: Encouraging solutions to plastic pollution and preventing marine litter for a healthier ocean and a better future.
Recent studies show that 80% of plastic trash in the ocean comes from dry land. Cleaning the ocean of marine litter starts with us. **Help keep our oceans clean.**
Originally proposed by Canada in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, it was officially recognized by the United Nations in 2008. A network of 2,000 organizations, has been promoting World Oceans Day since 2002.
World Oceans Day events include a variety of activities and actions, such as special outdoor explorations, beach cleanups, educational and action programs, art contests, film festivals, and sustainable seafood events.
- Wed. 21 4:00 p.m. **CAS "Picnic in the Park"**. See "[June 21 Meeting](#)", page 2. Pre-registration requested

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May 17 Meeting Preview "Trekking at the Top of the World"

presented by Gordon Maupin

In 2015, retired Wilderness Center Executive Director, Gordon Maupin hiked for 10 days to Annapurna Base Camp in Nepal. Annapurna is the tenth highest mountain in the world.

In 2016, he trekked 13 days to Everest Base Camp reaching an altitude of 18,500 on an overlook opposite Mt. Everest.

Maupin will share his adventures with Canton Audubon at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 17.

Treks in the Himalaya Mountains are unlike backpacking in North American wilderness. People have lived in the mountains for over 5,000 years. The trails are their infrastructure. Consequently, trekking among the high Himalayas is more like day hiking from village to village. Himalayan treks are both cultural and wilderness experiences.

Maupin will share his photos of truly amazing scenery and his impressions of walking among the people of this fascinating part of the world.

When asked about the scenery, Maupin often says, "Imagine the Colorado Rockies. Then understand that the Himalayas are literally twice as high!"

"Since I was a college student, I'd dreamed of walking among these mountains," Maupin said. "So these two treks were literally a lifelong dream fulfilled."

June 21 Meeting "Picnic In The Park"

Join us for our traditional "end of the previous fiscal year/beginning of the new fiscal year picnic at the Stark County Park District's Picnic Pavilion at the Perry-Sippo/Exploration Gateway facility. We can celebrate the start of our 56th year as an organization.

You can join those interested in a 4:00 p.m. bird walk, followed by the covered dish/potluck dinner beginning at 6 p.m. It will be followed by fellowship and/or another bird walk - whatever you wish.

Canton Audubon will provide the meat and

beverage. Those attending are asked to bring your favorite, or new, covered dish to share; your own plate, cup and utensils.

We ask that you sign up to attend at the May 17 meeting, or call Linda Chen (330-494-9026), so we know how many to prepare for.

Board of Directors Nominations For 2017-2019

Laura Dornan, Nomination Committee

There are three seats on the Board of Directors to be voted on at the annual Audubon business meeting on May 17. Two of those seats are held by Chuck Hewitt and Kristen Beck, who have both agreed to serve another term. Joanne Ditter will be stepping down for health reasons. We thank her for her service to Canton Audubon and wish her well.

We hope that she will continue to be able to attend many Audubon meetings.

Chris Lamb has agreed to fill that seat. Chris is a relatively new member to Canton Audubon, having joined in March of 2016 after attending a few meetings in 2015. She had long been aware of Canton Audubon but did not have Wednesday evenings free. When asked why she is interested in serving on the Board of Directors, she responded "To give back in a small way and help conserve our birds and natural resources for future generations as others have done for me."

We welcome Chris to Canton Audubon and to the Board and look forward to working with her and we thank Chuck and Kristen for giving us two more years. They have been great assets.

Your "Canton Audubon Society" Board Member Bio's

Since June 1, 2016, Canton Audubon has made many changes to their board makeup. There are new faces, and some have changed positions held. With that in mind, since the November/December issue of AN&V, you have been learning more about your leaders - in their own words. We will try to provide two leaders in each issue. With Denise Lesko and Chuck Hewett, you are meeting numbers 7 and 8 in this series.

Denise Lesko

I have had a lifelong love of birds starting with my first pet canary when I was 6. My parents fed our backyard birds in the winter.

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I have watched those same birds (up to 20 species this winter so far) out my windows.



About 15 years ago a friend invited me to an Audubon meeting and I was pleasantly surprised to find that there were other people who shared my interest in birds and that they actually went out as a group to watch birds.

Since retiring two years ago as a 2nd grade teacher, I have found myself birding whenever possible. With 3 out of town children, I'm on the road a lot. I visit my son and daughter, who both live in New York City about three times a year, and have birded Central Park whenever I can. In April we will be going to Rome, Italy to visit my oldest son, and I will be taking my binoculars and camera, of course!

I have enjoyed some birding festivals-Eastern Shore of Virginia, Rio Grande Valley, Tucson, San Diego, and of course Biggest Week every year. I've also birded in the Pacific NW and Florida twice and am looking forward to visiting all the other hotspots in the USA. I have started to expand my birding trips to Central America and hope to go to S. America soon. My birding bucket list keeps expanding!

I am also an avid gardener with lots of perennials which constantly need splitting and good homes. My vegetables just have to take their chances tucked in between the flowers. About 10 years ago I brought back some milkweed and Monarch caterpillars from the Magee Marsh parking lot and took them into my classroom and we raised and released my first Monarchs. It became a tradition in my class every September after that. After I got milkweed established in my garden, I didn't need to go outside of my yard to collect eggs. We were releasing 50+ Monarchs in our good years. Now that I'm retired, I spend August and September caring for and releasing all the Monarchs from my yard. Of course my interest in butterflies led me to Beech Creek Botanical Gardens, where I took my class for field trips. I knew when I

retired I would be volunteering in their butterfly house. I also volunteer with Beech Creek's Bird In Hand Chickadee feeding in January and February.

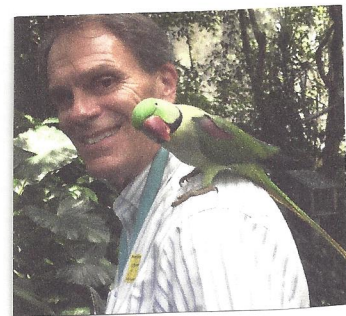
I became the Secretary of CAS this year, and have enjoyed being on the board as a Director June 1, 2006.

Chuck Hewett

My interest in the environment began at an early age with encouragement from my parents.

Following that passion I received a Masters in Environmental Science degree from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, a Masters in Environmental Engineering degree from Youngstown State University. I worked with OEPA for 3 years before doing environmental compliance work for Ohio Power/AEP in Canton and then at the Cardinal Power Plant near Steubenville, OH. I retired from AEP in 2010, joyously met Beth in 2013, married in 2014.

I love being near water and we now live on Guilford Lake where we love kayaking, sailing, gardening, landscape designing, and watching the spring migration of waterfowl from our living room window.



For a couple decades Kayak racing was the sport that kept me fit and have won several national kayak marathon titles. Over the years I enjoyed weekend backpacking trips with The Wilderness Center backpackers. After retiring, hiked the 2285-mile Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine, then with Beth we have hiked the John Muir Trail through the High Sierra of California, the 500-mile Colorado trail, Pembroke Shire trail in Wales, the Inca Trail in Peru to Machu Picchu, the Pacific Crest Trail thru Oregon, and in 2016 the entire Buckeye Trail (1,444 miles). Our volunteer project for the Buckeye Trail was to create a data book for the trail. It tells a hiker what direction to go, where to find water, campsites, and facilities/stores in towns. It was a 2 year project that culminated with us hiking the trail to field-proof the data and made hundreds of changes.

The book has been turned over to the BTA but they have not printed it yet. However, Beth and I wrote a book about our hiking adventure on the BT which is currently available through Amazon.com (or from us).

I have traveled extensively and been on 6 of the 7 continents. England, Denmark, Spain, China, Luxembourg, Switzerland, France, Poland, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Kenya, Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, and Canada. Traveled to about 47 of the 50 states and Beth and I are planning to spend a couple months traveling to nearly all the National Parks in 2017 and 2018.

I am only a casual birder; though my trips to Kenya, Costa Rica and Galapagos Islands involved viewing hundreds of birds.

Besides Audubon, we are members of the Nature Conservancy, Save the Redwoods, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Buckeye Trail Association, Charles Darwin Foundation (Galapagos Islands), Jane Goodall Institute, Rails to Trails, US Canoe Association, World Wildlife Fund, Pittsburg Ski Club, and The Wilderness Center. It is a pleasure to continue supporting environmental issues as a member of the CAS Board of Directors.

PROTECTING LAKE ERIE

The Great Lakes are a national treasure. Eighty-four percent of North America's fresh water is contained in the Great Lakes – only the polar ice caps contain more fresh water – and Lake Erie is one of the biggest lakes in the world.

From the boats and barges that moved goods along the Ohio River and Erie Canal, to the ships that leave Lake Erie and export grain and steel to the world, Ohio has a rich history of cultivating this vital natural resource.

In Ohio, families and businesses rely on Lake Erie – its waters are critical to recreation, farming, clean energy development, industry, and regional economic competitiveness. From tourism in Catawba and Put-in-Bay, to fishing at Marblehead, to vacations and family reunions at Maumee Bay State Park, Lake Erie benefits our communities and creates jobs in Ohio.

But for more than a half century, keeping our

lake healthy has been a challenge. While improvements have been made, today's problems remain urgent. Harmful algal blooms are a constant threat. These blooms are caused by excess nutrients from untreated sewage, urban runoff, and runoff from farm fields entering our waterways.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), we know that one effect of climate change in the Great Lakes region has been a 37 percent increase in heavy rain events that contribute to these blooms. Hotter summers will only make these blooms worse, which will have profound effects on the entire ecosystem.

Protecting our lake is one of the biggest environmental challenges facing Ohio, and we have made progress over the last eight years, thanks in large part to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. We've continued to clean up Lake Erie and its tributaries, increased access to the lake, and improved habitats for fish and wildlife in the region.

But in his administration's budget, the president proposed entirely eliminating this important program that has been so successful. Ending the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative would cost Ohio jobs and jeopardize public health, put our drinking water at risk, and reverse all the progress we've made.

This is unacceptable, and we must all fight to protect Lake Erie and all of the Great Lakes.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Laura Dornan, Membership Chair

As the end of the fiscal year approaches, it is time to renew our Canton Audubon Chapter Supporter memberships. I encourage everyone to support our Audubon chapter by joining at the local level. It is these chapter memberships that provide funds for our yearly operations, including programming, newsletter, support for other environmental organizations, annual college scholarship and operating expenses. While all National Audubon members are automatically members of the local chapter, we do not receive any of the National level dues after the first year of National membership. So whether you are a long time member of Canton Audubon or have recently began attending

meetings or otherwise become interested in the Canton chapter, please consider giving us your financial support. We will always welcome those who prefer not to or are not able to make a financial donation.

Be sure to check out the membership levels on the form on the back of this newsletter to find one that best suits you. You may send your dues to _ to the address on the form or you may bring your dues, along with the filled out form to the April or May meetings.

All Canton Audubon memberships are due by June 1st.

Protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge



American Golden-Plovers are among the more than 200 bird species that depend on the pristine habitat in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Every year, countless numbers of birds hatched in the vibrant tundra and wetlands of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge migrate across each of the 50 states to their wintering grounds.

The astonishing habitat of the Arctic Refuge supports nesting birds such as Tundra Swans, Sandhill Cranes, Snowy Owls, Golden Eagles, a multitude of songbirds, and more. The biological heart of the Refuge—and vital nesting ground for these birds—is a 1.5-million-acre region between the Arctic Ocean and the mountains, known as the coastal plain. But efforts in Congress are underway to open this area to

drilling, causing irreparable harm to birds.

As spring migration kicks into high gear, so does a new threat to a vital nesting site where many migrating birds will soon land—the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

This spring, the Arctic Refuge will be the home for birds like Tundra Swans, American Golden-Plovers, and Northern Pintails while they raise their young. Every state has wintering or migrating birds that will now fly to the Arctic Refuge to nest in this pristine landscape. But as they do, some in Congress will be pushing to turn this habitat into an industrial oil field.

Tell your Members of Congress to stand up to protect the birds and other wildlife of the Arctic Refuge.

Between the Arctic Ocean and the majestic Brooks Range mountains of Alaska lies the heart of the Refuge, an area known as the coastal plain. Here, where birds will soon create countless nests, vast herds of caribou will also arrive to raise their young, among roaming bears and wolves and crystal-clear streams brimming with fish. It is a truly wild landscape that evokes a place and time untouched by modern life.

Yet it is here where oil drilling proponents want to pave over bird habitat and drop in drilling rigs and pipelines. This year, the threat to open the Refuge to drilling is at one of its highest levels ever. It is critical that our elected officials do whatever they can to defend the Refuge. April 4, in fact, a bipartisan group of leaders in Congress introduced legislation that would place the Refuge off-limits to drilling.

Please write to your representatives in Congress now. Ask them to support legislation to permanently protect the vulnerable coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge, and oppose any efforts to drill there.

3 Ways To Report Bird Bands:

ONLINE: www.reportband.gov

CALL TOLL-FREE: 1-800-327-BAND

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Canton Audubon has two NEW Business Partner members, and we welcome them to our newsletter and organization. Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center, and the Stark County Park District.

Business Partner memberships are the same cost as Bluebird Memberships (\$50), but they are two year memberships and come with an additional benefit of having a writeup about the organization once within that two year membership period.

We ask all CAS members to please support and patronize our Business Partner organizations.
Welcome Huston-Brumbaugh and SCPD.

ARNOLD FRITZ

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Laura Dornan, Scholarship Chair

In 2010, Canton Audubon awarded the 1st annual scholarship to a college student majoring in any of the environmental sciences. The recipient that year was Stephanie Jarvis who was studying geology at the College of Wooster. In 2011 Kaitlyn Lowry, from Hiram College, was the recipient. In 2012 the scholarship was named the Arnold W. Fritz Memorial Scholarship, in honor of the first Canton Audubon Society president and the winner was Anna Mudd, another Geology major from the College of Wooster. The 2013 and 2014 winners were Courtney Armsey, a zoology and wildlife biology major at Malone University and Shelby Kaplin, a Denison University student majoring in environmental studies with the goal of becoming an environmental research scientist and educator. The next two years we did not have any eligible students apply for the scholarship.

At the beginning of the 2016/2017 school year, Canton Audubon doubled down on efforts to get the word out about this scholarship and it has really paid off. This was a year of many firsts for this program. The first time we had so many applications...EIGHT. The first time we had applicants attending colleges outside our area...two from Ohio State University. The first time there were applicants majoring in such "outside the environmental box" subjects as Environmental Law and Environmental Engineering. While not the first time for a graduate degree applicant, it is the first time for TWO graduate degrees. And most importantly of all, the first time the winner was not easily determined, with the committee divided on the most deserving recipient.

While the scholarship committee has the option of dividing the \$1,000 scholarship into two \$500 ones, because Canton Audubon has not awarded a scholarship for the past two years, we decided to recommend to the Board of Directors that we give the award of \$1,000 to two applicants. These worthy students are Cali Granger and Elaine Souder.

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Cali is studying for a Masters Degree in Plant Health Management at Ohio State University/Ohio Agriculture & Research Development Center. Her emphasis is on entomology and the impact insects have on plant health. Known as “the bug lady” at Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center, she said “With my contagious passion for insects, I hope to raise awareness and create a better appreciation of the impact insects have on the environment and the world around us.”

Elaine is working towards a Doctorate of Law at the University of Akron School of Law, with a major in Environmental Policy & Analysis and Environmental Law. Her instructors cited her hard work and passion for justice and fairness in caring for the environment. Elaine said she “wants to be the voice that mitigates changes for the betterment of the environment without a sacrifice to the communities...”

Canton Audubon is delighted to assist these two very deserving young ladies as they work towards making this a better world to live in.

IN SEARCH OF NESTING PROTHONOTARY WARBLERAND MORE

On May 20 members of Canton Audubon will journey to Hoover Reservoir in Columbus to join Charles Bombaci on a walk around the northern reaches of the reservoir where he has been monitoring about 100 Prothonotary Warbler nest boxes for many years. Other birds that might be seen on this field trip could include Wood Duck, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Spotted Sandpiper, Caspian and Common Terns, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Red-headed Woodpecker, Warbling and Yellow-throated Vireo, Northern Parula, Louisiana Waterthrush, and Summer Tanager...migration will be in full swing, anything is possible.

The group will meet at the Wildlife Garden parking lot on Portage at 7:30 am to carpool to Hoover Reservoir, Area M, at Galena. Hiking conditions will vary; waterproof footwear is recommended. Bring water, snacks & possibly lunch. The group will decide on the length of the hike at the time and also whether to “picnic” or to stop for lunch. Directions, maps & list of attendees will be sent to each of the participants during the

week prior to the trip. All participants **MUST** let me know they are attending this trip **PRIOR** to May 13. E-mail Laura Dornan at tldornan68@att.net



*In Northwest Ohio,
the Warbler Capital of the World*
May 5-14, 2017
ZEISS Official Optics of the 2017 Biggest Week

In 2016 participants saw 236 species of birds in the ten days of the festival, including 36 species of warblers.

Promoting the cause of bird conservation is at the heart of The Biggest Week. This year, The Biggest Week Team at Black Swamp Bird Observatory proudly introduces **THE BIGGEST WEEK CONSERVATION FUND**. 100% of the proceeds donated to The Biggest Week Conservation Fund will be used for improving and expanding habitat for birds.

What's going on at the event ?

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Cape May Warbler. Photographed at Biggest Week, 2014



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