

# Audubon *News and Views*



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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 its 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 PARKS EXPLORATION GATEWAY, 5712 - 12th St., NW, Canton. You will receive *AUDUBON NEWS & VIEWS* September/October issue with our calendar of activities for the entire meeting year.

Visit our website: [www.cantonaudubon.org](http://www.cantonaudubon.org), or phone 330-832-2491 for further information about activities.

## CALENDAR

### May

- Tue. 3 6:00 p.m. **Kent State University Alumni Association Faculty Lecture Series - Dr. Robert Hamilton IV lecture: What's Happening with Your Water?** Library Conference Room. FREE, but RSVP is required by April 26. Visit [www.ksualumni.org](http://www.ksualumni.org), or call 888-320-5368.
- Fri. 6 - Sun.15 **The BIGGEST WEEK IN AMERICAN BIRDING, Northwest Ohio's Warbler Capital of the World.** [www.biggestweekinamericanbirding.com](http://www.biggestweekinamericanbirding.com).
- Sat. 7 2:00 p.m. **Spring Birds**, Main Library, Market Ave. in downtown Canton. Byron Berger will present a program on the spring migration of birds returning to Ohio, and the best places to see them.
- Fri. 13 7:00 p.m. **A Deadly Diet: The Chemical Ecology of Tropical Poison Frogs**, presented by Dr. Ralph Saporito, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Biology, John Carroll University. Cleveland Museum of Natural History Explorer Series Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for museum members. Visit [cmnh.org](http://cmnh.org) or call 800-317-9155, ext. 3705 to order tickets.
- Sat. 14 8:00 a.m. **CAS Field Trip - Lakeside Daisy State Nature Preserve.** Meet in parking lot front of Lowe's at the intersection of OH Rte. 21 and US Rte. 30 to carpool. Bring snacks, camera, binoculars and dress for weather. Contact Alan if you have questions, 330-832-2491.
- Wed. 18 5:30 p.m. **CAS Pre-meeting Bird Walk**, meet at the EG South-facing balcony of Stark Parks Exploration Gateway. Chris Dyer is the leader.
- 7:00 p.m. **CAS Regular Meeting - "Hornet & Yellow Jacket Collection for Venom Immunotherapy"**, Jeff Goff. See "[May Meeting Preview](#)", page 2.
- Fri./Sat. 20-21 **Bioblitz: two days of discovery.** Come discover biodiversity. Join Nat. Geographic, NPS in Cuyahoga Valley NP. All events are free. Learn more, at [NationalGeographic.org/bioblitz](http://NationalGeographic.org/bioblitz). To register, go to [nps.gov/cuva/bioblitz.htm](http://nps.gov/cuva/bioblitz.htm).
- Sat. 21 10:00 a.m. **CAS Board Meeting**, Perry Sippo Branch Library.

### June

- Sat. 4 9:00 a.m. **Annual Metzger Park Walk**, Louisville. We'll look for bobolinks, meadowlarks, redwinged blackburds, and savannah sparrows. This is the park CAS had a sign erected about the birds and why mowing is delayed.
- Wed. 15 4:00 p.m. **CAS Picnic and Bird Walks**, See [June Picnic Preview](#), page 2.

## **May 18 Meeting Preview**

### **"Hornet & Yellow Jacket Collection for Venom Immunotherapy" presented by Jeff Goff**

Dr. Jeff Goff, a chemistry professor from Malone University, is a certified collector of yellow jackets and hornets for two pharmaceutical labs that specialize in providing purified venom for allergy centers that diagnose and treat sting-allergy patients using venom immunotherapy (VIT). Goff doesn't just collect these stinging insects for the benefit of others, he is also a recipient of VIT. Although Goff began collecting these stinging insects in 2006, he suffered a severe allergic reaction to a yellow jacket sting in August of that year. Goff began receiving VIT in October of 2006. The success of VIT has allowed Goff to continue collecting for the past 10 years without having any allergic reactions to the frequent stings that are one of the hazards of the job. Although Goff's formal training has been in chemistry, his interest in all things biological started very early. Goff became an avid birdwatcher by age 8, an accomplished bug identifier by his junior year of high school, and worked for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources monitoring gypsy moth outbreaks during his freshman year of college. Dr. Goff's talk will highlight the natural histories of 6 species of hymenopterans in Northeast Ohio.

We will be holding our election of officers and director for the 2016-18 terms. See May 18, this page.



Refreshments for tonight's meeting are courtesy of Vivian & Bill Wood.

## **June 15 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 the 5<sup>th</sup> year as an organization after our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2012. A more complicated way of saying we'll begin our 55<sup>th</sup> year as Canton Audubon Society.

You can join those interested in a 4 p.m. bird walk, followed by the covered dish/potluck

dinner picnic 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 their favorite, or new, covered dish to share; their own plate, cup and utensils.

## **MAY 18 ELECTIONS**

During even numbered years Canton Audubon members elect their 4 Officers, and, 4 Canton Audubon directors. During odd numbered years we elect 3 Canton Audubon directors. Most years we are re-electing the same officers. Some years we elect one or two new officers. But this year, at the May 18 meeting, we will be electing all four new officers to the CAS Board. Yes, that's right! After 30 years of service - 22 years straight - to the Board of Directors, Alan is stepping down as President and Lee as Treasurer! Don't worry though, they aren't going anywhere and Alan will continue to serve on the Board as Immediate Past President.

In addition, Donna Murrey has requested to be replaced as Secretary and Laura Dornan will turn over the job of Vice-President. Nominations for these positions are as follows:

President---**Linda Chen**  
Vice-President---**Scott Watkins**  
Secretary---**Denise Lesko**  
Treasurer---**Myra McCoy**

We will also be electing four directors:

**Bob Rohrbaugh** agreed to serve a 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

**Connie Rubin & Jim Massie** have been nominated, each to serve a two-year term.

**Laura Dornan**, though turning over the Vice-Presidency, has agreed to serve 2 yr. term.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor. We ask that you have the nominee's permission - no surprises!

Our By-laws call for seven people to serve as directors; each director can serve two 2-year terms successively. Officers also have 2-year terms but may serve as many terms successively as they desire. Elections for Directors are staggered so that every year has some new Directors elected to the Board.



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**Linda Chen** has been a Director since 2013. She is half-way through her second term. She has been very active with the organization and is always willing to help with any project.

**Scott Watkins** is a relative new member to both CAS and the Board. He agreed to serve as Director right after becoming a member, replacing Dale Zutavern who resigned in the fall of 2015. Scott jumped right in, taking on several responsibilities. Linda & Scott will be able to work well together to fill Alan's shoes.

**Myra McCoy** is also a fairly new member to Canton Audubon. She has a great deal of experience dealing with finances, is a CPA, and has served as treasurer for other non-profit organizations. She will be taking on the responsibilities of Treasurer and is willing and well-qualified to do so.

**Denny Lesko** has been a member of Canton Audubon for many years and has served as Director for six. (She was "grandfathered" into the term requirement).

**Jim Massie** has been a member of CAS for many years and has prior service on the Board, including being Vice-President for a while. Now retired from the post office, he's back, as a new director.

The other "new" director, **Connie Rubin**, has been a CAS member for several years. A retired Stark Parks employee who dealt mainly with grant writing; and, an active member of the League of Women Voters, Connie is now available and we are fortunate to have her.

Most CAS members have never known anyone but Alan to be President and he has done much to make it the great organization that it is. We all owe Alan and Lee a great deal of gratitude. With a whole new slate of officers, there may be some changes. But Canton Audubon will continue in it's path to provide excellent programs, camaraderie with people of similar interests, and service to the environmental community, and like-minded organizations.

If you cannot attend the May 18 meeting, you can still vote. Fill in your ballot on page 5, and mail it to CAS at the address on address label page return address. Ballots must be received by May 16 to be counted.

THANK YOU for participating in this important piece of CAS business. You are selecting your LEADERS for the next two years!

## ***Chapter Chatter***

Congratulations to CAS long-time member Eleanor "Nickie" Wingert who just celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 21. What present did she receive/give herself? A new knee! After her recovery, there will be no holding Nickie down! . . . If you aren't busy on Tuesday, May 3, at 6 p.m., why not take in Dr. Robert Hamilton IV, who will be the featured speaker at the Kent State University Alumni Association Faculty Lecture Series at Kent State University at Stark. Dr. Hamilton, who is a member of Canton Audubon and an Associate Professor of Biological Sciences at KSU-Stark, will talk about "What's Happening with Your Water?" The lecture will be at the Library Conference Room at 6000 Frank Ave., NW, Canton. RSVP is required by Tuesday, April 26. Visit [www.ksualumni.org](http://www.ksualumni.org) or call 888-320-5368. . . . Congratulations to CAS president Alan Dolan on being named the 2016 Distinguished Service Award winner for The Wilderness Center. Alan, and his wife Lee have been Canton Audubon and Wilderness Center members since about 1975. . . . If you have something that you think our members would be interested in knowing, please submit them to your editor either by phone (330-832-2491), email: [leealandolan@yahoo.com](mailto:leealandolan@yahoo.com) or by snail mail to the CAS post office box address.

## **2016 Wildlife Legacy Stamp**

The swift, low-flying **Common Buckeye** butterfly, which resembles a large speedy moth, is the subject of this, the 7<sup>th</sup> year's Ohio Wildlife Legacy stamp.

Income from the sale of these OWL stamps helps to support programming for ODNR's Division of Wildlife.

The stamps will be available at our May 18 meeting. Cost is \$15 per stamp, which also includes a pin and static sticker. \$3 from each stamp sold goes to Canton Audubon.

A limited number of several past year's stamps will be available for sale at the meeting at a discounted price.

## **Celebrate the Centennial of our National Park Service**

When artist George Catlin traveled the northern Great Plains in 1832, he became concerned about the destruction of wildlife and wilderness. He envisioned a great protective government policy that would create magnificent national parks for both man and beast. Naturalist John Muir brought wild grandeur to those who had never seen such lands believing they were necessary to the soul. Both James Fenimore Cooper and Henry David Thoreau's writings praised the naturally spectacular Western vistas. But for all their inspiration, saving those spaces was still a radical idea, which didn't become a reality until 1872 when Congress established Yellowstone National Park.

That year, when congress established Yellowstone National Park, the US became the first country in the world to set aside land, as well as safeguard it in its natural state for future generations. In the years following the birth of Yellowstone, many additional parks and monuments were carved from the federal lands in the West. Though 100 nations now boast more than 1,200 of their own protected lands, as President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "There is nothing so American as our National Parks".

Heading millionaire industrialist Stephen Maher's efforts to establish a distinct National Park Service to safeguard these newly born parks, President Woodrow Wilson signed the 'Organic Act' on August 25, 1916. That act not only created the National Park Service, it also made it responsible for protecting the parks and monuments in their care both then - and in the years to come.

Today, 407 parks cover more than 84 million acres in 50 states along with the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Saipan, and the Virgin Islands.

More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for US National Parks. They work tirelessly to help preserve local history and create recreational opportunities. They also lead tours as rangers and provide for visitor safety. Others in the service remain behind the scenes as they

maintain, clean and repair our parks or serve as historic preservationists, archeologists, and ecologists. All strive to preserve America's past - for generations of the future.

Main artery or backcountry, scenic drives can reap the most expansive sightseeing and scenic vistas of the National Parks.

Can't decide which park to visit first? Long into the National Park Service website, [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov), and click on the "auto-touring" option to see a listing of all parks, monuments, recreation areas and historic sites. You'll find important itineraries, trip lengths and auto-touring tips to Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Yosemite, and many more!

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### **Purple Martin**

**Pre-Migratory Roost Boat Ride**

It may be a little early, but Canton Audubon has reserved the Portage Lakes Purple Martin Associations pontoon boat for August 24, at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to experience this avian spectacular on Nimisila Reservoir, you need to contact Alan, and be one of the first 8 to make their reservation. Cost is \$25 per person. You won't be disappointed, but amazed!

## **ODNR Helping Restore American Chestnut Trees to Ohio Landscapes**

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) recently planted American chestnut trees at three sites on department-managed lands. The Gorge Overlook area at Mohican State Park, the Scioto Trail State Forest fire tower and the Waterloo Wildlife Area were selected for a reforestation project that is part of a state and regional effort to re-establish the native American chestnut trees in partnership with The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF).

The American chestnut was such an important component of our country's eastern hardwood forest, and that is why great efforts are being made to resurrect this great tree to our woodlands."

ODNR staff from the divisions of Forestry, Ohio State Parks and Wildlife conducted the plantings, with volunteer assistance from the Mohican Trails Club at Mohican State Park. Approximately 1,000 seedlings were divided among the three sites. Tree shelter tubes were installed on the young trees to provide a greenhouse-like atmosphere and offer protection from wildlife browsing and to promote growth and increase seedling survival.

The year-old seedlings were donated by TACF, and the foundation is dedicated to the restoration of the American chestnut through scientific breeding and cooperative research. These seedlings, known as "Restoration" chestnuts, were bred at TACF's Meadowview Research Farms in Virginia and were grown at the Clements State Tree Nursery in West Virginia.

Native populations of American chestnut were devastated by the chestnut blight disease that was introduced to the U.S. during the early 1900s. Chinese chestnut is highly resistant to the blight, and it has been successfully bred with American chestnut to provide resistance while retaining the favorable properties of the native American species. The hybrid restoration chestnut seedlings are 94 percent

American chestnut and 6 percent Chinese chestnut.

The American chestnut was a stately, fast-growing native species that reached more than 80 feet in height. It bears fruit in about five to eight years, and until its decline in population, provided important food for bear, deer, turkey, squirrels and other wildlife. The lumber was lightweight and highly valued for the grain, ease of working and rot resistance. Sprouts from native tree stumps can grow to 30 feet before they die back from the chestnut blight, which is still present.

The Restoration chestnut tree plantings will be monitored and maintained by the ODNR Division of Forestry and the Ohio chapter of TACF. For more information on the American chestnut restoration efforts, visit the TACF website at [acf.org](http://acf.org).

### **CAS Officer/Director Ballot**

- \_\_\_ President - Linda Chen
- \_\_\_ Vice President - Scott Watkins
- \_\_\_ Secretary - Denise Lesko
- \_\_\_ Treasurer - Myra McCoy
  
- \_\_\_ Director - Laura Dornan
- \_\_\_ Director - Jim Massie
- \_\_\_ Director - Bob Rohrbuagh
- \_\_\_ Director - Connie Rubin

### **Write-ins:**

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**If you cannot attend the May 18 meeting to vote, please mail this ballot to:**

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**Ballot must be received by Monday,  
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