



We represent Audubon Society members in Northern Pinellas County and provide services to all who are interested: free local field trips with expert birders; inexpensive extended field trips within the US and to other locales, free monthly programs, volunteer & networking opportunities within the local conservation community; scholarships to local summer camps and speakers for a variety of classrooms and groups.

Presidential Tidbits

-John Hood

1. As you find yourself wondering what to do with that (fill in the blank) from (you know who), please remember us for our spring yard sale!

You can bring them to our monthly meeting or contact me for pickup. If you are bringing a large amount to our monthly meeting please let me know ahead of time so I can bring my truck instead of my small sedan.

2 Please remember us in your will and estate planning. We are in a sound financial position due to the generosity of past members. If you'd like to help build the long-term efforts of The Clearwater Audubon Society, but feel you cannot make a significant gift today, your solution may be a charitable bequest. A bequest under your will or revocable trust can complement your lifestyle and commitments today while supporting The Clearwater Audubon Society tomorrow. Contact the [Clearwater Audubon Society](#) to make a donation, bequest or talk about areas of support.

3. We have a [facebook](#) page. Please visit it, post comments and photos, "like" it, and share it with your friends.

Clearwater Audubon Society

<http://clearwateraudubonsociety.org/>

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Supporting our community since 1959

Our Motto: Conservation through Education

For more information call us at 727-442-9140





Audubon Explorers

-Lynn Summerson

CALLING ALL PINELLAS COUNTY STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-6 [AGES 9-12]

Audubon Explorers is a program, sponsored by Clearwater Audubon Society, for students in grades 4 - 6 (9 – 12 years old) who want to learn about birding, the nation's most popular outdoor activity.

There are twelve openings in the 2014 program. The cost is \$25 per Explorer; no charge for parents who *MUST* accompany their Explorer(s). Explorers should bring binoculars.

Explorers receive a name badge with lanyard, a Pinellas County bird checklist, a journal for record keeping, in a binder with other important information.

Explorers and parents will learn about the birds of Florida, who are either full time residents or seasonal visitors. Birders of all levels are welcome to join us.

Audubon Explorer field trips will visit Pinellas County Parks on six Saturdays from February to May, 2014. Field trips will be in the early morning since birds are most active at that time. Field trip sites will vary with the season and month to maximize identification of birds, plants and wildlife.

Field trip leaders are experienced birders and naturalists who will help identify birds by sight, song, behavior and habitat. The program goal is to locate and identify as many bird species as possible.

Audubon Explorers have experienced positive results when applying for special scholastic programs.

EXPLORER DETAILS: clearwateraudubonsociety.org, our Facebook page, or Lynn Sumerson at 727-215-7477.

Audubon Explorers and parents are cordially invited to attend Clearwater Audubon Society's first Monday monthly meetings at Moccasin Lake Nature Park and our scheduled field trips, which are listed in our [Program and Field Trip Brochure](#), at clearwateraudubonsociety.com, or on our [facebook](#) page.

RESERVE EARLY TO GUARANTEE YOUR PLACE!

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The Raptors are Coming!

-John Hood

Hide your pet rats, mice, voles, ferrets, and teacup Chihuahuas! The raptors are coming to two locations – one permanent and one temporary.

As this is being written the aviaries at Moccasin Lake Nature Park are being refurbished and rehabilitated. This includes new perches, screening, ramps, sand and pressure washing. The largest aviary will be home to a Bald Eagle and the medium aviary will house a Red shouldered hawk. The smallest will be home to two Eastern screech owls. The eagle has wing damage and is flightless so it will have ramps so it can get up and down from its perches. The screech owls are imprinted on humans so they will be able to be used as education birds out in the community. If all goes well some day we may have an Osprey or two also. This will make a wonderful addition to the park and its visitors.

The temporary appearance of the raptors will be February 1st 2014 at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve in south St. Pete for [RAPTORFEST](#). This will be an all-day affair (9-4) featuring booth tables (local Audubon societies, FFWCC, Eagle & Osprey watch, etc.), informational exhibit tables, children’s events, food, drink and most importantly the raptors. Falconers from all over the southeast will bring their birds for display. There will be free flights by the falconers birds so you can see them in flight and see how they hunt. Species for the free flights include a Peregrine falcon, Harris hawk, Red tailed hawk, and a Great horned owl. There will also be an Andean condor (can you say 10 foot wingspan?). A story teller will feature Native American stories about raptors. A paleontologist will talk about raptorial dinosaurs. The event is free. Clearwater Audubon will have a booth table and sponsor an information table. Try to arrive early as the large grass field which is normally used for overflow parking will be used for the free flights. There will be buses for parking at remote sites. Admission is free. We may even have our own Eastern screech owls there. Sponsors are being sought at levels from \$100 to \$5000.

Blazing Star Festival of the Arts
 at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve
November 9, 2013 10 am – 4 pm

Activities & Programs | Arts & Crafts Vendors |
Community Poetry Reading

Meet and mingle with members of the community sharing their passion for conservation and their commitment to our treasured wild spaces.

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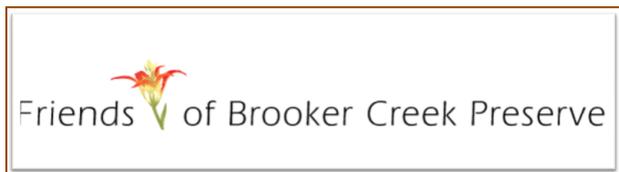
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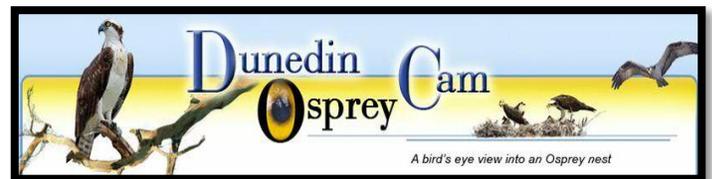
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Boehm Birds

Sculptor Edward Marshall Boehm opened his studio in Trenton, N.J. in 1950 to produce fine porcelain. He has since passed away but the studio continues to produce some of the finest porcelain in the world. Pieces have been given to every president since Eisenhower and also to Queen Elizabeth II, Pope John Paul II, and many other world leaders. Pieces are also present in more than 130 museums worldwide including the Met in NYC, the Smithsonian, the Hermitage, and many others. An American eagle stands in the White House.

A generous benefactor has recently donated a number of porcelain figures to Clearwater Audubon. These include 17 Boehm birds, a Boehm wolf (celebrating the opening of Wolf Trap center for the arts), and a Kaiser bird (Germany). These will be offered to our members (and their friends) initially. The exact process will be determined by your board so stay tuned for this exciting offer. You can search the Internet for Boehm birds and see what they look like. Please see our web site for more information.



Officers of Clearwater Audubon Society

Membership

[Membership Application](#)

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Monthly Meetings

October – May

The first Monday of each month
at Moccasin Lake Nature Park:

Meet and Greet @ 6:30PM

Public Program @ 7:00PM

(Unless otherwise noted)

First meeting is October 7

Past Issue of Wing Beat



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Aug-Sept 2012-2013

"A Boater's Guide to Clearwater Harbor & St. Joseph's Sound including *Three Rooker Island, the Anclote Keys and Anclote Bar*" is now available online.



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Saturday October 12, 2013

at Moccasin Lake Nature Park
2750 Park Trail Ln. Clearwater, FL 33759-2602

[MAPIT](#)

For more information, please call

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cliff.norris@myclearwater.com

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ADMISSION IS FREE

This is an all-day family event running from
9AM-9PM

and there will be live music throughout the day along with Beekeeping seminars, and much more. We will conclude the evening with drum circle entertainment, a campfire, and some delicious treats for purchase.

The Honey Bee Festival is going to be an annual event fundraiser for Moccasin Lake Nature Park, and the funds will go towards scholarships to help local families in need of financial assistance to send their children to our science and nature summer camp.



Saturday October 26, 2013

at Lube Bat Conservancy

Lube is located approximately 9 miles north of Gainesville at 1309 NW 192nd Ave. [MAPIT](#)

ADMISSION IS FREE

disabled access, no pets please

10AM-4PM

The 9th Annual Florida Bat Festival offers an opportunity to view giant fruit bats and enjoy the great outdoors while learning about how beneficial bats are to Florida's environment and ecosystems worldwide.

[Read More...](#)

Make sure to visit the BatZone to see Giant Fruit Bats with 5' wingspans! There are plenty of things to do in the KidsZone - crafts, activities, games, and bouncy huts provided by Space Walk!

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