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Bexar Tracks

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Bexar Audubon Turns 25!

November Program & Celebration! All BAS members and guests are invited!

For 25 years, a small but dedicated band has fought for the environment of the Earth and the San Antonio region under the banner of the Bexar Audubon Society. As we mark a quarter century of hard but gratifying work, we invite those who have helped our chapter's efforts, our allies in other organizations fighting the same good fight, and friends who share our concern, to join us in celebration. A **25th anniversary banquet** will take place **Thursday, Nov. 13**, at 6 p.m., in the Brazier Room of Los Patios Restaurant, and **YOU ARE INVITED**. **NOTE:** This is the chapter's usual meeting date, so no change in schedule is needed during the busy pre-holiday season.

We are pleased and proud to announce that the affair will include a presen-

tation by John Karger and his magnificent birds of prey from **Last Chance Forever**. Karger will demonstrate his birds' intelligence and skills and explain how the ancient art of falconry contributes to the modern goal of conserving birds of prey.

The occasion will also unveil Bexar Audubon's newest and highest honor, the **Conservation Hero** award. This is a special tribute to the "bravest of the brave" among our region's environmental strugglers. It is an award for heart as much as achievement and will go to people who have dedicated many years of their lives to conservation or have made extraordinary personal sacrifices for the cause. In coming years, only a handful will earn this special honor, but they will be people of whom all oth-

ers will unhesitatingly affirm, "Yes, he/she deserves that."

Please join us Nov. 13 to witness the first presentation of this honor to Ruth Lofgren, Ernie Roney, and Bill Sinkin.

Cost of the banquet is \$35 per person. Please send your check, made out to Bexar Audubon Society with 'banquet' on the memo line, to Bexar Audubon Society, P.O. Box 6084, San Antonio, TX 78209. Include a note with the names of individuals covered by the check. Or feel free to use the form on page 7 of the newsletter.

Questions? E-mail president@bexaraudubon.org or call Harry Noyes at 210.490.3124. *Read more about John Karger & Last Chance Forever on page 3.*

December Elections and Party

Thursday, December 11, 2008, 6:00 PM: Happy Holidays!

Time to break out the holiday cheer and join together for an evening of fun and relaxation. Come gear up for the holidays with Bexar Audubon, at the home of Bruce and Susan Hughes in the King William area. Call for directions and to reply: 210.532.2032.

Bring a covered dish or treat to share; beverages, plates, utensils, etc., will be

provided so we can all enjoy a scrumptious array of holiday fare.

And it's White Elephant Gift Exchange time! Bring something you'd just HATE to part with (you know you've got 'em!) and see how much it'll be enjoyed by some lucky other person at the party. And who knows what you'll end up taking home with you?

Gifts in recent years have included fuzzy-teddy-bear binoculars, a glow-in-the-dark dashboard ornament, a startling trap, and other wonderful treasures!

We'll also conduct a little chapter business. This is an election year, so the "formal" part of the meeting will be electing new chapter officers and two board members; then we'll get

Bexar Audubon Society is a chapter of the National Audubon Society. Its primary goals are to promote species and habitat conservation and environmental education in the community.

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Los Patios is located at 2015 NE Loop 410 between Harry Wurzbach and Starcrest (four exits east of the airport on the west-bound access road from Exit 25A, Starcrest, just down the hill from Alamo Toyota).

down to the serious business of partying!

Do come and join in. **EVERYONE is invited! It's** a casual opportunity to spend some time with like-minded conservationists and be grateful for our commitment to make the San Antonio area — and the world — a better, more sustainable place for us all.
Happy Holidays!



The Unexpected President - Harry Noyes -

You are invited to help us celebrate our 2008 Bexar Audubon Society Conservation Heroes:

- Ruth Lofgren**
- Ernie Roney**
- Bill Sinkin**

I will start with the most important Bexar Audubon Society news of the season and then end on a personal note that may seem at first glance to have little to do with our mission of conservation education and advocacy...but perhaps more than we realize.

On the first page of this newsletter you will find details about one of the most exciting events of our year, our Nov. 13 banquet celebrating 25 years of Bexar Audubon's work. We were so busy with the mission that we almost forgot this milestone and have had to scramble to make the necessary arrangements in time to get them into this newsletter.

I want to express my gratitude to BAS vice president Tony Wood, program chair Patty Pasztor, all-around chapter guru Susan Hughes and all our board members for their ideas, wise counsel and support of this surge effort.

It would have been easy to ignore the anniversary, but we forged ahead for two reasons.

First, it would be unfair to the many hardworking past chapter leaders and activists who built our legacy to let such an occasion pass unmarked.

Second, we realized that this was not just an opportunity to celebrate past successes but also a chance to implement one of our strategic-plan goals. That is our desire to support and foster the entire local conservation/environmental community. One of the tactics we selected was to honor outstanding contributors to that community and its work.

We have given awards before, but this will be the first time that we will present the "award of awards," the new **Bexar Audubon Society Conservation Hero** trophy.

This is an honor not for a one-time or short-term effort, however noble or effective, but for many years of struggle or exceptional sacrifice for the cause. It is an award more for heart than achievement, though most recipients will surely be achievers as well as people of dedication.

There won't be many Conservation Hero awards but we are determined that all selectees will be people of whom you will say, "Indeed, those are truly worthy honorees"...and people with whom earlier recipients will be proud to be associated.

We are confident that this is the case with our first three selectees. (Ordinarily we will be unlikely to give more than one Conservation Hero award a year, on average, but we are trying to catch up a little on people who have deserved such an honor for many years.)

This first honorees are **Ruth Lofgren** and **Ernie Roney** for decades of work to protect Mitchell Lake, their leadership in its becoming a successful Audubon Center, and their continued volunteer work there. No matter what the odds or how intense the adversity, Ruth and Ernie displayed remarkable resiliency and would not move from their goals of establishing Mitchell Lake as a world-class refuge for birds and a jewel of south San Antonio. Completing the slate is **Bill Sinkin**, founder and sustainer of Solar San Antonio and an advocate for the environment even when being green wasn't cool. Along with his wife Fay, whom we honored at BAS's 20th Anniversary celebration for her work in protecting the Edwards Aquifer, Bill is clearly among the most influential individuals working for good in San Antonio's civic history.

All three inaugural heroes have been quiet warriors for their causes, achieving their goals with tenacity and effective persuasion, armed with good information and a fervent desire to make San Antonio a better place to live for us all.

I urge you to take advantage of this chance to thank these true conservation heroes. And by the way, we will have a special program with **John Karger** and his raptors from **Last Chance Forever** and, of course, an excellent meal at what may be San Anto-

nio's "greenest restaurant," both literally and figuratively. I look forward to seeing you there.

I was gratified to get two promising responses to my last column calling for more people to help Bexar Audubon pursue its goals. I want to assure those folks we will be in touch with specific suggestions when we get a few (unprescribed) fires put out. But for now, to all the other BAS members, I'd like to pass a personal message.

Don't delay! I have become agonizingly aware how quickly we can lose the ability to achieve what we want to with our lives. I have just been through a week of misery, not sure what triggered it, and my treatments are very slow to take effect.

Bottom line: I've found how fast perspectives can change, from focus on the world to a narrow and total obsession with one's own health. I've lost interest in the election, in hurricanes, in the aquifer, in birds, even in my beloved books.

I've had to cut back on the volunteer activities that I counted on to make my retirement as busy and rewarding

as work. Only the pressure of necessity enables me to keep up my Bexar Audubon work via e-mail. I am getting a little better and hope to be well by Nov. 13, but the lesson is burned into my mind forever:

Conservation Heroes:
"people of whom you will say, 'Indeed, those are truly worthy honorees.'"



...Unexpected President

There is no substitute for your health. Use it while you can. Take that trip to Europe now. Write that novel now. **START YOUR VOLUNTEER WORK NOW**, whether for Bexar Audubon or any other worthy cause.

Editor's Note: There's many ways you can help! Email Harry Noyes at president@bexaraudubon.org; log on to www.sanaturalareas.org or [www.bexar audubon.org](http://www.bexaraudubon.org).

Excerpt From

In The Flow: Eagles

In the Flow is a weekly freshwater news wrapup and analysis prepared by the River Systems Institute. *In the Flow* partners with Public Strategies, Inc. to keep you apprised of the latest news and events concerning the river systems of Texas and important freshwater issues on a regional, national and world level.

An editorial in the *Austin American-Statesman* avers that bald eagles, such as those at Lake Buchanan, could face threats to their habitat under changes to a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Rule, if the birds or their nests are in the way of development. Published in the Aug. 14 edition of the Federal Register, the explanation of the change is chilling, says the writer, in its outline of what's about to happen. The new program is "designed to protect bald and golden eagle populations, while providing the flexibility necessary for people to manage their land and businesses. This program would allow issuance of permits under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act authorizing activities that may disturb eagles, require nest removal, or otherwise result in the death of or injury to a bird." We're protecting them by allowing them to be killed or injured, the writer asks? What we're saying, he asserts, is that managing land or businesses can take precedence over mega-raptors that are just beginning to assert themselves after nearly being wiped out. He goes on to say that if "we're trying to protect eagles, do that. Don't set up parameters that would allow them to be killed or injured."

More Information on

November 2008: Last Chance Forever with John Karger

Thursday, November 13, 2008, 6:00 PM at Los Patios

John Karger is Executive Director of **Last Chance Forever**, The Bird of Prey Conservancy. He is a Master Falconer, Certified Veterinary Technician, and recipient of a Bio-engineering behavior certification from Southwest Research Institute. He holds wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, and educational permits to care for and teach about native wildlife including endangered species. His educational background is in the wildlife and veterinary sciences.

For over 30 years, Mr. Karger has been deeply involved in wildlife rehabilitation releasing well over 2,000 birds. The impact of his work is national, and international.

His public educational programs have touched well over a million people, exposing them to the importance of birds of prey and their living within a healthy ecosystem. He currently directs and performs an average of 350 educational programs annually, reaching an audience of approximately 250,000 people throughout Texas and the United States.



John Karger
Last Chance Forever

To read more about **Last Chance Forever**: The Bird of Prey Conservancy, log on at www.lastchanceforever.org.

AGUA News

Dear AQUIFER GUARDIAN,

The AGUA office recently received a request from the Green Spaces Alliance to assist them in identifying land in the Edwards Aquifer region for conservation. Specifically, they are looking for land that contains, or is likely to contain, endangered species — the Golden-cheeked warbler, Black-capped vireo, or Karst invertebrates. Many of these endangered species serve as "health indicators" for the Edwards Aquifer, so the more we protect them, the more we protect our drinking water source. The GSA is looking for property in several counties across the Edwards region, including Bexar, Medina, Comal, and Bandera counties.

If you have property you would like to dedicate to conservation or know of a property that might be a good candidate, please contact Cherie Heuser at: 210.222.8430 x 5 (Monday or Friday, 9 AM—2 PM) or clwh1819@sbcglobal.net. THANK YOU!

Elyzabeth Earnley, Technical Research Director
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January 2009 Meeting: Audubon Exhibition at the McNay

Thursday, January 8, 2009, 6:00 PM; the McNay Art Museum

January's chapter meeting will be a special outing to the McNay Art Museum for their exhibition "Prints Gone Wild: John James Audubon."

The date will be the same as always, the second Thursday (Jan. 8), which has two benefits for us. First, the McNay charges no admission on Thursday evenings. Second, prints curator Lyle Williams will be giving a public lecture on the exhibition that evening in the Lawson Print Gallery.

HOWEVER, the lecture starts at 6 p.m., a half-hour earlier than our normal meeting time and an hour earlier than our usual program time. So we encourage you all to make a note on your calendars to arrive early. After the lecture, we will have until 9 p.m. to view the prints.

Williams says they will have about 20 hand-colored prints from the books on birds (double-elephant size) and quadrupeds (imperial size). A few belong to the McNay but have never been exhibited before. Others have been loaned by San Antonio-area collectors.

(NOTE: On Sunday, Nov. 2, from 2:30-4 p.m., there will be several free afternoon activities for children related to the Audubon exhibition, including

"Where the Wild Things Are Drawn," by Kate Carey, museum educator; "Nature Talk & Bird Watch," by Iliana Pena, Mitchell Lake Audubon Center; and "Up Close with Critters," a San Antonio Zoo educator with traveling animals.)

The McNay Art Museum is located at 6000 New Braunfels, San Antonio. Info? 210.824.5368 for or www.mcnayart.org.

Conservation Conversation

Susan Campbell, new Education Coordinator of Medina River Natural Area, is looking for people who are willing to have a conversation about the possibility of helping create a Friends of Medina River Natural Area organization. If you are interested in this possibility for **Medina River Natural Area**, please call Susan at 210.624.2575. For more information on the Medina River Natural Area, log on at sanaturalareas.org.

Coastal Sanctuaries vs. Hurricane Ike

Please check our website for updates on the status of our coastal sanctuaries after the damage sustained by Hurricane Ike. High Island, Sundown Island, and many other sanctuaries all up and down the coast were affected. Log on for more information and to find out how you can help: www.bexaraudubon.org.

What's Happening at Mitchell Lake?



Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008
9:00-11:00 AM

MAKE YOUR LANDSCAPE A "WILDSCAPE!"

Judit Green of Texas Parks and Wildlife will teach you about "wildscaping" your yard. A Wildscape is a landscape in which plants provide food, water, and shelter for wildlife. Wildscaping also provides habitat and food for

wildlife, including hummingbirds, butterflies, song birds, lizards, and amphibians. Plants discussed are not only food sources for wildlife, but are also water sources. Wildscaping is also very helpful for preserving soil's water content, reducing the need to water one's yard. The program concludes with a Wildscaping Plant Walk.

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008: Kids Birding 101

A class for children to learn more about this fun activity. They will learn how to use binoculars and how to identify the birds they see. They'll also get a

chance to explore the habitat at Mitchell Lake.

These programs are both free; space is limited and RSVP is required. For more information or to RSVP on any MLAC programs, mlac@audubon.org or 210.628.1639.

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Don't Forget!

- Nov. 13: BAS 25th Anniversary Banquet & Program
- Dec. 11: Elections & Christmas Party
- Jan. 9: Outing to the McNay

Second Saturday Beginners' Walks

Join San Antonio Audubon Society on the second Saturday of the month (November 8, December 13); start at 8:00 AM, meet at the Judson Nature Trails next to the Alamo Heights swimming pool on Viesca Street. For more information call, 210.342.2073. Newbies Welcome!



What's Happening?

All listings are on Saturdays unless indicated otherwise

CIBOLO NATURE CENTER

For more information on CNC events (those listed and others), www.cibolo.org/calendar or 210.564.6400.

Rainwater Harvest Workshop

November 8, 2008

9 AM—Noon; CNC Auditorium & visit to installation.

CNC members \$20/person and \$30/couple; non-members \$30/person, \$40/couple. Preregistration required. Call 830.249.4616. Limited to 30.

John Kight, engineer and rainwater catchment owner, gives the latest technological information and the most practical advice. Learn about design and materials from someone who has done it himself! The Kight home, with no well or outside water source, is in a traditional development. Their system comfortably supplies delicious water for all household and landscape needs.

Second Saturday

Volunteer Service Workdays

November 8, 2008 &

and

December 13, 2008

9:00—Noon; CNC Pavilion

Bring family and friends to spend the morning pulling weeds, picking up trash and assisting with other to-do projects to help keep the CNC looking beautiful.

Sustainable Concept House

November 15, 2008

9 AM-12:30 PM

CNC Auditorium; preregistration required. Call 830.249.4616.

CNC continues its green theme by offering a workshop on the Sustainable Concept House. Topics include: Passive Solar Design, Geothermal Heating & Cooling, sustainable Building Materials, and Passive Solar Hot Water Heating. Team members from the Sustainable Concept House (www.boernegreenhouse.com) will be on hand to showcase best practices

and applications for sustainable building and living. The house, co-sponsored by CNC, is one of only a handful of LEED certified houses in the state. Great opportunity if you are planning to remodel, build, or are in the industry.

Boerne Birders

November 15, 2008

8:00-10:00 AM

Meet at the CNC pavilion. Join a friendly group of birders who are happy to share knowledge and guide this bird walk and monthly census. We will bird the 100-acre Nature Center property that includes marsh, prairie, woodland and Cibolo Creek. Bring your binoculars and favorite bird book. Free. For more information, call 830.230.5551 or 210.710.3981.

Mother Nature's Storytime:

Talkin' Turkey

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008

and

Mother Nature's Storytime: Nature's

Homes (Home for the Holidays)

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2008

10:00-11:00 AM

CNC Visitor Center

Children (ages 3-5) and their caregiver are invited to join Miss Constance, Boerne Public Library Youth Services Librarian, for a fun hour of nature activities at the CNC. Participants will listen to themed nature stories, enjoy motion games, finger plays, and make a craft.

Kids' Club: Nature Ornaments

December 13, 2008

10:00-11:30 AM

Come out to Kid's Club with the kids in their life. This month we'll create Christmas ornaments for the birds. You can make two: one to take home and one for the Nature Center birds.

SAN ANTONIO NATURAL AREAS

For more information on listings below, www.sanaturalareas.org.

Medina River Natural Area (MRNA)

Medina River Natural Area is located approximately 4½ miles south of Loop 410 on State Highway 16 South.

Art in the Park, MRNA

November 8, 2008: 9:00-11:00 AM

Join artist Susan Blaker to learn basic nature printing techniques. Explore the shape and texture of elements found in the natural world. Learn to apply ink or paint directly to plants and flowers to create life-sized images. Make your own note cards using natural materials. RSVP, 210.624.2575. \$3 suggested donation, \$5/family.

www.sanaturalareas.org

Creatures of the Night, MRNA

November 8, 2008: 5:00-8:00 PM

Richard Heilbrun, TPWD Wildlife Biologist, joins us for an evening about night critters & the sounds they make.

First Saturday Hikes

Interpretative Walks in November and December

Call 210.372.9124 or 210.564.6400 for reservations or info on First Saturday Hikes detailed below. Hikes may be cancelled if there are no reservations; participants limited to 15 per hike. Donation \$2/person suggested.

Friedrich Wilderness Park

21395 Milsa

November 1, 2008: 9:00-11:00 AM

Take a break & come learn about the plants, animals, rocks and how people have used and shaped our land.

Crownridge Canyon Natural Area

7222 Luskey Blvd.

December 6, 2008: 9:00-11:00 AM

Learn about the flora, fauna, geology of this great natural area!

Second Saturday Program: Cibolo!

Eisenhower Park

19399 NW Military Hwy.

November 8, 2008: 10:00 -12 noon

Join us as Master Naturalist Charlie McCarl leads an excursion into the life of the buffalo and we learn "where they have gone." Call 210.564.644 for reservations/information.



A Connecticut Lesson: Intro to Birds and Birding

By Nathaniel T. Wheelwright



“The climax of the weekend would be the ceremonial presentation of a double-barreled shotgun... (but) the ritual had changed. Instead of a gun, I was given a double-barreled pair of binoculars, and then my grandfather took me on my first bird walk.”



Brunswick, Maine — Forty-three years ago, when I reached what my grandfather imagined to be the eve of puberty, I was summoned to spend the weekend with him at his house in rural Connecticut.

I knew what to expect because my four older brothers had undergone the same rite of passage. The climax of the weekend would be the ceremonial presentation of a double-barreled shotgun, followed by sober instruction on firearm safety and general manliness. Next, my grandfather would take me on an excursion into the woods and we'd fire off a few rounds.

But when my turn came the ritual had changed. Instead of a gun, I was given a double-barreled pair of binoculars, and then my grandfather took me on my first bird walk.

I was bewildered. But within an hour my disappointment was forgotten, shoved aside by sheer awe at the sight of a red-start hovering in midair, the sound of a wood thrush's flute music, the swoosh of chimney swifts rushing in formation overhead. Out of the cacophony of the dawn chorus, my grandfather taught me to pick out the rhythm of a dropped ping-pong ball in the field sparrow's song and the tow-hee's exuberant "drink your tea!" By their silhouettes alone I learned to distinguish a phoebe and a kestrel.

That weekend my grandfather lifted the veil to a world that had not existed for me before. I didn't

want our time together to end because I would have to go back to my family's farm where, to the best of my knowledge, there were no birds.

Of course, back home in the Berkshires of western Massachusetts, I found all the birds I'd been introduced to in Connecticut and many more, ambassadors of every color: electric-blue indigo buntings, blood-red scarlet tanagers, earth-toned veeries. I still remember the first black-burnian warbler I ever saw, his throat and cheeks so vividly orange, his face looked like it might burst into flames.

Spring and summer mornings thereafter, I'd wake up and listen to the birds singing in my backyard. If there was a sound I couldn't recognize, I'd throw on a shirt and pair of pants, grab my binoculars, and track it down, something I still do today.

In his later years, my grandfather used to grumble that birds were becoming scarcer and scarcer. It was tempting to write off his gloom as the natural tendency of the elderly to romanticize the past, or maybe just an old man's deteriorating hearing and eyesight. But it was true that the whippoorwill that had kept me awake nights when I visited him as a boy had gone quiet, and the woods and fields of the Northeast felt emptier to me.



Indigo Bunting

Earlier this summer, the National Audubon Society released a definitive study of population trends of North American birds, a monumental effort based on decades of Christmas bird counts and breeding bird surveys. The study confirms what my grandfather feared and what most of us now know. Birds that I used to see routinely growing up in New England — evening grosbeaks, eastern meadowlarks, northern bobwhites — are in free fall. The losses are mind-boggling. Since my grandfather introduced me to birds just half a lifetime ago, once-common species have declined by as much as 80 percent due to the usual suspects: habitat loss, pesticides, introduced species, and climate change. The songs of tens of millions of birds have been silenced. It feels as if the lights are dimming.

In one sense, extinction is hugely overrated. The vast majority of animals and plants that disappear hardly leave a ripple in the pool of life. Species become rare, they disappear, yet ecosystems persist. In some cases biological communities are fundamentally altered because of the missing pieces, but most of the time the ecological effects of extinction of species like Bachman's warbler or even ivory-billed woodpeckers are hardly measurable.

The true loss is spiritual
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... Intro to Birds and Birding

and aesthetic, not functional or economic. Life would go on if every Shakespeare play and Beethoven sonata were destroyed, but to use the words of the Audubon report, our skies would be "a little quieter and the landscape a little drabber." Of course, we'll always have CDs of bird song and DVDs of bird behavior to fall back on — a digital memory, as it were — but will that be enough?

I can see now that my grandfather's rite of passage was really about connecting us with the land. It

was about learning how to become intimate with our world's signs, smells, sounds, textures and rhythms. It was about knowing where we are and who we are. How wonderful it would be to be able to pass that gift on to my own grandchildren.

Nathaniel T. Wheelwright studies the behavioral ecology of birds and teaches biology at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine.

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Computer Recycling

Companies now taking back, recycling computers for free

Manufacturers selling computer equipment in Texas are now required to offer consumers a way to conveniently recycle their old computers for free.

This state law orders manufacturers to take the old computer equipment back from consumers without charge. The manufacturers' recycling plans are listed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; more information

can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Goodwill Industries and Dell, Inc. have worked to make free computer recycling available at Goodwill outlets in Waco, Austin and San Antonio, among other places.

Environmental groups say computers take up space in landfills and pushed for the law because some computer components can be toxic if disposed of improperly.

More info also at www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserve/materials/ecycling/index. ecycling, not recycling.

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_____ Yes! I/We will be there!
_____ No, sorry, can't make it, but enclosing a donation.

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Please indicate below your reservation name(s) and a contact number/email

Name(s): _____

Phone and/or Email: _____

Banquet is \$35 per person; please make your check payable to Bexar Audubon Society and mark "banquet" on the memo line. Please return this form with your check to Bexar Audubon Society, PO Box 6084, San Antonio TX 78209. Questions? Contact Harry Noyes, 210.490.3124 or president@bexaraudubon.org. We look forward to seeing you for this very special celebration!

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For the latest information on environmental events and happenings throughout the San Antonio community and surrounding areas, check out www.bexaraudubon.org and www.sa-naturecenter.org.

Membership and Support for Your Environmental Voice in Our Community

Bexar Audubon welcomes new members to join Audubon through the chapter. This brings 100 percent of the first year's dues directly back to support local work. The same applies to gift memberships placed through the chapter. Your additional tax deductible donation is greatly appreciated. Bexar Audubon receives only a few thousand dollars each year from National Audubon Society as dues share. The rest we must raise ourselves. Your help is needed, and your donations will be put to good use right here in South Central Texas to provide environmental news and education to the community, including the newsletter, programs, San Antonio Environmental Network Issues Forum, Second Saturday programs, and other activities you may or may not hear about.

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