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COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 7:00 P.M., GATEWAY:

The Goldsteins will present a slide show "Riding the Four Winds." Alma and Ben Goldstein are members of the Nature Camera Club of Chicago and the Photographic Society of America. Since they retired from Abbott Labs, they have spent much of their time traveling. This month's program is a photographic essay in four parts: ANIMALS, TREES, MAGNOLIAS AND COLOR in relation to birds and other flowers.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 7:00 P.M., GATEWAY:

Patty Deihl presents, "Creating with Natural Materials". Patty will bring samples and pictures of her creations for all to enjoy.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7:00 P.M., GOLDEN RONDELLE:

"International Endangered Species, Now You See Them, Now You Don't", by Ben Smejkel, Education Director from the Racine Zoo. Local environmental education programs continue this year with a closer look at why so many species around the world are endangered and what we can do to help them survive. Like the endangered tiger, panda bear, elephant, cheetah, whale and rhino, the Beluga Sturgeon (whose eggs, caviar, sell for over \$80 an ounce) now joins the endangered species list. Learn what part man has played in increasing these species' problems, thus bringing them to the brink of extinction. Co-sponsored by Hoy Nature Club. Children are welcome. Program is free but reservations are required. Call 260-5421

SPECIAL EVENT: BIRDS IN ART, 1997

September 6 - November 9 at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum
 700 North Twelfth St, Wausau, WI.
 Phone 715-845-7010.

No Charge. Donations Accepted.
 Museum Hours: Tuesday, 9am-8pm;
 Wednesday to Friday, 9am-4pm
 Saturday & Sunday, Noon - 5pm
 Closed Monday and holidays.

Special Children and Adult Programs.
 Sunday, Oct. 19, 1:30 P.M. Dr. Robert Rosenfield will discuss "The Cooper's Hawk; Wisconsin's Best-kept Secret."

Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 P.M.

You Can't Always Tell a Book-or a Bird- by Its Cover. Book clubs and avid readers are invited to read the *The Bird Artist* for discussion this evening.

**Leigh
 Yawkey
 Woodson
 Art
 Museum**

FALL OUTING- CANOE TRIP ON ROOT RIVER
 Oct. 25, from 1-4 P.M. on the Root River north of the Horlick Dam. This is an excellent time for Sierra Club and Hoy members to ask a friend to join in the fun as we paddle up the river to look at fall colors. We'll end the day with dinner at the River Run Restaurant. Canoes can be rented at River Bend Nature Center. Plan to meet there at 1 PM for registration and instructions. Cost is \$5 per person. Call if you need directions. Also let us know if you plan to eat at the restaurant.
 Eric Howe 633-0086, Donna Peterson 637-3141 or Bob Gericke 886-9057.



Notice ---- Notice ---- Notice ---- ALL HOY MEMBERS ---- Notice ---- Notice --- Notice
IT IS TIME FOR US TO DECIDE. SHOULD WE BECOME AN AUDUBON CHAPTER?

HISTORY: The idea was first presented at our March 1997 General Meeting. It was further discussed in detail at our May & September General Meetings, as well as the August 14 Board Meeting. The Hoy Board of Directors did vote 8 to 1 to recommend becoming an Audubon Chapter. Now all club members must vote, as this involves a change to our By-Laws. Ballots would be turned in by November 6, and changes would start when our fiscal year begins 1/1/98.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

Upon adoption of this amendment, Hoy Nature Club shall apply to the National Audubon Society for chapter status. When accepted as a chapter, the organization name shall become Hoy Audubon Club.

DISCUSSION: (A) Benefits of becoming Audubon chapter. (1) Increased membership. There are 325 Audubon members in SE Wis. that we could recruit for our chapter. (2) Increased visibility & publicity for club. Audubon name is well-known & respected. (3) Increased clout with legislators -local, state, national. (4) Networking with other chapters for programs & field trips. (5) Special admission to some nature reserves & sanctuaries. (6) Each member/household receives Audubon Society magazine.

(B) What would change? (1) You would pay annual dues to Audubon Society, not to Hoy Nature Club. However, we would have membership/dues forms on hand to make it easy. Your dues would still be tax-deductible, as Hoy and Audubon are both 501 C-3 status non-profit organizations. (2) While Hoy annual dues start at \$10, Audubon dues range \$20 - \$38 (only \$15 for Seniors and Students). But our chapter would be reimbursed \$15.50 for each "new" member, and \$5.50 for each renewal. (3) A copy of our annual Financial Report would have to be sent to Audubon's national office. (4) Our name would become Hoy Audubon Club. (5) Newsletter may be longer & more expensive to print, but could be 6 rather than 12 a year.

(C) What would stay the same? Almost everything. (1) Same structure of organization, Board of Directors, fiscal year, goals, purposes, projects. (2) Same number of meetings & field trips, not more. (3) Could continue to support our favorite causes & activities. The national office does not "police" chapters excessively. (4) Would keep total control over our funds - savings, checking accounts, C.D's, etc. Would report our finances annually, but don't have to turn them over to national office.

SUMMARY: Watch your mail. In about 10 days you will receive your ballot stating the above By-Laws Amendment. Return your ballot by November 6, 1997.

Any questions can be directed to President Elda Vail at 639-3715.

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