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From the President's desk...

Grand Lake Audubon Society (GLAS) is sponsoring an exhibit, called the Natural History Activity Room at the Har-Ber Village. It is a nice display featuring lots of demonstrative information about birds, insects, trees & such...and especially birds. JoAnn Walkup and Willie Hale have been particularly active in working with Har-Ber Village on this. The exhibit credits the Grand Lake Audubon Society as sponsor; and of course GLAS recently voted to contribute \$250.00 to help out.

During June 5-9, 2017 an event known as the Nature Camp for children ages 9-13 will be running. On Thursday, June 8 the nature camp will focus on birds, and volunteers from our Audubon group are going to participate. Frank Houck has volunteered to do a walk around with the children; a little field trip to hunt for birds at the Village. Other GLAS volunteers will participate in the Activity Room, where a variety of hands-on exhibits will be available. Building birdhouses is one of the planned projects.

Plans are being made to have the Natural History Activity Room open at least once a week for a few hours—such as every Saturday from 10-3. At least one volunteer from GLAS is needed to host and work with kids (as well as adults with child-like curiosity!) at the Activity Room. If you wish to know more, feel free to go to Har-Ber Village, tell them you are a member of GLAS, and you will be permitted to see the Natural History Activity Room. It is (strategically?) situated near the gallows at the Village.

Also, on June 12, GLAS will participate at the Natural History Activity Room at the Village, in the morning as well as in the afternoon. Some

volunteers are needed for the afternoon session from 1-3.

If you can volunteer, for perhaps once a month (or even for just one time), to staff the Natural History Activity Room, please contact JoAnn Walkup at 405-301-5522.

The last official GLAS event for the current year is our potluck picnic...to be held on June 12, 2017 at 6:00 at the church—and not at the Park.

I am pleased to say that we have a brand new slate of officers and directors for our group. They were voted in at the May meeting, and formal installation will occur at the upcoming June picnic.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic

Erin

Upcoming Events

June 8 Nature Camp for children 9-13; birds will be the featured topic; visit www.har-bervillage.com or call 918-786-6446

June 12 Annual picnic, 6 pm, Grace Presbyterian Church; bring covered dish to share

June 17 Environment & Ecology Day, Har-Ber Village; contact Willie Hale at 918 791-0926 to volunteer

Har-Ber Village

A lunch and Nature Center Introduction was organized for Thursday, May 25. Paula Keefer gave an update on The Nature Center at HarBer Village and how

we can help as volunteers. Birds are the topic of the Nature Center this season. Our group donated \$250 toward support



Photo by JoAnn Walkup

of The Nature Center to support the good work done with children and families. ♦

Ecology & Environment Day

"Ecology and Environment Day" will be held Saturday, June 17th from 12:30 to 3:30pm. Audubon will be located in the new Nature Center building. This will be our fifth year to participate. To work that day call Willie Hale. 918-791-0926 ♦

Birding Field Trips

Hackberry Flats – April 14th

Six members and guests were guided by Laura Stanfill to the Hackberry Flats



Photo by Laura Stanfill – Hudsonian Godwit

Wildlife Management Area near Frederick, OK. Forty-three species were observed including a new life bird for Laura - Hudsonian Godwit. Also, while birding at Wichita Mtns Wildlife Refuge, thirty-three species were identified. ♦

Spavinaw Creek – April 24

Whose idea was it to go birding after a historic flood is recorded? There we were looking over the low water bridge. On the other side was our favorite area to find warblers, kingfishers, hummingbirds plus many others **and** time for plan "B". We were able to identify 28 species and enjoy a wonderful



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day exploring along the bank of the creek and birding along other roads. ♦

George Washington Carver National Park May 13

Five members enjoyed a beautiful day at George Washington Carver. Forty-one species were noted. Also spotted were a few favorite reptiles: red-eared sliders, snapping turtle and a black snake. ♦



Photo by JoAnn Walkup – GW Carver NP

species over 3 days, including 16 Warbler species. The birding walks were led by very knowledgeable local birders and were easy walks. I would do this trip again and would recommend it for anyone wanting to see warblers but not able to make the trek to Magee Marsh in Ohio. Birders Weekend is the first weekend in May. Plan early as the cabins and camping sites fill up well ahead of time. “ – Laura Stanfill ♦

Art in the Garden

This was the first year that we participated in this event at Lendonwood Gardens. We had a variety of objects for sale and discussion including several original creations by Willie Hale. Many People admired her tea cups on a pedestal. ♦

Birders Weekend at Devil’s Den State Park

“I went to Fayetteville AR for the Birders Weekend at Devil’s Den SP. Saw 79



Photo by Laura Stanfill - Summer Tanager

Final Thoughts

This will be my final newsletter. I am no longer able carry on this important task for GLAS. Although no one has stepped up to take over, there is still time to try your hand at creating a link to the members on activities that we enjoy. It doesn’t require any formal training or special software. You would be free to design whatever format fits your world. I can certainly help you get started. I would like to thank all my contributors that have made this a far easier task. A very special thanks goes out to the photographers that have shared their photos with me. I have enjoyed the challenge of bringing together all the bits of knowledge that make up a newsletter. Please let Frank know that you are willing to take on the challenge. Maybe there are two of you that can give this a try as a team. I certainly hope so... ♦



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Blue Star Museum



Har-Ber Village Museum is one of more than two thousand museums across American that offers free admission to active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day. This is in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families and the Department of Defense. Pass the word to all active duty personnel and their families that might be visiting in our community. We value their service.