



Pileated Post

A National Audubon Society Chapter
Grand Lake Audubon Society Sept. — Nov. 2021

From the President's Desk:

All of us have been hoping that the nasty virus, known as Covid-19, would be history. But the Delta variant has surfaced, to keep the scourge going.

We have been on hold for such a long time. As time moves forward, more and more members are unable to participate and the organization continues to dwindle.

We had a summer picnic in June. Five people showed up. The picnic was actually quite nice, even with the miniscule crowd.

We ARE having an indoor meeting, September 13, 2021 at the Methodist Church, 1005 Leisure Lane, Grove. This will be extremely important, because we must seriously have a planning schedule for the future.

In the normal year, before now, committees would have been formed, field trips and guest speakers for the entire year would have been scheduled, etc. None of this has been done, and our membership has become so thin that it is questionable how it can be accomplished.

I urge every member to attend our next meeting. It is very important, because we will need to decide whether we should try to continue as an organization; and if so, in what capacity. I am asking that we have a business meeting to start 45 minutes before the regular business meeting.

We also have a sizeable amount of money in our treasury; and we need to address how we want to spend it.

See you at the meeting. All ideas are welcome. Feel free to share any ideas you have at any time between now and the meeting on September 13th.

~Erin, 918-786-6640
Or 918-314-4856

Calendar:

Sept. 13 — 7 p.m., meeting at First United Methodist Church, West Wing. Church requirements are that no food be served at events, only bottled water may be consumed.

Sept. 15 — Deadline for reserving space at Pelican Festival.

Oct. 7-10 — 38th Pelican Festival; GLAS participation **PENDING**. See below.

Oct. 11 — **PENDING**; monthly meeting.

Nov. 8 — **PENDING**; monthly meeting.

NOTE:

Decisions on participation at above events will be decided at the Sept. 13 meeting. Please attend the meeting so that all voices can be heard and considered.

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to Carole Chalupnik and family with the loss of their Don. Don was an active member of GLAS at the time of his passing.

38th Annual Pelican Festival

October 7-10, 2021, Wolf Creek Park
Carnival-Arts & Crafts-Food Trucks- Car Show
And Live Entertainment

Below is an email I received from GLA. Tonya is aware of our September 13 meeting and I will contact her with the results September 14. Deadline for entry is on the 15th.

Ms Willie: We are checking in with our past vendors to let you know, that we would love to have The Grand Lake Audubon Society join us again this year. We will help you with the booth as was done last year, if you need us to.

Tonya Hargrove, Adm. Assistant
Hope to see you at the meeting.
Willie Hale, 918-791-0926

True or False?

- A. Though rare, rose bushes can have blue blooms.
- B. The famously blue cornflower is also known as bachelor's button
- C. It's possible to change a bigleaf hydrangea's blooms to blue by adjusting your soil's pH level and aluminum content.

(Answers at bottom of page.)

Note from Editor's Desk: This is an abbreviated issue of the *Pileated Post*, mainly because of inactivity of our chapter during the past months, which isn't a fault of the chapter.

Also, please bear with me as I am adjusting to a new computer — a real challenge for me to say the least! -- Evelyn

Chapter Only Dues

PENDING

Birds in the Houck backyard this spring/summer have been at a minimum, except for House Finches and House Sparrows.

Last year we had five clutches of Bluebirds for a total of 20 little ones that fledged. This year we found one male Bluebird dead in our nest box after the extremely cold spell.

Baltimore Orioles came as usual but none have been seen since mid-July.

Northern Cardinals and Mourning Doves complete our list.

Oh, and a grey squirrel helps clean up under the sunflower feeder!

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A. False
B. True
C. True