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From the President's desk...

We now enter the winter phase of the 30th year of Grand Lake Audubon Society (GLAS).

Important special events coming up are the Winter Holiday Dinner, the Christmas Bird Count, and the annual Eagle Watch. I strongly urge that everyone endeavor to participate in these important events.

This is the second straight year for the four officers of GLAS. The By-Laws of our organization state that all officers are elected for a term of one (1) year, and *no officer may serve for more than two (2) terms*. All four of our officers are serving for a second consecutive term, and are therefore term-limited at the end of this year. So every position will need to be filled with someone new for next year. A replacement for each office is to be installed at the annual picnic in June.

The By-Laws declare that GLAS Directors are each elected for a term of two years. No director may serve for more than two terms, *i.e.*, four (4) years altogether. Three of the four board members are in the first year of their second two-year term. These members are Kathy Bixler, Carolyn Burr and Carole Chalupnik. Ken Spraggins is in his second year of the first term on the Board.

The Board of Directors must appoint a committee (of at least three members) for making nominations for officers and directors at the February meeting.

In many ways, the Grand Lake Audubon Society seems like a well-kept secret— even though the dues are nominal, and all the events and field trips are free. In order to keep things flowing, a significant

amount of time and energy is required. We have lots of wonderful members, but we need new ones to keep our organization running. A priority needs to be given to solicitation and recruitment of new members for our organization. By the way, Tim Burr our Treasurer will gladly accept your dues for this year if you have not yet paid them.

The Cy Seibert award will be given this year. This is an award usually presented each year to honor members who have made significant contributions to the Grand Lake Audubon Society. Naming and presentation of the award was neglected last year. The good news is that the Board has determined that the award will be given this year.

The Winter Holiday Dinner is now scheduled for 6:00 P.M. on December 12, 2016. I look forward to seeing everybody there.

Erin

Upcoming Events

Dec 2,4,10,11 "Christmas on Main Street", Har-Ber Village, Grove; 2-8 pm, admission \$2/person; for fifth and final season, enjoy music, refreshments and Country store – fun for the whole family

Dec 12 [**This is a change from the published schedule**] Winter Holiday Dinner, 6 pm, Grace Presbyterian Church, 4 & Main, Grove; bring a covered dish to share

Dec 18 Christmas Bird Count, Spavinaw creek area; contact Laura Stanfill at 918 589-4140 for more information or the volunteer.

Jan 9 Monthly meeting, TBA

Jan 21 Eagle watch, depart 6 am; contact Frank Houck at 918 787-6532 for more information; breakfast in Arkansas

Feb 13 Monthly meeting, TBA

Feb 17-20 Great Backyard Bird Count

Hospitality Schedule

Dec Winter Holiday dinner
Jan Kathy Bixler, Sandy Sullins
Feb Patsy Hagen, Ann Spragins

Pelican Festival 2016

This year's Pelican Festival was blessed with soaring Pelicans and great weather. Jo Ann Walkup donated a basket of bird related items to be raffled off. Winning the basket was Jayre Erker from Kansas City.



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If you have not participated in the Festival consider next year. Mark your calendar October 13 & 14, 2017. Making this year a profitable success was Sharon Herhager, Laura Stanfill, John & Judy Beyer, Kathy Bixler, Marie Burns, Tim & Carolyn Burr, Don & Carole Chalupnik, Patsy Hagen, Frank & Evelyn Houck, Erin Lanway, Betsey Neel, Ken Spragins, Sandy Sullins, Jo Ann Walkup, Vincent & Sharon Witt, Ellie Womack and David Hale. Thank you to all.

- Willie Hale



“Christmas on Main Street”

Enjoy the festive decorated buildings, refreshments and music at Har-Ber Village. Nov. 25 & 26, Dec. 3 & 4 and Dec. 10 & 11 from 2-8 P.M. Cost is \$2 per person. Be sure and vote for your



Photo by Frank Houck

favorite display. People credited with incarcerating the jail birds are Carolyn, Sandy, Jo Ann, Frank, Tim, Dave and Willie. Great job team. Merry Christmas. - Willie Hale



Christmas Bird Count

On December 18th, we hold our annual Christmas Bird count in the Spavinaw Creek area. This is a fun day observing and counting the many species that we will see. This important activity will help The National Audubon Society and The Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology to better follow the migratory habits of birds in both North and South America. This will also show any decline or increase in a particular species over a period of time. Contact Laura Stanfill at 918 589-4140 for more information or to volunteer. Bring a sack lunch and a friend.



Field Trips

Lendonwood gardens

On September 26, five members of GLAS and one guest visited Lendonwood gardens in Grove. The vegetation was thick, but the weather was very pleasant. We saw only 19 species with most of them seen in the parking area. This is one area in Grove that should be on everyone's list. The gardens are spectacular anytime of the year. Admission is on the honor system with a collection box located not far from the parking area. ♦

Pensacola Dam

On October 1st, five GLAS members visited Pensacola Dam. This was a Saturday that attracted many four-



Photo by Evelyn Houck

wheelers as well as birds below the dam. We noted thirty-seven species with an Indigo bunting displaying his winter plumage. ♦

Owl watch

Har-Ber Village invited us again to hold our owl watch at the pavilion in the village. After a pot luck dinner featuring Frank's grilled hot dogs, we ventured into



Photo by Erin Lanway

the wooded area to listen for owls. Barred owls have been noted in and around the village. Tonight was no exception. The owl was both heard and seen by the group. This is a very pleasant evening to spend with fellow birders. Don't miss out on this next year. ♦

The Great Backyard Bird Count

This year the GBBC will be held February 17-20, 2017. You are invited to participate by simply tallying the numbers and kinds of birds you see for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count, **February 17-20, 2017**. You can count from any location, anywhere in the world, for as long as you wish. There are participants in over 30 countries. For more information and to get counting lists and materials see <http://gbbc.birdcount.org>. ♦

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Christmas on Main Street



This will be the fifth and final year for the Grove community organizations and business to decorate the turn of the century building at Har-Ber Village. This is a project that we have really enjoyed for the past few years. Our well dressed geese better known as jail birds, have entertained many children and adults. This year's dates are Dec 3, 4, 9 and 10th from 2-8 pm. The admission is only two dollars per person and will be a fun event for your family and friends. The Country Store is also open during this event and can complete your Christmas gift list. Visit their website at <http://www.har-bervillage.com/christmasonmainstreeteventpage1.html> for more details on special events and children's programs during this event.