

GNATCATCHER

 JUNIATA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

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"Why should we be in such
desperate haste to succeed
and in such desperate enterprises?
If a man does not keep pace
with his companions, perhaps
it is because he hears a different
drummer.
Let him step to the music which
he hears, however measured or
far away."

- from Henry David Thoreau's
"Conclusion" to Walden

The October Meeting

TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DATE: October 26th - Tuesday
PLACE: Childrens' Theater, Altoona Area Public Library
PROGRAM: Outdoor Education - A Contemporary View
- Dallas Webb and John Orr

The Gnatcatcher resumes flight but not migration. Our September meeting ~~was~~ meeting of the minds turned inward, searching, probing for identity, spinning off ideas, seeking action oriented formulas. More below.

For the October meeting we have gingerbread, cider and coffee. And the outdoor school. The outdoor experience for young people and their teachers. The woods of course and much more. The seasons, the freedom, the social interaction, the fragrant spicebush offering of man the humble god of it all. A whole earth encounter! And there will be Webb and Orr trying to tell their story.

Invite your friends. Let's have a nice turnout.

The Audubon Film-Lecture Series

November 1st is the date of our first film. That is a Monday.

"Journey in Time
by Robert W. Davison
Time: 8:00 Doors open: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Altoona High School Auditorium

Parking: Plenty near the library

Everybody rated William Davison's film "The Vanishing Sea" very high last year. Do you remember, he brought a bobcat with him. A very personable and talented speaker. He brings us a beautiful film of one of the world's most spectacular monuments, seen from its depths at the edge of the Colorado River, from the air, and from precarious perches in between, at the centennial of its discovery. Can you guess? The Grand Canyon! Bob Davison explores each of the Canyon's life zones to meet the wildlife inhabitants. The Grand Canyon's majestic beauty, its ecology and its history are superbly presented in this great film.

Tickets: Are printed. They will be available at the October 26th Tuesday evening meeting and of course at the door. Try to sell some! Please make an all-out effort to promote our film. Tickets may be had in any quantity now. Call 943-5629 after 4:00 p.m. or any time on Sat. and Sun.

Ticket Prices and Categories:

Adult season	\$5.00	Strip ticket good for the five films plus an extra "guest ticket"
Student season	\$2.00	A single ticket good for all films. Need- less to say, a great bargain!
Family season:	\$10.00	A single ticket for the series that allows "All in the Family" to go for the price of two!
Single adult	\$1.50	
Single student	\$.75	

Let's back a great film series. The films constitute a unique cultural offering in our community. Will they live and prosper or flop? We must ask ourselves that question.

Ideas on improving, changing or creating publicity would be appreciated. Call the Film-Lecture Committee at 943-5629. Names of people you feel might be interested could be passed on to us for mailing lists and advertisement. Does anyone have access to organization mailing lists that we could comb for new additions to our own list? Do you know a teacher who might be introduced to the series? A grade school, secondary or college level teacher? Buy him or her an adult season ticket. This would be a significant contribution to education. Our teachers should take advantage - and take part. And the students too.

Meetings: Audubon meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month, September to May with the exception of December when our Christmas Bird Count takes the place of a meeting.

Notes on September's Meeting

Something to think about: the creation of an "honorary membership" within our branch. A sanctuary for us as a project to rally around? Any project to that end? Who would underwrite us or otherwise give us support for an office space or "Audubon House" in the area? We need a place for a headquarters. Dallas is working on this idea in the form of a literary appeal or plea for the Altoona Mirror. Suggestions for upcoming programs are needed. Committees need staffed. JVAS and MAS need new members. Support the membership drive! Publicity should be expanded for our monthly programs. Let's invite other groups to some of our meetings. And - transportation is available for those who need a way to the library. Call 943-5629.

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