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Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?

Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-pains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs bleat loud from hilly bourn;
Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft
The redbreast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

from "To Autumn" by John Keats

October Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 26, 1982, at 7:30 in the 28th St. Church of the Brethern. The speaker will be Dr. Glenn Paulson, Vice President for Science of National Audubon Society. Dr. Paulson was a former trustee of Scientists' Institute for Public Information, a member of the steering committee for the first Earth Day, the first scientist on the staff of the Natural Resources Defense Council, Assistant Commissioner for Science and Research for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Resources, and a member of the National Academy of Science's 1972 study panel. Dr. Glenn Paulson received his B.A. from Northwestern and his Ph.D. from Rockefeller University. He supervises a staff of 80 and manages a budget of \$2.8 million; he oversees the Biological Research Dept., Environmental Policy Research Dept., and Dept. of Wildlife Affairs for National Audubon. His speech "Chemical Time Bombs" will deal with hazardous wastes.

HELP Dr. Paulson needs a place to stay after the meeting and a ride to the airport the next day. Contact Wilton Kreitz. 695-0126

Energy and water appropriations Congress has delayed consideration of the FY83 energy and water appropriations until the lame duck session (after the Nov. 2 election). Details at the Oct. meeting.

Naturefest The Naturefest cosponsored by JVAS and Ft. Roberdeau was the best-attended function at the fort since it was built. Everyone agreed that the displays were wonderful, the weather was perfect, and that Peggy Goodman did a great job. Thanks to her and to all who helped.

Mini field trip The October hike at Trough Creek State Park was great! Fifteen people attended and thoroughly enjoyed the perfect weather.

SeedSale Please note that the date has been changed to Nov. 20. Orders will be due on Nov. 1. There will be a dropoff at the Bellwood Public Library Parking Lot. Volunteers are needed. Contact Bill Rosevear. 674-5021.

Audubon Display JVAS will have a display at the Altoona Public Library during Nov.

Audubon Action A new publication will be mailed to all members beginning in October. It will appear in alternate months. Look for an Action Alert sign-up form in the October issue.

Watch the news Bidding opened on Oct. 13, 1982, for drilling leases off the coast of Alaska. Two million acres on the Diepir Field near Prudhoe Bay are involved.

Bird Stamps Commemorative stamps with pictures of the fifty state birds are still available at many local post offices.

Do you own a dog? The Canadian government has banned the active ingredient in Hartz Mountain Flea Collars. The company which tested the ingredient for the manufacturer has been indicted for fraudulent safety tests. Unlike Canada, the U.S. has not banned the pesticide involved; it has asked for new safety tests. (from Friends of the Earth)

Looking Ahead

Oct. 30 Bluebird House Building at John Lennox's.

Nov. 6-7 Hawk Mt Trip.

Nov. 20 Seed Sale. (This is a new date.)

Nov. 30 Regular meeting.

So sorry When I type fast, I make mistakes. And the correction fluid was miles away at John's house. And my typewriter is skipping spaces irregularly. I am very sorry. I hope to solve these problems before the next issue of The Gnatcatcher (at least two of them!!) --Paulla (even my name!!)

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