

# JUNATA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

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## Indian Summer

These are the days when birds come back,  
A very few, a bird or two,  
To take a backward look.

These are the days when skies put on  
The old, old sophistries of June, --  
A blue and gold mistake.

Oh, fraud that cannot cheat the bee,  
Almost thy plausibility  
Induces my belief,

Till ranks of seeds their whiteness bear,  
And softly through the altered air  
Hurries a timid leaf!

Oh, sacrament of summer days,  
Permit a child to join,

Thy sacred emblems to partake,  
Thy consecrated bread to break,  
Taste thine immortal wine!

-- Emily Dickinson

## Uses of Nature in American Literature

### - The October Meeting

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Twenty-Eighth Street Church of the Brethren  
Altoona, Pa.

DATE: October 29th

Don Wharton - one of our members - will speak to our group next Tuesday evening on the Uses of Nature in American Literature. Don is an instructor of English at the Altoona Campus. He was born in Warren Co, Pennsylvania, studied at Notre Dame and Penn State, has his M.A. in English and is currently a doctoral candidate at the latter university. His primary interest is in early American literature - especially poetry. Don is very interested in nature and will be a much needed member of the great, annual, winter, Christmas Bird Count!

Everyone is cordially invited to come out for this program. Some of our best evening gatherings are those led by members. If you are a member of National but have not attended any of the local JVAS meetings, please consider coming for there is an informal atmosphere always present - you can make some friends, meet some old acquaintances, imbibe some cider, sample some real gingerbread and learn something about our literature.

## The Fall Crafts Show at Hollidaysburg

Again we are having a table at the Fall Craft Show at the Hollidaysburg Senior High School cafeteria. The show runs two days: Friday - 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. and Saturday - 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. November 8th and 9th. This show affords us the chance to make a small amount of money needed for our operating expenses and projects. Also, it lets us talk to the community about the cause.

We need people to work and people to donate items that could be sold. Please call Truth Close (942-7886) or Margaret Chonko (942-8070) right away. Can you make something in the order of nature crafts that could be sold? Bird feeders, pins, natural materials arrangements, etc. Call Truth and Margaret for suggestions on what to make or bring. Everybody who can help is urged to do so.

Christmas Bird Count

We are getting close to that big day. Call John Hunter Orr for the specifics. It is time to plan! The November Gnatcatcher will carry the date and the bulk of the information. This year it is hoped that definite blocks of the 15 mile diameter circle can be covered by teams. Get into a block now. The secret to having a productive count lies largely with the preparation put into the effort: scouting several months ahead (if not all year); talking with local residents to gain their confidence and actual help; developing leads - that is, those who live in the circle and who have feeders or an eye on a special species of bird (such as turkey, pheasant, etc.); If you don't feel that your expertise is of much use or that it is non-existent, come out anyway: join a team and learn; ride out into the circle in the Christmas season for a beautiful experience out of doors; join us on the count day for the annual covered dish supper.

Fall Field Trip: Trip to Point View

Al Burd and Bill Murray have gotten together in planning a field trip for the 3rd of November - Sunday - at 2:00 P.M. at Bill's place in Point View. This is a tranquil area not far from Altoona. Take Rt. #22 toward Williamsburg from Hollidaysburg and turn off onto #866 just at the bottom of Short Mt. (toward W-burg); then go 1/2 mile and turn in on the left to Point View. Park up on the platform by the garage near Bill's house. There's a varied habitat to be studied, a number of gorgeous views, and history in the round iron furnace - one of only few such constructions in the east.

Next Board Meeting

The board meeting is November 16th. If Mike Chonko and several others go to Mill Grove (Audubon's home) for a meeting concerning the formation of a Pennsylvania Audubon Society, they will have a meeting on the road. If interested in going on this trip for this meeting, call Mike at 942-8070. If they don't go, the meeting will be at the Chonkos. (2316 11th St.) Officers, committee members and any interested members are urged to contact our president regarding this meeting. Please remember, anyone can attend the board meetings. (This is in accord with the new "Sunshine Laws" written by John Denver.

Notes:

Does anyone care what happens to Peoples' Park? The latest word is that it is to be used as an outdoor phys-ed area. Our hope was that it would go forward to an actual community park with facilities for outdoor education. Contact School Board members or Dr. Charles Hill regarding its future. Let's not lose a potential gem of beauty right in the cultural center of our town!

Sixth & Seventh Avenues cause a lot a noise and pollution for students in Roosevelt and Altoona Highs. Notice how nice Sixth is when school hours see it closed off. Wouldn't it be nice to have it closed off every school day so as to give our children peace of mind, freedom from injury and many other blessings they so much deserve?



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