

Hello to all Friends of Marion Audubon Chapter:

Lots of news so here we go.

I am filling in for Carolyn Retey while she recuperates from a very serious illness. Hopefully Carolyn will decide to continue writing her wonderful e-Newsletter when she recovers.

Big reminder to all please check Marion Audubon web site www.marioncountyaudubon.com and view your Audubon Chapter's face book www.facebook.com/marionaudubonsociety/ for the latest news and updates on birding trips, classes, meetings, programs and events.

Volunteers Oh a beautiful word and Marion Audubon needs Volunteers. The Chapters By-laws were recently updated and the following Committees were designated and need Coordinators:

Conservation, Education, Newsletter Editor!!! Please be inspired and contact me and offer to HELP and Coordinate!! Ann Hannon at afhannon@sbcglobal.net

Birding Trips - Josie Muncy immediately came forth to fill in planning Carolyn's Bird Walks and has managed to coordinate several new and interesting destinations such as Sholom Park for us West Marion Birders, Indian Lake State Forest AND **Kayak Birding** at Silver Springs State Park with our intrepid Vice President John Schaefer!

The first trip is this Wednesday September 20 at Tuscawilla Park. Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the Discovery Center. Tony Menart, ranked #45 in the world for Birds Seen will help Identify the interesting little migrant warblers and their friends.

The monthly Member's Meeting and Program has been changed to the Second Saturday morning of the month and will meet at the Discovery Center, Tuscawilla Park. There will be a walk beginning at 8:15 around the Center and Lake and the meeting and program will start at 10:00. Yes there will be coffee and cookies!

The **November** meeting will be **Saturday the 11th and will feature Norm Lantz - Birding By Ear.** There will be a walk before and refreshment.

Following Norm's program the **CBC as in Christmas Bird Count** leaders will meet with Judy Greenberg and Larry Sutton to go over the Marion County Monday December 18th CBC plans. Hopfully some of you not on the present list of helpers will join the discussion and become counters and or leaders. **You are needed.**

Norm Lantz will present his **Owl and Raptor** Program 10:00 Oct. 14th Forest Public Library Friends of Marion Audubon Society Renewal letters with copy of planned bird trips and classes will be sent in October. We look forward seeing all of you at the meetings and program and walks. Remember we need Board Committee Coordinators!!

Mary Pead – President

John Schaefer – Vice President and Publicity Coordinator

Larry Sutton – Treasurer

Donna Mesmer – Secretary

Onward with Happiness Ann Hannon – Membership