



# Gloucester County Nature Club

## Monthly Newsletter

[www.gcnatureclub.org](http://www.gcnatureclub.org)

Nature Club meetings are open to the public

September 2009

**\*\*Note that the meeting location has changed!\*\***

**Program – Rafting the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon  
Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Holy Nativity Lutheran Church,  
Wenonah, NJ (directions below)**

**Presenters: Brett & Erik Mollenhauer**

**Program Coordinator: Rich Dilks (856) 468-6342**

The Grand Canyon is one of the world's great natural wonders. Varying in depth from 3,500 to 6,000 feet and with a width of five to fifteen miles, the Colorado River has carved through rocks from the basement of time. With almost 300 miles of accessible river miles, the best way to experience the Canyon is through a whitewater raft trip. Special planning and equipment are needed to navigate big whitewater and hikes. In this presentation, Brett Mollenhauer (who has guided 21-day float trips through the Canyon) will share slides and tell what it's like to prepare and carry out a Canyon trip; Erik Mollenhauer (Brett's Dad) will overview Canyon geology and John Wesley Powell's first trip through the Canyon in 1869.



**Directions:** The Holy Nativity Lutheran Church is located just off Rte 553 (Woodbury Glassboro Rd.) immediately south of the traffic light at Mantua Ave. The church parking lot can be accessed by entrances on either Woodbury-Glassboro Road or Lenape Trail (first left off of Mantua Ave).

**Field Trip – Stafford Forge WMA. Ocean County  
Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM to early afternoon  
Trip Leaders: Karl Anderson and Gale Cannon**

Meet at 10:00 AM at the Dynasty Diner in Tuckerton. Come early for breakfast and a chance to use the rest rooms. Bring lunch, beverage, binoculars, tick and insect repellent, and dress to suit the weather. Cameras are optional. This will be an exploration of a portion of a large (11,529 acres) wildlife management area on the eastern edge of the Pine Barrens. The focus will be on late summer plants, but we should see a few birds and some pretty scenery. Weather permitting, we will take a 1 1/2 mile walk around one of the impoundments that are a centerpiece of the site.

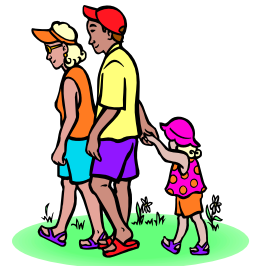
**Directions:** the Dynasty Diner is on the east side of Route 539, a short distance north of its intersection with Route 9. You can't miss it. The distance from Woodbury to Tuckerton is about 62 miles. The trip locale is about five miles north of Tuckerton. For additional information contact the leaders at (856) 845-7075.

## **Family Fun Walk**

**Monday, September 21 at 9:30 AM at Timber Creek Park**

**Trip Leader: Maria Keefe (856) 627-7010 Email: [walkingwith4boyz@comcast.net](mailto:walkingwith4boyz@comcast.net)**

Bring your baby in a backpack, your toddler in tow or your Grandmom along for a walk. We will walk at a toddler's pace exploring as we go. Bring your own backpack and/or a stroller that is able to be pushed on unpaved paths. Everyone is welcome. We will meet on Monday, September 21 at 9:30 am at Timber Creek Park, Gloucester Township. Please note there are two parks named Timber Creek Park. See the directions below. Dress in layers according to the weather. Bring your own backpack and/or a stroller that is able to be pushed on unpaved paths.



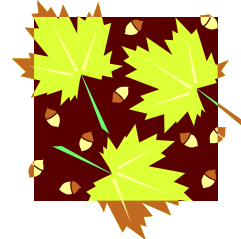
**Directions:** Entrance to park is on Chews Landing Road, Gloucester Township. From the Deptford Mall, head south on Almonesson Road toward Deptford Center Road. Turn left at Deptford Center Road. Turn left at Hurffville Rd/ Rt 41 (signs for Runnemede/Haddonfield/State Hwy 41N). Continue to follow Hurffville Road. Continue on Clements Bridge Road. Slight right onto W Evesham Rd. Turn right at South Blackhorse Pike/Rt 168. Turn left at Chews Landing Road.

## **Kid's Corner - Create Sun Prints\* by Deb Maka**

You can create your own art with everyday objects and a little patience.

What you need:

- a sunny day
- colored construction paper
- objects to print (leaves, etc.)
- tape or glue



What you do:

1. Tape or lightly glue your objects to the construction paper.
2. Place the construction paper in strong, direct sunlight on a sunny day.
3. Wait several hours, and then remove your objects to see how the paper around them has begun to fade. You can also tape your paper to a window that faces the sun, but it might take a couple days for the print to form.

\*adapted from GREEN HOUR a program of the National Wildlife Federation ([www.greenhour.org](http://www.greenhour.org)); Discovery Journal & Activities (issue #117: sun prints)

## **Conservation Corner – Birdwatchers no featherweights in contributions to economy**

A new report released today by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shows one of every five Americans watches birds, and in doing so, birdwatchers contributed \$36 billion to the U.S. economy in 2006, the most recent year for which economic data are available. The report – [Birding in the United States: A Demographic and Economic Analysis](#) – shows that total participation in birdwatching is strong at 48 million, and has remained at a steady 20 percent of the U.S. population since 1996.

Participation rates vary, but are generally greater in the northern half of the country. The five top states with the greatest birding participation rates include Montana (40 percent), Maine (39 percent), Vermont (38 percent), Minnesota (33 percent) and Iowa (33 percent).

The report identifies who birders are, where they live, how avid they are, and what kinds of birds they watch. In addition to demographic information, this report also provides an estimate of how much birders spend on their hobby and the economic impact of these expenditures.

The report is an addendum to the [2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation](#). The 2006 survey is the eleventh in a series of surveys conducted about every 5 years that began in 1955. The survey, conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in partnership with state wildlife agencies and national conservation organizations, has become the reference for participation and expenditure information on fish and wildlife recreation in the United States. The survey helps quantify how enjoyment of the outdoors and wildlife contributes to society and promotes a healthy economy – and further strengthens the service’s commitment to conserve the nation’s wildlife for the enjoyment and benefit of the American people.

In conjunction with the release of the birding report, the service also issued another similar addendum to the 2006 survey entitled [Wildlife Watching Trends: 1991–2006 A Reference Report](#). This report shows similar trends in wildlife-watching, a broader category that includes large - and small-mammal viewing.

### **The Real James Bond** (from Birdline Delaware, December 19, 2002

Another James Bond movie is out, "Die Another Day." And so, for another time, as we did in 1999 (when the last James Bond movie was out), we'll refer to the real James Bond, and how 007 got his name.

The real James Bond was a Philadelphian, whose professional life related to birds more than anything else.

Yes, Bond. James Bond. But, not a secret agent.

However, it was no secret to those who knew him that birds were his life. Birds with feathers, yes. In England, the term "bird" is slang for "woman." 007 notwithstanding, the only woman in the life of the real James Bond was his wife Mary.

James Bond was born in 1900, along Pine Street in Philadelphia. 89 years later, he died in Philadelphia, in Chestnut Hill. In between he had two careers, the first being a short one at the First Pennsylvania Bank. Imagine, James Bond as a bank teller. He couldn't imagine his whole life as that either.

So, he became an ornithologist at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia for 50 years. A renowned ornithologist, he knew more about birds in the Caribbean than anyone else, visiting 50 islands studying them. He wrote the definitive book, "The Birds of the West Indies."

Another author, Ian Fleming, who created the character 007, also spent considerable time in the West Indies. He learned of James Bond, the "birdman." He crossed paths with Bond, although Bond, a rather quiet, but very handsome man, did not know it.

A year later Bond was in Philadelphia, where he saw a review of his book about birds in a London newspaper that also mentioned the fictitious Bond 007. That's how he learned Fleming had "stolen" his name.

Bond and Fleming only met once - in Jamaica, at Fleming's estate called "Goldeneye, the name of a duck. Fleming died 5 months later of a heart attack. The name James Bond, of course, will live forever (like diamonds).

When Fleming and Bond did meet, Fleming asked Bond that if he were ever to "discover" a new bird, that he name that bird after him, thus giving immortality to his name (as he had done for Bond). That "discovery" was never to be, although Bond certainly explored and searched enough throughout the West Indies.

Bond's wife, Mary, by the way, was also an author. Among her books: "To James Bond With Love," and "How 007 Got His Name." Both of these are more popular in England than America.

If you're doubting what's noted here, you might just go into any good bookstore, and look up the book, "Birds of the West Indies". You'll see the author's name, Bond, James Bond.

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### **Other Nature Notes**

#### **Wild Birds Unlimited offers an everyday 10% discount to GCNC members!**

Wild Birds Unlimited offers an everyday 10% discount (for non bird food items) to GCNC members! *Due to the current volatile market for bird food, the 10% discount for these items has had to be discontinued.* However, members will still receive credit for their purchases towards the Frequent Seed Shopper Program. WBU offers the GCNC discount on all other items in the store. Members are requested to identify themselves as GNNC members before their sales are finalized. Questions? Please contact Sharon at 218-2973 or [sillybird348@comcast.net](mailto:sillybird348@comcast.net).



**Environmental Crisis: Hawaii – A Case Study** is a mini-course offered at Camden County College, as a Teacher Professional Development Credit Mini-course. Starting Monday, September 21, 2009 for 5 weeks from 4:-6:30 pm. at the Blackwood Campus. Marie Hageman will be teaching an expanded version of the "Globalization of Hawaii" talk given at GCNC meeting in October 2006. It is offered free and open to the general public but pre-registration is required. Sign-up at <http://www.camdencc.edu/civiccenter/index.htm> Look for it in Fall 2009 Course Offerings.

### **Events by other Organizations: September 2009**

- September 12 (Saturday) - **Second-Annual Pinelands-Friendly Yard & Garden Fair.** 11:00 AM - 4 PM at the Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge in Medford Township, Burlington County. Co-sponsored by the Pinelands Commission, the Pinelands Preservation Alliance and Cedar Run, the event will feature a talk by Mike McGrath, host of the nationally-syndicated radio show "You Bet Your Garden," several presentations about eco-friendly gardening, as well as live animals, plant experts and four different nurseries selling native Pinelands plants. Lorraine Kiefer of Triple Oaks Nursery in Gloucester County will once again deliver an educational presentation during the event. Admission is free. For info (flyer): [http://www.nj.gov/pinelands/about/events/draft\\_plant\\_flyer\\_2009\\_2.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/pinelands/about/events/draft_plant_flyer_2009_2.pdf). For directions, go to <http://www.cedarrun.org>.

- September 8 (Tuesday) – **Bird walk at Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area, Moorestown.** 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Sponsored by the Burlington County Parks Department. Free. For info: [http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/departments/resource\\_conservation/parks/](http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/departments/resource_conservation/parks/). Pre-registration encouraged.
- September 13 (Sunday) - **10th Annual Parade of Ponds and Garden Tour.** Begins and ends at 702 Mid-Atlantic Parkway, West Deptford. The tour begins at 4:30 PM and is followed by a Wine and Cheese Finale at 7:00 PM. The GFWC Woman's Club of West Deptford sponsors this self-guided tour of local ponds and gardens. Tickets: \$10. For info: Call Ellen at (856) 468-7012 for more information and tickets.
- September 15 (Tuesday) – **Birds and Blooms at Historic Smithville Park, Eastampton.** 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Sponsored by the Burlington County Parks Department. Free. For info: [http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/departments/resource\\_conservation/parks/](http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/departments/resource_conservation/parks/). Pre-registration encouraged.
- September 19 (Saturday) – **Cradle of Birding Wildlife & Conservation Festival.** 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the John Heinz NWR at 8601 Lindbergh Blvd in SW Philadelphia. Live Animals, Trolley Tours, Workshops, Music, Fly-Tying, Birding, Photography, Food. Sponsored by the US Fish & Wildlife Service and friends of Heinz NWR. Rancocas Nature Center. FREE. For info call (215) 365-3118 or visit <http://heinz.fws.gov>.
- September 19 (Saturday) – **Nature Walk at Parvin State Park.** 9:00 AM. Sponsored by the Salem County Nature Club. For info: <http://www.salemcountynatureclubnews.blogspot.com/>

### **Natural Events for the month of September**

- The last brood of monarch butterflies emerges and flies south to Mexico.
- Black gum foliage turns red - first tree to get its autumn color.
- Wild grapes ripen - not all of them are sour.
- Turtle eggs hatch and hatchlings emerge and head for the nearest water.
- Robins begin to join together in large flocks
- Most hummingbirds depart by the end of the month
- Bats busy feeding – building fat reserves for hibernation and migration.
- Broad-winged hawk migration peaks in mid-month - plan a visit to a hawk lookout.



### **Looking Ahead:**

#### **Upcoming GCNC Programs**

October 8, 2009 – **The Natural and Unnatural History of Oaks** - Karl Anderson & Erik Mollenhauer

November 12, 2009 – **Exploring the Pedricktown Marsh** - Mike Hogan and members of the South Jersey Land & Water Trust

December 10, 2009 – **The Maurice River: A River Worth Protecting** - Renee Brecht, Assoc. Dir. of Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River

January 14, 2010 – **Turtles** - Cindy Pierson, the "Turtle Lady"

## **2009-2010 GCNC Field Trips**

Listed below are the field trips we have lined up for the next season. Changes and additions are not impossible. If you would be able and willing to lead a field trip, please contact Karl Anderson at [karlanderson6@aol.com](mailto:karlanderson6@aol.com) or (856) 845-7075.

October 3, 2009 (Saturday) – **Migrating Fall Warblers at the Riverwinds Trail.** Joint trip with the Rancocas Nature Center – Gary Lizzi

November, 2009 – **To be Determined.**

December 19 (Saturday) – **Audubon Christmas Count.** – Ron Kegel

January 16 (Saturday) – **Eagles and Gulls at Conowingo Dam.** – Jonathan Stillwell

February 28 (Sunday) (Rain date February 29) – **Full Moon Hike at Alcyon Park.** – Kris Mollenhauer

March – **To be Determined.**

April 17 (Saturday) – **Bike the Glassboro Woods Trail.** – Brian and Paula Hayes

May 9 (Sunday) – **Wildflowers at Ridley Creek State Park.** – Richard Dilks

## **Club Notes:**

- If you'd like to receive the newsletter electronically or receive more info about the club please email Karen Kravchuck at [blackbirdsinging@hotmail.com](mailto:blackbirdsinging@hotmail.com) or call 468-6536.
- The Nature Club is always looking for ideas for future programs and field trips. Please contact the program or trip coordinator if you have ideas or would like to help.
- Information for the next newsletter should be sent to Barry Bengel at [sharkeyes@comcast.net](mailto:sharkeyes@comcast.net) or GCNC Newsletter, PO Box 563, Sewell, NJ 08080 by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.
- The September Executive Committee meeting will be held on September 6<sup>th</sup> at the home of Karl Anderson. Please contact Karen Kravchuck for more information.

## **Reminder - Membership Dues**

September brings with it membership renewals. This year we will once again be keeping the price the same as last year. Please remember that your dues are the only costs associated with being a club member, we do not charge for any of our programs or field trips. Many organizations charge their members for each walk or activity they attend. We believe that the club is still an excellent value and hope the added cost will not deter any of our members. It is much cheaper for us to send the newsletter electronically to our members and as a result those members who choose to receive the newsletter electronically will receive a discount on their membership. The dues are \$15 for electronic mailings and \$20 for regular mail delivery. Please fill out the membership form at the end of this newsletter and bring it along with your dues to the September Meeting, or send your renewal form and a check payable to "Gloucester County Nature Club" to: Ed Cleary, 1874 McKee Ave., Deptford, NJ 08096.



**WAIVER**

Gloucester County Nature Club and/or its leaders, officers, members or representatives shall not be liable for any injuries, loss or damage to person and/or property, direct or consequential, arising out of any trips and/or activities of the Gloucester County Nature Club. The assumption of risk, which is inherent in this type of outdoor activity, is implied on the part of each person who attends any Gloucester County Nature Club trip, and every person participating in any of said trips and/or activities assumes all risk and liability in connection therewith.

Everyone participating in any activity of the Gloucester County Nature Club will be required to read the release of liability, protecting the Gloucester County Nature Club and/or its leaders, officers, members and representatives from liability.

Gloucester County Nature Club and/or its leaders, officers, members and representatives are not in any way responsible for the personal safety of the attendees. When walking along a road, keep to the left, facing oncoming traffic and walk in a single file. When walking along trails, do not follow too closely or move too fast for your safety and for the safety of others (avoid collisions and/or whipped branches). FOLLOW THE LEADER: If you forge ahead, you may find yourself alone. Responsible adults must accompany children under the age of 16. If you expect to drop out of the group early, please inform the leader. Report to one or more of the hikers if you intend to discontinue on the route.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2009-2010**

- New Member  Renewal
- Paper Membership(\$20) - regular mail
- Electronic Membership(\$15) - newsletter via email; \*\*\*please provide email address below

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any special knowledge you would be willing to share: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to serve on a committee? If so, which committee(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Are there other ways you could participate? If so, how?  
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Would you like to give a gift membership? If so, indicate Individual \_\_\_\_ or Family \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

A note will be sent informing them of your gift membership in the GCNC, thank you.

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I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE WAIVER

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_