



GOAS *Scissortail*

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

GOAS BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th

7:00 p.m. Environmental Resource Center

GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

7:00 p.m. Program

Springfield Conservation Nature Center

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OF THE

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

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- ◆ Affiliation with Greater Ozarks Audubon
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Contact Mary **Sturdevant**, GOAS Membership Chair with questions, or Lisa **Berger**, Secretary, to receive the newsletter by mail.

ANN'S AERIE

Ann Liles, GOAS Chapter President

Somehow, two years have passed and this is my last newsletter article as President. It's been an honor to serve, and a time I will never forget. I am proud to be a part of the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society. We are a diverse and thriving organization.

I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank individuals who work tirelessly on many of the core projects in the name of GOAS. Myra Scroggs runs our initiative on South Creek. She is waging war on invasive plants and trash along our stretch of the creek. If you are looking for a place to take a pleasant walk, check out the path by the creek along Sunset west of McDaniel Park to Campbell. Thank you, Myra and everyone who has helped in this endeavor.

Thanks to Sue Schuble, who took on the project of developing an area at Nathaneal Greene Park where GOAS placed a bubbler, a trail, and plantings. As the plants and trees mature, it is envisioned this will become a great place within the Park to sit and watch the birds or meander off the paved path for a few minutes. It's still in the early stages, but is already fulfilling part of this vision. If you find yourself in the Park seek out this area and maybe sit awhile and enjoy.

Greg Samuel puts together an amazingly robust list of field trips, and recruits leaders each season throughout the year. Betty Johnson leads the effort year after year to keep the GOAS Adopt-A-Street section of Jefferson free of trash. Ruth Grant, who became Program Chair two years ago, has brought in fabulous

speakers for our monthly meetings. Dan Liles has headed our Bird Seed Sale each year, possibly our longest running fund raiser. Brooke Widmar has assumed the Give Ozarks Fund raiser helm, with great success. Andrew Kinslow and Tammy Trantham lend their skills and leadership to GLADE, directing all the activities and instruction that make that transformative week in June so important for the teens who attend. Thanks also, to the staff and volunteers that make GLADE possible!

In all these cases, there are numerous other individuals that help in many ways, so thank you to all of those unnamed but very much appreciated folks. All of these projects take thought, planning and work that goes on year-round to keep our Chapter strong and relevant in our community.

It's always a risk to mention individuals because I may miss something important. Please forgive me for any oversight. The above is definitely not a comprehensive list of all the projects and activities our Chapter supports. So, as I sign off from Ann's Aerie, I'd like to encourage you, to contact one or more of the individuals I mentioned and offer your assistance as a volunteer—they will appreciate your help!

Finally, I'd like to offer my heart-felt thanks to all of you for your membership and support of Greater Ozarks Audubon. Together we are making a difference in Conservation, and Conservation Education for the present and the future. I look forward to seeing you at monthly meetings or field trips as the GOAS year begins anew.



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GOAS NOMINATING COMMITTEE—NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
September 21, 2017, 7:00 pm, Election of Officers and the Board
Janice Greene, Brooke Widmar, and Lisa Berger present the
2017-2018 Slate of Officer and Board Nominees

- Janice Greene..... President
- Brooke Widmar..... Vice-President
- Lisa Berger Secretary
- Wendy Vit..... Treasurer
- Jill Hays..... Board
- Nikki Hummel Board
- Kendall Loyd Board
- Jeannie McLaughlin..... Board
- Greg Samuel..... Board
- Myra Scroggs Board
- Matt Tucker Board
- Ann Liles Immediate Past President

GOAS Board member and Vice-President nominee, Brooke Widmar (GLADE 2013) received the prestigious William Dutcher Award for Emerging Leaders, which was presented to her at the National Audubon Society convention in Utah this July. While there, she presented a poster featuring the GLADE project, slated for its 10th anniversary in June, 2018.

Matt Tucker, Board nominee (GLADE 2012), and Boys' Residential Coordinator for the Green Leadership Academy, was accepted by the USDA Pathways Internship Program, receiving training for the position of Soil Scientist.

Kendall Loyd is completing his Master's Degree in Biology at MSU, taught Janice Greene's Ornithology class last semester, and has assisted her with bird banding for four seasons at Bull Shoals Field Station. Kendall is a nominee for our Board.

GOAS Board members Jill Hays and Ruth Grant also attended the NAS convention this summer. The convention focused on all things Chapter related, including leadership development, promoting inclusiveness and diversity, successful social media strategies, and attracting new members in innovative ways.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...

Jay Pruett, Director of Conservation for The Nature Conservancy's Oklahoma Chapter, will present **Conservation for Birds – Life at the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve**. Jay is responsible for development and implementation of conservation initiatives for the state and oversees the management of TNC preserves. He acts as TNC's representative to federal, state and local conservation agencies and organizations, and is also involved with wind energy and electric transmission siting issues with regard to wildlife and its habitats at state, national and international levels.

He graduated from Rice University in Houston, Texas, with a major in Biology, retiring in 2003 from a long career as head of environmental affairs for an electric utility company.

Jay will discuss current bird conservation strategies in the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve at this month's meeting.

Come at 6:30 pm, Thursday, September 21st for refreshments and to socialize. The program begins at 7:00 pm, followed by the membership meeting at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4601 Nature Center Way (off Business Highway 65).
Ruth Grant, Program Chair