



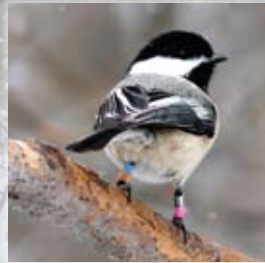
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SEASONAL UPDATE FOR MEMBERS

ISSUE NO 1—WINTER/SPRING 2008

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Although spring is right around the corner, there's plenty to see and do right now in Sapsucker Woods: watch winter birds from the warmth of the Visitors' Center, attend a Monday Night Seminar, or check out new artwork exhibitions. Of course, the trails remain open for the hearty among us, and the trees are alive with winter woodland specialists.

MONDAY NIGHT SEMINARS

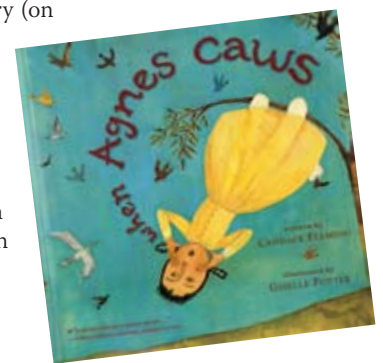
Monday Night Seminars were originally conceived by Lab founder Dr. Arthur A. Allen as a venue for sharing the complex world of science in a format aimed at a public audience. Seminars typically begin at 7:30 P.M. (doors open at 7:00 P.M.) in the Visitors' Center Auditorium. Cayuga Bird Club meetings (date marked with **CBC** icon) are open to everyone. The meetings begin at 7:30 P.M., and are followed by the talk (closer to 8:00 P.M.). As always, admission is free and open to all.

<p>February 4 André Desrochers, Université Laval, Quebec Conservation of boreal forest birds and the relevance of behavioral ecologists</p>	 <p>February 11 CBC Matt Young, Naturalist Bird irruptions, resource partitioning, and finch nesting events in Central New York</p>
<p>February 18 Eric Strauss, Urban Ecology Institute The frontier of urban ecology and the challenge of rejuvenating America's cities</p>	<p>February 25 Irby Lovette, Cornell Lab of Ornithology Desperate housewives with feathers: sex and infidelity, cooperation and conflict in the family lives of birds</p>
 <p>March 10 CBC Stephen Kress, National Audubon Society Birding around the world in 26 days</p>	<p>March 24 Erick Greene, University of Montana The behavioral ecology of communication in birds</p>
<p>March 31 Gerald MacDougall, Fish and Wildlife, PEI Kiptu (Bald Eagle) the protector of the Mi'kmaq people</p>	<p>April 7 Julie Zickefoose, Artist and Naturalist Letters from Eden: a year at home, in the woods</p>
<p>April 14 CBC Maiken Winter, Cornell Lab of Ornithology Local, regional, and global issues in grassland bird conservation</p>	<p>April 21 Ted Floyd, Birding Magazine Charles Darwin, Roger Tory Peterson, and the future of birding</p>
<p>April 28 Rosalie Winard, Artist and Naturalist An itinerant photographer of the wetlands</p>	<p>May 5 Martjan Lammertink, Cornell Lab of Ornithology Spectacular Southeast Asian woodpeckers</p>
<p>May 12 CBC Speaker TBA</p>	

Schedule online at <birds.cornell.edu/Education/courses_seminars>.

BOOK READINGS FOR CHILDREN

Every third Thursday of the month at 4:00 P.M., the Adelson Library (on the second floor of the Visitors' Center) hosts the "Kid's Corner" children's reading program. Hands-on activities follow each reading. This program is intended for children in grades K-5.



UPCOMING READINGS

February 21: *What Makes a Bird a Bird* by May Garelick. Discover the one feature unique to birds.

March 20: *When Agnes Caws!* by Candace Fleming. In search of the Pink-headed Duck!

April 17: *Birds Build Nests* by Yvonne Winer. A beautiful blend of science, illustration, and poetry

WEB RESOURCES

www.birds.cornell.edu/Education/visit

Stop by the new web gateway to learn more about the **Visitors' Center and Sapsucker Woods**. Inside you'll find **maps** of the sanctuary, descriptions of **exhibits** and **art** exhibitions, and an interactive **events calendar**.

You'll also find links to the Adelson Library and the FeederCam, streaming live video of birds from the newly renovated Treman Bird Feeding Garden (read more about the garden on page 4).

**QUESTIONS? CALL
 607-254-2473**

WINTER ART EXHIBIT IN THE AUDITORIUM GALLERY



Oh Joy! Oh Raptor!

From January 21, 2008, through April 2, 2008, the intricate quiltwork of local fiber artists Elsie Dentes and Alice Gant will be on display in the Visitors' Center Auditorium Gallery. These beautiful works must be seen to be believed!

BIRDS INSPIRE STITCHES...

Birds occupy important positions in the fiber art of Elsie Dentes and Alice Gant. In Dentes' pieced and quilted pictures, eagles, loons, and herons are elegantly placed in natural surroundings that have been delineated by craftsman-like stitches. Gant, on the other hand, scatters birds like leaves across her banners. She tucks them in where they will do the most compositional good and asks the viewer to enjoy her good luck in finding the perfect cloth for owl feathers or the just-right spot for a woodpecker.

Dentes and Gant are plainly members of the special society called "birders," and the quilts capture their delight in avian beauty. The exhibit of quilts and banners at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology is called "Oh Joy! Oh Raptor!" Come to their art opening on January 31, from 5:30 P.M.–7:00 P.M. Light refreshments will be served.



Quilts by Elsie Dentes (top) and Alice Gant (above).

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

Artwork from *Letters From Eden*,
by Julie Zickefoose

April 7–July 7, Opening and
Monday Night Seminar April 7



A frequent commentator for NPR's All Things Considered, Julie Zickefoose has painted nature virtually all her life. She knew at the age of seven that she wanted to paint birds for a living, and her lifelong dedication shows in her paintings, which are meticulously accurate as well as beautiful. The paintings shown here are of scenes from her beloved southern Ohio home: Wild Turkeys, coyotes, box turtles, and a bird-eating bullfrog flap, lope, and leap through her works.

The Bird Artwork of Benjamin M. Clock
July 14–October 14, Opening July 17

Ben Clock's exhibition will display watercolors and drawings featuring vocalizing and displaying birds in their habitats. Many of the works will recreate scenes from recent travels to the arctic tundra and the Caribbean hardwood hammocks. Others take their inspiration from Clock's work archiving and shooting natural history video for the Macaulay Library at the Lab of Ornithology.



SPRING MIGRATION CELEBRATION

May 17, 2008: Save the Date!

Last year's International Migratory Bird Day "Migration Celebration" at the Lab was a huge success, attracting nearly one thousand visitors. Come see what the buzz is all about!

WHAT IS IMBD?

International Migratory Bird Day was founded 15 years ago by the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology to increase awareness of birds and their conservation throughout the Western Hemisphere. Last year, the Lab hosted its first "Migration Celebration," which attracted nearly one thousand visitors of all ages eager to learn more about birds through guided bird walks in Sapsucker Woods, interactive exhibits, art, and seminars. These interactive exhibits covered programming from across the Lab's many departments, giving visitors the chance to experience the breadth and depth of our research hands-on and face-to-face with real scientists.

This year's Migration Celebration will be held on **May 17, 2008**, and will be even bigger and better than last year's inaugural effort. So come on out and enjoy seeing how your Lab membership is having an impact both locally and globally. You'll be sure to learn something—and have fun while you're at it!



NOTES FROM SAPSUCKER WOODS



GARDEN RENOVATION

A flurry of activity overtook the Treman Bird Feeding Garden this past fall as it was transformed into a vibrant example of "birdscaping," or landscaping for birds. More than 300 native plants were installed by Cayuga Landscaping, with direction from Cornell University Professor Marv Adleman. The goal is to give visitors a look at how backyard spaces can become habitats for birds by using forethought and an eye for what birds like. Most of the plants are now currently dormant beneath the snow, but in spring come check out the garden in full bloom to learn more about how you, too, can turn your yard into bird-friendly habitat!

GET INVOLVED!

Ever wanted to spend more time at the Lab? Now is the time to start asking questions about how you can get involved. 2008 marks the first year of our new docent program, which trains local individuals to serve as resources for visitors to the Lab. If you enjoy interacting with visitors and helping them learn about the birds, contact Charles Eldermire, our Visitors' Center Manager, at 254-1131 or <cre9@cornell.edu>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEEDERWATCH WEEKENDS

Every Saturday and Sunday from **January through March**, visit the Lab to watch birds for science at the Lab's feeders and learn about Project FeederWatch.

GBBC AT THE LAB!

Add the Lab to your Great Backyard Bird Count checklists during the weekend of **February 15–18, 2008!** Learn more at www.birdcount.org.

SPRING FIELD ORNITHOLOGY

This spring marks the 31st year of our annual 8-week ornithology course, taught by Dr. Stephen Kress and featuring field trips all over the Cayuga Basin. Learn more at www.birds.cornell.edu/sfo/.

GUIDED BIRD WALKS

Every Saturday from **May to June** at 7:30 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. there will be 1–1.5-hour guided bird walks around Sapsucker Woods. Some binoculars are available to borrow. Meet at the front doors of the Visitors' Center.