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GREATER OZARKS AUDUBON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2022 VOLUME 45 ISSUE 6

ROCKY RUMINATIONS
Becky Swearingen, Chapter President

As Greater Ozarks Audubon starts another year, I have to say I think it will be a good one. Thanks to the work of Patty Hatcher and a group who met to hatch out a field trip schedule, we have a full schedule of trips planned for the Fall/Winter. It includes one of my favorite, out of area trips to Quivira and Cheyenne Bottoms at the end of October where we hope to see Whooping Cranes once again. We also have scheduled a trip on Table Rock Lake to look for loons and other waterfowl. Those are just a couple. We have field trips scheduled almost every weekend so be sure to check the website for more information.

This year’s programs begin with a Chimney Swift presentation in September. In October Brooke Widmar will talk about the James River Basin Partnership. Courtney Conway from the University of Idaho will give a virtual presentation on his work with Burrowing Owls. We will still meet in person at the Botanical Center. I am happy to say that Charley Burwick has agreed to resume chairing the program committee. Thanks, Charley.

A strategic planning process begins this Fall. Look for the survey in the Scissortail, on the Webpage, and Social Media (see links on the reverse) to elicit thoughts on the direction we should take. Additionally, you will be invited to the meetings where discussions will take place on how to put those thoughts into the new strategic plan (Remember that this organization runs on volunteers, and I want to thank those people who have stepped up over the past year to make it all happen. Thanks for all you do. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meetings and field trips.

Take the Strategic Planning Survey HERE
We’re excited to hear your responses!

The GOAS Governance Committee Announces Notice of the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Board Members

2022-2023 (FY 23) Slate of Nominees:

President ......................... Becky Swearingen
Vice President ................. Ben Caruthers
Secretary ......................... Brooke Widmar
Treasurer ......................... David Catlin
Board ............................. Stacy Beller
Board ............................. Patty Hatcher
Board ............................. Carter Stoelzel
Board ............................. Cathy Webb
Past President .................... Greg Swick

All members in good standing may vote at the Membership Meeting, Thursday September 15, 2022 6:00 pm at the Springfield Botanical Center, 2400 S. Scenic Avenue, Springfield, MO 65807

GOAS CALENDAR

Board Meeting
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th
7:00 p.m. Watershed Center of the Ozarks Valley Water Mill Park

Membership Meeting
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Springfield Botanical Center

You Are Invited To Join The GREATER OZARKS CHAPTER—N04 OR THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY (NAS)
Membership in NAS includes:

- Greater Ozarks Audubon Membership
- Eight issues of the GOAS Scissortail
- Four issues of Audubon magazine

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IT’S THE FASTEST AND MOST SECURE WAY TO JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!
2. OR SEND A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO NAS with this form to:
   Greater Ozarks Audubon Society
   P. O. Box 3231
   Springfield, Missouri 65808-3231
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GOAS Seed Sale Announcement

The 31st Annual Sale is Saturday November 19, 8:00 am-3:00 pm

- Order forms will be mailed, included with the GOAS Scissortail, posted on the webpage, and in social media—Earlier to allow adequate time to receive and fill your orders: Available in mid-October.
- New in 2022! We’re offering a fillable form to order and pay by credit card.
- You may still mail your order with a check to our P.O. Box, or call the chair—please follow-up, mailing your check, promptly.

Thanks to Myra Scroggs who organizes sale day volunteers to load seed into cars, and helps with bulk mailing. Greg Samuel does the heavy lifting in the truck to organize the seed and fill your orders, while Cathy and Shane Webb pick up the truck, and the seed. Kudos to all volunteers who have helped at the sale, making it a success. Please join us; it’s a fun, social time to greet friends and some folks we see just once a year!

We sell seed harvested this summer, so it’s the freshest and most nutritious you can purchase anywhere, buying at wholesale to offer pricing that benefits our customers and GOAS. Please forward this newsletter and the order form to family, friends, & neighbors who love watching and feeding birds. Mark your calendars. The seed sale is ON!

Updates will appear here and on the webpage. Please contact: Lisa Berger, Seed Sale Chair, 417-860-9108 with any questions.

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