



GOAS *Scissortail*

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APRIL CALENDAR

GOAS BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 9th

7:00 p.m. Quail Creek Center

GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 18th

7:00 p.m. Program

Springfield Conservation Nature Center

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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE

GREATER OZARKS CHAPTER

OF THE

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

Membership in the National Audubon Society includes:

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TWEETS

David Catlin, GOAS Chapter President

The recent arrival of the movie "Oz the Great and Powerful" caused me to think about the classic 1939 film on which it is based, and that memorable scene in which the Wizard urges Dorothy and her friends to "pay no attention to that man behind the curtain!"

There is a lot of lever-pulling and button-pushing behind the scenes of the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society, too, and generally members pay no attention to that, either. Once a year, though, we do drag our organizational machinery out of mothballs and parade it down the "Main Street" of a meeting . . . and we'll be doing so this month at the nature center on our usual third Thursday.

Your Audubon chapter is run by a dedicated group of volunteers who contribute a lot of time, energy, and personal dedication to ensure that field trips are fun, programs are engaging, the website is informative, the newsletter is timely, and real bird conservation work gets accomplished in southwest Missouri. The organization has grown a lot in the last few years. We now have over 700 members in a 12-county region, oversee an annual budget approaching \$30,000, and, in GLADE, operate what is arguably the premier teen conservation leadership program in the state of Missouri.

Once a year we invite your participation in the mechanism of your club. At the April meeting, we will give you a brief annual report, ask you to approve some changes to our by-laws (described elsewhere in this issue), and vote in a new set of Board members and officers.

(The list of folks nominated for those positions is contained here in the *Scissortail* as well.)



I also ask you to join me in thanking the Board members and officers who have completed their terms of service and are stepping down. Ruby Ball leaves the Board following what is at least her second period of service (I lose track!); she oversees our Hospitality Committee and puts in many hours working along South Creek and elsewhere and has been a quiet but passionate advocate for birds and conservation. Ann Liles departs her post as Secretary; she has been a vital voice of good business sense and a contributor to our Program Committee's great work. Dan Liles is the other lead on the Program Committee and the force behind our Bird Seed Sale, a job that takes great organization and many hours. Sue Schuble is a whirlwind of energy for GOAS, heading the Education Committee, leading the creation of a new water feature and birding trail at Close Memorial Park, and still finding time to travel all over the world and report back to us in frequent programs. Finally, Myra Scroggs finishes her role as Past President, ending an official period of service that goes all the way back to 2003. I have valued her wisdom and dedication.

I am ending my term as President as well, though I won't be going anywhere—I remain on the Board as Past President. I think you'll still be seeing a lot of the folks I just named, too, even though their Board positions will end. They're all behind-the-scenes wizards in their own ways, and I hope will keep playing parts. I invite you to play your own part in a small way by joining us at this month's meeting!

THE GREATER OZARKS AUDUBON SOCIETY ANNOUNCES THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, April 18, 2013, 7:00 p.m., at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center

Business to come before the membership includes the election of the officers and directors for the society, and consideration of proposed amendments to the society's bylaws.

Many amendments address changing the month of the annual meeting from April to September. This will better align the society's current operational structure with budget and fiscal planning, and the election, installation, and transition of new officers and directors.

An amendment is proposed to lower the dollar amount of checks requiring two signatures. Fiscal oversight is warranted for the society's more complex budget and financial transactions.

Proposed changes to selected committees' structure specify additional roles for a committee, and, or clarify ways committees work together. Amendments also reflect new opportunities for the society to communicate through electronic and social media.

Additional amendments correct typographical errors.

Please see the slate of officers and directors, and the proposed bylaws amendments below.

GOAS Nominating Committee

Ruth Grant, Chair, Myra Scroggs, and Marvin DeJong present the 2013 Slate of Officer and Board of Director Nominees

Ruth Grant.....	President
Greg Swick.....	Vice-President
Jim Fossard.....	Secretary
Dick Stiefvater.....	Treasurer
Lisa Berger.....	Director
Jan Carter.....	Director
Kathleen Cowens.....	Director
Marvin DeJong.....	Director
Andrew Kinslow.....	Director
Emily Samuel.....	Director
Greg Samuel.....	Director
Mary Sturdevant.....	Director



Bob Ball photo
We invite you to the April chapter program by Bob Ball: Flora and Fauna of America's Southwest Deserts. Western Tanager is framed by cactus in background.

Proposed Changes to the GOAS Bylaws To Be Considered at the Annual Meeting, April 18, 2013

(To get a complete version of the bylaws showing these proposed revisions in context, contact Dave Catlin at dcatlin754@sbcglobal.net)

Article III, Section 7.

- Change "form" to "from" [Corrects a typographical error.]

Article IV, Section 2.

- Change "April" to "September." [Moves the annual membership meeting from April to September.]
- Add "The President and Treasurer shall report on the activities and financial condition of the corporation at the annual meeting." [Complies with State of Missouri requirements.]
- Delete "at the close of business of the annual meeting" and replace with "October 1 following." [Delays the installation of new Board Members and officers to provide for a smoother transition.]
- Replace "May" with "October." [Invites departing Board Members and Officers to attend one Board meeting following the installation of the new Members and Officers.]

Article IV, Section 4

- Replace “April” with “September.” [Refers to the proposed new month of the annual membership meeting.]

Article VI, Section 5

- Replace “if” with “of.” [Corrects a typographical error.]

Article VI, Section 8

- Replace “April” with “September” in two locations, and replace “March” with “August.” [Changes the fiscal year of the corporation from April 1-March 31 to September 1-August 31.]

Article VI, Section 9

- Replace “three thousand” with “one thousand” and “\$3,000.00” with “\$1,000.00,” [Lowers the amount of a check required to be signed by two Officers.]

Article VII, Section 1

- Replace “January” with “April.” [Changes the date of appointment of a Nominating Committee to correspond with the proposed change to the election date.]
- Add “website.” [Adds the GOAS website as a way that members can be notified of the names of the Nominating Committee.]

Article VII, Section 2

- Replace “at the next April annual meeting” with “on the next September 30.” [Changes the deadline for nominations to correspond to the proposed change to the election date.]
- Add “through the SOCIETY’S newsletter, website, or other publication; or by mail or email; or . . .” [Adds ways that the Nominating Committee can report to the members (besides at a regular meeting).]
- Replace “one (1) month” with “two (2) weeks.” [Reduces the minimum notice required for the Nominating Committee to report to the members.]
- Replace “April” with “September.” [Corresponds with the earlier proposed change to the election date.]

Article VIII, Section 3

- Delete “and” and add “and refreshments.” [Adds a duty to the responsibilities of the Membership Committee.]
- Add “coordinate the conservation activities of the SOCIETY, including both resource-management work and policy-related activities. It shall organize and oversee habitat management and related work done by the SOCIETY alone or in partnership with other organizations. It shall. . . .” [Adds duties to the responsibilities of the Conservation Committee.]
- Add “social media . . . avenues.” [Adds social media to the responsibilities of the Publicity Committee.]
- Add “The Committee shall also maintain the Society’s website.” [Adds responsibility for the website to the Publications Committee.]

At the end of the bylaws, replace “April 20, 2010” with “April 18, 2013.” [Reflects the date of the most recent changes to the bylaws.]

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Our mission is to promote bird conservation in southwest Missouri through birdwatching, education, habitat preservation and restoration, and public awareness, for the benefit of humanity and wildlife.

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Right: A male Lazuli Bunting molts into breeding (alternate) plumage. Bob Ball photography.



Bob Ball photo

SPRING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES—TIME TO GET OUTDOORS! Lake Springfield Spruce-Up Day

The Springfield-Greene County Parks Department and GOAS will again host a Volunteer Day event April 6 (rain date, April 13) 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Meet at the Lake Springfield Boathouse. Participants will cut and remove cedar trees, haul chips, and maintain trails. Bring heavy work gloves, and wear sturdy boots or shoes. For more information about volunteering, call Dave Catlin, 889-9940. **The Parks Department will furnish lunch and drinks! Please call Ellen, 864-1051, to reserve your lunch, so they know how much food to purchase and prepare!**

South Creek Clean-up and Work Day

For more than 10 years, GOAS has maintained South Creek as an urban stream that provides an oasis of native habitat for wildlife. During spring migration many neotropical migrants can be seen in the trees there, butterflies flit among the flowers and frogs can be found in the water. Maintaining this habitat requires help from a lot of folks, so join the group for a satisfying morning of pitching in! Meet at 9:00 a.m. on April 13, at the McDaniel Park at National and Sunset. We will pull out downed limbs and debris, including trash. Wear heavy work gloves and waterproof footwear if possible. Bring a water bottle and tools. We will work until noon. See you there!

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...



Back by popular demand, Bob Ball returns to present *Flora and Fauna of America's Four Southwest Deserts*, at the April meeting. Bob's legendary photography is always a treat, as he weaves stunning images throughout a travelogue.

Bob is a retired economist and nature photo hobbyist with over 38 years of experience. He is a self-taught naturalist and interested in everything in the natural world. He enjoys turning others on to the wonders of nature through his photographs. His photos have been published in several regional and national magazines, sometimes accompanying articles he has written.

For more than 16 years, Bob has volunteered as a naturalist at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, where he shares his photography and love of nature.

Come at 6:30 pm, Thursday April 18th for refreshments and to socialize. The program will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by the membership meeting at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4601 Nature Center Way (off Business Highway 65).

Dan and Ann Liles, Program Chairs



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