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## THOUGHTS FROM THE TRAIL

By Myra Scroggs, GOAS Chapter President

Welcome back to our fall activities! I am looking forward to a great year. Since we last met in May, many of our members have had a busy summer with a variety of GOAS activities. Our TogetherGreen Volunteer Days Grant, guided by Charley Burwick, was a huge success involving several hundred volunteers donating hundreds of hours of work. Our sixth and last TG event, Green Fest, was held at South Creek late in May. Many community organizations set up displays to show how to live “green”, Bo Brown’s band provided entertainment, and Sue Schuble gave live animal presentations for the zoo. Ruby Ball, Dorothy Thurman, Mary Murphy and Kay Johnson took participants on nature walks on the prairie, while Jan Miller gave away prizes, and Jane Simpson conducted kids’ activities. Many more GOAS volunteers helped pull Green Fest together.

June brought the culmination of a year’s work on GLADE, the brainchild of Lisa Berger and Janice Greene and enthusiastically directed by Greg Swick. The outpouring of GOAS volunteers helping with GLADE was astonishing. No sooner was GLADE 2009 over than planning for GLADE 2010 was in full swing, as we were awarded another TogetherGreen Innovation grant of \$15,000.

Meanwhile, throughout the spring and summer, Jan Carter, Sue Schuble, Drew and Tara Albert were weekly monitoring our 4 bluebird trails. The trails resulted in the fledging of 224 Eastern Bluebirds, 67 Tree Swallows, and 18 House Wrens!



Good job folks!

Recently we have been working on setting up a Speakers’ Cadre. Marvin De Jong, Jerry Vineyard, Bob Ball, Sue Schuble, Dorothy Thurman and Carol Snyder have a variety of programs they are willing to share with community groups of all ages. If you belong to a group looking for some outstanding programs, check with our speakers.

Finally, Charley Burwick has put together a field trip schedule with some interesting new, accessible destinations close to home. Please join us on field trips. See you at September meeting!

## GREEN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY A SUCCESS!

By Greg Swick, GLADE Director



Our new GOAS project in environmental education was a tremendous success and continues to make a positive difference for young naturalists and their southwest Missouri communities. Today, I reflect upon and share the experience.

The vision of a Green Leadership Academy for Diverse Ecosystems (GLADE) became a reality when GOAS received a TogetherGreen innovation grant, one of 41 nationwide. But the story of GLADE began many years ago when Lisa Berger and Dr. Janice Greene, discussed GOAS/

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MSU possibilities for Drury-Mincy Conservation Area and the MSU Bull Shoals Field Station in a local Panera restaurant.

I was so excited when Lisa asked me to come on board. I offered up the acronym GLADE, for Green Leadership Academy for Diverse Ecosystems. It seemed right for our project, set in the White River Glades and Woodlands Important Bird Area (IBA). Our first GLADE mission became clear: to bring back to the region sustainable populations of Swainson’s Warbler, Bachman’s Sparrow, and other riparian and glade inhabiting species.

We recruited intelligent teens into our academically rigorous, service learning experiment in conservation biology. Pre-screened by area high school teachers, 16 students were selected from highly qualified applicants. Biological experts, conservation professionals, and graduate students were lined up to introduce the students to scientific research, to share their knowledge and insight, and to demonstrate how scientific method is used to shape conservation-related public policy. Our second GLADE mission came into focus: to create a new generation of environmental leaders.

We incorporated group problem solving activities to teach teamwork and grassroots leadership. Drawing from natural examples, we would teach character traits and leadership qualities. Extroverts would be encouraged to listen to nature and their peers, for insight into the challenges presented. Introverts would be convinced that

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Directing GLADE was a humbling and unforgettable experience for me, largely due to the generosity of over 50 GOAS members and friends. To say that it couldn't have been done without you is a major understatement! Every time I turned around, someone was there to take care of things, no matter how small, or enormous, the task was. You all know who you are. Please know that I am deeply appreciative of your efforts!

I shouldn't be surprised though; this is the way GOAS is with everything. You truly exemplify what Margaret Mead meant when she said: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." GOAS is just the best, always seeking out and creating partnerships with whomever shares our love for birds and our common vision of a sustainable Ozarks. It is a great privilege to be a part of this thoughtful group of committed citizens! So, thank you so much for your part in making GLADE a great success!

Greg Swick,  
GLADE Director

## GOAS FALL CALENDAR AND FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE—2009

DATE	DAY	TIME	TRIP DESCRIPTION and KEY	MEETING PLACE	LEADER
Sept 12	Saturday	8-11am	Watershed Center/Valley Water Mill 25th Anniversary Celebration ½d/h Activities until 3pm; includes canoe race	destination	Charley Burwick 860-9505
Sept 16	Wed	10am	GOAS Adopt-A-Street Clean-Up Bring gloves; trash bags furnished	S. Heights Church	Betty Johnson 887-5131
Sept 19	Saturday	8-11am	Ritter Springs Park Migrants ½d/w/gb	destination	Mary Murphy 863-8475
Sept 25 Sept 27	Friday- Sunday	5pm- 1pm	ASM Fall Meeting, Camp Clover Point www.mobirds.org	Lake of the Ozarks	Lisa Berger 882-1017
Sept 26	Saturday	8-11am	Ward Branch Greenway Trailhead Fall migrants ½d/cp/w/gb	Remington's	Jan Miller 889-1170
Oct 3	Saturday	7am- 4pm	Wah'Kon-Ta, Schell-Osage, Taberville Migrants/early sparrows ad/cp/w/bls/frs	North Lowe's	Charley Burwick 860-9505
Oct 10	Saturday	7am- 4pm	Audubon Missouri Annual Meeting Field trip to High Lonesome Prairie Cole Camp Prairie Days	Cole Camp, MO	Charley Burwick 860-9505
Oct 10	Saturday	8-10am	Lake Springfield Fall migrants ¼d/w/gb	Boat House	David Catlin 889-1871
Oct 17	Saturday	8-11am	South Creek Greenway Trail Migrants ¼d/w/gb	Forest Institute	Dorothy Thurman 887-6796
Oct 24	Saturday	8-noon	Bois D'Arc CA Sparrows ½d/cp/h/frs	West Wal-Mart	Lisa Berger 882-1017
Oct 31	Saturday	8-11am	Valley Water Mill Sparrows ½/cp/h/gb	destination	David Catlin 889-1871
Nov 8	Sunday	5-8pm	Owl Prowl ¼d/cp/w/gb/frs	West Wal-Mart	Jerry Williams 732-1333
Nov 14	Saturday	8-11am	Fellows Lake Waterfowl ½d/cp/frs	destination	Greg Swick 581-2757
Nov 18	Wed	10am	GOAS Adopt-A-Street Clean-Up Brings gloves; trash bags furnished	S. Heights Church	Betty Johnson 887-5131
Nov 21	Saturday	8am-4pm	19th Annual Bird Seed Sale GOAS Annual Fundraiser volunteers welcome	Smillie's Grocery	Steve Scroggs 883-4015
Dec 5	Saturday	8am-3pm	Aldridge and Stockton Lake Dam area Waterfowl ad/cp/w/bls/frs	North Lowe's	Charley Burwick 860-9505

*See field trip description key and event location directions on reverse page*

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Dec 8	Tuesday	7-8pm	Springfield Conservation Nature Center Springfield CBC organizational meeting Taney Co. CBC organizational meeting	destination	David Blevins 881-0732 Charley Burwick 860-9505
Dec 12	Saturday	8am-3pm	Lockwood and Golden City area Raptors/Cooky's ad/cp/sm/frs	West Wal-Mart	Lisa Berger 882-1017
Dec 19	Saturday	see teams 6-8pm	Springfield Christmas Bird Count Compilation and pot luck Chesterfield Family Center	team defined	David Blevins 881-0732
Jan 1	Friday	7am 6pm	Taney County Christmas Bird Count Compilation and Chili dinner/pot luck	Hollister McDonald's MSU Mincy House	Charley Burwick 860-9505
Jan 17	Sunday	2-6pm	SGF Area Waterfowl Hotspots Wintering waterfowl ½d/cp/frs	Olive Garden	Myra Scroggs 883-4015



### FIELD TRIP DESCRIPTION KEY

- ½d-half day trip usually ending at or before noon
- ad-all day trip usually ending late afternoon
- cp-carpool option. Leave cars at meeting location and carpool to field trip site
- w-light walking over smooth trails
- h-moderate walking over an extended period with some rough terrain
- bls-bring lunch, snacks, drinks. Food and water may not be available to purchase.
- mp-meal provided by GOAS
- sm-stopping for meal
- gb-trip is especially good for beginners, but all levels of birders will be present
- rr-registration required. Consult trip leader, newsletter, or website for information
- frs—bring frs radios set to 11/22 to stay in contact

GOAS field trips are open to anyone regardless of birding skill or chapter membership, and beginning birders are especially welcome. The times listed are departures, so please arrive promptly. We carpool on many trips, with the passengers and driver sharing the cost of gasoline. Bring snacks, drinks, or lunch, unless it is specified that we are stopping for a meal. Also bring binoculars, or notify the field trip leader if you need them. If you have any questions, contact Field Trip Chair Charley Burwick, 860-9505, ozarkbirder@gmail.com. Leaders, please complete a checklist and forward to Dean Rising, Bird Recorder, DRRising@mchsi.com.

### EVENT LOCATIONS

- Watershed Center:** 2300 E. Valley Water Mill Rd. Glenstone north to Z or Valley Water Mill Road (VWMR); east on VWMR to FR 171; north on 171 to VWMR; east on VWMR to Watershed Center entrance.
- Ritter Springs Park:** Highway 13 north to FR 194; west on 194 to FR 129; north on 129 to park entrance. Meet in parking area.
- West Wal-Mart:** 3520 W. Sunshine, at the SW corner of Sunshine and West Bypass. Meet in the NW corner of the parking lot.
- Southern Heights Bible Church:** 2228 S. Jefferson, south of the corner of Jefferson and Seminole. Meet in the church parking lot.
- North Lowe's:** 1701 W. Norton Rd, NW of the corner of Kansas and I-44. Meet in the NE corner of the parking lot.
- Remington's:** 1655 W. Republic Rd. Meet on the W side of the parking lot.
- Smillie's IGA Grocery Store:** 1421 S. Glenstone; parking lot corner of Glenstone and Bennett.
- Forest Institute:** 2885 W. Battlefield. West on Battlefield to South Forest Village Drive (SFVD); north on SFVD until road ends at parking area.
- Lake Springfield Boathouse:** Lake Springfield entrance east to boathouse.
- Springfield Conservation Nature Center:** 3600 S. Chrisman. Glenstone south to Nature Center entrance.
- Olive Garden:** 3105 S. Glenstone; corner of Glenstone and Battlefield. Meet in the S side of the parking lot.

**Notice of Proposal to Amend GOAS By-Laws  
at the GOAS Membership Meeting  
October 20, 2009 8:00 pm, Springfield Conservation Nature Center**

The board requires the flexibility to conduct business between regularly scheduled meetings and during the summer. The GOAS board of directors proposes that the By-Laws be amended by adding the following text to the end of Article V, Section 9:

*If any action is taken without a meeting, the consent of each director to said action may be made in writing or by electronic transmission, such as a fax or an email, acknowledging such consent. Within 30 days following said action, a written consent signed by each director shall be submitted and kept in the records of the organization.*

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even very small voices can convey viable solutions to environmental challenges.

Common interests bring people together, and that was certainly the case as GLADE campers arrived. They shared their love for the outdoors, but their backgrounds crossed lines of culture, income, and family security. Differences were set aside, however, as common visions of "green" emerged over the course of a week.

Sunday evening students were given their new "Green Tool Kit", a backpack full of conservation essentials: binoculars, field guides, work gloves, water bottles, and books.

On Monday, GLADEsters became foresters, measuring trees and collecting data using transects in burned and unburned areas. Students discovered that prescribed burns can increase biodiversity and that glades can be islands of biodiversity within Ozarks forests.

Monday evening GOAS member Andrew Kinslow's presentation on the plight of neotropical migrants was outstanding. At 6:00 am Tuesday morning, he unfurled mist nets. Students were taught the ethics of bird banding and eagerly awaited the first catch of the day. "Got one", soon echoed across the valley.

A young Carolina Wren was bagged and taken in for measurements, aging, weighing, and banding. As students held the fragile bird, the "magic" of discovery appeared on their faces. Neotropicals followed. Two Indigo Buntings, a Yellow-throated Vireo, and a Kentucky Warbler were mist netted, banded, held, and released. The GLADE fledglings them-

selves were beginning to fly!

But we had only begun. Ruby Ball brought newly emerged Monarchs for the students to release. Dr. Brian Greene, Missouri State herpetologist, shared his research results, busting myths about Cottonmouths. We then ventured out to "herp" ponds, collecting multiple salamanders, frogs, and insect species. Near dusk, Brian brought out his beautiful, but venomous Cottonmouth, Copperhead, and Pygmy Rattlesnake. It seemed the academy couldn't get any better, but it was only Tuesday and there was much more to come!

Nothing transforms humans more than connecting with another species on a personal level. A bird in the hand has that power, but it can happen on many levels and with many species. For example, an acorn doesn't know it will become a mighty oak. It simply follows a natural impulse to sink its roots deeply into the damp, nourishing soil and to continually reach for the light. Natural metaphors drawn from acorns, and other natural things serve as character building examples for our young people as they grow into responsible adults. These metaphors form a powerful component of the GLADE model, and serve to forge relationships as the week progresses.

The sweltering, high 90's heat of Wednesday truly tested the relationships and characters of our young recruits. Giant cane restoration was the order of the day, and the "GLADE-iators" worked tirelessly and joyously. In the process of "giving back" to the environment, they collectively discovered the joy of connecting with Nature..... and with each other.

**19th Annual Bird Seed Sale  
November 21, 2009**

**Smillie's IGA, Corner of Glenstone  
& Bennett 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

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**Steve Scroggs 883-4015  
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Their enthusiasm was contagious to all!

Every GLADE student was now eager to be a spokesperson for the project. Several spoke to reporters with confidence, insight, and knowledge about biodiversity, Giant Cane, and Swainson's Warblers. See all the stories at [www.greenleadershipacademy.org/gladeinthenews.html](http://www.greenleadershipacademy.org/gladeinthenews.html)

The last days of camp consisted of one joyous adventure after another. We escaped the heat in Tumbling Creek Cave, Tom Aley's Ozark Underground Laboratory. We collected nocturnal insects and studied their form and function with Dr. Chris Barnhart of Missouri State University. We collected aquatic specimens and water samples from Bee Creek and Bull Shoals Reservoir, comparing lake and stream ecosystems. We enjoyed an evening of microscopes, music, and memories from our short week together.

On Saturday morning, students entertained parents and guests with their own PowerPoint presentations from each day of GLADE. Each participant received a \$100 grant to develop a "green" project in their home community. All left with new friends and new visions; empowered to shape their home communities in green, sustainable ways. We now await the results of our experiment.

"This morning a golden glow hangs over the White River Glades and Woodlands. Some say it's the energy emanating from sixteen exceptional GLADE participants' life transforming experiences", Lisa Berger wrote. I'm equally certain that something significant and lasting occurred in the lives these young people, who simply "acted today to shape tomorrow".



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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th  
**GOAS BOARD MEETING**  
7:00 pm, Springfield Conservation Nature Center

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th  
**GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
6:30 pm refreshments; 7:00 pm program

SEPTEMBER 25-27th  
**ASM FALL MEETING**  
Camp Clover Point, Lake Ozark, Mo

*Visit Rocky Mountain National Park with guide, Marvin De Jong at September's program*

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**THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...**

Marvin De Jong (pronounced dee young, accent on the "young") taught Physics at College of the Ozarks for 36 years. The Nobel Prize in Physics has eluded him for an equal length of time. More recently, he has taught on-line courses at MSU and Drury University. Since retiring, he and his much younger wife Claudia have volunteered for six months in Sitka, Alaska and for five months at Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge in south Texas. They have also done some traveling to Alaska, Southwestern United States, Mexico, and Costa Rica. Including traveling, they enjoy canoeing, sailing, hiking, birding, and almost any other outdoor activity. They live on a small farm south of Ozark, Missouri, and a river runs through it. You are all invited to come out in the spring and look for wood warblers.

In 2008, Marvin visited Rocky Mountain National Park on two occasions, and the program documents these trips. Included are the birds and animals of RMNP and some scenery thrown in to help appreciate this national park. This is an appropriate time of year to focus on a national park, since we all eagerly await Ken Burns' public television special on our National Park system. This series of programs premieres on Sept. 27 on OPT. Of course, my photos will not live up to Burns' photographs, for if they did I would be working for him rather than being an ex-professor. My budget was also considerably less than his as well. Enjoy a National Park with your friends while sitting in a comfortable chair.

Come at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, September 15th. The program will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by the membership meeting at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4600 South Chrisman (off Business Highway 65).

*Dan and Ann Liles, Program Chairs*