

2008-09 SLATE OF OFFICERS AND PROPOSED BUDGET

The Winnebago Audubon Society will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers and board members and to approve the proposed budget for 2009-10 on May 2 at the Spring Banquet.

The board presents the following 2009-10 slate of officers:

President: Janet Wissink

Vice President: Pat Nichols

Secretary: Zaiga Freivalds

Treasurer: Dave Moon

Board of Directors: Carla Hansen, Tom Underwood

Dave Hanke and Evelyn Meuret will each serve another year as directors to fulfill their 2-year term.

If you would like to nominate someone, or know of someone who might be interested in serving on the board, please contact one of the officers listed on page 4. We would very much like to have more members take an active role in our chapter. Janet, Pat, Zaiga and Dave have all served beyond their terms as outlined by our bylaws, but are willing to continue until new officers are found.

The following budget has been approved by the WAS Board. Please take this opportunity to review it. If you have any questions, please call Dave Moon, 235-4429, PRIOR to the May 2 annual meeting. The membership will be asked to approve this budget at the meeting.

Income:

Audubon Adventures Sponsors	\$ 700.00
Audubon Membership Shares	771.00
New Member Dues	300.00
Birdathon Pledges	1,000.00
Activities	400.00
Donations/Grants.....	2,000.00
Fundraisers	745.00
Interest.....	1.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,917.00

Expenses:

Annual Report	\$ 10.00
Audubon Adventures Classrooms	1,000.00
Dues & Memberships.....	120.00
Donations.....	100.00
Fundraisers	350.00
Liability Insurance.....	250.00
Newsletter Postage.....	450.00
Newsletter Paper and Printing.....	300.00
P.O. Box Rental.....	97.00
Programs	300.00
Rental (Meeting Place).....	200.00
Activities.....	2640.00
Website.....	100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$5,917.00

Alaska's Conservation Challenges

**If you missed the informative presentation
by Lauren Hierl, National Audubon Alaska Policy Associate,
here is a summary of the issues**

Alaska is by far the largest state in the US, and contains unparalleled public lands and wildlife. Many species that are rare or declining in the Lower 48 are still thriving and abundant in Alaska, such as salmon, wolves and grizzly bears. Alaska also provides a home to rare species like America's entire polar bear population, Steller's and spectacled eiders, musk oxen, and wolverines.

In the Arctic region of Alaska, oil and gas development threaten some of the most productive and important wildlife habitats.

One area of particular concern is the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. This region is often described as "America's Serengeti" for its abundant and diverse wildlife and pristine, untouched nature. Audubon and partners have worked to get legislation introduced in the US House and Senate to permanently protect this region from development, and will continue working hard to get this legislation passed.

Similarly, Teshekpuk Lake in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska has been under threat in recent years. This area is one of the most important wetland complexes in the entire Arctic, and provides valuable calving and nursing grounds for caribou plus nesting grounds for millions of birds, including tens of thousands of geese who come to the area from all over the world to molt.

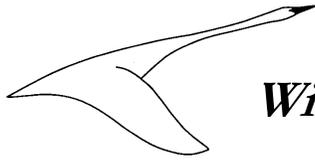
Last year the Bush administration tried to open this incomparable region to oil and gas leasing, but there was a

huge public outcry from across the country that led the Bush administration to put a 10-year moratorium on leasing in the Teshekpuk Lake region. We are excited by this temporary victory, but are still working hard to get this area permanently protected.

Audubon is also working to conserve lands in the Tongass National Forest, our country's largest national forest. This area contains the largest remaining extent of old-growth coastal temperate rainforest in the world. Logging over the past 50+ years has destroyed much of the old growth forest.

Audubon and TNC recently conducted a large-scale study to identify the most important remaining wildlife habitats in the Tongass. This study has been the baseline for negotiations with people in various industries in the region to try and conserve a large portion of the remaining intact forest, while restoring areas previously damaged by logging, and allowing the local way-of-life and communities to thrive. Negotiations continue, and we hope to get federal legislation introduced to protect millions of acres of the Tongass within the next couple years.

Anyone interested in learning more about these issues or who wants to take action to help protect our amazing public lands in Alaska should contact Lauren Hierl (lhierl@audubon.org). Great ways to stay involved include Letters to the Editor, in-district meetings or contacting your legislators.



Winnebago Audubon Society

Spring Banquet

Featuring

“The Nature of Quilts”

By Anita Carpenter



Saturday, May 2, 2009

Robbins Restaurant
1810 Omro Road, Oshkosh

5:30 pm Social, Quilt Display and “Scavenger Hunt”

6:30 pm Dinner

Dinner will be followed by a brief meeting and the presentation of the Katherine D. Rill Environmental Award.

The highlight of the evening will be Anita Carpenter and her original quilts.

Anita will share with us how she found a way to piece together her passion for nature and her obsession to quilt in a way that educates.

RSVP by Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Make your reservations early, seating is limited.



To make your reservation, please complete this form, enclose your check made payable to **Winnebago Audubon**, and mail to: Winnebago Audubon, PO Box 184, Oshkosh, WI 54903

For more information, please contact Janet Wissink, 920-589-2602 or wiss@centurytel.net

Entrée Choice for each attendee: (Please circle entrée choice after each name.) **Cost: \$15.00** per person
(Dinners include Spring Garden Salad, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Rolls, Butter, and Beverage (Coffee, Tea or Milk))

A. Filet of Sirloin **B.** Lemon Chicken **C.** Grilled Salmon w/dill sauce **D.** Vegetable Lasagna (no potato)

Name _____ **A.** **B.** **C.** **D.**

A children’s menu (age 10 & under) will be available and can be paid for the night of the banquet.

Please indicate how many children you will be bringing. _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

Total enclosed for Dinner:
\$15.00 x _____ = \$_____