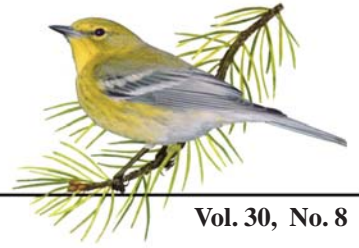


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Mark Your Calendars!

The Spring Creek Christmas Bird Count will be held on Saturday, December 18.

Al Barr can provide details by phone 281-443-6629 or by e-mail (albarr@comcast.net). If you have participated before, please plan to join the group again. Newcomers are very welcome! Times and places will appear in the December Pine Warbler.

A News Note:

The Citizens Environmental Coalition of Houston makes conservation awards each year and awards them at a special luncheon. This year, Gary and Kathy Adams Clark won the Media Award for their work for the Houston Chronicle, their lectures and interest in the environment. Renee Brawner, a teacher in East Chamber ISD, won the Environmental Education Award. Renee taught at Bolivar Elementary several years ago and introduced sea turtle conservation to her students. They formed the Turtle Trackers group and took beach walks as often as possible during the school year.

Congratulations to Gary, Kathy and Renee!



November Presentation It's Sea Turtle Time Again!

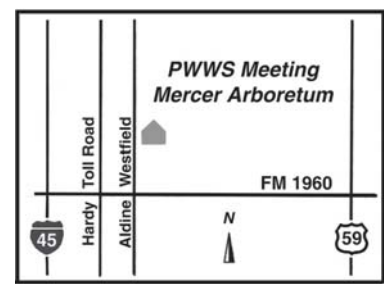


No, you haven't seen the documentary that Carole Allen will introduce at the November 16 meeting! Underway for five years, "The Heartbreak Turtle Today," replaces a 30 year old film released by the University of Houston in 1979 called "The Heartbreak Turtle." The film was seen then on PBS stations across the country and was the wake-up call needed to help the Kemp's ridley sea turtles escape extinction. The 28 minute film includes brief interviews with the pioneers who helped the ridleys recover. The documentary was almost done when the oil spill occurred forcing another look at the future of this endangered sea turtle.

The film was viewed for the first time by a small private audience at the Zoo on October 28 and our PWWS meeting will be the first "public showing." The new documentary is dedicated to our own Karen Stockton and Marina Giggelman of Corpus Christi. Marina was killed in an ATV accident while patrolling for sea turtles at the Padre Island National Seashore two years ago. Karen educated thousands of local residents about the sea turtles with a beautiful, original musical presentation.

Date: November 16
Time: Social 7:00 p.m.
Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

**Mercer
Arboretum**
22307 Aldine-Westfield



Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action.

-W.J. Cameron





Heart Happenings

Premier Showing of Sea Turtle Documentary



Rachel Rommel of the Conservation Department of the Zoo with Carole Allen. Photo by Jim Bailey, Sunset Productions.

The first viewing of "The Heartbreak Turtle Today" was held at the Zoo on October 28. Over 70 guests attended the event including Sheena and Matt Abernathy, Al and Carole Barr, Carol and David Lowrey and Deborah and Terry Wilson of PWWS. Representatives of National Marine Fisheries Service, the National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Texas A&M University at Galveston patrol program, the Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council, Moody Gardens, Piney Woods Wildlife Society, Jesse Jones Park, Sea Turtle Restoration Project, Help Endangered Animals-Ridley Turtles, Save Our Leatherbacks Operation, and the Houston Zoo enjoyed appetizers before the showing. Rita and John Williams who helped fund the documentary drove from Bryan. Each family received a copy of the DVD.



Larry McKenna of Kingwood who is the founder of SOLO (Save Our Leatherbacks Operation) and makes trips to Indonesia to work directly with inhabitants who are needed to guard the turtles when they nest. His wife is Bonnie McKenna, a well-known author, who has attended PWWS meetings. Larry thanked Carole for her work for the Kemp's ridley and presented her with a beautiful sterling silver necklace with a leatherback sea turtle design.

Update:

Farrar Stockton who was involved in a serious accident with Carlos Hernandez on October 28 is making great progress in his recovery. They were on their way to the Zoo for the premier showing of "The Heartbreak Turtle Today" when it happened. It will be a while before Farrar is ready for a birding trip, but we are thankful he is on the mend. Carlos was not seriously injured but he and his wife are now down to one car.

A Collection of Books

by Diane Cabiness,
Texas Master Naturalist

*"A book is like a garden carried in the pocket."
- Arabian Proverb*

What better way to start ones day or for that matter end ones day by picking up a book to read. Most public libraries now have Web-based catalogues. If you are considering donating a nature book, for example, whether it be on butterflies or native plants, check with your local library or your child's school library to see what kind of book they already have on nature issues.

You will need to check with the librarian and see what kind of policy they have for book donations that can be put on the shelf. When I was living in the Houston area for awhile several decades ago I checked out the public libraries in several neighborhoods. One of the libraries had not much to choose from in those days. Some libraries might dearly love to hear from you.

Community libraries may be easier to donate to than school libraries. Many libraries reserve the option to resale the books or simply discard them. The main library in Conroe has a book resale shop where surplus or unneeded books are sold for a low price. You might want to make sure the Head Librarian knows the title and author of the book you want to donate and would be agreeable for the book to be on their shelves.

Libraries generally will not accept books that have missing covers, damaged or mildewed pages. Do-



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