

# HOWARD

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## ANNUAL MEMBERS' PROGRAM NIGHT - FEBRUARY 8, THURSDAY

One of the most popular activities of the Howard Club is our annual potluck dinner with slides by members as the program. Bring your family or friends, a dozen of your favorite nature slide (if you have any), and a dish to share. For ease of planning check the enclosed membership list. If your name occurs from Basotto to S. Haviland bring a main dish, from Holmes to Munro a dessert, and from Nahrgang to Zucker a salad. If you find it inconvenient to bring the item listed call Gathy Williamson 730-0338 who is coordinating the meal and she will be glad to make an adjustment. Reservations are not absolutely necessary though if you can let Gathy know it would aid her planning. The business meeting is brief, the food delicious, and the slides excellent. We generally finish between 9 and 9:30 P.M. though you may feel free to leave earlier. Our generous hosts are Fred and Nan Rhinelanders whose home seems to expand to accommodate everyone (last year between 55-60 people). To reach their home go west on Rt. 108 to Homewood Road. Continue on Homewood, go straight at the stop at Sheppard's Lane where the road becomes Folly Quarter. Their lane is on the left beyond the Franciscan Friars (a mailbox on the right side of the road with the number 12541 is directly opposite their road). Continue straight to the end of the lane and their stone house. Phone 286-2427 if you need further instructions or if you are coming from another direction. Try to arrive between 6:30 and 6:45 P.M. If you can't make it for dinner you are welcome to drop in just for the slide show.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A BIRD?

There are ten bird specimens in need of mounting. Our mounted collection has been used extensively in our talks especially those given to children. It would be useful to mount the following: Kestrel, Barn Owl, Tree Sparrow, Mockingbird, Bobwhite, Yellowthroat, Mourning Dove, Ruby-crowned & Golden-crowned Kinglets, and Black-and-white Warbler. The Kestrel and Barn Owl already have sponsors. These birds cost from four to ten dollars to mount and a donation is tax-deductible. Call Jo Solem, 725-5037.

## CANOE RENTAL RAFFLE

The Howard Club has credit at the Jug Bay area of Patuxent River State Park for two canoe rentals. These will be raffled at the January and February meetings with drawings at the February potluck.

## SLIDE SHOW UPDATE

We will be updating the Winter Bird slide show next spring so while birds are at your feeders we'd like to urge photographers to take slides of our resident birds as well as the more exotic visitors. Pictures of feeders are also welcome.

## ESSAY CONTEST ENDS SOON

Now that the holidays are over take a little time to submit an entry to our nature observation essay contest. Entries are due Jan. 11--bring them to the meeting. Winners will be announced at the February meeting. Rules were in the Nov.-Dec. 1978 newsletter.

FIELD TRIPS AND PROGRAMS - HOWARD COUNTY CHAPTER, MOS (Jan. - June 1979)

Meeting place for all activities (unless specified): Swansfield elementary school, 5610 Cedar Lane, Columbia. Field Trip Chairman: Linda McDaniel, 992-7124.

- JAN. 11, THU. - MONTHLY MEETING. "Birds of the East Coast." George Halleron. Photography is his hobby; he has presented slide shows to groups in this area.
- JAN. 14, SUN. - FEEDER TRIP, EAST SIDE, COLUMBIA. For close observation of wintering birds. Meet at the Columbus Stop, Safeway Parking Lot, Long Reach Village Center. Time: 8:00 A.M. Leader: Eileen Glegg, 730-4362.
- FEB. 8, THU. - MONTHLY MEETING. Annual Members' Program Night. Details in this newsletter. Time: 6:30 P.M. Meeting Place: The Rhinelanders, 286-2427. Coordinator: Gathy Williamson, 730-0338.
- FEB. 10, SAT. - FEEDER TRIP, HOWARD COUNTY. If you missed the Jan. feeder trip, here's another opportunity to closely observe wintering birds. Time: 8:00 A.M. Leader: Nan Rhineland, 286-2427.
- FEB. 18, SUN. - A CHANGING HABITAT, DAVID FORGE COUNTY PARK. The first of three trips to this park, with emphasis on different aspects each trip, to observe the habitat as it changes through the seasons. Emphasis of this trip is on tree identification. Co-sponsored by the Howard Co. Dept. of Recreation & Parks. Time: 1:00 P.M. Leaders: Jo Solem, 725-5037 & Bill Eckert, 992-2484.
- FEB. 25, SUN. - FIELD TRIP FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN, WILDE LAKE. A chance for our younger members to see wintering waterfowl and local birds; parents may accompany their children. Time: 1:00 P.M. Leaders: Jonathan and Sheila Glanz, 730-4396.
- MAR. 4, SUN. - COLUMBIA LAKES. A good trip for beginning birders--easy identification of waterfowl and local birds. Time: 1:00 P.M. Leader: Gathy Williamson, 730-0338.
- MAR. 8, THU. - MONTHLY MEETING. "Birds, Botany, Herptiles of the Smokies and Southern Appalachians." "Kris" Krishnamoorthy. Marcia is the photographer. Both of these club members are ardent naturalists. The area is an exciting one.
- MAR. 25, SUN. - BOMBAY HOOK NWR. An all-day trip to observe waterfowl, shorebirds, and early migrants; bring lunch. Time: 7:00 A.M. Leader: Marty Chestem, 730-1527.
- MAR. 31, SAT. - AMPHIBIAN WALK. Limited to 15 members, age 9 and up; call leader to sign up. Bring flashlight. Waterproof footgear necessary; dress for cold. Time: 7:00 P.M. Leader: Jo Solem, 725-5037.
- APR. 7, SAT. - BLACKWATER NWR AND SANDY POINT STATE PARK. To see waterfowl, shorebirds, eagles, herons, and early spring birds. All day; bring lunch. Time: 7:00 A.M. Leader: John Glegg, 730-4362.
- APR. 9, MON. - DISCOVERY WALK - FAULKNER RIDGE, COLUMBIA. A continuation of our weekday walks to observe the flora and fauna of Columbia; co-sponsored by the Howard Co. Dept. of Recreation & Parks. Meet at Hesperus Dr. & Iron Pen Pl.; parents with children in strollers are welcome. Time: 9:30 A.M. Leaders: Jo Solem, 725-5037 & Bill Eckert, 992-2484.
- APR. 12, THU. - MONTHLY MEETING. Mary Leister, Howard County naturalist, columnist, and author. Details in next newsletter.

- APR. 14, SAT. - WILD FLOWER WALK, PATAPSCO STATE PARK, GLEN ARTINGY AREA. An opportunity to see beautiful spring wild flowers. Bring a hand lens or magnifying glass.  
Time: 8:00 A.M. Leaders: Jo Solem, 725-5037; Chuck Dupree 796-1086.  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.
- APR. 17, TUE. - DISCOVERY WALK - LAKg PLKHORN, COLUMBIA. Meet at Boat Dock; parents with children in strollers are welcome.  
Time: 9:30 A.M. Leaders: Marcia Krishnamoorthy, 997-5967 & Bill Eckert, 992-2484.
- APR. 20, FRI. - WOODCOCK WALK. To observe the courtship flight of the woodcock. Poison Ivy is in the area so long pants and long-sleeved shirts should be worn, but not light-colored clothes. Limited to 15 people (members only), age 9 and up; call Linda McDaniel, 992-7124, to sign up.  
Time: 6:15 P.M. promptly! Leader: Al Geis, a woodcock expert.
- APR. 22, SUN. - A CHANGING HABITAT, DAVID FORGg COUNTY PARK. The emphasis of this trip will be on wild flower identification; bring a hand lens or magnifying glass.  
Time: 1:00 P.M. Leaders: Marcia Krishnamoorthy, 997-5967, & Bill Eckert, 992-2484.
- APR. 25, WED. - DISCOVERY WALK - SYMPHONY WOODS, COLUMBIA. Meet at the Children's Zoo parking lot.  
Time: 9:30 A.M. Leaders: Alice Kretz, 730-7694, & Bill Eckert, 992-2484.
- MAY 3, THU. - DISCOVERY WALK - LONG REACH, COLUMBIA. Meet at Tamar Dr. & Phelps Luck Dr.; parents with children in strollers are welcome.  
Time: 9:30 A.M. Leaders: Marjorie Mountjoy, 730-5873 & Bill Eckert, 992-2484.
- MAY 5, SAT. = HOWARD COUNTY MAY COUNT AND POTLUCK TALLY DINNER. An exciting time to bird and provide the state with migration records. Everyone is encouraged to participate either in the field or your yard. Details in Mar-Apr. newsletter. Coordinators: Linda McDaniel, 992-7124 & John Glegg, 730-4362.
- MAY 10, THU. - MONTHLY MEETING. To Be Announced.
- MAY 11, FRI. - DISCOVERY WALK - DISCOVERY PARK, COLUMBIA. Meet at mailbox on May Wind Court, off Green Mountain Circle.  
Time: 9:30 A.M. Leaders: Sheila Glanz, 730-4396 & Bill Eckert, 992-2484.
- MAY 11-13 - MOS CONVENTION, ORGAN CITY. A full, rigorous schedule of field trips and annual meeting. An exciting weekend for MOS members. Details forthcoming. Reservations required.
- MAY 12, SAT. - C & O CANAL. An excellent opportunity to see migrating spring warblers.  
Time: 7:00 A.M. Leader: Kris Krishnamoorthy, 997-5967.
- MAY 14, MON. - DISCOVERY WALK - WILDg LAKE, COLUMBIA. Meet at Boat Dock; parents with children in strollers are welcome.  
Time: 9:30 A.M. Leaders: Cathy Williamson, 730-0338 & Bill Eckert, 992-2484.
- MAY 26, SAT. - BLUEBIRD WALK, GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER. A walk along a bluebird trail, with possibly a demonstration of the banding of bluebird fledglings. We may also tour the Space Center exhibit.  
Time: 7:30 A.M. Leaders: Sybil McKennon, 730-2806 & Chuck Dupree 796-1086.
- JUNg 10, SUN. - A CHANGING HABITAT, DAVID FORGg COUNTY PARK. The last trip in our series of observing a changing habitat, with emphasis on birds.  
Time: 7:30 A.M. Leaders: Linda McDaniel, 992-7124, Alice Kretz, 730-7694, & Bill Eckert, 992-2484.