Calendar

**Beginner Bird Walk Field Trips**
- **Forest Park Visitor Center at 5595 Grand Drive**
  - **First Saturday of Most Months**
  - **Walk from 830 AM to 10 AM, Meet at 815 AM**
  - For info contact Amy at birding@forestparkforever.org.

**Wildflower Sale**
- **Shaw Nature Reserve in Gray Summit, MO**
  - **Friday September 11th from 4p to 730p**
  - For details, see the calendar at www.mobot.org.

**Birding Field Trip—page 5**
- **Carlyle Lake**
  - **Saturday September 12th at 730a**
  - All day trip in search of waterbirds and fall migrants.

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  - **Saturday September 19th at 8 AM**

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**Save the Date! Save the Date! Save the Date! Save the Date!**

The St. Louis Audubon Society’s 100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner and Auction

Friday, November 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Randall Gallery in downtown St. Louis.

Remarks by Dr. Peter Raven, President Emeritus of the Missouri Botanical Garden and Chris Canfield, Vice President of the National Audubon Society.

Registration opens and invitations will be sent in October.
Board Meetings
Open to All. 2nd Tuesday of Even Months at 7 pm at the Sunset Hills Community Center at 3915 S. Lindbergh Boulevard.

Board recruitment is an ongoing process and requires your interest and our need. If you have thought of serving in such a way, stop by or call one of us.

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Newsletter
TaleFeathers is published monthly. For submissions, comments or corrections, contact Mitch Leachman as noted above.

Eco-Art In The Garden Experience!
Saturday, September 26th
10 am-3 pm
Celebrating The St. Louis Audubon Society
Featuring Nature-Inspired Local Artists and Artisans

"Early Morning Mist" (pastel on paper)
By Sandy Brooks

Enjoy a day roaming through displays of colorful plants and viewing the works of the area's best nature-inspired artists! Enter our raffle to win an array of wonderful prizes including a St. Louis Audubon Society "Bring Conservation Home" Consultation and a $100 Gift Card to Greenscape!

Proceeds from the raffle to benefit the St. Louis Audubon Society's programs.

For more info about the Bring Conservation Home program: www.stlouisaudubon.org/BCH.
For questions or other details about Greenscape: http://greenscapegardens.com

Proud Member of the Missouri Environmental Fund
A simple way to support a wide range of positive programs that are improving the world around all of us.
We’re turning 100!
Will you come to our birthday celebration?

The St. Louis Audubon Society is 99 years old and counting. On November 20, we celebrate our one hundredth birthday, and your presence would help make it special.

Dr. Peter Raven, President Emeritus of the Missouri Botanical Garden, will speak about the St. Louis Audubon Society's impressive track record in education and preservation of birds and other wildlife. Chris Canfield, vice president of the National Audubon Society, will update us on national actions. Both men are renowned leaders in the science of conservation, preservation of plants and wildlife and protection of ecosystems. We think you will be interested in what they have to say.

Not Only 100, But Also 1

SLAS began as the St. Louis Bird Club in November of 1915. How swiftly the century has flown by (pun intended). In 1944, it became the first affiliated chapter of the National Audubon Society. Our charter number is “1” -- another milestone to celebrate.

You’ll Want to See This

The centennial committee has selected Randall Gallery in downtown St. Louis for the event. Unlike any banquet hall you have ever seen, you will dine amid sculptures and paintings of all styles. You'll park in a secured lot right next door. The gallery is wheelchair-accessible.

Your invitation will be mailed in October and we will post updates on our website and Facebook page.

St. Louis Audubon has been connecting our community to nature through education and conservation for nearly a century, and we’re so excited about the next hundred! ♦

Field Trips, Etc.

Sep 19th Hawk Watch at Shaw Nature Reserve: Bernie Favara will lead this day trip to experience fall migration through hawks. Meet at 9am at the entrance. Take I–44 west to Hwy 100 (Gray Summit exit). Turn left back over 44 and then turn right. The entrance is on the immediate left. ($3 entr. fee w/out MOBOT garden membership)

Sep 30th at St. Stanislaus Conservation Area: John Solodar will lead this half day trip. Meet at 9:00 am. From I–270 take McDonnell Blvd north 1.3 mile to Teson Rd. Turn left and follow to a “T” at Aubuchon. Turn right and follow to conservation area. Meet in first lot on left.

Oct 10th to Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge: Bill Rowe will lead this all day trip. Meet at 7:30 am at the Gilbert Lake parking lot just north of the entrance to Brussels Ferry outside Grafton, IL. From Alton, take Hwy 100, the River Road, thru Grafton.

All field trips are FREE. Reservations not required, unless noted—consult our website for details. For questions, contact Mike Grant at mikecurlew@att.net.
Education Team Looking for New People

Have you ever thought of working with kids and adults to teach them new things about nature? The Audubon Education Team is a group of men and women who do this and find their work very gratifying.

*Sound interesting—great—come and check us out—we would love to meet you and show you just what we do!!!* We will be having an Orientation meeting on **Wednesday, September 16, from 7:00–9:00 pm at Sunset Hills Community Center, 3905 S. Lindbergh, Sunset Hills 63127.** Call Lisa Nansteel at (636) 391–4898 for more information.

The goal of the Audubon Education team is to create a community connection to nature through educational presentations. Our largest activity is going to schools and giving nature programs for students—grades K – 5. We also give presentations to adults. We go to libraries, garden clubs, civic groups and even retirement centers. Our programs include birds, bats, owls, butterflies, plants, life cycle, food chains, migration, habitats, and more. Many in our group have been volunteering with us for 10 years or more.

We do not expect everyone to have all the knowledge, so new people observe presentations until they are comfortable. Many of the programs are given by teams. We have many props, including birds, butterflies, owls, bats, etc. that make our programs more meaningful to everyone. We do not have live animals.

Most of our programs are done during the day, but we also deliver evening programs to adults. If you are retired great, then you can take your choice of programs anytime. If you are employed and would like to try your hand occasionally, you can work out a schedule that works for you.

Our group meets on the third Friday of the month (except July). Afterwards we have a pot-luck lunch. So, business over, we eat and socialize.

For those who want to share their joy in nature, please join the SLAS Education Team on September 16, 2015 at 7pm at the Sunset Hills Community Center.

Creve Coeur Park Beginner Bird Walk Kick Off

Earlier this year, St. Louis Audubon was awarded an Every Day Event Grant from the National Environmental Education Foundation. The funds will support our ongoing habitat work at Creve Coeur Park as well as a new, monthly bird walk series specifically for beginners.

The walks are modeled after the wildly successful ongoing collaborative with Forest Park Forever. These new walks will be on the third Saturday of the month, start at 8 a.m., run until about 10 a.m. and meet in the south parking lot at the Creve Coeur Lakehouse. As all our walks, they are free and open to the public. Bring your binoculars, if you have them; loaners are available. Watch our FaceBook page for last-minute updates. If questions, contact Mitch at mitch@stlouisaudubon.org.
**St. Louis Audubon Society Carlyle Lake “Pelagic Trip”**

The SLAS Carlyle Pelagic Trip will be held on Saturday September 12, 2015. Meet at the McDonald's in Carlyle, on highway 127 near highway 50 at 7:30 am. We will spend the morning watching for abundant migrant land birds in Hazlet State Park and will search the lake for Sabine’s Gull, Jaegers and other rarities from the boats and from shore in the afternoon, with further possibilities for shorebirding or landbirding as conditions warrant. The boat ride will begin after a break for lunch and will run from 1:00–4:00 pm, but you MUST arrive by 12:45 am to board the boat. SABINE’S GULL is often seen on this trip and we’ve had a great run with RED PHALAROPE in recent years, often seeing this great pelagic bird as close as 25 feet! Another highlight (not seen every year) is BLACK–THROATED BLUE WARBLER. The extra 50 miles to the east makes this bird just a little more likely! The day list will likely run around 90 species.

The land–based portion of the trip is free as always. The Pelagic Trip is $30 per person. Make your reservation for the Pelagic by sending an e–mail to joseph.w.eades@monsanto.com. Your reservation will be confirmed once your check is received. Send your check, made payable to Joe Eades to 517 Willow Lane, Kirkwood, MO 63122. There will be no refunds as the proceeds must cover boat rental and gas. Bring a hat, sunscreen, water, snacks, insect repellant (if you desire), and comfortable walking shoes. We also need as much popcorn as we can get our hands on! This really brings the gulls in around the boat for great views. Expect several hours of walking. Confirmed trip participants will receive further information as the trip draws near. Trip Leader/Coordinator: Joe Eades (joseph.w.eades@monsanto.com)

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**Habitat Restoration Workdays**

**Saturday, October 17th at Creve Coeur Park. Honeysuckle kill.**

We continue working with our partners on the Mallard Lake Praire Project by removing additional bush honeysuckle from around the lake, in advance of future plantings of Missouri native shrubs and trees. All necessary tools/equipment provided. Please meet just east of the Forest ReLeaf Nursery at 2194 Creve Coeur Mill Road, St. Louis, MO 63146. Drive past the barricade and slowly and carefully along the paved trail. Continue through the traffic circle and park on the gravel next to the path. Please carpool is possible.

**Saturday, October 24th at Creve Coeur Park. Tree planting.**

Bring a shovel if you have one, but we should have plenty of tools on–hand. Meet in the north lot at the Lakehouse, 2160 Creve Coeur Mill Road, St. Louis, MO 63146.

All ages welcome, but those under 18 must have parental/adult supervision at all times. Volunteers are requested to register for all projects by providing their name, contact information and number attending to mitch@stlouisaudubon.org or (314) 599–7390.

All projects begin at 9 am. All are half–day. Gloves and other supplies/materials are provided.
Native Plant Expo and Sale
Saturday, September 26th
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

New and Experienced Gardeners Welcome!

Displays, Crafts & Wares for Native Plant Gardens

Buy Plants & Trees For Fall Planting
Missouri Wildflowers Nursery
Pre-orders welcome with pickup at sale.
Forrest Keeling Nursery

Event proceeds benefit St. Louis Audubon’s Bring Conservation Home Program
www.stlouisaudubon.org/BCH

Share Seeds or Plants Missouri Native only
See grownative.org for an excellent list of natives
Bring plants in pots or bags labeled with the plant name

Hosted by Schlafly Beer
Schlafly Bottleworks
7260 Southwest Ave.
Maplewood, MO 63143

For questions call Marypat at 314-645-4081
or email Lynne at breaksl@wustl.edu
St. Louis Audubon Society
2015 - 2016 Calendar

Details are subject to change. For latest info, check newsletter, visit website at www.stlouisaudubon.org, or call contact individual below.

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**ST. LOUIS AUDUBON ONLINE**

To view our newsletter TaleFeathers, the latest information about chapter activities, other contact info and links to a variety of bird and wildlife info, visit www.stlouisaudubon.org. You can also find us on Facebook by searching for “St. Louis Audubon.” For questions regarding the website, contact webmaster Chuck Kirkpatrick via webmaster@stlouisaudubon.org.

**COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP WORKDAYS**

St. Louis Audubon will continue their work to improve habitat for birds and other wildlife thru volunteer habitat restoration workdays. Registration is requested: call Mitch Leachman at 314-599-7390 or email mitch@stlouisaudubon.org.

**Sat Oct 17: 9 am-12 pm (All ages) Honeysuckle Kill. Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. No tools required.**

**Sat Oct 24: 9 am-12 pm (All ages) Tree Planting. Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. No tools required.**

**BIRDING FIELD TRIPS**

**Forest Park Beginner Walks:** First Saturday of most months at 8:30 am. Meet at Visitor Center, 5595 Grand Drive. For details or questions, e-mail Amy Witt at birding@forestparkforever.org.

**Regular Bird Trips:** Most half-day trips end by noon. Bring binoculars and bird books. Detailed directions follow the trip list. Questions contact Mike Grant at mikecurlew@att.net.

**FIELD TRIP DESCRIPTION KEY**

| ad—this is an all day trip usually ending in the late afternoon |
| cvp—we will caravan or carpool from this location |
| h—moderate hiking over an extended period w/ some rough terrain |
| bl—bring your lunch and water since food might not be available for purchase. Trip announcement will note if stopping for lunch. |
| gb—very good for beginners but all levels of birders will be present |

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For updates, visit www.stlouisaudubon.org, the MoBirds listserve or the “regional specialties-Missouri” section of www.birdingonthe.net.

**FIELD TRIP LOCATIONS**

**Baldwin Lake (CVP):** Meet at the commuter lot at Hwy 270 and Hwy 30 west at 9:00 am if you wish to car pool. Take Hwy 270 across the Jefferson Barracks Bridge to IL. Take Hwy 3 south to Redbud. Go east on Hwy 154 to Baldwin, IL. Follow the signs in town to Lake Baldwin. Meet at the parking lot inside the gate.

**B.K. Leach/Hwy 79 (CVP):** Meet in the southeast corner of the Dierberg’s parking lot at the southwest side of the junction of I-70 and Hwy 79. We will bird along Hwy 79 toward the trip destination.

**Busch Conservation Area:** Take Hwy 94 south from Hwy 40. About 3/4 mile down Hwy 94, meet at parking lot on left.

**Blue Grosbeak Trail (Busch):** Take Hwy 94 south from Hwy 40. At 1.3 miles, turn right at the light for Hwy D. Go 2 miles to entrance on the right. Turn left at the T to Hampton Lake. Meet in the lot.

**Carlyle Lake:** Take I-64 east across the Poplar St. Bridge. Exit I-64 at Hwy 50 east toward Carlyle. Follow Hwy 50 to Hwy 127 and turn left at the junction. Turn right and meet at the McDonald’s lot.

**Castlewood SP:** From 270 or 141, take 270 west to Ries Rd south to left on Kiefler Creek Rd. Meet at lot on right, just after park office.

**Columbia Bottom:** From 270, exit Riverview Blvd and go north 3 miles. Entrance on right. Take first left to visitor center. Meet in lot.

**Forest Park (Kennedy Forest):** From Skinker & Clayton intersection, take Skinker north to first right at Wells Drive. Take second left at John F. Kennedy Memorial Forest—MDC sign. Follow drive to parking/restrooms.

**Horseslake Lake area:** Take I-70 east across the Poplar St. Bridge. Exit at Hwy 111 (exit 6) and turn left. Go about 2 miles to the State Park entrance. Meet at the first parking lot on the right.

**Lincoln County Driving Tour (CVP):** Follow directions for the B.K. Leach/Hwy 79 description above.

**Mallard Lake Trail:** Meet at the Creve Coeur Lake House at 2160 Creve Coeur Mill Rd. From I-270, take Hwy 364 west to the Maryland Heights Expressway exit. Go north to Creve Coeur Mill Rd. Turn right and go south, cross under Hwy 364, and look for the restaurant/parking lot on your left.

**RMBS (Riverlands):** Hwy 367 north from I-270. Right on last road before the Alton Bridge. Then right on 1st road to the Teal Pond lot.

**Shaw Nature Reserve:** Take I-44 west to Hwy 100 (Gray Summit exit). Turn left back over 44 and then turn right. The entrance is on the immediate left. ($3 enr. fee w/out MOBOT garden membership)

**St. Stanislaus Conserv Area:** From I-270, take McDonnell Blvd (turns into Howdershell) north ~1.3 miles to Teson Rd. Turn left and follow to a “T” at Aubuchon. Turn right and follow to conservation area. Meet in first lot on left.

**Tower Grove Park:** From I-44, take Kingshighway south to Magnolia. Turn left on Magnolia. Follow to park entrance on right. Take first right on Northwest Dr and follow to Gaddy Bird Garden on right. Meet at entrance.

**Two Rivers NWR:** From Alton, take Hwy 100, the River Rd, north thru Grafton to the Gilber Lake lot just after the Brussels Ferry.
**St. Louis Audubon Society**  
**Chapter-Supporting Membership Form**

**Mission:** to create a community connection to nature through education and conservation.

Your Chapter-Supporting membership runs concurrently with your National Audubon membership, if you choose to maintain the latter. To continue to receive the *Audubon* magazine, you must maintain your National membership.

- □ $20  □ $30  □ $50**  □ $100  □ Other________

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**Memberships of $50 or more may choose from four gifts:**
- *Bringing Nature Home* by Douglas W. Tallamy
- *Native Landscaping for Wildlife and People* by Dave Tylka
- *Peterson Field Guide to Birds of Eastern & Central North America*  
  Please indicate your choice.

100% of your dues stay in St. Louis supporting our local efforts. Thank you very much!

If already a Chapter-Supporting member, you need do nothing but accept our thanks!

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