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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it's been 6 exciting months since I accepted the task of being the interim President of Oklawaha Valley Audubon. I have so enjoyed spending some time and getting to know you. I hope that I have fulfilled my pledges of listening to your questions, concerns and ideas. I know that you all have certainly been guiding me by your input and experiences.

With that being said, I need some further guidance ... How can we make you proud to say, "I am a member of Oklawaha Valley Audubon!"?

Our annual meeting is just around the corner, or maybe by the time you read this it has already taken place?! Either way, I would like to hear from you, about so many things, but right now, what is your passion? Specifically, what would you like to see Oklawaha Valley Audubon advocate for?

- (1) Working Lands: The quality of wildlife habitat on government and privately managed lands in Lake County and the region
- (2) Water and Coasts: Water quality and water flows in the watersheds of the Oklawaha and St. Johns rivers, and the lakes, wetlands, springs, and aquifers in Lake County and the region
- (3) Wildlife-Friendly Communities: Engage local community members in ensuring wildlife-friendly habitats are established throughout Lake County and the region;
- (4) Climate and Coasts: Greenhouse gas emissions from Lake County and the region are reduced to minimize the related human-induced impacts on ecosystems, biodiversity, and sea level rise.

As we begin to come up to our new fiscal year, the board is working on goals, programs and field trips and, because this is your organization, we need your valued input to create and help to make these goals come to fruition.

As I said before, my goal is for Oklawaha Valley Audubon to make Lake County a mecca for nature lovers, by being the best advocates for the protection of land, water, and wildlife. Won't you please continue to help do so by letting me know what you care about?

I look forward to seeing everyone on March 3, and hearing from you about your passions. Please make sure your membership, National or Local, is in good standing. We will have a roster there should there be any questions.

Thank you...

- Clyde S. for making the Holiday auction a huge success, and a lot of fun.
- Dennis O. for letting me adopt you as my mentor on the Christmas Bird Count and since.
- Susan V. for being my gracious target at January's meeting.

It's all for the birds,
Lori Patterson, OVAS President

Annual Meeting/Potluck Sunday, March 3, 2019 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a potluck luncheon, our annual meeting at which we'll elect new Board members and officers, and a program about turtles. We'll begin the social at 12:30 p.m. and will eat at 1:00p.m.. Our business meeting will follow. The program will commence at 2:00 p.m., as usual. OVAS will provide drinks and paper products. Bring your own reusable plate and utensils if possible.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact the nominating committee, chaired by Dennis O'Neil (dmoneil@outlook.com).



OVAS members at Highlands State Park, February 6, 2019



Sunrise at the Archbold Biological Station, February 8, 2019.
Photo by Alex Chester.

COMING EVENTS - Programs

All Programs are at 2:00 pm on the first Sunday of the month, Sep through June, at Trout Lake Nature Center, Eustis, unless otherwise noted

“Who Cares about Turtles” Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

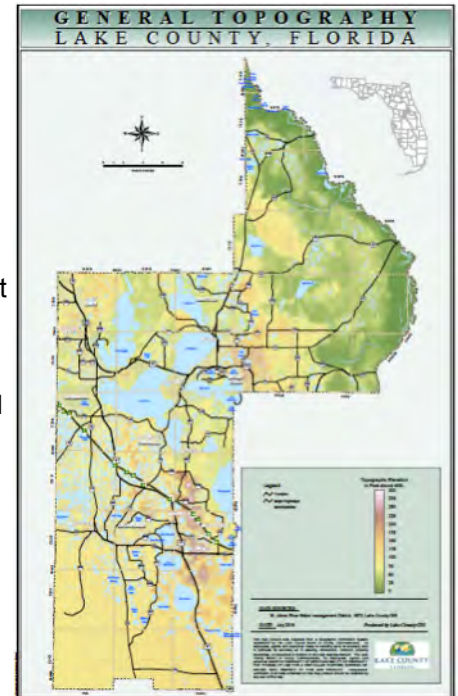
Tabitha Hootman, for one. Ms. Hootman is a graduate student from Jacksonville University carrying out a research project on Florida Peninsula Cooter and Florida Red-belly turtles at Wekiva Springs Park. While these two common turtle species are seen almost anywhere there is freshwater, and observations and counts of turtles have occurred at Wekiva Springs since 1999, there has never been a qualitative research project using tracking devices to determine how these turtles live their lives. Using the data collected on the turtle’s behaviors, migratory nature, and habitat preference, as well as human impact, will allow wildlife managers to set policies which protect turtle habitat and by extension other species. Tabitha will tell the story of how she earned funding for the project, the technology and in the field work required to carry out the project, some of her preliminary findings, and how volunteers can help.



“The Health of Lake County Lakes” Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

As you drive to the grocery store and look out your car window, you probably see the sparkling blue water of one of our area lakes. Some communities have their mountains or seashores, we have our lakes. They are our most obvious natural feature, they give our County its name, and are loved and enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Our lakes are a tremendous asset to our community: economic, recreational, and environmentally for humans and wildlife alike. But below that sparkling blue surface, how healthy are they anyway. What variables, both human and natural, impact their water quality and quantity? What can we as a community do to protect the water we need and the lakes we love?

The man with the information is Ron Hart, Water Resources Manager for Lake County Water Authority. Ron grew up playing in those lakes, went to UCF, became a limnologist, and returned home to care for our lakes. So bring your questions, and your thanks for his work, to this OVAS meeting.



“Birds and Their Habitat in the Seminole State Forest: Management Challenges and Successes”

Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Most Birders know that if they want to spot scrub jays they need to visit an area with low growing oaks and few or no tall trees. Those birds have specific habitat needs. While not all species are so habitat specific, all species need food, water, and shelter in the correct configuration. Just acquiring land and protecting it from development won’t necessarily meet those needs over time. It takes active land management, to maintain a healthy forest. Biologist Ralph Risch with Seminole State forest is one of those people tasked to maintain the diversity of habitat needed to protect the plants and animals that thrive there.

Ralph will use the stories of 5 avian species (Florida scrub-jays, Bachman’s sparrow, South Eastern American Kestrel, Brown-headed Nuthatch, and Florida Sandhill Cranes) to tell the story of the work that goes into maintaining the varied habitats within the 27,540 acres of Seminole State Forest protecting those species and many others.

“Falling in Love with Butterflies” Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Stacey Kelly, began snapping photographs at an early age. As her skills in photography advanced, she found her camera frequently aimed at butterflies. Photographing living butterflies is a challenging undertaking. It must be done outdoors, under varied light conditions and with a target that is seldom still.

And equally as challenging can be labeling the Lepidoptera you capture in the photo, as well as the flower it may be perched upon. But, working on both makes you a better photographer and a better naturalist.

Whether you just enjoy pretty pictures, you want to work on butterfly ID, or learn more about the plants that will bring butterflies close to photo and admire, you will find this program a pleasant and informative way to spend a Sunday afternoon.



COMING EVENTS - Field Trips

Field Trips are subject to change due to weather or other circumstances. Always consult our website for updates and, also, please contact the trip leader to confirm a space and for more information, including carpooling instructions. For most trips you will need outdoor shoes, insect repellent, sunscreen, a hat, raingear or jacket, binoculars (of course), water, and a snack or lunch. We suggest a donation of \$10/adult for each field trip for OVAS members and \$15/adult for non-members; children are free. Actual costs, such as entry fees, etc., are separate, and are noted in each write-up. Hope you can make them! Check our website for updated information and to register.

St. Johns River Boat Tour – Blue Springs March 2, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

As promised...

Another boat trip has been planned. The last boat trip sold out quickly, so reserve your spot(s) as soon as you can. We need a minimum of 25 passengers for this trip, max on the boat is 60. We need 10 more passengers to get the discounted rate! Pre-registration is required (see below).

Arrive at Blue Springs (21 W French Avenue, Orange City FL 32763) by 8 am. When the park is at capacity they stop letting people in, whether you have boat tickets or not. Hike along the trails, visit the museum, see the manatee until 9:15 a.m. Meet at the boat dock at 9:30 a.m. Enjoy the boat ride 10 a.m.-noon.

Then have our brown bag lunches on the lawn in the park. Everyone will need to provide their own lunch. There is a small snack bar, but bringing your own is the best option. Leave whenever you like.

PARK ENTRANCE: \$6 cash per vehicle. Limit 2-8 people per vehicle. Car-pooling is recommended.

PRE-PAY FOR BOAT TRIP – required - \$30 (includes a nominal donation to OVAS)
visit <https://oklawaha-valley-audubon.org/event/blue-springs-boat-trip/> to register and pay.

Contact: Lori Patterson at president@oklawaha-valley-audubon.org (352) 638-1654.



Pine Meadows Conservation Area March 7, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - lunch



We have another “Lunch on the Lawn” birding event planned for Thursday, March 7th, 2019. Stuart Anderson has graciously agreed to open his home and yard to our members. We will assemble at 9 a.m. at Pine Meadows Conservation Area, 1795 Pine Meadows Golf Course Rd, Eustis, for a leisurely walk on the trail. Around noon we will reassemble for a brown-bag lunch at the Anderson home, just around the

corner from PMCA. Stuart makes no guarantees, but he claims 5 individual Painted Buntings frequent his feeder and still should be in the area in early March. Bring water and lunch and, of course, your binoculars.

While the hike at Pine Meadows is open to all, Stuart has requested that we limit the number of people in his home to 14. Peg will keep a waiting list if more than 14 want to participate. Sign up with Peg Lindsay by email pegcondor@embarqmail.com or by text at 352-348-9258.

Suggested donation to OVAS: \$10/adult for members or \$15/adult for non-members.



Photos from Archbold Biological Station's Buck Island Ranch



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Gatorland Adventure

March 23, 2019, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We will be visiting the Breeding Marsh and enjoying a Buggy Ride. The Breeding Marsh is a sight to see as in the early spring birds arrive for mating season and babies soon appear. The rookery right now is hopping with new life. We will see Cattle Egrets, Tri-Colored Herons, Little Blue Herons, Anhingas, Cormorants, Great Egrets, Snowy Egrets and Roseate Spoonbills Gator Off-Road Adventure ride on a Swamp Buggy. We will be able to see parts of the park that are not normally seen. The area runs along the swamps that feed into the headwaters of the Everglades. You will get to see Florida's natural beauty and venture through several ecosystems.

The day starts with us Carpooling should be available, if needed. Meeting at Winn Dixie on near TLNC (corner of SR 19 and CR 44, Eustis) at 8:45 a.m., with a leave time of 9:00 a.m. - or meet at 10:00 a.m. at Gatorland (4501 S Orange Blossom Trail Orlando, Florida). We can purchase a lunch at Gatorland.

Cost: \$38 (\$23 for admission, \$15 for buggy ride) plus OVAS donation; pre-registration required.

Contact: Stacey Kelly s.heinemann2019@gmail.com (352) 408-2901.



Paynes Prairie Preserve, La Chula Trail April 6, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



There are over 270 species of birds that have been identified in the Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park. With Spring Migration going on, the skies the limit on what we will see. There are many platforms and wildlife viewing areas for us to visit. Sandhill Cranes by the hundreds and huge flocks of White Pelicans have been seen here. Wild horses call Paynes Prairie home along with a herd of Bison. The prairie is also known for reptile and amphibians. There's something for all nature lovers. Roy Herrera will be our field guide. Bring a bagged lunch.

Carpooling may be available, if needed. Meet at Winn Dixie near TLNC (corner of SR 19 and CR 44, Eustis) at 6:30 a.m. it is a 1 hour 20 minute trip or at Paynes Prairie OR meet at 8:00 a.m. at Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park (100 Savannah Blvd Micanopy, Florida), just before the gatehouse.

Cost: Admission, paid at the entrance, is \$6/car. Suggest a donation to OVAS; pre-registration required.

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OVAS members on the banks of Fisheating Creek

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Lower Wekiva Springs

April 7, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

This trip with Lorne Malo will take us through sandhills and flatwoods. This is Central Florida's purest form of nature, which runs along the Wekiva River and the Blackwater Creek.

We hope to see Summer Tanagers, Bachman's Sparrow, Yellow Throated Warblers, Eastern Bluebirds, Black and White Warblers, Northern Bobwhites, and if we are lucky Brown-Headed Nuthatches. We may see some Gophers Tortoises or a Sherman's Fox Squirrel. Butterflies will be great finds as well. Southern Pearlyeye, Ceranus Blue and Pipevine Swallows. Bring a bagged lunch.

Carpooling may be available, if needed. Meet at Winn Dixie near TLNC (corner of SR 19 and CR 44, Eustis) at 7:00 a.m. OR Meet by 8:00 am in the parking area of the Lower Wekiva River Preserve State Park (8300 FL-46, Sanford, FL 32771). The parking area is located on the north side of SR 46 at the intersection with Longwood Markham Rd. There is a traffic light at the intersection. With all the highway construction projects on I-4 and other local roads, your travel time may be impacted. Please plan ahead to be on time.

Following the survey, we will meet back at the parking area at by 12:30 p.m., to allow you time to drive to TLNC for the day's program.

Cost: \$5 for our guide plus a donation to OVAS; pre-registration required.

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Fort DeSoto Park April 13, 2019, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



David Goodwin will be our guide. He is a founding and 2-time president of the Florida Ornithological Society, and was the Regional Coordinator of the Florida Breeding Atlas Project. David has led hundreds of field trips for Audubon Chapters and the Florida Ornithological Society. He has traveled extensively throughout the US, the Caribbean and Europe. He currently is an environmental instructor at the Boyd Hill Nature Preserve in St Petersburg, FL.

April equals Spring Migration. The park is well known to be a hot spot for rarities and for the surprise fallouts of all sorts of feathered friends. Fort DeSoto is one of the first pieces of land migratory birds get to when flying over the Gulf of Mexico in to Florida.

Species we hope to see are warblers, flycatchers, vireos, tanagers, thrushes orioles. Last year we saw Kentucky Warblers, Brown Thrushes, Mango Cuckoo, Eastern Pee Wee, Tennessee Warbler - just to name a few, and there were sightings of Blue-Winged Warbler and a Gold Winged Warbler. There will be plenty of shorebirds and nesting Opsrey's and maybe a Great-Horned Owl. Bring a brown-bag lunch.

Carpooling may be available if needed. Meet at 6:00 a.m. at the Winn Dixie near TLNC (corner of SR 19 and CR 44, Eustis) or meet at the Flagpole just after you enter Ft. DeSoto Park (3500 Pinellas Bayway S., Tierra Verde [St. Petersburg], FL 33715). The drive is 2.5 hours to Fort Desoto. Our meeting place is the Flagpole, just after you enter the park.

Cost: The park charges a \$5/day parking fee; In addition, there is a \$5 charge for our guide and a donation to OVAS. Pre-registration is required.

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The Disney Wilderness Preserve May 1, 2019, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The Nature Conservancy's Disney Wilderness Preserve is a remarkable place for all ages and interest. The preserve is home to hundreds of wildlife species. Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers and Florida Scrub Jays call this preserve home, and we hope we will get a glimpse of these special birds. The preserve is bordered by one of the last remaining undeveloped lakes in Central Florida.

We are going on an off-road buggy tour and a small hike on a tour guided by Daniel Cole. In addition, a presentation will be given by a preserve scientist. We will learn about the preserve's resident plants and animals and the Conservancy's efforts to restore and protect them. Please bring snacks or a bagged lunch.

Cost: The buggy is limited 20 persons, at a cost of \$200 (\$10/person if group size is 20). Donations to OVAS are recommended; pre-registration is required.

Carpooling may be available, if needed. Meet at Winn Dixie near TLNC (corner of SR 19 and CR 44, Eustis) at 7:45 a.m. or meet at 9:15 a.m. at the Preserve (2700 Scrub Jay Trail Kissimmee, Florida). It is a 1.5 hour drive.

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St. Augustine Alligator Farm and Zoological Park May 18, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



It is nesting season at St Augustine Alligator Farm and Zoological Park, and it is in full swing. In May there are chicks of every species in the rookery at this time, but still displaying from all species with the exception of the wood storks. Green heron chicks hatching out within the park. The Great egret and stork chicks are giant. There are chicks of every size from every species. Many species still continuing to display. The wading bird rookery is only a small part of the park. There are other shows and exhibits such as Alligator, Birds of Africa and Exotic Birds and Mammals, Reptiles, Crocodiles.

Carpooling may be available, if needed. Meet at Winn Dixie near TLNC (corner of SR 19 and CR 44, Eustis) at 6:45 a.m. for a departure of 7:00 AM. OR meet at 8:45 a.m. at the St Augustine Alligator Farm and Zoological Park (999 Anastasia Blvd St Augustine, Florida). The drive is 1.75 hr.

Cost: approximately \$40 for entry fee, lunch, and OVAS donation:

The entrance fee should be \$18.19 (includes a 30% discount for a group size of 10+) and lunch is \$10.95. A donation to OVAS is recommended. A menu will be sent to everyone who has registered to choose what they would like for lunch. We are pre-ordering to help with any dietary needs etc., and so they can prepare lunch for us in a timely manner to be served.

If enough people are interested, we possibly can arrange a behind the scenes tour for an additional \$10.00.

This is a photographers dream... If you are a photographer there is a photography pass that allows entry into the park an hour before the park opens to the general public. The price is steep \$74.95 for 2 days and this is from 8:00 AM until Sunset. There is a year pass of \$109.95

There may be an overnight option for staying Friday night for those interested. I will be looking into this and sharing information as I compile my research for places to stay and prices.

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COMING EVENTS - Field Trip / Fundraisers

Fieldtrip / Fundraiser – SOLD OUT! Cruise the Dead River and Dora Canal in the Banana Boat March 13, 2019

Clyde Stephens is leading two tours on the pontoon Banana Boat, leaving the Stephens house at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The maximum of eight already have signed up for each trip. After leaving the Stephens house on Lake Harris, we will see nesting birds along Dead River, then go along the south shore of Lake Eustis and enter Lake County's Crown Jewel, the Dora Canal. The round trip will take about two hours. Each person will volunteer a \$20 donation that Clyde will donate to the Oklawaha Valley Audubon Society.

Arrive at the Stephens house about 20 minutes before departure. Bring water, sun protection and binoculars. The address is:

11314 Davison Lane, Tavares FL 32778-4840
house phone: (352) 343-6468
(The last house on the left, dead end)

Car pool if you can because their driveway is limited to 3 cars facing the house, plus one car at the dead end of the street. Others can park on two neighbors' driveways on the right at: 11333 Davison Lane or 11321 Davison Lane, then walk to their house.



Field Trip / Plant Sale Fundraiser Green Isle Gardens March 30, 2019, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Oklawaha Valley Audubon visits Green Isle Gardens Native Nursery looking for birds, bargains, and funds for programs. Arrive at Green Isle Gardens (11303 Hwy 33, Groveland FL 34736) at 8:30 a.m. to look for avian visitors in the oak canopy, around the brushy perimeter, wetland, and among the native plants, too. Then join Marc Godts for a nursery tour to learn about the plants that will bring these feathered friends to your yard. Ten percent discount off all plants sold until 2:00 p.m. for fieldtrip participants and Audubon members (you may purchase a local Audubon membership for \$15.00). OVAS will receive an additional 25% from plant sales to be used for programs in the Lake County community.



OVAS members birding on the banks of Fisheating Creek, February 8, 2019

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NEWS FROM CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (RCC)

On Sunday, January 27, members of the Central Florida RCC met to discuss issues of regional concern and to report on progress toward our two regional conservation goals adopted at Audubon Assembly in October 2018. Representatives from five of our ten member chapters were able to attend. We encourage a representative from every chapter to attend our next meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 7, at [Audubon Center for Birds of Prey](#), 1101 Audubon Way, Maitland, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The center has recently been renovated. Bring a bag lunch and stay to tour the grounds and bird aviaries and see raptors up close and personal.

Charles Lee, Audubon Florida staff advisor to our RCC, alerted us to a new issue – the Northeast Connector Expressway Extension – a proposed toll road from US 192 in Osceola County to State Road 50 in Orange County. The Central Florida Expressway Authority has undertaken a concept, feasibility and mobility study, raising issues regarding the future of the eastern part of the county which now consists largely of rural farmlands, natural areas and scattered rural homesteads and settlements. This proposal is in the beginning stages. Detailed plans are needed for each segment and all the land will be subject to wetlands testing. Our RCC action plan is for chapter leaders in Orange, Seminole and Osceola Counties to form a committee to meet with Charles Lee to create a comprehensive plan on how to advocate.

In preparation for the upcoming legislative session – March 5 through May 3, 2019 – Audubon Florida has selected bills to be watched and worked on with legislators. In general, AF's legislative activity will follow water quality, water quantity/supply, climate change, Indian River Lagoon, septic tank issues and conservation program funding. Governor DeSantis has requested larger amounts of money for environmental and conservation issues than previously recommended by the Scott administration. Follow all 2019 bills at [Welcome: Online Sunshine](#).

Contact your chapter president or conservation chairperson if you'd like to be involved in either of these initiatives. "The Advocate" is a weekly e-mail update distributed when the FL legislature is in session. Sign up [here](#) to ensure you receive legislative updates and action alerts in a timely fashion.

The following action has been taken on our regional goal to promote Lake Apopka Restoration, Visitor Access & New Audubon Nature Center: The 70-acre former nursery site adjacent to the Wildlife Drive entrance was transferred from St. Johns River Water Management District to the City of Apopka with deed restrictions. A Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Orange Audubon Society crafted over two years ago and signed in June 2017 is the working document and is referenced in the deed restrictions.

Paula Wehr
Central Florida Chapters Representative
Audubon Florida Board of Directors

RENEW YOUR AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP NOW

OVAS local chapter membership renewals are due at the beginning of each Fiscal Year/Program Year (July 1 - June 30). If you join OVAS on a local basis, chapter membership per household is \$15, which supports your local chapter. Go to <https://oklawaha-valley-audubon.org/> and click on Membership and pay with PayPal, or use the renewal form below and mail your check to OVAS, PO Box 268, Eustis, FL 32727. You also may pay for your membership at the monthly programs with cash or check. You will receive OVAS newsletters.

If you wish to renew your membership on a national basis, go to www.audubon.org, click on Renew, and pay with a credit card (\$20 per person). Be sure to include your zip code so that you will be assigned to OVAS, your local chapter. Part of your National membership dues (\$2.50) will be applied to our local chapter and you will receive: (1) Annual membership with the National Audubon Society as well as with Audubon Florida and Oklawaha Valley Audubon Society; (2) National's *Audubon* magazine; (3) Audubon Florida *Naturalist* magazine; (3) OVAS newsletters. National memberships need to be renewed on the anniversary of your joining.

Membership is not a requirement to attend or participate in the OVAS programs or field trips.

OVAS Membership Application

New _____ Renewal _____ Today's Date _____

Print Name _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail Address(es) _____

Phone number(s) _____

Committee that you would be willing to volunteer assistance:

_____ Citizen Science Committee- help organize or participate in the annual Emeralds Christmas bird count, monthly bird counts, monitor local rookeries, and /or record field trip reports data

_____ Fundraising Committee – Assist with Donation box, 50:50, boat rides, raffles, special event

_____ Hospitality Committee – Help with refreshments for membership meetings and 2 potlucks

_____ Membership Committee – membership and e-mail list, new name tags, sign-in book

_____ Conservation Committee - attend public meetings, help write letters to legislators

_____ Outreach Committee - Set up display at events, maintain bulletin board at TLNC, advertise events in newspapers/internet

_____ Digital Communications Committee - website, e-mail blasts, Facebook and social media

_____ Newsletter Committee - bi-monthly electronic newsletter and OVAS brochures

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