

# The Natural History Society of Barrington

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...it might be a greater boon to mankind to extirpate the mosquito than to stamp out tuberculosis. The later means death to a considerable proportion of our race, the former means hopeless suffering to all mankind; one takes off each year its toll of the weaklings, the other spares none, and in the far north at least has made a hell on earth of the land that...might be a human Paradise.

--from The Arctic Prairies by Earnest Thompson Seton

Ernest Thompson Seton was just a youngster as William Stimpson's career was coming to a tragic end shortly after the Chicago fire. On THURSDAY OCT. 15. at 8PM. RON VASILE, head of collections at the Chicago Academy of Sciences and Stimpson Biographer, will share with us the story of this significant turn-of-century naturalist. Much of Stimpson's work and correspondence is kept at the Smithsonian. Recently, Ron was awarded a research grant to continue his work at the Smithsonian so don't miss his talk! As always, we meet in the basement of the Methodist church across from Hough Street School.

Speed-o-light Flight! A semipalmated Sandpiper, weighing less than an ounce, was recently discovered in Guyana. What makes this bird so exceptional is that it had been banded in Massachusetts only four days prior to its recovery. It covered 2,800 miles in those four days and in doing so, set a new migration record. The band was sent in by a hunter that shot the bird and probably sold it for food.

Other interesting shorebird banding records include a Red Knot that was captured three times in eleven months; first in Massachusetts, next in Argentina, and finally back in Massachusetts. In those few months, this bird covered 20,000 miles. An Arctic Tern was found dead on the same Maine island where it had been banded 19 years earlier. This 3-4 ounce tern annually flew approximately 25,000 miles. During its lifetime, this Arctic Tern had flown 475,000 miles!

Many nature centers are sponsoring Halloween walks including the Ryerson Conservation Area located on Riverwoods Rd. between Half Day and Deerfield Roads in Deerfield. Their Halloween offering includes a rare opportunity for a night time walk through their mature maple-basswood forests. Call 948-7750 for details and reservations.

NOW THAT YOU HAVE ORDERED YOUR BIRD SEED, don't forget to pick it up between 9:00 AM and noon on Saturday, Oct. 17. in the Barrington Middle School parking lot (215 Eastern Ave.). Thistle seed will also be for sale at this time. Questions? Call either 318-2210 or 381-6317.

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PRESIDENT SUE ALLMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:12 pm.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT WAS READ. TWO CORRECTIONS WERE NOTED: THE "RIDGES" SANCTUARY IS LOCATED IN WISCONSIN; THE U.S. CONSTITUTION SHOULD HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED. THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED WITH CORRECTIONS.

THE TREASURER REPORTED AN INCREASE OF \$53 FROM DUES AND \$4080 FROM BIRDSEED ORDERS BRINGING THE TOTAL TO \$4412.59.

JACK SCHAEFFER ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PHONE BIRDSEED CUSTOMERS FRIDAY NIGHT TO REMIND THEM OF PICK-UP ON SATURDAY AT MIDDLE SCHOOL FROM 9<sup>00</sup>am TO NOON. THISTLE SEED WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.

THE WORKDAY AT STILLMAN NATURE CENTER IS 21 NOV FROM 9am TO NOON.

SUE PASSED NEW MEMBERSHIP LISTS TO ALL PRESENT, PLEASE CHECK LISTING AND NOTIFY SUE OF ANY ERRORS.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTED THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS: PRESIDENT, MARK SPREYER; TREASURER, NET MULLEN; SECRETARY, ELIZABETH NYSTROM.

THERE ARE TWO VACANCIES TO BE FILLED:  
VICE PRESIDENT-PROGRAMS & VICE-PRESIDENT  
PUBLICITY. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT  
THE OFFICE OF PROGRAM VICE-PRESIDENT.

AN EARLIER STARTING TIME FOR THE  
MEETINGS, 7:30 pm INSTEAD OF 8 pm WAS  
CONSIDERED. THE MATTER WAS DEFERRED UNTIL  
THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WHICH WILL HAVE A  
QUESTIONNAIRE FOR POLLING THE MEMBERS.

THE NOVEMBER MEETING WILL FOCUS ON  
THE CAMPGROUND AT BAKER'S LAKE.

SUE TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO MARK  
WHO PRESENTED RON VASILE. RON SHARED MANY  
ANECDOTES HE HAS GLEANED FROM THE ARCHIVES  
OF THE CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES CONCERNING  
WILLIAM STIMPSON.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:25 pm FOR  
A SOCIAL HOUR.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
*Magabeth Guston*  
SECRETARY

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