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President 2013

100th Anniversary Banquet

Wednesday, April 24, 2013



Speaker: **Steven Daniel**

“The First 100 years of BANC”

Cash Bar – 6:00 PM Dinner – 7:00 PM Speaker – 8:15 PM

Location:

GLENDOVEERS

An elegant Woodland setting
2328 Old Browncroft Rd.
Rochester, NY 14625

Bounteous buffet dinner, all inclusive at \$24 Per person
Reservations requested by Tuesday, April 16, 2013
Make checks payable to BANC and mail form below to:
Art Trimble, 37 Song Bird Lane, Rochester, NY 14620

Number of dinners @ \$24 Each: _____

Names of attendees(for nametags)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

A Once in a Lifetime Event

What better way to celebrate BANC's centennial than to enjoy a delicious meal with friends and fellow members and listen to the amazing story of our club's first 100 years. Glendoveers is located in a lovely wooded area on old Browncroft Rd. near Ellison Park. It sits appropriately along Irondequoit Creek, the same creek that flows through our sanctuary. We will gather in this delightful private setting at 6:00pm on Wednesday, April 24, to socialize over drinks and appetizers and have a chance to look at some of BANC's historic photos and memorabilia.

A tasty buffet dinner featuring chef carved roast sirloin and chicken with delicious accompaniments will be served at 7:00pm followed by the popular sundae bar for dessert. At 8:15pm, Steven Daniel will present some of the fascinating early history of BANC, Rochester's oldest nature and conservation organization. He will show us photos of the early days of our club when enthusiastic members went to great lengths to learn about all aspects of nature both in the field and at indoor meetings. We will learn about their purchase of the Woolston Farm for their 'Conservation Station' and hear some humorous episodes as well as some inspiring stories of some of our early members who were very talented botanists and birders. Find out about William B. Hoot, our first president, our beloved and illustrious botanist, Milton Baxter, and our devoted secretary, advocate, and writer, Amelia Heydweiller, and other early members.

Join us as we continue our celebration of the first 100 years of BANC in 2013. Since none of us will be around for the 200th anniversary, you won't want to miss this unique opportunity to celebrate the history of our club and our love of nature in a beautiful natural setting.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are – celebrating 100 years of being an organization! Many thanks go to Carolyn Coit Dancy for her marvelous portrayal of author/environmentalist, Rachel Carson, at our January members' meeting. Carolyn wrote a beautiful and meaningful play and is quite a talented actress! We were sorry to have to cancel February's meeting. The weather was just too snowy and the roads too dangerous to gather that evening. We were looking forward to Gay Mills' presentation about the Genesee Land Trust. Fortunately, Gay said that she'd be happy to present for us at another time, so we will definitely take her up on her kind offer and learn about the Genesee land Trust in the near future.

We have several other great events scheduled for you so please refer to our bright yellow handbook of information or look at our website at www.bancny.org.

Don't forget to make reservations for our Annual Banquet to be held at Glendoveers on Old Browncroft Road on Wednesday, April 24th at 6:00. This should prove to be a lot of fun. Member, Steven Daniel, will present the story of the first hundred years of BANC. He has gone through the historical records and photos of our fine club and will share his findings with us. He will tell about the field trips which were well-attended in the days before widespread usage of the automobile and how these dedicated members did it! We have a proud history of several very academic members who helped shape the history and greatly contributed to scientific knowledge of the Rochester community. The early members were quite aware of and active in conservation issues, as well as nature education. These members were very inspirational; we hope to continue their proud legacy. Come and enjoy the banquet and Steve's presentation, as well as the friendship of other members! See you there!

Also, the Allegany Nature Pilgrimage is just around the corner. It will take place May 31 – June 1. If you've ever had the good fortune to go, you are probably planning to go again! If you haven't attended, give it a try! It will be the 55th year of this family nature education weekend. There are a great many things to do and learn about! There are field trips, including birding, wildflowers, pond life, mammals, butterflies, owl prowls and stargazing. Bird-banding is always very fascinating! For further information call Harold or Jane Stock at 245-7293. Thank you, Ginny Wilterdink, for spearheading our information table yearly at the Adirondack Expo at Mendon Ponds Park. This year it will be held on Saturday, June 8th. If anyone would like to participate at BANC's table this year, please call Ginny at 385-8531. Enjoy the springtime and new growth!

Julie Clayton



Dedication Day, 1927 at the Sanctuary



BANC's 75th Anniversary, 1988

Stop Arctic Drilling

The Beaufort and Chukchi Seas on Alaska's Arctic coast are critical habitat for polar bears, bowhead whales, walrus, seals and countless marine birds. That's also where the world's largest untapped oil reserve is and the Obama administration has supported Arctic oil drilling as part of its all-of-the-above energy policy. Royal Dutch Shell is a pioneer in deep offshore drilling with experience in the Russian Arctic, so the federal government counted on Shell to blaze the trail there. But the Arctic is the most difficult and inhospitable environment on the planet and Shell did not have a good year in 2012 for its first exploratory operation there despite having top-notch crews and a \$4.5 billion investment.

Before it left Seattle, Shell's oil spill response barge repeatedly failed to obtain Coast Guard certification and the test of its oil containment dome was a complete disaster when the dome was crushed "like a beer can" by underwater pressure. During inspection their Noble Discoverer drilling ship was found to have 23 deficiencies which had to be remedied before they could leave Seattle. In a harbor in Alaska in July the Discoverer lost its mooring and drifted close to shore. In September there was an investigation into an oil discharge from the ship and in November it exploded and caught fire in the harbor. Shell also had to repeatedly ask for variances or exemptions from the federal permit requirements it couldn't meet.

When Shell finally started drilling in September, they were forced to stop after only one day because of an incoming ice floe more than 30 miles long. In December they were towing their other massive drilling rig, the Kulluk, back to Seattle when it broke free of its tow ship in a severe winter storm and ran aground near Kodiak Island in the spectacular Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge with 150,000 gallons of fuel aboard. That was the most recent in a series of technical failures and struggles with mother nature that offer overwhelming evidence that the oil and gas industry is not prepared for the enormous challenge and risk of offshore drilling in the remote and volatile Arctic Ocean. Both Shell's drilling rigs violated air quality permits many times last summer and the Coast Guard is investigating the Noble Discoverer for criminally inadequate pollution and safety controls and the Kulluk for its grounding incident.

Environmentalists have said for years that Arctic conditions are too harsh and the stakes too high to allow oil drilling in one of Earth's most fragile places. Polar bears are already threatened with extinction because the melting ice is preventing them from catching seals for food for several months each year. In an emergency there, help would be very far away and conditions most of the year are too severe for help to even get to the area. An oil spill in the Arctic Ocean would be an environmental disaster of epic proportions, threatening fish and marine mammals, Alaskan Native communities, and the pristine shores of Alaska, including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The technology to recover a significant percentage of spilled oil under Arctic conditions simply does not exist, but the federal government is still planning to continue permitting drilling.

The Department of the Interior is currently reviewing applications for future Arctic Ocean drilling. You can help protect this sensitive area by calling President Obama at 888-660-2594 or emailing him at www.whitehouse.gov. Ask him to put an immediate stop to current and future approvals for offshore oil drilling in the Arctic Ocean.

Carol Hinkelman

Committee changes

Many thanks and best of luck to Cathy Chin who has served as Publicity Chairperson for several years. Cathy and husband, Ken, will be moving to the Boston area to be near family. They are looking forward to becoming new grandparents – congratulations! We will miss you both and wish you well!

Welcome to Becky Olson who will take on the responsibility of Publicity Chair! Becky taught primary school in Michigan, worked as a librarian at the Victor Middle School and was a librarian at Sodus Central for eighteen years. With this background, Becky has also volunteered to head our Library Committee. We are so fortunate to have her help us out! Also serving on the Library Committee are Jutta Dudley and Cindy Coupal.

FACEBOOK SAVVY?

Do you enjoy facebook? Would you like to help BANC out by opening/managing a Burroughs Audubon Nature Club facebook page? If so, please let Julie know at juliec@rochester.rr.com.



BANC Meetings and Field Trips

In our certificate of incorporation, it is stated that our club was created “to study and promote the study of ornithology, botany, and entomology, and to study nature in general”. To meet that objective, we’ve held indoor meetings and conducted field trips for one hundred years. In the early years, indoor meetings were held on the second and fourth Fridays from January to May plus an experience night and an Annual meeting in November. (Twelve meetings!) Members were requested to bring a cup and spoon for all winter and indoor meetings. The refreshment Committee said, “We’ll do the rest.”

Field trips were held on the last Saturday in April, EVERY Saturday afternoon in May and June, for three Saturdays in July, and every second and fourth Saturday from August through November. (That’s twenty outings! Obviously, there was no TV to keep people home on a Saturday afternoon in the “20s and ‘30s). If conditions were unfavorable, the cancellation appeared in the daily newspaper. From the schedule, you can tell that the Program and Field Trip Committees had much planning to do. Also, you can tell that there was a rapport with the newspaper that doesn’t exist today.

In the ‘20s and ‘30s, not too many people had cars so Field Trips were written up like this one for May 5, 1928. “Take the 1:30 R & E car from the nearest subway stop to Crosman Pond stop. Go to the Conservation Station (our Sanctuary), hike along the Creek and up into the woods”. Or, another example – “Saturday 13, 1936. Schell’s Woods. Hike from Baetzel’s Farm at 3 o’clock. Cars passing Cobb’s Hill between 1 and 2:30 will take extra passengers”!!

By 1943, with World War II raging, there was this paragraph in the booklet – “Due to present conditions and changing circumstances beyond our control, the Field Trips have been arranged so all can be reached by some bus line. On these trips, if you can use your auto, please take as many members and friends as possible: the Club wants all members to come to as many meetings

as possible. Bring picnic lunches and drinking water to all outdoor meetings. Field Trips will start on prevailing time.”

In its first one hundred years, BANC has provided Field Trips to about 250 places – from A to Z – Agony Acres to Zurich Bog. Those of you who have been on the Field Trip Committee know that even with careful planning, something can go amiss. On June 4, 1933, a misfortune happened to Mr. Baxter who was one of the Botany experts. That day, the Club was celebrating its 20th Anniversary with about 150 BANCers attending along with sixty to seventy guests – many from Canandaigua, Geneva, and E. Bloomfield. As Amelia Heydweiller records, “Owing to a misunderstanding, the reception committee with Mrs. Horace Pierce and Mr. Baxter was unfortunately left standing all morning at Pittsford thus depriving the company of Mr. Baxter’s valuable services”.

Lois S. Jenkins

February 14, 2003,(updated February 12, 2013)



Conservation Policies

The Council would like to remind members of our Sanctuary policies. Since our Sanctuary’s main purpose is the preservation of all plant and animal life, no one may pick either live or dried flowers or remove any other vegetation or molest any bird or animal life. No hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, bicycling, dogs or horses are allowed on the property. Also, our trails are primarily meant for members’ use. However, if a non-member is found enjoying the trails, we encourage BANC members to invite them to join BANC and inform them of how to do so. Our website is on the sign in the parking lot. Please be pleasant and welcoming!

Eastern Redbuds May Tempt the Taste Buds

In midspring, while the ephemeral dog tooth violet and trillium are showing their finest blooms and trees are yet to be fully leafed, the Redbud (*Cercis Canadensis* L.) has set forth its tiny pinkish magenta flowers so close to its limbs and trunk they seem to be glued there.

The name *Cercis canadensis*, has Greek and Latin origins. *Cercis* is from the Greek kerkis, which means a weaver's shuttle and refers to the shape of the pod; *canadensis* means "of Canada."

The Redbud tree is also known as the Eastern Redbud, and sometimes referred to as the Judas tree. In legend, Judas Iscariot used an old world Redbud relative to hang himself after betraying Jesus. Ever since, the tree has been weak wooded, never again growing strong enough to hang another.

Redbud has large heart-shaped leaves during the summer and long seedpods in the fall.

The fruit, maturing between August and October, are flattened, pea-like pods, containing elliptical brown seeds.

Native American tribes made the bark into a tea to treat whooping cough. Cold infusions of the roots and inner bark treated congestion while the bark itself was made into an infusion to treat vomiting and fever.

As one of the first plants to flower in the spring, the blossoming branches were brought into the homes to "drive winter out."

In some parts of southern Appalachia green twigs from the Eastern Redbud are used to season game such as venison and opossum. In these mountain areas, the tree is known as the spicewood tree.

In our rural past, children were fond of eating the blossoms of the Redbud. A 2006 study showed the flowers and the seeds to be very high in antioxidants as well as linoleic and alpha-linolenic acid.

Redbud flowers are still popular today in salads, boiled, or pickled relish. A culinary use in modern times is Eastern Redbud flower fritters. Seeds may be roasted, and the pods may be sautéed.

For more information on this native tree check out the following websites:

<http://treegrowersdiary.com/heidisredbudfacts.html>

<http://derdriu.hubpages.com/hub/Eastern-Redbud>

<http://www.eattheweeds.com/eastern-red-bud-pea-pods-on-a-tree/>



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Chris Benard

IN MEMORIAM

On November 29, 2012, BANC member **Hilda Keller** passed away. She was pre-deceased by her husband John G. Keller and leaves behind 3 sons and a daughter, all of them BANC members. A few years ago when we replaced our trail signs, the Keller family came to the sanctuary to help put up a new sign at Keller's Knoll which had been named by John Keller, a very early BANC member.

On December 9, 2012, **David McGregor** passed away. Dave was a member of BANC for over 50 years! Due to a physical limitation, Dave was not able to get around easily, but he liked to attend activities at the sanctuary with his wife Ginny and enjoyed talking to people.

We extend our condolences to the families of Hilda and David.

MEET A MEMBER – CAROL SOUTHBY

One of the foremost delights greeting summer visitors to the Railroad Mills sanctuary is the profusion of butterflies flitting over the gardens in front of the lodge. And when members think of butterflies and BANC, who springs to mind? Carol Southby of course!

I thought perhaps these winged beauties had been a lifelong passion of Carol's but they are, in fact, a relatively recent focus amidst a broader interest in nature.

A cherished photograph of Carol depicts her at age 11, surrounded by flowers in her parents' garden in Mansfield, England, close to Sherwood Forest, the legendary refuge of Robin Hood. Carol recalls helping her father to water and plant the flowers – doubtless the origin of her first love of horticulture. She aspired to a study of zoology at college, but the course did not meet her expectations and she graduated from the University of Wales with a degree in Psychology and a fiancé, David, now her husband of thirty nine years.

Carol's subsequent career was in market research in Wales and, later, London. Her subjects included books (another interest of hers, as any visitor to their Penfield home would testify) and advertising. This work honed her ability in data analysis and tabulation – a skill she finds very useful in her nature study today.

Living at Harrow while commuting to London, Carol had her own garden for the first time. She completed a course in horticulture and botany and taught gardening classes somewhat equivalent to the Master Gardener program here, as well as tree and wildflower identification.

In 1987 Carol and David moved to Rochester (a transfer for David in the Kodak Research Laboratories). Carol was soon visiting local nature

destinations and meeting local naturalists, like Letchworth State Park with Doug Bassett and Braddock Bay Bird Observatory with Betsy Brooks. She also attended an RMSC course on wildflowers.

In 1991 Carol's passion for gardening was reignited in their new yard at Penfield, which has since been featured on several backyard tours. Along with many new plantings came new butterflies and a new interest. She started keeping records and participating in butterfly counts, and in 1996 she joined the year-old Rochester Butterfly Club. Carol is President of the club – a post she has held since 2001 – and now describes butterflies as her main interest, although she still enjoys her gardening and even undertakes landscaping commissions from time to time.

Carol joined BANC in 1991 after Carol Hinkelman and Lois Jenkins enlisted her help with a project to encourage roadside wildflower growth by changing DOT mowing practices. Soon she was taking part in a plant survey at the Railroad Mills sanctuary, and she worked with Margaret Weber on the extension to the garden in front of the lodge – the 'butterfly garden'. Like so many of the excellent naturalists in BANC, Carol is always eager to share her extensive knowledge, and you should not miss an opportunity to catch one of her entertaining and educational presentations.

Richard Ashworth

SAVE THE DATE!
Sierra Club – Rochester Regional Group
Presents
5th Annual Environmental Forum

**"Great Lakes Need Great Friends:
 Protecting the Great Lakes Forever"**

Thursday 4/25: Forum at MCC
5:15 PM Networking and exhibits

**7-9 PM Keynote speaker Maude Barlow,
 water rights activist**

Friday 4/26: Workshops at RIT
9 AM with several sets of workshops.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, APRIL 13, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
BANC Sanctuary
SPRING CLEAN-UP
Leader: Joanne Altre**

**Saturday, April 20, 10:00 AM
Harris Whalen Park
EARLY SPRING WILDFLOWERS
Leaders: Ginny Wilterdink & Joanne Altre**

**Wednesday, April 24, 6:00 PM
Glendoveeres
BANC ANNUAL BANQUET
THE FIRST 100 YEARS OF BANC
Chairpersons: Mary Gordon & Sandra Dombrowski**

**Thursday, May 2, 9:00 AM
“ The Gulf “
WILDFLOWERS OF THE ONANADAGA ESCARPMENT
Leader: Steven Daniel**

**Friday, MAY 17, 6:00 PM
Potluck Dinner at BANC Sanctuary
SINGING WITH CATHY McGRATH
Hosts: Jon & Sandy Dombrowski**

**May 31, June 1 & 2
Allegany State Park
ALLEGANY NATURE PILGRIMAGE
Contacts: Jane & Harold Stock**

**Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
BANC Sanctuary
OPEN HOUSE WITH WILD WINGS
Hosts: Joanne Altre & Julie Clayton**

**Saturday, June 18, 8:30 AM
Zurich bog Preserve
EXPLORING ZURICH BOG
Leader: Paul Brach**