

BANC's 100th Anniversary Picnic

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013

Schedule of Activities

3:00 The Fun Begins!

- *Sit on the porch and socialize with friends.
- *Enjoy butterflies in our butterfly garden.
- *Play a nature game at your own pace on the trails.
- *Play an old-fashioned game of croquet.
- *Kids - play bocce on our front lawn.
- *Try your luck at the 50-50 raffle.

3:30 Take a guided walk with Jon Dombrowski.

5:30 Eat a delicious Pot Luck Dinner. Beverages will be provided.

7:00 Evening program by **Lucy Winters Durkin**.

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Bring a favorite dish to share and your place settings.

Please make with local ingredients!

Chairs and card tables would be helpful.



Mid 70's Annual Picnic



1981 Annual Picnic

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow – how the year is flying by! And a great year it has been! I've enjoyed celebrating the history of BANC and appreciating former members who have been outstanding citizens of the earth!

We continue to have very special members who serve the club and are students of the natural world, as well. We had so many persons who made our 100th Year Celebration and Pot Luck Dinner on June 19th a super success! I need to especially thank Carol and David Southby, Karen Wolf and Paul and Jutta Dudley for providing very nice and educational displays! Thanks to Jennifer and Willie Markham for providing an activities table. Thank you to Bill Hallahan for his dynamic water watch activity and Jon Dombrowski for providing the guided walk. Many thanks to Wegmans of East Avenue for making the wondrous and tasty anniversary cake and also for contributing to its cost! Mark Carra, who later became John James Audubon, helped with tables and chairs and such logistics because he's that kind of guy! Thank you, Mark! Dean Clayton was the mowing man who prepared the trails and lawn for us to enjoy so much! He also made sure cars could enter and exit our parking lot safely! Thanks to Ginny Wilterdink and Carolyn Ragan for the spiffy clean clubhouse. The festive tent was brought to us (literally) by Bob Swarthout from the Fairport First Baptist Church. It sure added to the event! I would be remiss if I didn't mention our guest Scottish piper, Jack Jarosiski! He provided some very lively marching tunes to help us celebrate the event. And the food! Thank you to Linda Smith, Nancy Rosenberg, Carolyn Ragan, Marigrace Piazza, Loretta Pace, Mary Gordon and Sabrina Comisso! Refreshments on the porch and the dinner were great! And the flowers were beautiful!! Thank you, Mary and Sabrina!

Prior to the Pot Luck, we had an Open House. Richard Ashworth prepared the terrific sandwich sign to invite neighbors and passersby to our event! Many neighbors responded. We were fortunate to have Wild Wings volunteers, Tim and Shastin Phillips, come to enlighten us about those beautiful and amazing birds! Don't forget to visit and help support Wild Wings at Mendon Park!

On July 20th we learned about John Burroughs and shared many of his writings. He was an avid observer of nature and a sensitive writer. Those who attended really gained a lot of respect for him and love of his writings. Mr. Burroughs' literary output helped Americans in their understanding of nature. We have **all** of his books in our library at the Sanctuary. Did you know that? Feel free to go and enjoy his words!

John Burroughs was a friend of President Theodore Roosevelt and took a memorable trip to Yellowstone Park with him. John Burroughs, no doubt, had a part in influencing Roosevelt to become the noted conservation president who signed legislation to establish five national parks, 150 national forests and a myriad of other actions.

We have had several excellent field trips recently – including Zurich Bog, Whiting Road Preserve in Webster, and the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. There will be a trip to Letchworth State Park soon. Our leaders are dedicated and knowledgeable. Our gratitude goes to Paul Brach, Norma Platt, Janet Miles and David and Carol Southby for leading these excursions!

Remember that for our November 8 meeting at St. John's Meadows we will have our **Annual Meeting and Reminiscences**. If you are a long time member and would like to share memories of the distant past, memories of the old farmhouse, photos you have, please share them with us. Also, if you have taken photographs of the events of this past year – field trips, events at the Sanctuary, speakers, please share them with us on Nov. 8 as a sort of synopsis of our 100th Anniversary Year!

Cheers!

Julie Clayton

ANNUAL BANQUET Glendoveers Restaurant, Penfield • April 24, 2013



Shirley Shaw and Chita McKinney welcome members to the Banquet



Jerry Keller and Kim Kellerr review historical photographs with Steven Daniel



Members chat over hors d'oeuvres and drinks



Documents from the BANC archives were on display



BANC President Julie Clayton addresses the assembled members



The banquet in progress



Steven Daniel presenting an illustrated history of BANC



Burroughs History IV—Picnics

Originally, the flyer for this year's picnic read "92nd Annual Picnic". This is the club's 92nd year because we were founded in 1913 but did Burroughs Nature Club have its first picnic in 1913? Our "Conservation Station" clubhouse and land were purchased in 1927 but were picnics held at parks or private properties before that? I decided to check it out.

In our archives, we have Activities Booklets beginning in 1924 (only a copy of the first one printed in 1923, is missing), Amelia Heydweiller's minutes beginning in 1929 and her history of the club. The 1924 booklet says that "Winter picnics at the Municipal Museum at Edgerton Park at the first indoor meetings of the month from January-April." Winter picnic? I had to call my resource person, Bob McKinney, to find out that there were refreshments of sandwiches, cakes and coffee. There was no mention of a summer picnic. During the 30's, the Winter picnics must have been quite popular. On January 24, 1930, Miss Mary Sutherland and her ten helpers served refreshments to 80 people. On February 25th, Amelia Heydweiller writes, "there were 175 present, Mrs. Elmer Myers was the chairman of refreshments and handled the situation most efficiently."

On the weekend of July 2-4, 1938, an open house was held at the Conservation Station with guests from the Canandaigua Botanical Society, the Eaton Bird Club of Geneva, Keuka College Group, Keuka Lake Audubon Society, Ornithological Group of Western New York and Pennsylvania, Sassafras Club of Amsterdam, NY, and Wayside Seekers of E. Bloomfield. There was a demonstration of a Botany Log but no mention was made of a picnic.

A Field Day was scheduled to be held rain or shine on July 12, 1941. This wasn't called a picnic but there definitely was food as a cafeteria supper was served. A sale and supper, arranged by the Refreshment and Junior Projects Committees, included a general store; ice cream, baked goods and books for sale, lawn games, field trips, and a botany contest. The booklet reads, "This is one time you are asked to forget your lunch but bring your appetite. Fill your auto with members and friends and have a good time." They must have had a good time because on July 11, 1942 another Field Day was held. Mrs. Joseph Parker Brown talked about "The Early Mills of the Area". One field trip was a contest between teams selected by Florence Zinmeister and Frederick Thorn and a second field trip on birds was a contest between teams selected by Robert Clinquinnoi and Allan Klonick. Cooked foods, ice cream, hots, etc. were for sale.

Field Days in July or August were held for several years but, beginning in 1954, an August Baked Food Sale (not a field day) was held annually until 1962 with the proceeds going to the building fund. The first listing for a PICNIC was in the 1963 booklet. On August 10th, there was fun for the whole family with a clothespin hike for adults, games and prizes for children, a baked foods sale, and a white elephant sale. There were cold drinks for sale in the afternoon and people were urged to stay and buy their picnic supper. For years, the Annual Picnic and Field Day followed a predictable pattern of hikes, sales, games and a picnic. An example on August 13, 1965, the committee provided 30 # of red and white hots, rolls, condiments, 30# of potato salad, 30# of baked beans, and 180 squares of cake for the 130 people attending. Expenses for the food, paper supplies, and prizes were \$95.83.

By the 1970's, people were asked to bring a salad to share to go with the foods supplied by the committee. The committee for the 1973 picnic made a major decision to change the date of the picnic. August, usually our hottest month, was the time that many families were off on summer vacations, so for the first time, the picnic was held in September. Allan Klonick and Maurice Clark cooked the hots; the committee provided baked beans, cake, coffee, and punch; the attendees brought salads. The cost in 1973 per person was \$ 1.25.

This year, we'll have our annual picnic during our 92nd year. It could be our 64th annual picnic if you consider the July 12, 1941 field day as the beginning of our summer get-togethers. Or you could say that it is our 32nd because August 10th, 1963 was our first annual Picnic And Field Day. Whatever you want to call it, we'll have our usual good time. Our chairmen, Ginny & Helene, have planned activities for young and old, a different kind of hike of the property, a potluck supper to accompany the grilled hamburgers and veggie burgers, and two interesting evening programs. First, we'll learn about the importance of our water supply and collect water samples from our Irondequoit Creek with Kimmie Romeo. Later, Steve Daniel will attract moths to his light and sheet. The cost in 2005 ? \$ 1.50.

To my surprise, I have learned that there was a picnic in 1913! On the very first page of William Hoot's "History of the Burroughs-Audubon Nature Club", he writes that, "six more meetings were held in the year 1913. The second was at the summer home, Nee-Top, of Mr. & Mrs. William B. Hoot on the lakefront, between Sea Breeze and Durand- Eastman Park. After an extended walk in the park, all returned to Nee-Top, where a picnic dinner was eaten and experiences related!"

Lois S Jenkins

April 14, 2003



Paul Dudley's Mineral Exhibit



Children's Activities table



Random photos taken at the June 29th 100th Anniversary Gala Celebration

Marilyn Schindler sampling Karen Wolf's edible plants



Willie Markham



John James Audobon (aka Mark Carra)



Piper Jack & Paraders



Refreshments with Marigrace Piazza

A Sharp Outlook
From *Signs and Seasons*
John Burroughs

One has only to sit down in the woods or fields, or by the shore of the river or lake, and nearly everything of interest will come round to him – the birds, the animals, the insects, and presently, after his eye has gotten accustomed to the place, and to the light and shade, he will probably see some plant or flower that he has sought in vain for, and that is a pleasant surprise to him. So, on a large scale, the student and lover of nature has this advantage over people who gad up and down the world, seeking some novelty or excitement; he has only to stay at home and see the procession pass. The great globe swings around to him like a revolving showcase; the change of the seasons is like the passage of strange and new countries; the zones of the earth, with all their beauties and marvels, pass one's door, and linger long in the passing. What a voyage is this we make without leaving for a night our own fireside!

ANNUAL MEETING AND REMINISCENCES
 Shirley Shaw

What have you experienced as a Burroughs member? To wrap up our 100th Anniversary year, November 8's Experience Night will be a trip down memory lane, and we hope many members will participate.

Search your photo collection for snapshots and slides of special Burroughs activities or moments from the past (the farther back in time the better) to share. Don't have a photo but recall an exceptional or funny event? That's all right. Tell us about it instead, and once again, take us as far back in time as you'd like with your stories. And what about all the great activities of 2013? The piper? Mark Carra as Audubon? Wild Wings' birds? Audubon's descendant Lucy Durkin? The anniversary cake? John Burroughs Day? That packed room for Dave and Carol Southby's Program about the butterflies of the Sky Islands? Even our sanctuary clean ups? If you have photos from this year's events, share them with us as well.

Please let President Julie Clayton know if you'll be part of our Experience Night program on November 8. Call her at 585-249-9489 or e-mail juliec@rochester.rr.com.

PICNIC

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Activities start at 3:00 p.m. at the Sanctuary. There'll be a guided trail walk, nature games, and croquet and bocce for the children. Supper begins at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and your place settings. Extra chairs and tables will be needed so bring them if you can. Lucy Winters Durkin will speak after supper.

Shirley Shaw

OPEN HOUSE WITH WILD WINGS

Tim and Shastin Phillips, accompanied by several birds of prey, visited us on June 12. Their presentation was excellent and the birds behaved well.



Tim with a Red Tailed Hawk



Shastin with a Great Horned Owl

History of BANC DVD Order Form

If you would like a copy of the DVD that was made by Todd Parker of ROC Shots Video Services, here's how to get one!

The DVD Title is *BANC, the First 100 Years*, presented by Steven Daniel at the Annual Banquet -- April 24, 2013

Name: _____

Address: _____

- DVD with plain cover: \$5 _____ OR
- DVD with historical photos case: \$12 _____
- Mailing fee: + \$ 2 _____
- Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

(The DVDs are the same; only the covers are different.)

Please send this to Art Trimble, 37 Songbird Lane, Rochester, NY 14620

Copies will also be made available at meetings.

The Tanager

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TO:

**If you haven't renewed
Your membership,
Please do it Now**

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, September 17, 9:00 AM
Letchworth State Park
FALL WANDERINGS IN LETCHWORTH
Leaders: David & Carol Southby**

**Saturday, September 21, 3:00 PM
BANC Sanctuary
ANNUAL PICNIC
JOHN JAMES AUDUBON'S ART
Co-chairs: Jutta Dudley & Shirley Shaw**

**Friday, October 11, 7:30 PM
St. John's Meadows
A PARTNERSHIP FOR NATURE
Presenters: Bruce & Mary Ann Cady**

**Sunday, October 20, 2:00PM
Maplewood Park
GENESEE RIVER LOWER & MIDDLE FALLS AREA
Leaders: Shirley Shaw & Frank Crombe**

**Saturday, October 26, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
BANC Sanctuary
FALL CLEAN-UP
Leader: Dean Clayton**

**Friday, November 8, 7:30 PM
St. John's Meadows
ANNUAL MEETING & REMINISCENCES
For program space reservations
Call Julie Clayton – 249-9489**