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Annual Audubon end-of-year picnic

Redbud Audubon Society members and guests are welcome to join us on Thursday, May 21 for our annual end-of-the-year picnic and installation of officers. This year the event will be held at Lakeside County Park on Park Dr. off of Soda Bay Road. The picnic is a potluck, but Audubon

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Thursday, May 21

* Annual Audubon Picnic & installation of officers

* Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

* Lakeside County Park, 1985 Park Dr.

supplies hotdogs, buns and condiments. You are welcome to bring an alternate meat or meat-substitute to grill if you prefer. Sodas and water will also be provided.

Participants are encouraged to bring salad, beans, chips, or dessert to share.

Please arrive at 5:30. Look for us down by the lake to the left of the launch ramp. The event will include installation of our officers: President: Roberta Lyons; Vice-president, Tina Wasson; Treasurer, Nichola Selph; and Secretary, Marina Vedovi. The picnic is a nice way to visit with and get to know chapter members.



2015 Heron Days full of terrific sights

The participants in the Redbud Audubon Society's 2015 Heron Days event got to see some great sights; like a Great Blue Heron catching a small bass and then swallowing it whole before he took off. Numerous guests enjoyed the event that featured pontoon boat rides on the north end of the lake on Saturday, May 2, and pontoon boat rides on Sunday, May 3, down Cache Creek and in to Anderson Marsh.



President's Message

by Roberta Lyons

As those of us of a certain age understand, as you age, time goes by faster and faster. And so, this last 2014/15 year of Redbud Audubon has seemed to fly by. After much hesitation and declaration that "I am not going to be president again!" I ended up agreeing to take that position for last year, and, I have agreed to take it on for 2015/16 as well.

Despite my reluctance I've found some very gratifying aspects of the job. Mainly, that our board of directors, because of a commitment to Audubon and the desire to see the organization continue, has really stepped up to the plate. We actually do run the organization "as a committee," and it works out well. Everyone has agreed to do their particular job, and they do it.

This does not mean that I'm willing to be president forever. What I hope it means is that others should be able to look at this position and lose the reluctance to serve. It is truly a gratifying way to help our environment and our county. You can do it!

Last year we had some outstanding programs, including ones on the birds of Hawaii, native bees, wildlife of Japan, our local grebe project, and more. The field trips were fun and well-attended and as I write this, we are getting ready for our 20th annual Heron Days event, taking people on pontoon boats into the channels of Clear Lake and Cache Creek to view the fabulous wildlife here.

So, as we "go dark," for the summer, please consider joining us on our board. Just serve on the board at first and see what it is like and what you have to offer. Please call me at (707) 994-2024 or email: roberta.lyons@att.net if you would like to discuss how you can get involved to help the birds and other wildlife of Lake County. Looking forward to seeing everyone as we start our season of programs and field trips in September. Also, come to our picnic on May 21 at Lakeside County Park. I look forward to seeing you there.

Please provide us with your Email

A number of our members have emailed us at redbud.audubon@gmail.com to opt to receive our newsletter, "*The Western Grebe*" by email as opposed to receiving it by mail.

Not only do you help save a tree, you help us save on expenses and energy in sending it to you by regular mail, and it comes to you in color versus the black and white mailed version. If you have been meaning to, but haven't yet done so, take the minute or two out of your time to do so.

Even if you still prefer to receive the mailed version of the "*Grebe*", we would like to have your email for our records. Once in a while we send out emails to our members about important events or bird sightings that may be of interest. You are also welcome to email us with any information that you think would be of interest to the membership. Questions requiring expert opinions are forwarded to the appropriate persons.

Also, we rely on our members for whom we have emails to help us with any volunteer efforts that we may have. Often it just means a couple of hours of your time. Whether you have areas of expertise or birding skills that you can share, or are willing to help us with general staffing of booths, setting up booths and transporting materials, we welcome your participation.

So please give us your email address by sending it to redbud.audubon@gmail.com, and, if you wish, let us know in what areas you feel you can help.

New and returning members welcomed

Welcome new and returning members:
Victoria Brandon, Lower Lake; Gladys Bransford, Cobb; Laura Debaun, Lower Lake; Betty Hudson, Clearlake; Joyce F. Lashbrook, Lower Lake; Arthur L. Miller, Lakeport; Daniel Odonnell, Clearlake Oaks; Laurel Patterson, Middletown; David Velasquez, Lakeport; Karin Woodrum, Cobb; Jack Elizares, Clearlake; Betty Jackson, Lakeport; and Julia Spurlock, Lower Lake.



The 2015 Heron Days event held by the Redbud Audubon Society was great. Volunteer boat owners and drivers, Henry Bornstein and Gae Henry enjoyed taking out this group that left from Redbud Park for a tour down Cache Creek on Sunday, May 3.



Audubon's "Renegade," Captain, Ed Legan who has volunteered his time and boat for the event for the past three years. He likes to take people on long boat rides all the way to the dam on Cache Creek. Thanks Ed!



Heading down Cache Creek on May 3 during the 20th annual Heron Days presented by the Redbud Audubon Society.



Pam Ross, left, and Pat Nicodemus of Dixon traveled to Clear Lake to enjoy the boat tours presented by the Redbud Audubon Society. The annual Heron Days event features pontoon boat rides on the north end of Clear Lake, leaving from Lakeside County Park, and on the south end leaving from Redbud Park. The event is usually held on the first weekend in May.

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