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Remembering Peter Murphy

by Steve D'Amato

One of Great South Bay Audubon Society's prominent members for years passed away on December 27, 2019 at the age of 81. A Board Member from before I joined the chapter in 1990 through 1995, he went into semi-retirement and lived in Naples, Florida for the winter months before returning back in Spring to Bay Shore.

A very good athlete. He was a star football player at Chaminade High School and an excellent tennis player. An enthusiastic and dedicated birder, he always welcomed others to join in the joy of birding. He was the co-leader of our full weekend trips to the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (a.k.a. Brigantine) and Cape May in the Fall and the Bashakill/Doodletown Road (later Bashakill/Sterling Forest) trip in Spring, as well as Saturday or Sunday field trips to places like Central Park or the Alley Pond, Forest Park, and Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge trip. On Saturdays, he would also go out with some of us to places like Jones Beach or Fire Island during the migration and winter seasons.

Peter was a major supporter of our chapter, giving generously. He also was a collector of the artwork which was donated to the chapter for the purposes of the silent auction at the Annual Dinner. He accumulated quite a collection over the years. His wife had commissioned me to do a painting of his favorite bird, the Blackburnian Warbler.

Peter was always proud of his life list, which he approached as a personal competition. After fully retiring, Peter enjoyed birding in more 'exotic' places. He had gone to the rain forests of Costa Rica, in search of quetzals, toucans, and hummingbirds. He was amongst one of the last groups of birders who were able to stay over on Attu Island before the Coast Guard officially closed Attu in 2010. For those who saw the movie *The Big Year*, you will have seen that this location is visited by Asian vagrant bird species, some very rare. On the island, transportation was via bicycle only, so it was not for the faint of heart. Attu was THE ideal location to observe and record these vagrant species.

Peter always loved the camaraderie of birding. Whether with Bill Madigan and me when we went up to Ithaca to visit Cornell's Laboratory of Ornithology and surrounding Sapsucker Woods or others like Mike Maran or the Merrymans, birding with others and sharing the excitement of observation was always an enjoyment.

So, for those of us who were fortunate enough to have known Peter, his passing has saddened us. Our chapter was fortunate to have had him as a member for so many years.



Peter Murphy - Photography by Vera Copogna



"Bird Gathering" by Boston Public Library on Unsplash.com

President's Message

by Jody Banaszak

Hello, my little birding friends! Hope all is well. So, tell me, is it winter or spring? My daffodils are coming up, as are my tulips. I saw crocuses up in someone's yard! It's still February! By the time you get this newsletter, it will be April, spring, but geesh. I guess Mother Nature is still going through menopause. Poor thing. I know the real reason is climate change. It's very sad for humans and wildlife, although some people think it's great not to be so cold. Even though I would rather be cold than hot, it's not good, especially if we don't have a freeze. The freeze helps get rid of some bad things, such as ticks. I do like the snow, and when I was an Art Teacher, it was nice to get a snow day, but now that I'm retired, it doesn't matter. Every day is a snow day!! I haven't seen any migraters back yet, but I did hear a red winged black bird in my yard Feb. 23rd and still have the hooded mergansers in my back yard. One night, while lying in bed, I heard a great horned owl. I've never heard one in my neighborhood. And, in about 3 weeks, the ospreys will be back!

We had two great speakers in January and February, **Rusty Schmidt** and **John Turner**, and will have had **Tamson Yeh** in March. We have a new volunteer at Brookside, **Steven Steinbaum**. He will be at Brookside on two Wednesdays a month. Thanks Steven! Our festival is slated for September at Brookside County Park. We decided to have an art show, among other things, for the festival. Any member can enter a painting, sculpture, or photo. Send me up to 3 entries to be considered for the show. They can also be up for sale. Contact me at crabnose88@yahoo.com.

We had a meeting with the County Parks people in January about Brookside. It seems the that the community wants to get involved with Park cleanups and monitoring for people entering the park, especially at night. The County Parks is going to create a new path to the bridge, which will make a nicer way to access the bridge, and give a better view any teenagers that may gang out there after hours.

Jonathan Pryer, Department Head of Community Outreach at the Sayville Library, will sponsor an Historical tour of the park on April 18th through the Sayville Library and GSBAS. The library would also like to have an outdoor yoga and photo class at Brookside. A lot going on!! Hope you can join us and I hope you liked our new newsletter!

Happy birding!

P.S. - I think I figured out how to go down a few pant sizes. While coming out of Stop and Shop in Sayville, I noticed a lot of receipts in the parking lot. I figured if I spent every other day going there, bending down to pick them up, and any other garbage such as flyers and produce bags, I could lose a few inches off my waistline!!

New GSBAS Board Member

by Annette Browmell

Welcome **Steven Steinbaum**, our new Brookside Coordinator! Steve has been a Great South Bay Audubon member for a little over a year and a bird watcher for more than 11 years. Steve will be taking on the managerial duties that go along with Brookside Park and rebuilding our volunteer group. He has tons of organizational experience having served in the US Army for nearly 40 years and then another 24 with the US Post Office as a Postmaster and Manager. Steve is an excellent addition to our GSBAS board. Please congratulate and welcome him! And do consider becoming a volunteer at Brookside County Park, whether it's once a week or even once a month.

Contact Steve for more information (Steinbaumsteven@gmail.com; cell 631-994-6970; home 631-909-8626).

New GSBAS Nature Walk Location

The Sisters of St. Joseph Campus in Brentwood has been officially added as a nature walk location for GSBAS. Sister Karen Burke hosted a walk at the end of 2019, which was attended by Ken Thompson, John Gluth, Bob Grover and Tim Dunn. All participants were very impressed with what is being done on the campus to preserve and improve the natural habitats. As a result, there is a lot of potential for good bird watching with a mix of grassland, meadowlands and woodlands.

John's list from the December visit was a total of 21 species. Some highlights were a Bald Eagle, soaring over, Bluebirds, a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and a Hairy Woodpecker (complete list was posted to E-Bird). A decent number of species for the beginning of December, so it does have the potential to also be productive for our club trips scheduled for June. This location is relatively uncharted! Our upcoming walks will help provide a better bird census and hopefully that is something that we can improve upon year and year. Please join us for these exciting walks!

Bug Me by Harry Anderson

People who study these things say that there are over 10 quintillion insects that crawl, hop or fly around the earth. That number looks like this: 10,000,000,000,000,000,000. That inconceivable figure is comprised of more than 925,000 species that have been identified. How many are still to be discovered is simply unknown. It means that insects constitute 90% of everything on our planet that isn't mineral or vegetable. Go to the North Pole and you will find springtails and possibly be subjected to mites, lice and fleas. Antarctica is not spared. There are mites, and climate change has produced an invasion of the common house fly. Leave the ground and you still do not get rid of them. Bumblebees have been found at 29,029 feet, the height of Mt. Everest. Locusts fly at 14,764 feet; stoneflies and mayflies at 16,490 and butterflies still flit around at 19,685. Speaking of locusts, in February, north east Kenya experienced swarms of them that were of biblical proportions. One swarm was 25 miles wide and 37 miles long. It contained more than 40 million bugs that consumed enough food to feed 35,000 people.

Why is all this important? The simple, uncomfortable fact is that if all the insects on earth were to vanish in some cataclysm, we would go with them. We cannot survive without bugs. Yes, they chew away roof rafters, ruin picnics, destroy our roses and give us malaria - and they can destroy crops. But the good outweighs all else. If you enjoy apples, cherries, plums, onions, potatoes, almonds and all kinds of berries, thank some of those 10 quintillion for their pollination that keeps these edibles growing.

Many bugs are an important food source in some countries. There are now several cricket farms throughout our own. Crickets are a good source of protein. They are sustainable and certainly easier to raise than cows. They also produce 80% less methane than the 110 kg a single dairy cow pumps into the atmosphere per year. If you also want to sustain bluebirds, cardinals, grosbeaks, nuthatches, titmice, woodpeckers and warblers, keep in mind that they thrive on moths, larvae, caterpillars, ants and beetles of all kinds. Bug on.



Green ShortHorn Grasshopper - Photo by Jeanne Paredes on Unsplash.com

Lessons From Geese Author Unknown

In the fall when you see Geese heading south for the winter flying along in the "V" formation, you might be interested in knowing what science has discovered about why they fly that way. It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. Quite similar to people who are part of a community and share a common vision to get where they are going quicker and easier, because they are traveling on the trust of one another and lift each other up along the way.



V Formation - Photo by Inu Etc on Unsplash.com

Whenever a Goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go through it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the power of the flock. If we have as much sense as a Goose, we will stay in formation and share information with those who are headed the same way that we are going. When the lead Goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another Goose takes over. It pays to share the journey and take turns doing hard jobs. The Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep their speed. Words of support and inspiration help energize those on the front line, helping them to keep pace in spite of the day-to-day pressures and fatigue. It is important that our honking be encouraging. Otherwise it's just - well honking!

Finally, when a Goose gets sick or is wounded by a gunshot and falls out, two Geese fall out of the formation and follow the injured one down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is either able to fly or until he is dead, and then they launch out with another formation to catch up with their group. When one of us is down, it's up to the others to stand by us in our time of trouble. If we have the sense of a Goose, we will stand by each other when things get rough. We will stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. The next time you see a formation of Geese, remember their message that: it is indeed a reward, a challenge and a privilege to be a contributing member of a team.

GSBAS Annual Dinner

by Annette Brownell



As the days are getting longer and the scent in the air is changing, you can feel that spring is around the corner. Before we know it, our annual May Dinner Fundraiser will be here. Save the date of Monday, May 4. Our venue once again is Captain Bill's.

This year our speaker is wildlife biologist, Mike Bottini from East Hampton. Mike is a naturalist, writer, and organizer of the Long Island Natural History Conference.

Mike's wildlife research studies have included elk, spotted and tiger salamanders, spotted turtles, piping plovers, and river otters. He continues to introduce people to the outdoors through his field naturalist classes, nature walks, and paddling trips.

Steve D'Amato is already working on another terrific painting to be raffled off. This year's is of a Gila Woodpecker approaching the entrance to its nesting cavity on one side of a saguaro cactus, while an Elf Owl is holding onto the edge of the entrance of its nest cavity on the other side of that same cactus.

We will have some fun raffle prizes. Donations of new items along a nature or gardening theme are appreciated. Perhaps you would like to make a basket up or help with gathering donations. We love it when others get involved and we get to work with other members on a personal level. There are several areas where a variety of talents are welcome.

Call Annette Brownell for details at **631-260-8089**.



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GSBAS Events by Annette Brownell

Painting Class

Our paint class in January was another success. We had 5 women painting a Pileated woodpecker. The class was for two hours, with step by step instruction with acrylics. A lot of laughs and a good time was had by all! Our next class will be April 11th, 2-4pm at Brookside County Park. The fee is \$20 for all supplies. Sign up with Jody at **crabnose88@yahoo.com**.

Park Cleanup

Saturday, May 16th at 9:30 am

Cleanup at Brookside County Park! Come help us cleanup our little treasure on May 16th at 9:30 am. Every year GSBAS does a cleanup at the park. It consists of clearing and cleaning up the paths of fallen branches and debris, the other grounds, cleaning and weeding the gardens, and taking garbage out of ponds and streams. We supply all the equipment, plus the coffee, bagels and other goodies! Sign up with Jody at **crabnose88@yahoo.com**.

Breakfast & Birding

Sunday, May 10, 2020 - 8:00 am - Birding & Breakfast, Connetquot River SPP

Leaders: Edith & Bob Wilson, Helga Merryman, Ken Thompson, Jack Carlson
Continental breakfast. Reservations are required - Fill out the form on our programs page to register (<http://www.gsbas.org/program.asp>). Registration fee \$4, plus \$8 parking fee per car - unless you have yearly Empire pass.

Call for Bird Photos

So many of our members take fantastic pictures of the birds and we would like to show them off! If you've taken a photo that you'd like to see published in our newsletter, then kindly send to Jody at **crabnose88@yahoo.com**. Please put "Newsletter Photo" in the subject to let us know that it's okay to print your photo. And do include any details about the photo or even a story about it.



Painting Class - Photo by Jody Banazsak

As Spring Arrives by Annette Brownell

"Wake from thy nest, robin red-breast!
Sing, birds, in every furrow!
And from each bill let music shrill
Give my fair Love good-morrow!
Blackbird and thrush in every bush,
Stare, linnet, and cock-sparrow;
You pretty elves, among yourselves
Sing my fair love good-morrow"
To give my love good-morrow"
Sing birds in every furrow"

~Thomas Heywood, excerpt from "Love's Good-Morrow"

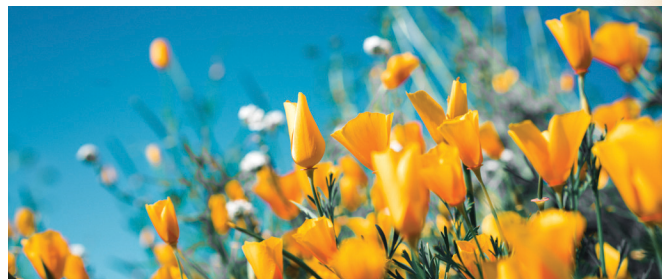


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Birds are a creature of unending allure. Saya Laura Erickson from Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, "Birds have captured the human heart since the earliest times, pillowing our heads with their feathers, carrying messages, and filling our senses with vivid color and an infinite variety of sounds. Our yearning for the freedom of flight was inspired by birds." Leonardo Da Vinci, artist and inventor, was one of the first to ponder the mysteries of birds and flight. The "ornithopter" was his untested futuristic flying machine. As far back as the arts go, birds have been a worthy topic in our fables, our art, our music and our homes. They adorn our walls, our tables and housewares, tapestries and other forms of decorative art. Join Great South Bay Audubon Society and our many events, from nature walks to art classes, lectures and social events and explore the secret lives of birds. We never seem to tire of these whimsical creatures, who inspire our imaginations to simply soar. "O bird, your perfect virtues bring. Your song, your forms, your rhythmic flight. Your manners for your heart's delight." Ralph Waldo Emerson "May-Day"

Feeder Survey Compiled by Helga Merryman

Strolling down a wooded path in the dead of winter, we become aware of a sudden stirring in the trees and soon we're engulfed by a mixed group of birds, Chickadees, Titmice, Kinglets, Woodpeckers, Nuthatches, and Creepers, each feeding in their own distinctive way, some eating last season's left over berries and seeds, while others seek insects hidden in leaves or buried under tree bark. The noisy Chickadees and Titmice sound alarms to warn of danger, and in a flash the flock proceeds to the next lucrative spot only leaving us with a memory. This was a Winter Feeding Flock, an unexpected pleasure of the season.

It seemed as though the bird feeders were not as busy this winter, maybe because of the mild weather. Some notable sightings were Catherine Unterschuetz in Lindenhurst reporting two Ravens on the perimeter of her property in early February, and Alisa Kremer-Parrott in West Sayville had a Bald Eagle high up in a Cherry tree in her yard eating a "critter". For this survey period we had 9 participants, Banaszak, Caruso, Fogarty, Horman, Kremer Parrott, Merryman, Paltridge, Unterschuetz and Wilson, the 8 areas represented were Babylon, Blue Point, Deer Park, East Islip, East Patchogue, Lindenhurst, Ridge and West Sayville.

The GSBAS Feeder Survey has been run for many years. The reward of the survey is to bring awareness of nature to our doorstep and share our observations with others. Anyone is welcome to join the survey at any time during the counting period from November to March, Instructions for the survey are in the Fall issue of the Sandpiper.

Survey Data: December 2019/ January 2020/ February 2020

Red-tailed Hawk 0/ 0/ 1	Tufted Titmouse 11/ 13/ 7	Red-winged Blackbird 2/ 2/ 8
Sharp-shinned Hawk 2/ 0/ 0	Red-breasted Nuthatch 0/ 0/ 0	Common Grackle 2/ 0/ 4
Cooper's hawk 3/ 2/ 1	White-breasted Nuthatch 5 /6/ 3	Brown-headed Cowbird 4/ 0/ 0
Rock pigeon 5/ 0/ 5	Carolina Wren 14/ 17/ 10	House Finch 60/ 62/ 47
Mourning Dove 89/ 117/ 74	American Robin 2/ 100+/ 5	American Goldfinch 7/ 19/ 4
Monk Parakeet 0/ 6/ 2	Northern Mockingbird 6/ 7/ 4	House Sparrow 115/ 100/ 50
Red-bellied Woodpecker 8/ 7/ 7	Brown Thrasher 0/ 0/ 0	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1/ 0/ 0	European Starling 55/ 173/ 24	OTHER SPECIES
Downy Woodpecker 13/ 13/ 14	Towhee 0 /0/ 0	Purple Finch 0/ 2/ 1
Hairy Woodpecker 4/ 2/ 2	Fox Sparrow 1/ 2/ 0	Chipping Sparrow 2/ 0/ 0
Northern Flicker 2/ 5/ 3	Song Sparrow 13 /5 / 8	Mallards 0/ 4/ 2
Blue Jay 36/ 37/ 25	White-throated Sparrow 43/ 45/ 30	Kingfisher 0/ 1/ 0
American Crow 2/ 4/ 18	Dark-eyed Junco 39/ 39/ 46	Great Blue Heron 0/ 1/ 0
Black-capped Chickadee 29/ 22/ 17	Northern Cardinal 33/ 57/ 22	Ring-billed Gull 0/ 12/ 0
		Bald Eagle 1/ 0/ 0

Field Trip Report Montauk

by John Gluth

We started as usual at Montauk Point State Park, scoping the ocean from the overlook behind the restaurant. Despite the poor viewing conditions, we managed to see most of the species typically present near shore at this time of year. We saw over 60 Razorbills, including a couple of flyby flocks containing >10 birds, as well as smaller groups and singles sitting on the water. Also seen were all 3 scoter species, Common Eider, Long-tailed Duck, Red-breasted Merganser, Common Goldeneye, Common and Red-throated loons, a few Northern Gannets, and a single Great Cormorant. All were present in lower numbers than we're used to seeing, unless there were throngs of them farther offshore out of sight behind the fog bank.



The Glaucous Gull (Montauk)
- Photography by John Gluth

Working our way back west, we headed down East Lake Drive to Outer Beach on the east side of Montauk Harbor inlet. There, among the gulls loafing on the pebbled beach just south of the jetty, were two adult Iceland Gulls, a species somewhat regularly encountered at this location, but always an enjoyable discovery. Our next stop was the beach at the end of South Lake Drive. Other than a flock of Common Goldeneye, water birds were scarce. Thankfully there was some land bird activity in the thickets up the road. It took a fair amount of 'pishing', but we managed to see or hear Winter Wren, Gray Catbird, Field and Swamp sparrows, and Yellow-rumped Warbler. After a scrubbed visit to Ditch Plains (tide and surf high, fog), we visited Ice House Pond and Fort Pond Bay, where we added Ring-necked Duck and Horned Grebe respectively.

After a brief and unrewarding visit to Kirk Park, we departed Montauk. We made a slow drive down Napeague Meadow on our way west, but failed to turn up anything notable there. We skipped our usual stop at Hook Pond due to the fog and instead went straight to Shinnecock Inlet. There the thick mist again hampered our efforts, making a Harlequin Duck that had been reported recently undetectable. Luckily one of our group had lagged behind our caravan and popped into the parking lot at Ponquogue Beach, where he found a juvenile Glaucous Gull, easily the bird of the trip. We wrapped up with a slow cruise west along Dune Road. Three Northern Harriers visible at once hunting over the salt marsh at Hot Dog Beach was the highlight. This field trip, our first annually, is always much anticipated, both as an opportunity to see many species the first time for the year and as a chance to see some harder to find species. Despite the tough weather conditions, this year's trip delivered on both accounts.

Upcoming Speakers

by Annette Brownell

~ All GSBAS Activities are FREE and open to the public. Meetings are held at the Seatuck Environmental Association (550 South Bay Avenue, Islip NY 11751). Refreshments begin at 7:00 and the program begins at 7:30 pm. Join us and bring a friend.

~ **February**

John Turner gave a great presentation on bird collisions with windows, which is a global problem. Almost a thousand birds a day are killed with these strikes! The birds see the reflections of the sky and trees in the window, so they fly into them and often die as a result. For further information go to: www.flap.org, www.abcbirds.org, www.nyaudubon.org, safewings.ca, and birdsafesafe.ca

~ **March - CANCELLED**

Our March speaker will be Tamson Yeh. Her topic is "The Amazing Spider". Learn about the biology and habits of spiders including local spiders, which ones can cause issues with humans, which ones are of greatest benefit, cool mythology and fascinating spider facts, their habits and their webs and lots more. Tamson is a Pest Management/Turf Specialist at Cornell Coop Extension Suffolk.

~ **April**

Our April speaker will be Karl Auwaerter from Bayport Flower House. His topic is "How to Create a Rain Garden". Karl will tell us about the different native plants and which ones would benefit birds and pollinators for a rain garden.

~ **June**

Our June meeting will be held on June 18th at Brookside County Park, 59 Brook St., West Sayville. For this year's outdoor program, our speaker is from the Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center in Hampton Bays. Amanda will be bringing 4 types of owls, a flaon, a red-tailed hawk, and maybe a turkey vulture! We will have refreshments and a raffle. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Great photo ops too.

Upcoming Nature Walks

Due to the Coronavirus, all walks have been cancelled until further notice. Kindly monitor our website for updates as we hope to resume as soon as possible -- <http://www.gsbas.org/fieldTrips.asp>.

On a positive note, we are very excited to announce that the Sisters of St. Joseph Campus has been added to our list of walk locations. This is an excellent place to bird or just enjoy nature, and we are so thrilled that the Sisters have invited GSBAS onto their campus. The below walks are not yet listed on our website so be sure to mark your calendars.

Sisters of St. Joseph Campus

Tuesday, June 9, 9:30 am

Leaders Ken Thompson (631-612-8028)

Jack Carlson (631-988-6808)

Directions Sunrise Highway to Brentwood Rd North approximately 2.5 mi Look for main entrance, meet in parking lot in front of Building 4.

Saturday, June 13, 8:30 am

Leaders Jack Carlson (631-988-6808)

Ken Thompson (631-612-8028)

Directions Sunrise Highway to Brentwood Rd North approximately 2.5 mi Look for main entrance, meet in parking lot in front of Building 4.



Directions to Brookside County Park
59 Brook St, Sayville 11782

The park is located on the north side of Brook St., just east of, and diagonally across from Sayville High School. Look for the large white sign that says "Brookside County Park". From the West and East via Sunrise Hwy: Sunrise Highway to Locust Ave. South, to Montauk Highway. Make a left onto Montauk Highway. Then a quick left onto Brook Street. (traffic light). Continue 2 miles, just past Sayville High School. The entrance to the park is on the left (north side of street). Look for the "Brookside County Park" sign. You may park in the high school parking lot and walk across the street to the park.

Fall Festival by Annette Brownell

We are so excited to be holding our 3rd annual "Birds of a Feather" Fall Festival on Saturday, September 12th at Brookside County Park. We are fortunate to call this park our home and to have the support of Suffolk County. There will be a live band, wildlife presentations, and educational demonstrations to help and encourage families to care for our precious environment, as well as take advantage of the natural world. And by popular demand, Ranger Eric will be returning with an array of interesting birds, animals and stories. Things are still in the planning stages. Some of the features we hope to have are a bee keeper and honey, native plant experts and guided tours of the grounds.

This year we will be having our first open to the public art show! We will showcase nature, wildlife and bird related art in a variety of art mediums – photography, painting, carving, sculpting. This will prove very exciting. Applicants may submit up to 3 pieces of artwork. The number of applicants we have will determine how many of an artist's pieces we can show. There is no fee for this event. To learn more, contact Jody Banaszak at crabnose88@yahoo.com.

As always, volunteers and new ideas are welcome. There is a lot to do to create an event that will bring people together for a fun day of learning and discovery of Great South Bay Audubon Society and the historic park and nature preserve right in Sayville.

Have you seen this sign on lawns around your neighborhood?

It is intended to raise awareness about nitrogen pollution and is supported by a coalition of Long Island environmental and civic organizations. Home owners bearing this sign have pledged not to use chemicals on their lawn.

To learn more about the water quality on Long Island or to purchase the lawn signs, visit the Long Island Water website at: <https://www.liwater.org/>



Great South Bay Audubon Society Membership

Become a member of Great South Bay Audubon Society. Your contribution will support GSBAS conservation efforts, educational programs and our stewardship at Brookside County Park.

Please make checks payable to:
 "Great South Bay Audubon Society" and mail to:
 GSBAS, P.O. Box 267, Sayville, NY 11782

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We Have a New Look! by Annette Brownell

Great South Bay Audubon Society has been working on some exciting changes to our look and to our communications. It is a bit of a process – actually a pretty big bit. We are working through some changes and making some mistakes, but the overall feedback is positive.

When we are done, there will be more social media options, the ability to donate or renew memberships online and the opportunity to get your newsletter electronically. We know that electronic newsletters are not for everyone, so printed newsletters are not vanishing. More information will be made available as these changes are rolled out. These changes are all about being more environmentally friendly and using our contributors' dollars as effectively as we can. Your continued support and feedback are always welcome.

