

The Wildfowler



JULY 2005

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 4
Independence Day

July 11
Board of Directors meeting
AWHM, 7pm

July 19
Guild/BBBC picnic (by RSVP),
Redwing Park, 5 pm social, 6pm
cookout

Aug 17
Museum Management Committee
meeting, 10:30am, AWHM

Sept 3
BBBC birdwalk, Back Bay NWR

Sept 6
First Guild meeting of the new
season, 6pm social, 7pm meet-
ing/program

Sept 12
Board of Directors meeting,
7pm, AWHM

Sept 23-26 (tentative)
Museum 10 Years Anniversary

Oct 1
BBBC birdwalk, Kiptopeke,
Eastern Shore NWR, Eyre Hall

Oct 18
BBBC quarterly meeting, 7pm,
AWHM

In Memoriam



Edgar T. Brown

Nov. 19, 1932— June 15, 2005

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



It is truly with a heavy heart that I begin this month's newsletter. Edgar Brown, one of the staunchest supporters of our Museum passed away June 15, 2005. A life-long resident of Virginia Beach he really appreciated the local history that makes our area so unique. When I became the Director of the Museum in July 2000, it didn't take long to realize that Edgar was one of the individuals I could count on for help if I ran into some bureaucratic brick wall. I didn't know him as well as many, nor as long, but the few years I did have the privilege to work with him, I found him to be one of the finest gentlemen I have ever met and I feel extremely proud to have known him and to have been able to call him a friend. He will be dearly missed.



"The Board"

Our three-month exhibit at the Norfolk International Airport was taken down at the end of June and I do believe it is a great place to display our Guild and Museum information. Those display cases are really on demand and I took the next available dates, April-June 2007! Although quite some time off, we will be displaying during all the VB 2007 and Jamestown events.

Don't forget about Birds on the Beach in September during the Neptune Festival. It will be held on the Museum grounds and will be designed for local Guild members to sell some of their wares. Committee members will be calling members with details about the event to see if they're interested in participating.

September 2005 also marks 10 years since the Museum held its Grand Opening. We'd like to do something special. Anyone with ideas who would like to take charge, call me at the Museum.

—Tom

GUILD MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Two members selected for recognition for July are T. J. Henning and Mike Steed. Both T. J. and Mike are relatively new Guild members, both are very talented carvers. When they joined the Guild they volunteered their services on the weekends. It's always tough to find someone every Saturday and Sunday, but these two fine carvers have really done a superb job. I guarantee that if you stop by the Museum on the weekends you won't be disappointed. T. J. and Mike have also been able to fill-in on short notice when some of our other weekend carvers have been unavailable. We appreciate your help.

"BBBC members taking time out for lunch at the James River Visitor Center"



DONATIONS

Herb Videll (monetary)

The following donations are in memory of Edgar T. Brown:

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 Jo Ann Blair-Davis

If your name does not appear above, your donation arrived after the newsletter went to the printers. We will note these donations in next month's newsletter.

On behalf of the family and Museum we thank you for your kindness and generosity.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



We have been working hard since the first of the year to find a home for our Wildlife Show we had for 27yrs (1975-2002). A show steering committee was formed, we had reports, visited a half dozen sites, found one we thought would be suitable, and called a special meeting of the Board of Directors at the site.

The decision was unanimous, Aye, Aye, Aye, Aye. Folks we have a site and a time, October or November of 2006 at the Virginia Beach Law Enforcement Academy (old Seatack Elementary School), about two blocks west of the Pavilion. This seems to be the perfect building and location. Thanks to Lynn Hightower for locating this site for us. I want to thank the steering committee for their hard work and dedication. Now the work begins, we have formed a planning committee and have begun to organize and plan the show; we have tons of work ahead of us, all very exciting and rewarding.

The "Birds on the Beach" show at the museum during the Neptune Festival is a great opportunity for our members to show and/or sell their work. Tom and the committee are working hard to make this a success.

Don't forget our covered dish picnic Tuesday July 19th, 5 o'clock at shelter 5 Redwing Park off of General Booth Blvd. Elaine Polizos (340-3811) will co-ordinate the covered dishes. Please call her to tell her what you plan to bring so we will have a balance of dishes. Come for a great time of food and fellowship.

We are deeply saddened by the passing of our friend and advisor Edgar Brown. Edgar has contributed much to the welfare of the guild and museum. We will miss him not only for his friendship and guidance, but also because Edgar caused positive things to happen to the guild, the museum and the library.

—Herb Verhaagen

BACK BAY BIRDING CLUB

In June the BBBC went to the Blue Ridge Parkway for a three-day birdwalk. This is the third time we have made this trip as a club and the very first year that our weather was spectacular! Day ONE we went on Rt 610 that parallels the parkway and traveled back on the Parkway. Counting the birds we saw in those two locations as well as birds seen in town we tallied 28 species. Day TWO we traveled down the parkway 86 miles stopping at our favorite places (Humpback Rock, Whetstone Ridge, James River Visitor Center, Apple Orchard and Peaks of Otter) and tallied 62 species of birds. Day THREE we birded Warbler Rd. This is actually a series of fire roads that connect for 12 miles. It took us 4 hours to travel that short distance because there was so much to see. We tallied 49 species of birds there. Our GRAND TOTAL for the three-day trip was 76 different species of birds! Most numerous bird was the Red-eyed Vireo. Those things were singing EVERYWHERE! Second most numerous probably the Indigo Buntings. The third most numerous...hummmmm... well...lets just say WARBLERS! Warblers identified: Parula, Yellow, Chestnut-sided, Yellow-throated, Pine, Prairie, Cerulean, Black and White, American Redstart, Worm-eating, Ovenbird, Hooded and last but certainly not least...the largest warbler...the Yellow-breasted Chat. Total...a LUCKY 13!

Summer is the time to take a rest from birding because of the bugs that bite and make a home on a person and also out of respect of birds that are nesting, raising little ones and in general running themselves ragged trying to feed those gaping beaks begging for food. Our walks will resume in September. Come join us!

—Karen

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