

AUDUBON COUNCIL OF NEW YORK STATE MEMBER CHAPTERS

Bedford Audubon Society
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Albany, NY 12203

AUDUBON COUNCIL OF NEW YORK STATE FALL MEETING



OCTOBER 30 – NOVEMBER 1, 2009
THE THAYER HOTEL
WEST POINT, NY

AN INVITATION TO ALL AUDUBON CHAPTER LEADERS

The semi-annual meetings of the Audubon Council of New York State are ideal opportunities for you to meet and network with representatives from the state's 27 Chapters and the staff of Audubon New York.

In honor of Geoffrey Cobb Ryan, ACNYS has created a \$250 memorial stipend to enable Chapters with limited financial resources to send a representative to the Council meeting. Please contact Laura McCarthy (lmcarthy@audubon.org) to apply.

**** FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER GUEST SPEAKER** (TBA)**

****SATURDAY MORNING FIELD TRIPS****

Hook Mountain

This IBA in southeast Rockland County is Hook Mountain Hawk Watch. The group will hike part of the Long Path to a promontory that provides a spectacular view of the Hudson. We will look for fall wildflowers along the way, and at the top we will have a 360 degree vantage point to scan for late-season migrating raptors.

Doodletown & Iona Island

This IBA along the Hudson River in northern Rockland County is a "migrant trap". The group will search for late-season migrants and fall wildflowers in and around the foundations of the former hamlet of Doodletown, now part of Bear Mountain State Park. If there is sufficient time, we will also walk out the Iona Island Causeway in search of marshland species.

****SATURDAY AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS****

Tips for Chapter Fundraising

Join Audubon New York's Director of Development and Assistant Director & Major Gifts Associate for a workshop on fundraising for chapters. Topics will include how to structure a well-executed annual campaign and appeal letter, how to uncover prospective donors in your community through prospect research, how to partner with Audubon New York staff on collaborative funding grants from local foundations, and case studies on local government grants for education and outreach programs. Bring an open mind & any questions you might have!

Communications Strategies for Audubon Chapters

Have you ever wanted to improve the visibility of your Chapter in your local community? In this session, communications experts from the National Audubon Society will help participants learn how to increase public awareness of their chapter by developing effective communications strategies.

****SATURDAY EVENING GUEST SPEAKER****

Frances Dunwell, Hudson River Estuary Program Coordinator, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

"The Hudson: America's River "

How has the Hudson River transformed American history, politics and culture? How has its unique geography, scenic beauty and a culture of entrepreneurship inspired people to innovate in the fields of engineering, environmental conservation, art, and architecture? Come and find out!

In 2009, as we celebrate the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial, Ms. Dunwell demonstrates the importance of Henry Hudson's voyage in launching a 400 year legacy for the river that bears his name.

Her recently-published book [The Hudson: America's River](#) will be available for purchase following her presentation. All royalties from the sale of the book are being donated to the Natural Heritage Trust for conservation of the river.

****SUNDAY MORNING****

CHAPTER ROUNDTABLE, COUNCIL BUSINESS, AND AUDUBON NEW YORK PROGRAM UPDATES

Sunday morning is kicked off by the Chapter Roundtable, where each Chapter highlights its programs and activities. You'll hear about how other Chapters are involved in their communities, what they are doing to attract and retain members and how Collaborative Funding Grants are being used. You'll surely come away with some fresh and innovative ideas to take back to your Chapter. In addition, Council business items will be addressed as well as program updates from Audubon New York staff.

ALL AUDUBON CHAPTER LEADERS ARE INVITED!

THE DEADLINE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION IS SEPTEMBER 29TH

THAYER HOTEL – 845-446-4731

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CONFERENCE REGISTRATION, MEALS,
AND LODGING WILL FOLLOW**