

# Audubon Board Takes To The Adirondacks

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Audubon New York Board and staff members gather for an informal discussion. (Left to right) Geoffrey Cobb Ryan, Carole Nemore, Constantine Sidamon-Eristoff, Michael Burger Ph.D., David J. Miller and Oakes Ames.

Commissioner of New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation Erin Crotty (center) addressed the Audubon New York Board at an open discussion of issues ranging from Open Space and Smart Growth to New York's Bird Conservation Areas. (Back row from left to right) Constantine Sidamon-Eristoff (Audubon New York Chairman), William Davis, David J. Miller, Oakes Ames, Michael Burger, Alex Zagoreos. (Front row from right to left) Ellen Neumaier, Margot Ernst, Erin Crotty, Alice DelBosco, Gladys Goldmann, Virginia K. Stowe and Geoffrey Cobb Ryan.



Carole Nemore and Glenn Olson enjoy a lively dinner conversation with Gerhard Neumaier. A time honored Eagle Nest rule is that you can never sit next to the same person twice during breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Audubon New York Board members gathered for the second retreat at Eagle Nest in the Adirondacks. From July 16 through July 19, Board members conducted official business by taking "a hands-on" approach to determining the course of Audubon New York's conservation policy and center's program. In addition, Board members tackled a proposed ten-year fiscal plan.

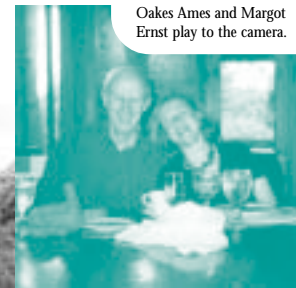
Presentations by Audubon New York staff and National Audubon Society's Glenn Olson provided the background for in-depth discussions for the future of Audubon New York. Erin Crotty, New York State's Commissioner of Environmental Conservation joined the Board for lunch and a lively discussion on the interface between the department, Audubon New York and other environmental organizations.

Although work was the highest priority during the four-day retreat, it was rounded out with canoe trips, over-flights of the Adirondack forests, hiking and of course, early morning bird walks and late-evening owling.

Eagle Nest is a 1930's Adirondack Camp, one of several set on an 1,800 acre preserve and built by the Hochschild Family. Gerhard and Ellen Neumaier, with their company Ecology and Environment, served as the stewards of Eagle Nest and generously provided every amenity to Audubon New York.



Alex Zagoreos on the porch of Eagle Nest.



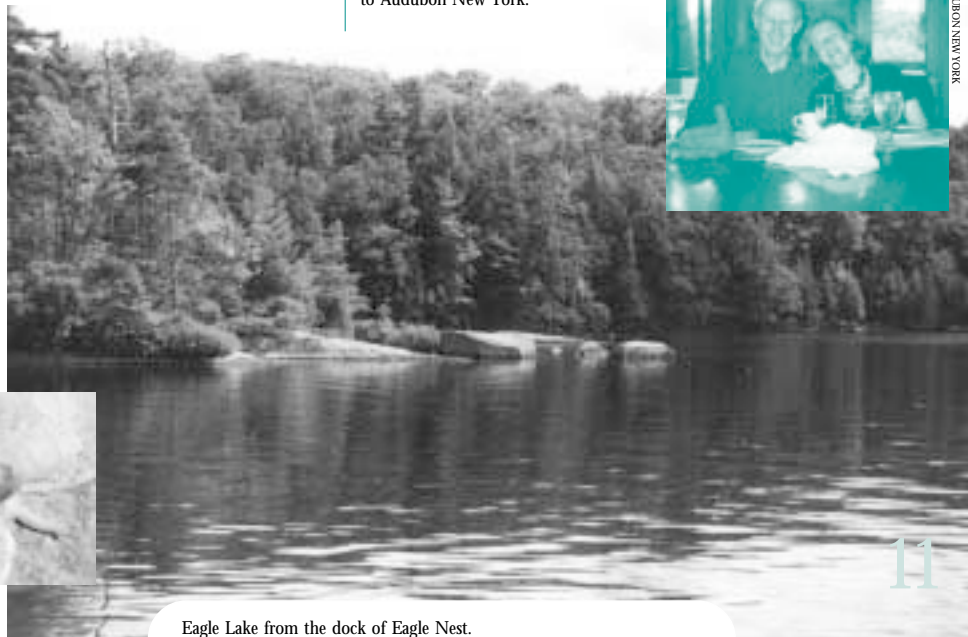
Oakes Ames and Margot Ernst play to the camera.

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Eagle Nest hosts Gerhard and Ellen Neumaier's newest addition—Lightning



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Eagle Lake from the dock of Eagle Nest.