

# Constitution Marsh *HEATS UP!*

By Connie Mayer

THE FINAL IMPROVEMENTS to the Audubon Center at Constitution Marsh are nearing completion! Audubon is installing heating and insulation at the center to provide a longer teaching season and a more comfortable work environment. Local contractors are installing a heating system, new hot water plumbing, insulation and drywall. The Hudson River Estuary Grants Program and the Hudson River Improvement Fund funded the project. Additionally, newly paved roads now improve access to the nature center. The improvements provided stable and safe footing for all visitors and facilitate emergency vehicle access. This road improvement project was funded by a grant from the Orentreich Family Foundation.

Audubon's objective was to extend the teaching season throughout the calendar year, and to provide a comfortable learning environment for all of our visitors and staff. The improvements will enable the Audubon Center to accommodate school groups in the early spring and late fall, traditionally times when the school semester is in full swing, but inclement Hudson

Valley weather and a freezing cold nature center left Audubon without a place to host students.

However, the most exciting part of this project is the recent hiring of educator Pete Salmansohn who joins staff for the winter months (*see story on this page*). Pete will continue to work with Audubon to develop a school outreach program that focuses on the natural history of the Hudson River Estuary.

The new program will feature creative and interactive teaching techniques that are aligned to New York State Education Standards and support classroom curriculum. Regional schools will host the programs that can also be used as an introduction to the marsh before a class actually visits, or as independent and fun investigations into local ecology in the classroom.

This exciting new approach will allow Audubon to reach underserved school districts with engaging programming. For more information about Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary contact Eric Lind at (845) 265-2601.



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A breathtaking view at Constitution Marsh.

## Pete Salmansohn Joins Staff At Constitution Marsh

Staff Report



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Pete Salmansohn

PETE SALMANSOHN has recently joined the staff of Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary. Salmansohn is one of Audubon's most experienced educators and will work with the marsh staff to develop and deliver a new outreach program. He began working for Audubon as an intern at the Sharon Audubon Center in 1979 and has been on the staff at the Hog Island Camp since 1980. He is currently dividing his time between Constitution Marsh and as the education coordinator for the Seabird Restoration Program, spending half a year at each facility. Pete loves the Hudson Valley and is thrilled with the prospect of working alongside Constitution Marsh staff.

In the fall of 2002 Audubon and Tilbury House will publish a new children's book co-written by Salmansohn and Steve Kress titled *Saving Birds: Heroes Around the World*.

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