

## Keesee Award

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Corporation and the New York Botanical Garden.

The event closed with wonderful remarks from Marian, who commented that her love of New York State's environment, from the Adirondacks to New York City, has led to her involvement in Audubon's mission. She was honored, she said, to receive the Keesee Award, however she felt there was still more work to be done. Thanks in part to her efforts, Audubon will be there to lead the way!



Sonya Ernst and Margot Ernst,  
Audubon New York Board Member



Playwright John Guare's  
wonderful tribute to Marian



Constantine Sidamon-Eristoff and Tupper  
Thomas, Prospect Park Alliance President



Marian Heiskell with Tom  
O'Handley, Audubon New York  
Director of Development, and Gini  
Stowe, Audubon New York Board  
Member



Samuel Pryor, III, 2003 Keesee Award  
recipient and John Flicker, National Audubon  
Society President



John Beinecke, Woody Keesee and David J. Miller



(L to R) Dan Lufkin, Peter J.  
Sharp Foundation, talking with  
Lewis Cullman, Lewis B. &  
Dorothy Cullman Foundation



(L to R) Robert Schumann, Audubon New York  
Stewardship Committee Member, and Marilyn  
Schumann with Judith and Bill Moyers



Katie and Donal O'Brien with Marian Heiskell



John Flicker, Anne Eristoff and Lewis Cullman

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## Chairman's Column

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were analyzed again and new sites came forward for consideration. Based on this hard work, a new list of IBA's is generated which will greatly further bird conservation objectives for the State of New York.

Furthermore, this IBA agenda will be the foundation of Audubon New York's conservation work. Whether it is establishing cleaner waters and lands protection programs for Long Island Sound or prioritizing open space efforts in the Hudson Highlands, Catskills and Adirondacks, IBAs will play a critical in Audubon New York's conservation actions. The IBA program provides the definition and focus to

Audubon's efforts which will in turn make our collective activities on a chapter, center or state-wide basis all that more effective.

It is wonderful to look back and see the beginning of the Audubon movement with its emphasis on birds and their habitats. It is equally rewarding to look forward and see the organization continuing in that conservation tradition as we enter our second century. My hats off to the science team of Audubon New York and my thanks to the chapters and volunteers which together has made Audubon New York's IBA program a model for the rest of the country.

## Council Meeting

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environmental health now than earlier in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He attributed this recovery in no small part to Audubon and our 15 year-old *Listen to the Sound* campaign, that brings environmental, political and business organizations together with interested members of the public to work toward establishing a cleaner Long Island Sound watershed.

A special surprise presentation on Saturday night was made to Joan Collins, Council Board member and president of the High Peaks Audubon Society. She received the first Norm Stotz Award, recognizing her outstanding commitment to the both her Chapter and the Audubon mission.

Sunday morning we met at the Greenwich Audubon Center. After the business meeting was adjourned we received a tour of their newly-renovated headquarters and had an opportunity to explore their property.

The next Audubon Council of New York meeting will be held on March 11-13, 2005 at the Gideon Putnam Hotel in Saratoga Springs, New York. For further details contact Daphne Lumpkin at Audubon New York at (518) 869-9731, x232, [dlumpkin@audubon.org](mailto:dlumpkin@audubon.org).