



# NEWS FROM THE FLOCK...

Newsletter of the Sperry-Galligar Audubon Society

Sperry- Galligar

Audubon Chapter

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**September Meeting**  
**Thursday, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Yates 102, PSU**  
**\*\*Presentation\*\***

**Sept. 25 — "Discovering  
Glacier Bay, Alaska" by  
Delia Lister, Director  
Nature Reach, PSU**

**Delia will showcase a visit  
to the Gustafson, Alaska,  
area which she took as a  
preparatory trip for a guid-  
ed tour planned for  
Summer 2016.  
Want to come along?**

To receive an e-newsletter:  
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Cindy Ford, Editor.

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**WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER AUDUBON YEAR!**

Welcome back to another great year at Sperry-Galligar Audubon. We haven't seen many of our chapter members since Noppadol's impressive multimedia presentation on the Prairie Chicken at our May picnic. However, that doesn't mean folks haven't been working hard behind the scenes doing good work. With the help of Audubon members, Delia Lister and Nature Reach hosted educational day camps and an overnight campout for children who spend too much time with video games and shopping. Looking forward, Megan Corrigan has already rounded up an impressive roster of program speakers -- beginning with Deilia's travels to the great northern, great American birding grounds of Alaska. I'm envious.

If trekking Alaska is too much excitement for our aging hearts, there's also a boring part. The Board of Directors has been hard at work revising our by-laws. They were written at a time when Western Union was the latest thing in electronic communication. We're reworking words to acknowledge that email exists and to make legal the way we've been doing things for the last many years.

Things are happening at the national level as well. As I write this on September 10, National Audubon is beginning a public awareness campaign on climate change and its effect on bird populations across the nation. During breakfast I heard the President of National Audubon interviewed on NPR's Morning Edition. He described the work of many independent researchers from numerous organizations. The sad conclusion is that numerous bird species are at risk of extinction. The information campaign is just beginning -- I'm waiting to hear what can be done.

For our local chapter things seem on a more even keel. This coming year's officers and Board of Directors are the same as last years. It's our second chance to try and get it right. My impression, mostly, is just how many things get done, behind the scenes, due to the combined efforts of so many of our members. As president, I felt that I should know what things need to be done to accomplish our goals. Instead, I keep discovering things that were done that I didn't know needed to be. It is a tribute to the experience and the contribution of our members.

Welcome to the beginning of another year. I'm looking forward to seeing you Thursday, September 25, for our first regular meeting. It's your contribution and involvement that makes Sperry-Galligar the fine organization that it is.

**Wayne Bockelman, President**



**Board Meeting Highlights  
Barb Robins, Secretary**

**Attending:** Mavis & Ray Benner, Wayne Bockelman, Megan Corrigan, Cindy & Steve Ford, Delia Lister, Bob & Liz Mangile, Diane McCallum, Barb Robins.

**Minutes:** Acknowledged.

**Treasurer's Report (Liz):** Checking account balance of \$3,801.74.

**A short video** of Delia's day camp activities this summer was shown.

**Membership Report (Diane):** She had previously send this via e-mail. It appears the paid membership has dropped 1/3 from last year.

**Program Chairman (Meagan):** She has some speakers scheduled, and received suggestions from board members for additional programs.

**The National Audubon Climate Initiative** is set for September 9: they will send us media materials. We might want to have a public showing in the future.

**Member Notification Possibilities (Wayne):** Perhaps we should collect contact information from members for texting —would they want to receive texts? Discussion indicated probably not.

**Newsletter:** Wayne admonished us to continue submitting items.

**Cleanup Day at Sperry House:** Steve will contact the necessary staff to determine if they want help at the property.

**Bird Houses:** We discussed various matters concerning their sale.

**Bird Seed Sale:** Date was set for December 6. We discussed possibilities for wider-scale advertising.

**Day-to-Day Chapter Business:** Bob is in the process of creating a written description of all activities and procedures for future reference.

**Bylaws Revision:** Much discussion ensued concerning specific articles of the present constitution, especially membership, annual budget, and finance matters. Wayne will note the proposed changes and distribute them to us. We may possibly vote on them at the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Audit:** We will set a time to meet and audit the treasurer's records, as mandated by the present constitution.

On August 2-3 we had a group of seven campers (and their parents) stay at the PSU Natural History Reserve for our very first overnight camp. The kids and parents had a great time fishing, learning archery, star gazing, owl prowling, and eating the best pancakes West of the Mississippi! Jenn Rader and I could not have put on such a successful camp without the help of some great SGAS volunteers--a big thanks to Wayne Bockelman, Megan Corrigan, Bob Mangile, and Donna and Marvin Smith! Plans are already in the works for camp next summer. If you are interested in volunteering please let us know!

Delia Lister, Nature Reach

**May Meeting Presenter  
Nappadol Paothong**

Nappadol amazed the Audubon members attending the Annual Sperry-Galligar Picnic with his beautiful and creative photography. He featured the images used in his book, *Save the Last Dance*. He explained that the photography used in the book took over seven years to get ready for publication. His book is timely since several species of grouse he features are desperately in need of conservation. Awareness of grouse is long overdue. I hope you got his book.

Hope everyone had a good time at our annual picnic, at Homer Cole Community Center. The place was sparkling clean, tables, tablecloths and decorations were all set up by the director Teri McKinnis.

Thanks Teri.

There were 65 in attendance and a lot of delicious food. We sure have some good cooks in our group.

The speaker Noppadol Paothong was a fabulous speaker. Everyone seemed to enjoy his talk and videos.

Please give a thank you to Ray Benner who made ant traps for hummingbird feeders, and sold them all. He contributes all the money to us and has sold over \$100.00 since he started making them.

Also thanks to Wayne and Megan for a great year.

Wonderful time was had by all and if you missed this year be sure and come next year. We always have a good time. See you at September meeting.

Liz Mangile

**Financial Statement  
Liz Mangile, Treasurer**

**Sept 2014**

Beginning balance-----\$4164.29

Debits

Newsletter-----\$ 7.30

Chicken and supplies for picnic-----\$105.85

Book for public library from Noppadol-----\$ 45.00

Checks for SGAS-----\$ 23.50

PO Box for 2015 & postage----- \$ 94.03

Total-----\$ 275.68

Credits

Local dues-----\$ 15.00

Ant Molts-----\$ 13.00

Total-----\$ 28.00

Ending balance-----\$3916.61

We are always looking for people to provide refreshments for the monthly meetings. Please contact Liz Mangile to get your name on the refreshment list. Everyone attending the monthly meetings appreciate the refreshments that are brought.

## Birds and Bees

### Swift Night

Well we had a great Swift Night Out tonight, Sep. 13, 2014. We counted our places and all had plenty of Chimney Swifts. Those in attendance were, Janelle Cowan, Gage Cowan, Ruth Hughes, Martha Price, Diane McCallum, Megan Corrigan, Wayne Bockelman, Mavis Benner, Ray Benner, Alice Stratton, Barb Robins, Liz Mangile and Bob Mangile.

Here are the results:

First United Methodist Church - 380

Mindi Garner's Office complex - 213

Community Baptist Church - 502

Morning Sun Newspaper - 600

\*\*Total number of Chimney Swift's 1695

Temperature = 62 degrees

Partly Cloudy

Wind = Calm

First Bird = 7:40 p.m.

Last Bird = 7:57 p.m.

I'll report our results to <http://www.chimneyswifts.org>  
<http://www.chimneyswifts.org/page8.html>

Thanks for your participation. It was a fun evening.



### Note to all Bluebird-ers,

Every September the Sperry-Galligar Audubon gathers information from Kansas Bluebird Trail Managers (one Bluebird box or many is considered a Bluebird Trail) about the number of Bluebird fledglings they produced during the nesting season. This information is then compiled and put on our web site at this link <http://sperry-galligar.com/Bluebrd.html> The 2014 nesting season for Bluebirds has come to an end and I'm asking those who have Bluebird boxes to send me their results for 2014. All I need is your name, general location, number of nesting boxes you have and the number of fledglings produced. If you have a friend that wishes to participate just send me

their information. SGAS membership is not required to participate.

There are many "old timers" who know what this is all about but if you have recently put up Bluebird boxes and know how many young Bluebirds you produced this year please let me know. OK! The participants in this project have produced over 5,000 Bluebird fledglings since 1999 (scroll down on the web site for the history chart) and the list of participants continue to grow. Hope you have some data to send in. Send your message to Bob Mangile <[rmangile@cox.net](mailto:rmangile@cox.net)>

Thanks for your anticipated participation.

**The Heartland Beekeepers Club** is a "split" from the Joplin Area Beekeepers Association, a club that celebrated its 25th anniversary this past summer. Our first meeting was June 21 and 35 members joined the club at that time. The SE Kansas area has plenty of beekeepers from one-hive hobbyist to larger commercial operations, but no organization for educating, mentoring, and serving beekeepers. We meet monthly on the third Saturday at 102 Yates Hall, PSU campus, at 1 pm until 3 pm or so. Beekeepers always have a lot to talk about, so sometimes we run over!

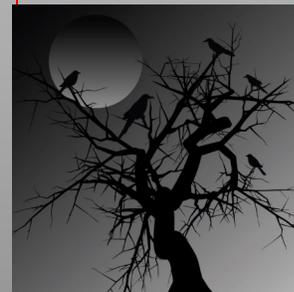
Our club's mission is the preservation and protection of the honey bee. Through education, discussion, and mentoring, we hope to promote productive hives filled with healthy bees. Education and sharing information is our goal, so we have planned an all-day clinic for beginner beekeepers on Saturday, October 18, from 9 am to 4 pm. The \$20.00 fee for the clinic includes lunch and Keith S. Delaplaine's excellent book *First Lessons in Beekeeping* that participants will keep. We have scheduled hands-on demonstrations of hive building, and discussions on planting for pollinators, buying and installing bees, using Integrated Hive Management for treating common bee problems, and strategies for marketing honey and honey products. What a great program!

If you are interested, please check out our website [www.hbasek.org](http://www.hbasek.org) and email us on the website's contact page or at [contact.hbasek@gmail.com](mailto:contact.hbasek@gmail.com) and let us know if you are interested in joining us for the clinic. Please include your contact information. We're also on Facebook at

Heartland Beekeepers Association of SE Kansas – HBASEK.

Our next meeting is September 20, at 1 pm, in 102 Yates Hall. Everyone is welcome—new/veteran beekeepers, bee and nature enthusiasts, wishful future beekeepers, farmers, students and anyone concerned about the future and sustainability of these critical pollinators.

### Sightings.....



Watch for Fall  
Flocks

**Send your newsletter  
articles, bird  
sightings, and  
nature notes to  
C. Ford by Oct 10.**

**Application for Membership  
Sperry-Galligar Audubon Society**

**For first-time National Audubon membership**, send \$20.00 and become a member of both organizations, receive 6 copies of Audubon Magazine annually and 8 copies of Sperry-Galligar Newsletter. *Please make your check to: Sperry-Galligar Audubon.*

*YES I wish to become a FIRST-TIME member of National Audubon and Sperry-Galligar Audubon. (\$20.00).*

**For only local or renewal membership**, send \$15.00 for membership of Sperry-Galligar Audubon and receive the 8 newsletters per year informing you of all our local activities. *Please make your check to: Sperry-Galligar Audubon*

*YES I wish to become a RENEWING member of the local chapter (\$15.00).*

**Future National Audubon renewals:** Send Audubon mailer forms directly to National.

Mail to:  
**Sperry-Galligar Audubon Society**  
P.O. Box 205  
Pittsburg, Kansas 66762-0205



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**Events,  
&  
Miscellany**

Dear Sperry-Galligar Audubon member,

Since most of our Local members have opted to receive our E-Newsletter the expiration date can no longer be printed on your "mailing label" as it was on the hard copy. A few of our members have Local and/or National memberships but this reminder is ONLY for Local members. National memberships are dealt with through National Audubon mailers. We have established a LOCAL Membership year that begins on September 1st and end on August 31. So if you are receiving this message your Local SGAS dues expire by August 31, 2014. (Local members paid up to 2015 and 2016 should not be receiving the message.) If you are a current National Audubon member all is well! <smile>

As we begin another season a good time to pay LOCAL dues would be at the September 25th meeting, or if you prefer you can mail a check for \$15.00 (for one year) to: Sperry-Galligar Audubon, P.O. Box 205, Pittsburg, KS 66762-0205. Be sure to include your name and address. OK?

This is tricky stuff so please feel free to let us know if we have an error in our records. OK? We do not have email addresses for some of our Local Members so we might have to mention that in the next Newsletter so those receiving the Hard Copy will be informed.

Looking forward to another good year and hope to share it with you.

Regards,

Bob Mangile  
Sperry-Galligar Audubon



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Newsletter  
P.O. Box 205  
Pittsburg, KS 66762**

**Meetings are held the last Thursday of the month. No meetings in June July, or August. (Nov/Dec meeting date to be announced) From 7:00 pm to 9 pm, in Room 102, Yates Hall. PSU Campus, Pittsburg, KS. Refreshments served and Guests Welcome.**

**Visit our website:**

<http://sperry-galligar.com/>



**Attention All  
Members**

**Pay membership dues in September.** Please consider paying local membership dues. Our chapter receives 100% of the local dues only. **HOWEVER**, you can subscribe to both. Either way you get the newsletter.

