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CALENDAR

Tues. Dec. 2nd — GENERAL MEETING

7:30 PM at Howard Park

▶ ▶ Howard Park Recreation Center ◀ ◀

Sat. Jan. 3rd – Christmas Bird Count

For more information contact Gloria Hunter at
561 – 585 – 7714

Sat. Jan. 3rd 9:00 am – birding at John Prince
Park (at the Custard Apple Trail Nature Walk),
Lake Worth. Leader: Bruce Offord.

Tues. Jan 13th 9:00 am – birding at John Prince
Park (at the Custard Apple Trail Nature Walk),
Lake Worth. Leader: Dorothy Brindle.

Sat. Jan 17th – at the Belle Glade Campground.
Meet at Target, beside garden center, on South-
ern Blvd. At St. Rd. 7/441 at 7:00 am to carpool.
Filed trip starts at 8:00 am. Bring lunch.
Leader: Chuck Webber.

Sat. Jan 24th. – All day bus trip to: Shark Valley,
Everglades National Park. Details will be an-
nounced at the General Meeting. For more infor-
mation contact
Linda Most 561- 626- 8844.

Sat. Feb. 7th 9:00 am – birding at John Prince
Park (at the Custard Apple Trail Nature Walk),
Lake Worth. Leader: Bruce Offord.

TUESDAY Jan. 6th, PROGRAM

Claudine Laabs, Program Chair

EVERGLADES RESTORATION & THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

It is an honor to have Colonel Robert M. Carpenter as the guest speaker on January 6, 2004. He is the new Commander of the U.S. Army Engineer District based in Jacksonville. This office supervises Everglades restoration as directed by Congress, so Colonel Carpenter is the person overseeing our Everglades future. Please have your questions and comments ready!

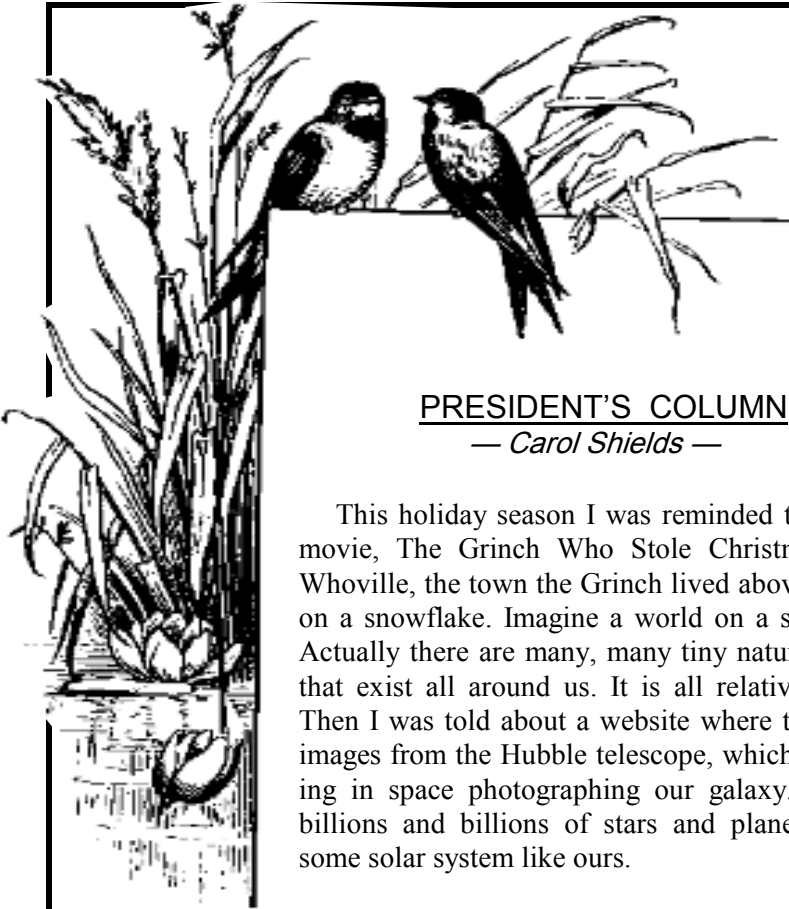
Colonel Carpenter is a native of Massachusetts. He holds a Masters of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Stanford University and a Bachelor of Science Degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. His first assignment was the 548th Engineer Battalion at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina and he has also served in Germany. The Colonel and his wife Deirdre have twin daughters.

Please join us on January 6 at 7:30 P. M. at the Community Center in Howard Park.

NOTE: There will be a "Species at Risk" art exhibition at the Nature Conservancy's Blowing Rocks Preserve beginning January 17, 2004

ASE would like to
wish everyone a
Happy and
Wonderful
New Year.





PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

— Carol Shields —

This holiday season I was reminded that in the movie, *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*, that Whoville, the town the Grinch lived above, existed on a snowflake. Imagine a world on a snowflake. Actually there are many, many tiny natural worlds that exist all around us. It is all relative isn't it? Then I was told about a website where there were images from the Hubble telescope, which is traveling in space photographing our galaxy. Literally billions and billions of stars and planets, surely some solar system like ours.

So does it do any good for us to take action here on earth? We are but one in a billion. Then think again, The minute ecosystems that are around us and their existence in life definitely makes a difference in the world. And it is all interconnected. To help enlighten you this new year, I thought I would offer some small small quotes given throughout the years, to know that YOU, as a single person, can make a difference.

Anyone who thinks that they are too small to make a difference, has never been in bed with a mosquito.

Use what talents you possess; The woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.

A journey of a thousand miles always begins with one step. (ancient Egyptian proverb)

We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean, but the ocean would be less because of that missing drop. (Mother Teresa)

It matters not how long you live, but how well. (Public Syrus 42 BC)

An army of deer led by a lion is more to be feared than an army of lions led by a deer.

A good example is the best sermon.

Have an excellent New Year
and keep that resolution!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are 2 upcoming events where we could use help from our members.

Purina Wild Bird Seed Day January 17, ASE will be hosting a Bird Feeder Day at the Red Barn on Okeechobee Blvd. in Loxahatchee from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

National Audubon is helping Purina promote their wild bird seed while giving chapters an opportunity to connect with the community. Chapters are partnered with a local feed store that stocks Purina Wild Bird Seed. We will have a table display for folks to find out about Audubon and answer bird questions in general. A few bird feeders will be set up for display. Anyone becoming an Audubon member that day get's a bag of Purina Wild Bird Seed, compliments of Purina. There will also be a birds of prey exhibit from 10-1, given by Clive Pinnock from Okeehelie Nature Center.

We are looking for a few members for a morning and an afternoon shift to help answer simple questions about Audubon, bird feeders and birds. If you're available that Saturday, please give Carol a call at 964-1522.

Everglades Day ASE is one of the major partners in Everglades Day and we are looking for a few good people to help with volunteering. Everglades Day falls on February 14 and as always, is held at the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

There are volunteer positions throughout the Refuge and at our table exhibit. If you're planning on coming out anyway, perhaps you can volunteer 2 hours or more. We could use help in assisting exhibitors, presentations, relief duty, and general 'gophers.' If you can help at our ASE table contact Carol at 964-1522. If you wish to volunteer in the event itself, contact Lois at the Refuge at 734-8303.

Audubon Annual Meeting

This year, our Annual meeting in April will once again be held at a location with pleasant surroundings. The annual meeting will be Saturday, April 3rd this year, so as not to conflict with the Passover holiday which begins on our regularly scheduled night.

This year, Doris Mager -- The Eagle Lady -- will be coming for her final tour of South Florida -- her "Swan's Song". For a \$25 donation you can join us for hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar at the Airport Hilton from 4-5 p.m. After some necessary business is conducted we will have the rich opportunity to see Doris' presentation with her wonderful birds of prey for the final time.

At this year's annual meeting we will also hold a raffle for digital camera binoculars, by Bushnell. You must be present to be eligible for the prize.

Join us for what will surely be an entertaining evening. Tickets are available in advance either at our general meetings, or you can mail your donation check to our treasurer:

Leah Schad, ASE Treasurer
3634 North Flagler Drive
West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

Your tickets will then be mailed to you.

COLORS

By Hank McCall

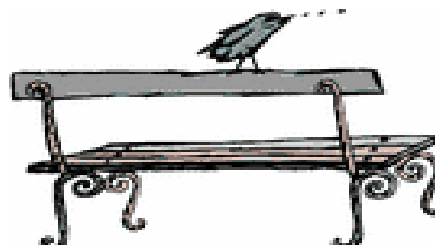
If red is your favorite color, you must like the cardinal and the tanagers, scarlet and summer. For blue, we think of teal blue and the bluebirds. Mix red and blue, and you have the purple gallinule. The gold finch and yellow warbler bring us their bright bits of color. But if you mix yellow and blue you get varieties from gorgeous green parrots to the dark green heron. For orange, we have the spotted breasted oriole. The most delicate orange can be seen looking down-sun in the red light of sunset at a flight of white ibis.



Would you like to help an Eagle Project?

I need your help to complete my Eagle Project. I asked the Audubon of the Everglades what I could do to help environmental education and they told me they needed benches for classes in the Chickee Hut at the Loxahatchee National Wildlife refuge. The Refuge requested they be made of recycled plastic lumber, which holds up very well, but is expensive. I collected money at the General Meetings, but still need to raise \$400. Any donations are greatly appreciated. If you can help, please mail your check to the Audubon of the Everglades Society, marked "Eagle Project".

Thank you,
Richard Byrnes
Life Scout, Boy Scout Troop 124



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The Audubon Society of the Everglades General Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month, 7:30 p.m. at Howard Park Recreation Center in West Palm Beach. The phone number for the Recreation center is: 561-835-7055. The public is welcome to attend.

Deadline for submissions for the **Feb. 2004** issue is **January 10th**.

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