

## 2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Memberships are for one calendar year. Renewals are due by January 1 (unless you joined since July or are a Life Member.)

Our newsletter, the Tanager, will be delivered electronically to every member for whom we have an e-mail address. If we do not have your e-mail address or if you would like to receive the Tanager via the Postal Service, please pay an additional \$5.00 yearly fee.

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**Remember that this is a volunteer organization – run entirely by volunteers!**  
Chairs for our various committees are listed in your Field Book of Activities. We urge you to check the committees with which you would like to help:

|                                |                     |                              |                              |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ADK Outdoor Expo               | Fall Picnic         | Invasive Species Control     | Refreshments                 |
| Allegany Nature Pilgrimage     | Field Trips         | Library                      | Sanctuary Housekeeping       |
| Annual Banquet                 | Gardens             | Membership                   | Slater Sanctuary Maintenance |
| Building & Grounds Maintenance | Historical/Archives | Potluck Suppers/ Open Houses | Tanager                      |
| Education                      | Indoor Programs     | Publicity                    | Web Site                     |

What kind of field trips and indoor programs do you enjoy? Please list your ideas for future programs, trips, speakers, etc.

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## ANNUAL PICNIC PHOTO CONTEST 9/26/2015



Photo by Bob Hinkelman



Winner in Landscape Category  
**Mike Benard**



Winner in People Category  
**Richard Ashworth**  
(three photos by Chris Benard)



Winner in Wildlife Category  
**Richard Ashworth**



(Photo by Julie Clayton)

### Clean up Day

11/7/2015



(Photo by Julie Clayton)

On Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, many devoted BANC members got themselves to the Sanctuary under foreboding skies to work on cleaning up the Sanctuary building and grounds and to prepare the Sanctuary for winter. President, Shirley Shaw, hosted the event and made sure the stomachs of the workers were going to be satisfied by putting on the soup, making sure food and drink were on hand and by placing "munchkin" donut holes, apple slices, brownies and cider on a porch table for our high school guest volunteers.

Sanctuary Building Housekeeping Committee Chair, Ginny Wilterdink, led her hard-working crew to clean and scrub the kitchen and bathrooms and vacuum and spruce up the rest of the Sanctuary building. They always do such a great job!

Jerry Jenkins and Carl Benedict worked on the timer for an automatic shut-off for the hot water heater in the kitchen.

The sun came out of hiding while Dean Clayton directed the outdoor activities. Asking for only ten workers from the Victor Key Club, we received the services of nineteen young people! Advisor, Stephanie Schlueter and Julie Clayton had come to an agreement to have two groups from the school come to assist us since so many students were eager to participate! The first group offered their services from 10:00 to noon and the second group came from noon to 2:00. We had a total of fifteen young ladies and four young men raking, gardening, picking up along the trails and doing odd jobs. They were quite a help for us BANC members! We really appreciated their boundless energy and eager attitude! Many thanks go to all of our BANC members who gave their time and services and to the youngsters who "lent a hand"! Together, we accomplished a lot!

*Julie Clayton*

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## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

2015 has been another wonderful year for Burroughs Audubon Nature Club, and I am honored to have served as president for a second year. With the ideas, guidance, and leadership of the BANC Executive Council along with the commitment of our many committee chairs and committee members we've accomplished much. As an all volunteer organization, our success depends on those who serve our club, and I am so grateful to you for your contributions. Naming all the members who have worked this year would make this report much too long, but I do need to highlight a few people.

Last year the Council formed an Invasive Species Committee, chaired by Carol Hinkelman, to focus on controlling and eliminating many of the invasive plants in our Sanctuary. More members have volunteered to assist in this effort than any other committee. As a result, a lot of progress was made in 2015, and work will be ongoing. Thanks to the Nurserymen's Association, we received a generous donation of native trees in memory of Christie McVicker that were recently planted and caged to protect them from deer browse.

We all love the grounds of our Sanctuary, and I hope we don't take for granted how much work is necessary to keep our property looking good. Dean Clayton can be counted on to regularly mow the lawn and trails. He and others on the Building and Grounds committee keep an eye out for maintenance needs. That committee has requested additional help—especially a handyman or woman—good with small repairs that the club house might need—as well as more people to help with the mowing and trails. Please sign up for the Building and Grounds Committee if you can assist with their work.

A new initiative this year was the participation of students who are members of the Victor High School Key Club in our two annual Sanctuary clean-ups. Coordinated by Julie and Dean Clayton, approximately 20 students came to each clean-up and helped us with gardening, raking, clearing debris from trails, and more.

Chris Benard will be taking over as membership chairperson from Julie Clayton in 2016. Chris is a natural for the job. Throughout 2015 she arranged for several groups to visit the Sanctuary, and their visits led to some new members and several monetary donations.

The Council works to keep our finances strong, and we appreciate those of you whose monetary donations in addition to your dues help us minimize the amount we must withdraw from our endowment fund to balance our books. I particularly appreciate our finance committee—Frank Crombe, Jon Dombrowski, and Chita McKinney—and our Treasurer John Gordon for their professionalism and integrity. Special thanks to Jon Dombrowski for his work in putting together our annual budgets.

We've had great programs this year. At our indoor meetings, April banquet, and pot luck suppers we learned about woodpeckers, maple syrup making, flora and fauna in Tennessee, our national parks, birds of prey, ongoing restoration projects at Braddock Bay, amazing plants and their travels, the autumn sky, and the early development of Highland and Durand Eastman arboreta. We were entertained by fine musician Cathy McGrath. We went on field trips to Braddock Bay Park, Harris Whalen Park, Baltimore Woods, Mendon Ponds Park, Hemlock Canadice State Forest, Webster Park, and Thousand Acre Swamp. The Sanctuary was open one morning per month from May-September for people to "Come for Coffee" in addition to our pot luck suppers and annual picnic. Chris Benard organized our first clothesline photo exhibit at our picnic, and it was such a success that we want it to become an annual event. Also at the Sanctuary we had open houses focused on home nature projects, dragonflies, and "Moth Night" plus our annual John Burroughs Day. In summary, it was a very busy year.

Thank you, everyone. Let's keep the momentum going in 2016.

*Shirley Shaw*

## Invasive Species Committee Report for 2015

It has been a very successful year for the Invasive Species Committee. Committee members began by walking the sanctuary trails on May 22 to develop our plans for the season. We identified invasive plants to be removed, located sprouts of desirable native shrubs coming up, and selected sites for possible plantings.

At our first work party on July 3, Heleen and Tom DeCory, Jon Dombrowski, Joe Hurley, Jutta and Paul Dudley, Barbara Lobb, and Carolyn Ragan worked with Carol and David Southby to remove many invasive privet bushes that had been flagged between Audubon Lane and the Creekside Trail. 75 Bladdernut sprouts were also marked with flags so they wouldn't be damaged and many of them were protected from deer browse with wire mesh cages. 8 Northern Prickly Ash shrubs (the host plant for the Giant Swallowtail butterfly) donated by Martha Zettel, were planted and protected with cages we made from Remesh which is used to reinforce concrete. A dozen invasive Japanese Knotweed plants coming up on the front bank were treated with Roundup.

On September 18, Invasive Species Committee members, Carol and David Southby, Jon Dombrowski, Joanne Altre, Paul Brach and Carol Hinkelman, cut and pulled down from the trees many invasive Oriental Bittersweet vines in several locations, mostly along the Creekside trail. The cut stems were immediately treated with Roundup so that the roots would die. The locations had been scouted and marked with colored tape earlier in the week by Jon and the Southbys to save time on the workday. Any pieces of bittersweet that had berries were bagged and removed. Some privets were also cut and treated. Several small Tulip Trees that David had grown in pots were planted and protected with cages. The Tulip Trees were clustered and will be kept short so they can be checked for the caterpillars of Tiger Swallowtail butterflies. We were delighted to find that the new Northern Prickly Ash shrubs planted in July already had tiny caterpillars of Giant Swallowtail Butterflies feeding on them.

We had learned in July that the NYS Nursery and Landscape Association wanted to donate plants to BANC in memory of Chris McVicker who had loved walking the sanctuary trails. After some emails back and forth, Carol Southby received a list of the native plants available and she picked out several species that would be appropriate for our property. On October 15, Joe Hurley with the Southbys, cut some of the larger invasive shrubs in the planting areas and treated the cut stems with Roundup.

Ed Dore of the NYSNLA delivered 17 trees and shrubs from his nursery in Buffalo on October 16. John Gordon Paul Dudley met Ed at the sanctuary and stowed the trees under tarps behind the clubhouse for safekeeping.

On October 18, Carol and David selected the specific planting sites for the species we received and then worked in 40 degree temperatures for almost 4 hours with the volunteers to plant them. Carol, David, Jon Dombrowski, Jutta and Paul Dudley, Barbara Lobb, Marigrace Piazza, Charlie Woodruff, and Drew Yampanis dug large holes, planted trees, filled holes, and made wire mesh cages for them. Water from the clubhouse was hauled in cartloads full of 5 gallon buckets to water the trees. The cages were staked down and marked with yellow ribbons so the deer could see and avoid them at night.

The native species planted along Audubon Lane and the Walnut Trail near Hackberry Hollow included 3 very tall American Hornbeams (*Carpinus caroliniana*), 6 smaller Hackberry trees (*Celtis occidentalis*), and 4 Allegheny Serviceberries (*Almelanchier canadensis*). 3 dogwood shrubs (*Cornus florida x kousa*) and 1 Bottlebrush Buckeye (*Aesculus parviflora*) were planted along the front edge of the lawn. Thanks to all who helped in any way this year.

*Carol Hinkelman*



Charlie Woodruff, Dave Southby untying branches and Barbara Lobb



Jon Dombrowski and Marigrace Piazza hauling water for the trees  
(photos by Carol Hinkelman)

### A Memorial for Chris McVicker

On October 18, a group of volunteers planted 17 trees and shrubs in our sanctuary that were donated in memory of Chris McVicker and delivered by Ed Dore of the NYS Nursery and Landscape Assn. This is the story Ed told us about why they donated the plants to BANC.

I thought I'd take a minute (probably 10) and give you a bit of our story of Chris McVicker from Flanders (a Rochester based insurance company).

I met Chris in 1988, when Flanders Insurance and our NYS Nursery Landscape Association was about to embark on a partnership where they would create a Workmans' Comp Safety Group and we would supply qualified members. At this meeting, Chris said that the average life expectancy of such partnerships is about 5 years, as during that time, the original founders of the group would move on, the group would lose focus and a new group would be formed. So he reminded all of us at the table that it was up to us to be vigilant and attentive to the growth of this partnership and see if we could pass the 5 year life expectancy.

We are in year 27 and growing.

A few years after the group formed, I was at Chris's office and if you are ever there you are hit by 2 things, the great array of collectibles on the wall and the numerous depictions of Lions...the Lion is the iconic symbol at Chris's office and part of their logo.

I studied one of the photos showing a Lion and Gazelle...with this inscription. "In Africa, every morning, a gazelle wakes up, it knows it must outrun the fastest lion or it will be killed. Nearby every morning, a lion wakes up. It knows that it must run faster than the slowest gazelle or it will starve. It does not matter if you are a lion or a gazelle -- when the sun comes up, you'd better be running"

I stood there and told Chris how much I liked the poster. If you knew Chris, you'd not be surprised that 2 days later, UPS dropped off a poster and coffee mug with the same inscription.

Chris taught us to be vigilant of the business client in which we worked, cognizant of how we interact with those around us, be it professional or social, and to look inward noting our strengths and weaknesses and deciding to enhance some and lose some. Doing all this would put us in better stead to wake each morning and know which direction to run and how fast.

In 1999, our NYS Nursery-Landscape group was talking of planting 2000 trees across NYS to commemorate the new millennium. Chris heard of the idea and contacted me to see how he could help. With that phone call our idea went from a dream to a reality. He had Valerie

Webster from their office help us, and she has all the skills we did not. We had shovels and trees, Chris supplied Valerie, the ultimate strategic thinker, and Chris supplied cash infusion. Our program flourished and planted 6000 trees over next 4 years, and this group was the foundation on which we formed a group here in Buffalo "ReTreeWNY"... where 30,000 more trees have been planted.

So when Chris left us, we offered to plant trees at Chris's home or office, but Bernadette (Chris's wife) suggested working with BANC and here we are ... I told John (Gordon) and Paul (Dudley), this can be a long term relationship, a legacy to Chris's impact on all of us. If Chris was here, he would not want just 15-20 trees planted, he'd want year after year of trees and whatever we can do to help. Paul and John said in many areas digging is hard. With more time to prepare we could help prepare sites for planting with equipment that we have.

#### *Ed Dore*



Paul Dudley and John Gordon take delivery of donated trees  
(photo by Ed Dore)



Drew Yampanis, Dave Southby, Carol Southby, Jutta Dudley, Jon Dombrowski, & Charlie Woodruff planting trees  
(photo by Carol Hinkelman)

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW YORK STATE ORNITHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

The Rochester area, as many of you know, is the birth place of the organization that became the New York State Ornithological Association (NYSOA). Dr. Gordon Meade was the leader in founding the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs in Rochester in the late 1940's, and that organization evolved into the NYSOA. Many people in our community have participated in its meetings, which take place each fall. Rochester will host again in 2018.

As is always the case, Rochester was well represented at this year's meeting, which was held in Albany on October 2-4. I attended as the official Burroughs Delegate, and other BANC members attending were Lucretia Grosshans, Chita McKinney, and Carolyn Ragan. The Rochester Birding Association's delegate was John Waud. Also present from Rochester were Kevin Griffith, Greg Lawrence, Bob and Sue Spahn, and Doris Waud.

The meeting schedule included a behind-the-scenes tour of the New York State Museum, workshops, paper sessions, field trips, receptions, and a banquet followed by a keynote address by well-known ornithologist Jon Dunn. The topics were wide ranging—everything from workshops on making gardens bird friendly and shorebird identification to papers like "Unraveling the Antagonistic Coevolution of Birds and Their Parasites." NYSOA's meeting is always a great time to learn as well as connect with people from throughout the state.

Official delegates must attend the delegates' meeting where the business of NYSOA takes place. This year we welcomed a new organization, the Seatack Environmental Association; elected officers, auditors, and a nominating committee for 2016; and heard reports from the DEC (always important for those of us interested in conservation) and the NYSOA Committees. It is particularly gratifying to know that the Young Birders Club, sponsored by NYSOA, is thriving with 54 youth members. The Conservation Committee monitors areas of success and concern around the state and sends comments to the DEC and Federal agencies to provide guidance for projects. Particular focus currently are the restoration of the west pond at Jamaica Bay and a proposal to ban lead ammunition, which often leads to lead poisoning of raptors and others that feed on deer carcasses. The group is also closely monitoring plans to sell Plum Island, a surplus Federal property, which we hope will be kept as a protected area and not developed.

NYSOA plays a critical role in research and conservation. It will publish a new Breeding Bird Atlas (with data collection scheduled to begin in 2020); conducts the annual Waterfowl Count in January; sponsors the New York State Avian Records Committee, which added six new species to the NYS Bird Checklist last year; and publishes a newsletter called *New York Birders* and a quarterly journal, *The Kingbird*. All of these activities are entirely volunteer efforts, and NYSOA needs people to help. Like all organizations, it is important for people to begin volunteering as project committee members so that they can gain the knowledge and experience necessary to assume leadership positions when the need arises.

Next year's meeting will be September 9-11 in Elmira.

*Shirley Shaw*

It's not too early to make reservations for the 58<sup>th</sup> Allegany Nature Pilgrimage to be held on June 3-5! Please check: <http://www.alleganynaturepilgrimage.com> to register.



A typical "Come for Coffee" dessert table at one of Chris Benard's events. Looks yummy! If you missed one, there will be more next year.

### Animal puzzle

Brown in the middle and black at both ends/On glycerol antifreeze my life depends. (LOYWO REBA)

A living lump of ice/Under leaves I sleep/In spring, I'll be the first to peep. (ODWO RGFO)

It used to swim/But now it hops/It burrows deeper than the depth where the frost zone stops. (ODAT)

Yellow underneath and red on the edge/To find me in winter, you'll have to dredge. (TANDEPI RUTTLE)

If lemming numbers are greatly upped/This Arctic predator may irrupt. (NYOSW LOW)

I'm likely to land on a seed-filled hand/If on Birdsong Trail you stand. (KECDECHAI)

I have wings but I don't fly away/In caves or mines I like to stay. (TILTEL ROBNW ATB)

*Jennifer Markham*



(photo by Shirley Shaw)

Leader Frank Crombe speaking to the participants at the Thousand Acre Swamp field trip.



(photo by Steve Maley)

## MEET A MEMBER – DEAN CLAYTON



If there's work going on around the sanctuary, chances are you'll find Dean Clayton there. If there's machinery to be fixed, you can bet that Dean will be fixing it. If there's a presentation at a BANC event, Dean will be running it. Just don't expect to run into him at a committee meeting. Dean is an outdoorsman and consummate

engineer, but adamantly not a 'meeting person'.

Immersion in nature began at an early age for Dean. He grew up on a farm in Fairport, with the run of the woodland and by the age of 6 was fishing on trips to the Adirondacks. He remembers particularly the experience of collecting a chrysalis and releasing the emerged butterfly. To this day, Dean enjoys backpacking.

In an early foretaste of talents and interests to come, Dean was active in stage crew at school. He went on from MCC to Buffalo State to complete his degree in electrical engineering and lay the foundation for his career. He also volunteered as a dispatcher and medic at Perinton Ambulance and delivered a baby in the course of this work.

A conversation with Dean quickly reveals his continuing passion for engineering and innovation – somehow the topic keeps returning there from whatever the current subject may be. Most of Dean's career was spent at Xerox working on early multifunction copiers and networked printers; later, he specialized in remote telecommunications and teleconferencing and traveled extensively supporting trade shows.

In 1981 Dean traveled by bus and train to Alaska. After touring there, he cycled down the coast from Vancouver to Costa Mesa and then across the country to Boulder, CO and eventually home to Fairport. He covered over 100 miles each day and hit 157 miles with a tailwind across Michigan. He still enjoys cycling, now with a recumbent bike. He prefers this configuration and overcame its only drawback – difficulty starting on hills – in typical Dean fashion, by fitting an electric motor to the front wheel! Dean also volunteers with R Community Bikes, an organization that collects and repairs used bicycles for distribution, free of charge, to the Rochester, NY area's most needy children and adults.

Dean used to dance with the Country Dancers of Rochester. In 1984 he participated in the sesquicentennial parade and met the fiddler for the dancing – Julie Annon. They were married a year later and have a daughter, Sarah, who is an ESL teacher in the city.

It was while Dean was working for Xerox at their Woodcliff location that he started working on the creek at Railroad Mills during his lunch breaks, although his father knew the sanctuary in the 30's and 40's. (He remembers first seeing deer there after WWII.) Since then, Dean has become one of the stalwart volunteers helping with invasive species control and general maintenance. He is passionate about introducing nature to children and paying it forward as a debt to future generations.

### *Richard Ashworth*

#### **Members Needed For Important Work**

We've heard that an army runs on its stomach, and many hands make light the work. The 22 committees that so smoothly run BANC need more members. Right now, seven members chair more than one committee, plus serve as trustees. We need you to step in to do what you can.

We need help planning our winter meetings at St. Johns and summer meetings at the Sanctuary. We're looking for a member who will contact hostesses for the summer potlucks; worker bees for the gardens and grounds; and others to man the table for the ADK Expo in June with Ginny.

Consider writing for Publicity, Education, Tanager and the BANC website.

The Sanctuary has both a Housekeeping Committee and a Sanctuary Buildings and Grounds Committee to manage the clubhouse and our 32 acres of forest, swamp and creek. The Garden Committee plants flowers in the spring, and weeds and waters when necessary during the summer.

Our Flora Management, Conservation, Bird Feeding and Nesting Box Committees offer interesting work and learning opportunities.

Join the Nominating Committee and you can put your best friend in Power.

Think it over. You know there's some way you can help. Once you've decided, email any trustee or call Chris Benard at 924-4979 or email [czenard@gmail.com](mailto:czenard@gmail.com).

We await your call.

P.S. How about the Banquet Committee?

### *Chris Benard*

#### **David and Lura Masters**

David and Lura Masters, longtime BANC members, both passed away within 4 days in early October in Connecticut where they had been living recently. Lura was an accomplished musician who played the autoharp and handbells. David was an avid sailor and amateur astronomer.

#### **Welcome new member Bernadette Guzzardo**

**The Tanager**

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**TO:**

If you haven't renewed  
Your membership,  
Please do it now

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Friday, January 8, 7:30 PM**  
**St. John's Meadows**

**HISTORY IN OUR BACKYARD:** The Iroquois Confederacy in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century  
Presenter: Harvey Limbec

**Friday, February 12, 7:30 PM**  
**St. John's Meadows**  
**DAMSELFIES – THE OVERLOOKED ODENATES**  
Presenter: Jon Dombrowski

**Friday, March 11, 7:30 PM**  
**THE HISTORY OF WARD'S SCIENCE**  
Presenter: Kelly Smith

**Saturday, April 9, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
**BANC Sanctuary**  
**SPRING CLEAN-UP**