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Our Mission: To stimulate understanding of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary, its relationship with Arcata's integrated wastewater treatment system, the surrounding watersheds and bay, and their link with the Earth's water cycle

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March lecturer Ken Burton.
Photo by Kristen Pfeiffer.

FOAM Lecture Series Returns

By Sue Leskiw

Thanks to hard work by Board members Maria Baron, Ava Iorizzo, Elliott Dabill, and Mark Wilson, FOAM has resurrected its monthly lecture series at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center (AMIC).

The default date, unless otherwise specified, is the first Wednesday. Starting time is 7 pm, with talks lasting about an hour, followed by Q&A. The lectures will be simulcast on Zoom and recorded for uploading to FOAM's YouTube channel [<https://www.youtube.com/@foamfriendsofthearcatamars3798>].

Wiyot Acknowledgment

The Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary is located on the unceded land of the Wiyot People, who continue to remain in relationship to these lands through ceremony, culture, and stewardship. They are important parts of the history of and continuing knowledge of this place.

On February 7, the speaker will be FOAM vice-president and retired wastewater treatment plant operator Dave Couch. He will cover the progress of the City's massive wastewater system upgrade and inform attendees about what is yet to come.

On March 6, wildlife biologist and author Ken Burton will delve into the people behind the common names of birds found at the Marsh, such as Anna (Hummingbird), Forster (Tern), Lincoln (Sparrow), Vaux (Swift), and Wilson (Warbler). He also will discuss how organisms get named and talk about the current bird renaming debate.

On April 3, local historian Jerry Rohde will take attendees on a trip through time around the eastern edge of Arcata Bay, examining the major changes of the bayside area between Daniels Slough and Eureka Slough. He'll look at the long-time presence of the Wiyot Tribe; the dik-

ing of the shoreline in the 1890s and early 1900s; and the development of ranchlands, small communities, and transportation corridors between the shoreline and Old Arcata Road.

FOAM apologizes for the technical difficulties encountered during the kick-off lecture in January by Aldaron Laird on sea level rise at the Arcata Marsh. The City's router died, so no internet connection was available for the Zoom or recording hardware. But much of the subject matter is displayed in posters that will remain on display through February at AMIC.

Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival

April 18-21, 2024
Arcata Community Center
Over 70 sessions!
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Donate to FOAM at Hambro Recycling in Arcata

Most of you are aware that there is a CRV Buyback Center on South G Street—across from the Marsh parking lot—where you can turn in your clean CRV beverage containers for cash. But did you know that Hambro Recycling, which operates the center, offers an easy way for recyclers to support local nonprofit organizations such as FOAM?

Instead of pocketing all the proceeds of your CRV redemption, between February 1 and the end of July 2024, you can contribute any portion of that money to FOAM. It's an easy way to support our environmental education and community outreach activities, such as the upcoming student bird art contest and free family nature crafts during the Godwit Days festival in mid-April.

So look for our flyer near the payout window, then drop some CRV buyback in the donation lock-box with the FOAM logo on the front. Hambro is located at 420 South G Street and buyback hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm.

Make sure all CRV beverage containers (aluminum cans, plastic bottles with caps removed, glass bottles) are whole, clean, and free of all contamination. You also can redeem CRV bi-metal and plastic beverage containers numbered 3 through 7.

March 23 Deadline for Student Bird Art Contest

For the 21st year, FOAM and Redwood Region Audubon Society are co-sponsoring a Student Bird Art Contest in conjunction with the Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival. An estimated \$650 will be awarded to Humboldt County students from kindergarten through



Bufflehead by Evie Dowd. Third place, Grades 9-12, 2023.

high school who submit a drawing of one of 40 suggested species or another bird that has been seen in the County. Prizes also will be awarded for the best renditions of a bird in its natural habitat.

Awards will be presented on Saturday, April 20 at 11 am in the Main Hall of the Arcata Community Center (ACC). All entries will be displayed April 19-21. Copies of winning artwork will be shown at AMIC during May and June.

A flyer with complete rules and instructions is posted at www.godwitdays.org or can be picked up at the Interpretive Center. Flyers will be mailed to all Humboldt County schools.

Art may be dropped off at AMIC, 569 South G St, Tuesday-Sunday between 9 am and 5 pm and Monday 1-5 pm or mailed to Sue Leskiw, 155 Kara Lane, McKinleyville CA 95519. **Entries must be received by 5 pm on Saturday, March 23 to be judged and included in the ACC display (no exceptions).**

Questions? E-mail sueleskiw1@gmail.com.

Help Needed with FOAM's Godwit Days Activities

The 2024 Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival is just around the corner and FOAM will again be participating in free family nature craft activities. The drop-in session will be held in the main hall of the Arcata Community Center on Sunday, April 21, from 10:30 am to 1 pm. Activities will include making Marsh critter ornaments, mini-wooden bird houses, and bird and otter masks. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. If you can

spend a couple of hours helping kids discover the many wonders of our Marsh, contact Sue at sueleskiw1@gmail.com.

This year, FOAM again will be responsible for staffing the Opening Reception on Friday, April 19. The event is free to the general public from 5 to 7 pm. Help is needed to replenish plates of food, refill the punch bowl, collect money/tickets for and pour beer and wine, and especially wash dirty dishes and glasses! E-mail sueleskiw1@gmail.com if you can help.

FOAM also needs staffers for its table at the Bird Fair. Hours of operation are Friday 3-7 pm, Saturday 10 am-5 pm (optional 5-7 pm shift), and Sunday 10 am-2 pm, divided into 2- or 3-hour shifts. If you can help hand out literature and sell items, e-mail sueleskiw1@gmail.com. We also will be having a membership drive from our booth.

Another volunteer opportunity is to help hang hundreds of entries received in the 21st Student Bird Art Contest, co-sponsored by FOAM and Redwood Region Audubon Society. This will occur on Friday, April 19 starting at 1 pm. Bring a lightweight hammer and bag for push pins and be prepared to post artwork along the hallways and lobby of the Community Center. Contact Sue at sueleskiw1@gmail.com.



Scenes from FOAM's Godwit Days 2023 activities. Top photo by Paul Johnson; bottom photo by Sue Leskiw.

What's Happening at the Arcata Marsh?

By Carmen Sahagun, Neysa Budzinski & Heather Schmidt

It certainly has been an exciting winter so far! This season started with intermittent rains but extremely cold temperatures, as any early-morning Marsh visitors can attest. (Carmen reported that it was 29 degrees when she opened the Interpretive Center in late November!) December and January have brought lots of rain. With the magnificent King Tides seen during early January, all the extra water at the Marsh sure was a sight to see.

The Arcata Marsh had a very special guest visit this winter; every birder in the Marsh community and beyond is sure to have heard about it. A Purple Gallinule was spotted for the first time ever here. It represented only the sixth documented state record. The bird first was spotted and identified on November 24 at the south side of the East Pond. Hundreds of visitors from all over California and beyond came to catch a glimpse of the beautiful purple bird until it was last seen December 30. Native to Central and South America, these birds inhabit the southeastern US during mating season.

The Interpretive Center staff was able to help a former Eureka resident this holiday season. A man inquired about buying an Arcata Marsh hat, since he lost his old one on a train. The challenge: he was now living in France! We were able to take on this special circumstance, as he covered the cost of shipping (\$26.95), on top of the \$24 price of the hat.

For those who regularly volunteer or are interested in volunteering to staff AMIC, City staff will host a meeting at AMIC on Tuesday, February 13 at 6 pm. We look forward to mingling with volunteers, reviewing staffing procedures and introducing a new app to allow volunteers to sign up electronically for shifts. We hope this will be a time for volunteers to share and learn from one another, as well as give us an opportunity to discover how we can enhance the volunteer experience at AMIC.



(Left) Lynn Jones, post-New Year's Day tour, and Stuart Moskowitz with his cart. (Right) Elliott with the fruits of his DoggiPot run. Photos by Sue Leskiw.



A Passing of the Gloves on FOAM DoggiPot Collection Team

By Sue Leskiw

When Paul Johnson expressed an interest in stepping down from the task of emptying the three dog waste collection cylinders (aka "DoggiPots") along the South G Street route, I was faced with drafting an enticing e-mail to FOAM members about signing up to transport poop. My epistle ended with the statement "We realize this is not a glamorous volunteer opportunity, but it is an essential one to help keep our Marsh clean." Surprisingly, four people responded to the message that I sent out the day after Thanksgiving. The one selected for the job was Life Member Stuart Moskowitz, a Bayside resident who is retired from the Cal Poly mathematics department.

Marsh visitors likely have noticed that quite a few green metal DoggiPots have been installed along the trails. Dog walkers are encouraged to use the stations to acquire pet waste disposal bags and then place the filled bags in DoggiPot cans, thus keeping dog poop out of the Marsh and its water. What you likely DON'T know is that in areas that are not frequented by City vehicles, FOAM has for several years taken on the task of picking up waste from those DoggiPots. If our organization had not agreed to perform this maintenance task, the City probably would not have installed waste stations in those spots, thus leaving large sections of the Marsh without DoggiPots.

The task involves walking to stations at the South G parking lot, the trail to Klopp Lake, at the Corp Yard parking lot, and inside the Oxidation Ponds, collecting full trash bags, replacing liners and refilling dog poop bag dispensers, and transporting trash bags to a dumpster in the treatment plant yard. Volunteers are provided with sturdy rubber gloves, a two-wheeled cart, rolls of replacement bags, and DoggiPot liners.

After being trained by experienced collectors in late November and starting his volunteer experience, Stuart emailed me an update on December 20: "I want to say, I love my new job picking up poop! I am amazed at how gratifying it is, and how many people say thank you to me (but nobody will shake my hand). I chuckled when I first saw your call for help, but somehow I knew it was my turn to step forward. I'm glad I did." When he dropped in to AMIC while I was staffing on New Year's Day, Stuart was still enthusiastic and relayed that one person encountered during his collection rounds had tried to give him a tip (he told them to send a donation to FOAM)!

FOAM thanks the other current collector, Elliott Dabill, who picks up along I Street, as well as retired poop picker-uppers Paul Johnson, Tom Allen, Cindy Kuttner, and Pamela Brown. Maria Baron served as an alternate during the two months that Elliott was recovering from shoulder surgery.



A portion of the January 11 King Tide crowd, reflected in McDaniel Slough. Note former City employee Doby Class in foreground placing a marker at the upper limit of the water. Photo by Paul Johnson.

King Tide Walk Garners King-Sized Attendance

By Elliott Dabill

On January 11, at 11 am, a gratifyingly large group of curious citizens marched to the broken dike by Gearheart Marsh to witness the largest tide of the year. About 75 people (!) stopped along the way to discuss with me and coleader Barbara Reisman several topics related to the Marsh and the tide along I Street. For such a large crowd, we were lucky to have great discussions, against the backdrop of a sunny day.

First, we visited the new outfall behind the Green Wall, newly installed and working for the past month. This outfall is the result of re-routing the wastewater after its treatment through all the assigned marshes and into Brackish Marsh.

Next, the group stopped along Allen Marsh to discuss some astronomy: daily tides, spring tides, and that day's King Tide, caused by the Earth being closest to both the sun and moon for this year. Finally, we reached the break in the dike down the trail by Gearheart Marsh and talked about how much it would take for that day's King Tide to become our normal monthly spring tide (one foot of sea level rise) and to become the normal daily high tide (up to three feet of increase). Arcata has a plan to protect South G Street

from sea level change, but it isn't yet finalized.

As luck would have it, Aldaron Laird would be kicking off our rejuvenated FOAM monthly lecture series the following evening, enlightening us about rising sea levels and future changes to all of Humboldt Bay. His punch line? With three feet of sea level rise, the dikes that rim Humboldt Bay would be overtopped regularly and the Bay would reclaim some of its ancient salt marshes and increase in size by a third. Aldaron's displays on sea level rise will be hung in the Interpretive Center through the end of February.

New Year's Day Walk

By Lynn Jones

We could not have asked for a sunnier, more windless day than January 1, 2024! Leader Paul Johnson, Barbara Reisman, and I divided up the 20 people who gathered at AMIC, to ring in the new year by walking the marsh. All ages joined us as we each headed off in different directions.

Paul, who finds frequently overlooked treasures hiding in plain sight, told interesting stories about marsh denizens and plant eccentricities. As well as relaying facts about the marsh, Paul helps participants become keener observers.

Barbara focused her very nice group on marsh plants—natives, in-

vasives, or introduced. On the west side of Allen Marsh they saw night herons very close up, with their bright red eyes. They were treated to a harrier gliding over Brackish Pond, and talked about the myriad changes going on with the wastewater system upgrade, which she could point out at Brackish Pond.

My group peppered me with good, probing questions about water quality, sea level rise, and history as we circumnavigated the unusually calm Klopp Lake. We compared the slough, the Bay, and the freshwater ponds, and talked about the geology of Humboldt Bay and its hemispheric importance on the flyway.

New friends, new ideas, and new sights! A perfect start to the new year.



Thanksgiving leader Jenny Hanson with part of the crowd. Photo by Sue Leskiw.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Walks 2023

Over 30 people attended FOAM's 23rd annual Thanksgiving morning ramble at the Arcata Marsh. Leaders on this sunny but cool day were Lynn Jones, Jenny Hanson, and Sharon Levy, with contributions from Tom Leskiw (birds) and Renshin Bunce (wastewater treatment). Attendees split up into three groups.

Paul Wilson led the Christmas morning walk, attended by about 13. The most unusual species seen was a Townsend's Warbler. Paul noted "Although I'm not superstitious, it didn't rain. I don't think any walk I've done on Christmas Day has ever rained. I'm estimating that I've been on about 20 Christmas walks in Humboldt County (most as a child before we moved to Arcata). It's an astounding personal run."



(Left) FOAM president Elliott Dabill congratulates Al Wolski as Volunteer of the Year at the 2018 annual meeting. (Right) Frank Klopp, Dan Hauser, and Bob Gearheart at AMIC 20th anniversary celebration in 2013. Photos by Sue Leskiw.

Two Marsh Influencers Pass Away

By Sue Leskiw

Page 2 of the January 17 issue of the *Mad River Union* contains two obituaries side by side: Franklin Klopp and Alan Wolski. Each in his own way has contributed to that place we cherish, the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary.

I happened to be at AMIC after Mary Ann Madej called in to share the unhappy news that her husband, Alan Wolski, had passed away. Al was FOAM's Volunteer of the Year for FY 2017, in recognition of the 92 hours he spent staffing the weekend welcome desk during the preceding 12 months. Every year since, he received an annual meeting shout-out from FOAM president Elliott Dabill as being the runner-up in hours put in staffing AMIC. I always enjoyed chatting with Al when I saw him at AMIC or the annual meeting.

After Neysa told me about Al, I e-mailed FOAM volunteers with the sad news and received these comments: "So sad. He was a wonderfully quiet presence at his Marsh shifts. I always loved it when I worked the shift before or after his" (Gina R); "What shocking & sad news. Al was always so full of life & energy—such a kick to work with" (Jeanne S); "That's very sad about Al. He seemed like such a kind and gentle soul" (Katy A); "I'm so shocked and sad to hear about Al!" (Lynn J); "Al was one of the first desk volunteers that I met and I sure liked him a lot. Makes me a bit sad and reminds me how precious is the gift of life" (Andy F); "He was a very welcoming pres-

ence and fun to talk to. He will be greatly missed" (Sue L).

There were a lot of things I didn't know about Al that were revealed in his obituary, such as him being a renowned gardener, sharing his aptitude with clients for over 30 years and earning the moniker "The Garden Sitter." He also collected jokes and LPs!

Al passed away on January 9 at age 76. A celebration of life will be planned for "a sunnier time in the future." Donations in his memory can be made to FOAM or Friends of the Arcata Library.

Most Marsh visitors have been to Klopp Lake at the end of South I Street, but how many know who that water body with the bird roosting islands was named after? Frank was the director of Public Works for the City of Arcata during the period that the Arcata Marsh went from a wild green idea to a world-renowned reality. Klopp Lake was the last pond created in the project that reclaimed a former landfill and timber mill into one of the first wastewater treatment systems to rely on natural processing of sewage and storm water. Frank passed away on November 30 at age 89.

Local science writer Sharon Levy, author of *The Marsh Builders: The Fight for Clean Water, Wetlands, and Wildlife* (Oxford University Press, 2018) interviewed Klopp in February 1997 and included parts of that discussion in her book. "Frank Klopp, Arcata's genial, cigar-chomping director of public works, had let the initial controversy over the regional system [a large, multicity

wastewater treatment project that would involve piping treated sewage under the Bay to a deep ocean out-fall] pass him by." But then Klopp read the financial projection in the engineering report and saw that in two years, Arcata would need to double its sewer rates to pay for building a regional plant. "The reason I got into getting out of the regional project was straight economics," said Klopp. He teamed with Dr Robert Gearheart (environmental engineering) and Dr George Allen (fisheries) from Humboldt State University (HSU) "to put together a proposal for an alternative wastewater treatment scheme that would reclaim Arcata's treated sewage by creating marsh habitat and expand Allen's sewage-fueled salmon aquaculture."

There isn't space here to replay the multi-year fight that came to be known as Arcata's "Wastewater Wars." The final staff report from the California Water Quality Board concluded that "Projects such as the proposed Arcata marsh treatment process may enhance Humboldt Bay waters, as required by the Bays and Estuaries policy. For [Dan] Hauser, Gearheart, Allen, and Klopp, that single phrase represented victory after years of struggle." Frank Klopp played an important role—along with HSU professors, City Council members and other levels of elected officials, environmentalists, businesspeople, and ordinary citizens—against state bureaucrats that led to creation of the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary.

Donations in his name can be made to Hospice of Humboldt or the charity of your choice.

SpongePlant SquarePonds

By Lynn Jones

Saturday, December 2 was a quintessential Humboldt County fall day: from drizzle to downpour all day, with a chill in the air. But that did not deter a team of volunteers, organized by College of the Redwoods (CR) professor Karen Reiss, from pulling invasive *Limnobium* (sponge plant or frogbit) out of one of CR's ponds. One rowboat, rakes and hoes, and lots of collective heaving created a substantial pile of the uprooted invader! It grows so prolifically that it is increasingly a problem for native plants and animals in many California freshwater ponds.

Two CR faculty and about 15 volunteers showed up in the morning and worked staggered shifts until 3 pm. In rain gear and muck boots, Sharon Levy, Lynn Jones, Ava Iorizzo, and Andy Feinstein from FOAM joined the demolition derby. Since one of the Arcata Marsh ponds already has sponge plant growing, we want to learn as much as possible about its behavior and eradication, and make connections with other groups on the same extermination mission.

Cal Poly's Eco-restoration Club provided the bulk of the human-powered removal machine. With limited shore access to the pond, one person paddled the rowboat, another cut large "rafts" of the aquatic Sponge Plant with a Rakezilla, and pushed it to the steep, muddy opening on the shore. A second Rakezilla, attached to a long rope, was javelined out to lodge in the "raft," then pulled ashore by 2 or 3 people. Heavy, saturated clumps were hoed, raked, or picked up and carried to a pile, where it will dry and (hopefully) not reenter the water where it can easily take root again. Eventually the pile will be composted.

With the City of Arcata we hope to build a team of efficient eradication experts that can be used to mitigate Sponge Plant incursion around Humboldt Bay. A fun, productive group of people made for a great day.



"Rain and mud don't scare us!" say FOAM frogbit removal volunteers Sharon Levy, Lynn Jones, Ava Iorizzo, and Andy Feinstein. Photo by Lynn Jones.



Ava in the muck, pulling spongeplant out of a pond. Photo by Andy Feinstein.



Spongeplant, frogbit, Limnobium. Photo by Karen Reiss.

MARCH/APRIL ARTIST TAMARA WOLSKI

Photographs by Tamara Wolski will be on display.

MAY/JUNE ARTISTS STUDENT BIRD ART WINNERS

Color copies of 1st-3rd prize-winning and honorable mention avian art from the 21st annual contest for Humboldt K-12 students will be on display. The competition, associated with the Godwit Days Festival, is sponsored by FOAM and Redwood Region Audubon Society.



Steller's Jay winning artwork from 2023 Student Bird Art Contest.

Godwit Days Festival Free Events for Kids & More

Godwit Days always includes free events, some of which are specifically aimed at children age 5 and above. The following three workshops/field trips require pre-registration at www.godwitdays.org and a responsible adult must accompany kids:

► On Saturday, April 20, join FOAM Board member and Cal Poly biology professor Mark Wilson for a Kids' Birding and Nature Walk at the Arcata Marsh. The session (#SA45) starts at the Interpretive Center at 9:30 am and lasts 2 hours. Learn how to use binoculars to find and identify birds. Binoculars specifically made for children will be available for use. Young participants will receive their choice of a free FOAM logo enamel pin or embroidered patch, courtesy of the sponsor, FOAM. Limited to 15 children.

► On Friday, April 19, have fun breaking apart owl pellets, to see what the birds have been eating, in a 1-hour workshop led by College of the Redwoods biology professor Karen Reiss. The pellets—donated by Mendocino optics dealer and Bird Fair vendor Out of This World—have been disinfected and created especially for exploration. The workshop (#FR25) starts at 4 pm and is limited to 15 children.

► On Sunday, April 21, local nature artist Gary Bloomfield will instruct kids about the basics of drawing birds. Children must provide their own paper and drawing implements. The workshop (#SU73) starts at 1 pm and lasts 1 hour. Limited to 15 children.

Another free event that might engage youth is the Friday night lecture following the opening reception. Starting at 6:30 pm, speakers from Eureka's Sequoia Park Zoo will present "Stories from the Nest: Sequoia Park Zoo's Conservation Partnerships." The lecture will include videos showing interactions with young birds in their nest and teach about why accessing these sites is so important to bird conservation. The director of the Zoo's Butterfly Conservation Program will share about captive-rearing threatened and en-



dangered butterfly species for release to boost wild populations. Other Zoo conservation programs and partnerships also will be discussed.

And don't forget the Second Annual Family Nature Crafts "Mega-Palooza" on Sunday, April 21 from 10:30 am to 1 pm that requires no pre-registration. To date, FOAM, the Cal Poly Natural History Museum, California State Parks, and the Bureau of Land Management have committed to offering tables of nature crafts during in this drop-in session, with more expected.

Also among the 15 free events making up the festival are trips to Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Arcata Ridge Trail, Sue-Meg State Park, Seawood Cape Preserve, Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, Eel River Estuary Preserve, and Lanphere Dunes, as well as a native plant walk, dragonfly workshop, "Big Sit," and optics lecture

All events described above except the Friday evening Zoo presentation require pre-registration at www.godwitdays.org. Visit the website for a complete listing of the 75+ sessions that make up the 2024 festival.

Calendar of Events

[Docent-led tours leave the Interpretive Center every Saturday at 2 pm]

February—Photographs by Aldaron Laird

February 7—Lecture on wastewater treatment upgrade by Dave Couch, 7 pm (see p. 1)

February 8—FOAM Board Meeting, 6:30-8 pm

March/April—Photographs by Tamara Wolski

March 6—Lecture on Marsh bird names by Ken Burton, 7 pm (see p. 1)

March 7—FOAM Board Meeting, 6:30-8 pm

March 23—Deadline for Student Bird Art Contest entries (see p. 2)

April 3—Lecture on historical changes around eastern Arcata Bay by Jerry Rohde, 7 pm (see p. 1)

April 11—FOAM Board Meeting, 6:30-8 pm

April 18-21—Godwit Days festival at the Arcata Community Center; visit www.godwitdays.org for a schedule of events and to register

May/June—Display of winning Student Bird Art

May 9—FOAM Board Meeting, 6:30-8 pm

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Godwit Days Bird Festival, 4/18-21

FOAM Family Nature Crafts, 4/21

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