

## **Sea and Sage Education Annual Report**

June, 2006 - May, 2007

The Sea and Sage Education Committee meets once a month at the Audubon House. The purpose of these meetings is to review established projects, discuss new projects, and to give our committee coordinators an opportunity to report on their activities and receive support and advice as needed. We also plan a portion of our meetings to provide physical assistance in such things as cleaning binoculars, dusting taxidermy items, creating publicity posters. The following are reports from chapter committee coordinators;

### **COMMUNITY TOURS**

Community Tours offer scout groups and other interested members of the community, children and adults, a one hour program which includes a taxidermy exhibit and presentation, followed by a volunteer guided tour of the marsh. The various birds seen are identified by their field marks, their habitats, their behaviors and their sounds. From July, 2006 thru those tours scheduled to date, there were 18 tours, with 167 children and 115 adults participating, including scouting groups, home schools, International students from UCI and an adult immigrant program of a local school district. Helen Nicholas, Coordinator

### **BAT WALKS**

During the summer we offer a unique 2 hour program on five different Friday evenings. These programs begin with a 45 minute presentation and slide show by a local biologist whose specialty is bats. Following this presentation, our presenter, Stephanie Remington, armed with infrared binoculars and sonar devices tuned to the frequencies of the two species of bats most often seen in our area, leads a bat walk after dusk thru the marsh. This year's program opened for registration in March and was fully subscribed by April 15 with 97 adults and 70 children participating.

Helen Nicholas, Coordinator

**Volunteer Naturalists and volunteers:** I schedule and remind Naturalists of the days they have signed up and coordinate AH desk volunteers. Judy Fritts, Coordinator

**In-house Education Publicity:** "My efforts mainly focus on trying to help publicize & promote education projects through the tattler, on the web page, on the parking lot kiosk, and by means of those little display placards I set up in Audubon House. I also assist the Project Director with the final drafts of various brochures." Nancy Kenyon, Coordinator

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**Summer Camps for children:** Our Sea and Sage Nature Camps were active for 5 weeks last summer. We did a camp for 7-8 year olds, 2 separate camps for 9-12 year olds and a 2 week camp for our more advanced campers who were 11-16. We also had a camp reunion which included 25 campers, and later at dinner their parents and siblings. Grace Mc Elhiney, Bev Spring, Coordinators

**Naturalists :** This is the report on the Naturalists meeting coordinator's position. Three meetings were held at the Duck Club at their annual times; fall, winter, and spring. They were well attended by the Naturalists. The coordinator, after serving three years at this position, resigns to let new blood take a turn. He's thankful for having the opportunity to serve the Audubon. Frank Feller, Coordinator

### **Programs, September 2006- June 2007**

For the 2006/2007 program season we had 8 monthly meetings. Our attendance was anywhere from 45 to 100, with a typical meeting of about 70. Our topics were mostly about birds but we also had one on conservation in Alaska, one on the future development of "The Great Park", and one on spiders. The highlight of the year was having Kenn Kaufman as speaker at our Annual dinner, which had a record breaking attendance of 235. Jay and Marquita Miller, Coordinators

Report submitted by Kaaren Perry, interim Education Chairperson