

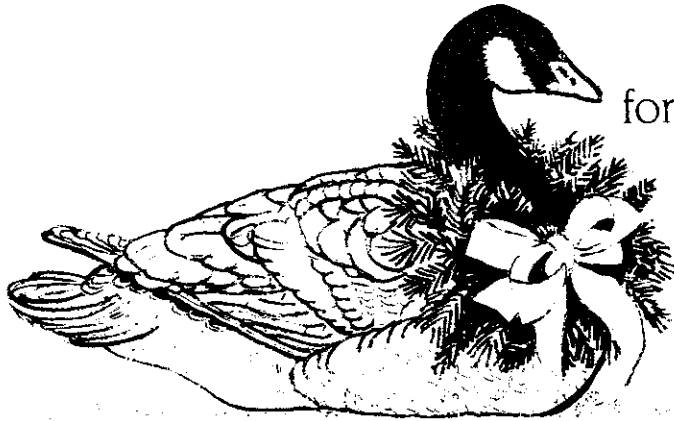
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OXBOW, INC. NEWSLETTER

2073 HARRISON AVENUE
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45214

NO. 26 NOVEMBER - DECEMBER, 1990



with warm wishes
for a wonderful holiday
and a happy
new year.

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS WORK FOR OXBOW, INC.

Oxbow, Inc., by utilizing the formula that was so successful for the Hamilton County Park District, has received conservation easements on nine pieces of property situated in the Indiana Oxbow area. These conservation easements, costing \$218,000, will protect for ever another 223 Oxbow acres from future development.

By combining the acreage from the Indiana and Ohio Departments of Natural Resources, the Hamilton County Park District, and Oxbow, Inc., about one-half of the 2500-acre Oxbow wetland has been protected. This has been achieved over a five year period of time - an outstanding accomplishment!

Once again Oxbow, Inc. must call upon its members to rally behind this latest expenditure and raise a needed \$100,000 by the end of January, 1991. There is not much time in which to raise this amount of money, but with a concerted effort by members and friends it **CAN** be done! We ask you to please fill out the printed form and send it, along with your check marked "conservation easements" to OXBOW, INC., 2073 HARRISON AVENUE, CINCINNATI, OH 45214. Your donation is tax deductible.

Please be as generous as possible when making out your check. This will be our Christmas gift to Mother Nature for 1990!

Oxbow, Inc. would like to recognize and thank the land owners who, by signing conservation easements on their property, have demonstrated their concern for the conservation of the Oxbow.

Dr. & Mrs. Paul Graham & Family
Mrs. Margaret Haag
Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Jones
Mr. & Mrs. James Pope
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Pope
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Pope
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Weber

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- CONSERVATION EASEMENTS -

please return this form with your check.

YES! You can count on me to help make 1990 another year of accomplishment. Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

All contributions are tax-deductible.



A HISTORY OF THE OXBOW AREA.

Don Bogosian

PART 5 - CELERON AND THE FRENCH.

During the early and middle 1700's, the French laid claim to the Ohio Valley and the Oxbow area. In August of 1749, Celeron de Bainville and 250 French and Indians proceeded down the Ohio River to the mouth of the Great Miami River in order to formally claim the surrounding territory and urge all Indians living in the area to avoid contact with the British. Bainville, after burying a lead plate stating France's claims to the area in the name of King Louis XV of France, went up the Great Miami River to a large Miami Indian village near Dayton, Ohio.

All of Celeron's efforts were for nothing, because, in 1763, the British defeated the French and thus gained control of all of the Ohio Valley. Interestingly enough, Celeron's lead plate at the mouth of the Great Miami River has never been found.

British maps, dating back to 1755, show the Great Miami as being called the Great Miniemi and mentions that it was named after a tribe in the Western League, allies to the Iroquois, and that the French called the Great Miami "La Rieve la Roche", which translates to "The Rocky River". These maps mention that the Great Miami was rapid and strong, but with no falls, even though there were out-croppings of limestone at Shawnee Lookout and Hooven. The British map also referred to the White-water River as the West Branch of the Great Miami.

Even though the British had gained Control of the Area, they refused to permit American Colonists to settle here. The British wanted to reserve the area for their Indian allies, a situation which would eventually erupt into bloodshed.

Next - Fort Finney.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Election to the board of Oxbow, Inc. will be held at the January general meeting in Cincinnati, OH. If you would like to take a more active role in Oxbow, Inc. by serving on the board, or if you know of someone who would be a good choice as a board member, please contact the chairman of the nominating committee, Dave Styer. Phone 513-772-4395.

SPECIAL PROGRAM TO BENEFIT OXBOW, INC. - NO. 3 ★

Thursday, November 15th, 7:30 P.M. at the Lawrenceburg Public Library on High Street, Elvin Blasdel will present the third slide program to benefit Oxbow, Inc.

The program will feature Roy Mast, a photographer-naturalist and a volunteer with the Hamilton County Park District. Mr. Mast will show his slide program "The Four Seasons in the Hamilton County Parks."

A free-will donation will be accepted after the program. Donations from Mr. Blasdel's other two programs have exceeded two hundred dollars for Oxbow, Inc.'s land preservation fund. Thank you for your continuing support of the Oxbow, Elvin!

* * * * * Oxbow, Inc. Memorials * * * * *	
1990	
In Memory Of:	Donor
Sam Cecil	Mr. & Mrs. Emil J. Niehe
Ann Johnston	Ollie Kanuschak
Ann Johnston	Norma L. Flannery
Ann Johnston	Julie Godsey
Katherine Steioff Lear	Bob and Tina Schlegel
Katherine Steioff Lear	Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Long
Aunt Mayme Schroer	Ray & Eleanor Long & Family
Winston F. White	Mrs. Frieda R. White
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Oxbow, Inc. has established Memorials in honor of those who have passed on. Each Memorial, established in the name of a friend or loved one, will be enrolled permanently in the records of the Corporation. Each contribution to a Memorial will be acknowledged to the family or to those selected by the donor and should be sent to Oxbow, Inc. 2073 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, OH. 45214. Be sure to enclose the names and addresses of the donor and those to receive an acknowledgement.

Holiday Gifts for Young and Old

If you're shopping for a remarkably attractive, yet inexpensive holiday gift, we can help! Oxbow, Inc. T-shirts and our new line of sweat shirts, carrying an original CHARLIE HARPER design, are available at low, low prices. You can order them by calling 513-481-4302. The shirts are also on sale at our monthly meetings at the Cincinnati Zoo and the Lawrenceburg Public Library.

The two-color design is printed on a gray-blue background. The characteristic marks of the wood duck are clearly presented in bright white.

Sizes and prices: Youth 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16
T-shirts member \$8. non-member \$9.

Adult S, M, L, XL, XX-L
member \$8. non-member \$10

Sweat shirts Adult M, L, XL, XX-L
member \$18. non-member \$20

Add \$2 for all XX-L sizes. Purchase is not tax deductible.



These shirts make an ideal gift so make a list and give us a call -- NOW!!

NEW LINE SWEAT SHIRTS. ★

"THE DUCK STOPS HERE" SWEAT SHIRTS are now ready for fall and winter sales. The 50% cotton, 50% polyester Fruit of the Loom sweat shirts are available in medium, large, extra-large, and extra-extra-large sizes, white only. Members pay \$18, non-members, \$20. (see HOLIDAY GIFTS.)

A MISTY MORNING RAFFEL. ★

Ralph Scott, who has spent the last 20 years perfecting his system for photographing birds as they spread their wings to land, has donated his "Misty Morning" to Oxbow, Inc.

The 24" X 30" matted and museum-framed photograph is of a snag-perched double-crested cormorant outlined against a diffused background.

Oxbow, Inc. will display the picture at membership meetings and will be selling tickets at the "Toys for Adults" and the "Bob Hart Boat and Travel" shows, and to individual members who would like to win this outstanding work of art. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

On November 13th Mr. Scott will present his slide program, FLIGHT OF BIRDS that displays the grace and beauty of flight, and the characteristics of how birds fly. (see MEETINGS). Plan to attend and pick up your lucky raffle tickets - someone always wins! Proceeds will benefit the land preservation fund.

BIRDATHON '90 OVER THE TOP!

Art and Jinny Wiseman

Holy Cow!!! We finally made it - but only by a bird-feather or two! After much blood, sweat and tears, and plenty of help from lots and lots of people and organizations, BIRDATHON '90 finally surpassed BIRDATHON '89. The total this year was **\$17,164.14** - a full \$116.13 better than last year.

It was only the perseverance of our faithful supporters that pulled us through. An average of 9 percent fewer species of birds were recorded because of Saturday's cold, day-long drizzle. (Birds silently sit tight in the rain and it takes real scrounging to find them.) Fortunately, however, more people participated this year and more pledges filled in the gap. It was a job well done by all!

Special mention must be made of our good friend, the Cincinnati Nature Center, who once again led the contribution pledge list with a whopping \$3299! THANK YOU C.N.C.

"THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL..." birders and pledgers alike for all of your help and support that made this again a very enjoyable and profitable BIRDATHON '90!

MERCHANDISING!

DISTRIBUTION!

MARKETING!

INVENTORY!

SALES!

PROMOTION!

NO COMMISSION!

Do these words turn you on? Get your juices flowing?

Pose a challenge?

Then your talent is needed on our newly formed Marketing Committee. For more information on the sweat shirts or to volunteer for the Marketing Committee call Jinny Wiseman, 513-481-4302.

BLIND NEWS.

In an effort to promote cooperation between birders and duck hunters the Duck and Goose Hunting Seasons for the Indiana Oxbow area are listed.

We ask our birders to respect the legally licensed hunter's right to hunt during the posted seasons and to report any illegal activities to the proper authorities.

OHIO RIVER ZONE.
(Indiana Oxbow Area.)



DUCKS

GEESE

November 22 - 25
December 8 - January 2

November 12 - January 20

For specific hunting regulations contact the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Edward L. Hansen, Director. The DNR reminds hunters that steel shot is required during the waterfowl season. Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Oxbow, Inc. Membership Makes an Ideal Gift

The holiday season is the time for gifts and giving, and here is our suggestion for a multi-purpose gift - a membership in Oxbow, Inc.! First, the price may be of your choosing - ten dollars on up. Second, it's a gift that's guaranteed to please anyone who is interested in nature. Third, it will help us to preserve the Oxbow wetlands through our land acquisition program. Finally, it offers wildlife a gift of unlimited value - habitat protection.



This Christmas, consider a gift membership in Oxbow, Inc. for your family and friends. It's sure to please and it's tax deductible. Fill out the gift membership form below and save yourself a great deal of shopping time and aggravation. Include additional gift memberships on a separate sheet of paper.

PLEASE SEND A GIFT MEMBERSHIP IN OXBOW, INC. TO:

NAME _____	Individual	\$10.	Patron	\$100.
ADDRESS _____	Family	\$15.	Corner-	
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____	Contribut-		stone	\$250.
DONOR _____	ing	\$25.	Sponsor	\$500.
	Supporting	\$50.	Bene-	
			factor	\$1,000.

(Circle one).

Make this a MERRY CHRISTMAS for your friends and wildlife!
A note will announce your gift. Make check payable to:

Oxbow, Inc.
2073 Harrison Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45214

"WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR . . ."



**OXBOW, INC. IS WISHING TO FIND SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO
DONATE A LATE-MODEL PHOTOCOPIER.
ANYONE INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL 481-4302 AND MAKE OUR DAY!**

Meetings

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 7:30 P.M. Cincinnati Zoo Education Building. Enter through the Exit Gate on Erkenbrecher Avenue.

"FLIGHT OF BIRDS." Don't miss this special program by Ralph Scott. Mr. Scott has developed photographic equipment designed to stop the flight of birds in mid-air. The results are often breath-taking! Come and see birds as you have never seen them before!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 7:30 P.M. Lawrenceburg Public Library. Turn left off of U.S. 50 onto Walnut Street. Turn right onto High Street. The library is on the right side of High Street.

Come and hear a very interesting speaker!

Paul Strasser will describe his continuing efforts to save the Red Wolf from extinction and the problems he faces as he tries to reintroduce the Red Wolf back into the wilderness.

Field Trips



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 9 A.M.

Meet Dave Styer at the Shawnee Lookout Park boat ramp. Take a walk under the autumn sky and look for late migrants and other birds. Hamilton County Park Vehicle Permit required.

Dave Styer 513-772-4395.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH.

Join in on the Hamilton County Parks' Annual Bird Count. Call Carol Thurman to register and for more information. Call early and select the park of your choice. 513-521-PARK.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH. CINCINNATI CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT!

Join members of the Cincinnati Bird Club in the Annual Christmas Count. Leaders will be Jay Stenger and Dr. Robert Kennedy. Call to register and for more information. \$4 participation fee.

Jay Stenger 513-522-8147

Dr. Robert Kennedy 513-621-3889



MOVING?

Make sure your WETLAND MATTERS newsletter goes with you.

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Oxbow, Inc.

A nonprofit organization formed by conservation groups and concerned citizens of Ohio and Indiana for the purpose of preserving and protecting a wetlands area known locally as the Oxbow, Hardintown, or Horseshoe Bottoms, from future industrial development and to preserve the existing agricultural floodplain at the confluence of the Great Miami and Ohio rivers for use as a staging area for the seasonal migrations of waterfowl. This is an agricultural area rich in geological, archaeological, and anthropological history.

Help us save this unique wetland. You can make your state a richer place in which to live by helping us preserve this precious resource.

Membership in Oxbow, Inc. is encouraged and solicited.

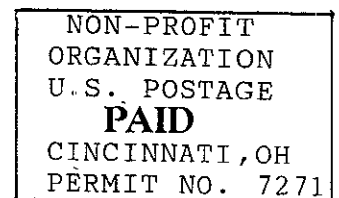
Individual	\$10	Organization/Club	\$25	Cornerstone	\$250
Family	\$15	Supporting	\$50	Sponsor	\$500
Contributing	\$25	Patron	\$100	Benefactor	\$1000

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Need a Speaker? Give Us a Call!



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**TIME TO
RENEW!**

