



WETLAND *matters*

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Oxbow, Inc. Activities Schedule

Programs

Tuesday, September 11, 2001, 7:30 p.m.
Cincinnati Zoo, Education Building

Steve Maslowski, wildlife photographer, will present a program on backyard conservation, entitled "One Yard at a Time".

Tuesday, October 9, 2001, 7:30 p.m.
Lawrenceburg Public Library

John Klein, Hamilton County Parks land manager, will give a program on "Those Amazing Monarchs". John has tagged these butterflies for several years.

Field Trips

Saturday, September 15, 2001, 8:00 a.m.

Meet Darlena Graham (859-581-2227) at Gardens Alive. Darlena will guide a trip into the Oxbow area. The fall migration will be underway--a great time to be afield.

Sunday, October 7, 2001, 8:00 a.m.

Meet Jay Stenger (513-522-8147) at Gardens Alive for a trip into the Oxbow. Jay will help find those feathered migrants.

Oxbow, Inc. Members Are Asked to Vote on Proposed Changes to Official Rules

Oxbow, Inc. members are asked to attend the October 9, 2001, meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the Lawrenceburg Public Library to vote on proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation and Regulations. These amendments are spelled out on the following two pages. Please read them carefully.

Members are asked to vote on the acceptance of the amendments as approved by the Board of Trustees at the July 25, 2001, meeting.

SAVE THIS DATE.....

The Oxbow Inc. meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2001, will feature a one-man show by Sam Carman, Education Director of the IDNR Division of Forestry. He will portray Charles Deam, an Indiana legend who had a profound effect on the state's natural environment. This program will take place at the Bright Elementary School gymnasium, Lawrenceburg, Indiana. (More, next issue.)

THANKS, BIRDATHONERS.....

Oxbow, Inc. to date has collected \$2,738.80 from Birdathon 2001 and thanks wholeheartedly all those involved. On your next trip to the Oxbow, check out those smiling faces on the woodies, peeps, chickadees *et al!*

AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND REGULATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

A. Current text of Article III of the Articles of Incorporation (second paragraph):

In order to achieve these purposes, the corporation is established to do the following: (1) to educate its members and the public about the Oxbow, including its use by migratory birds and its value as a wetlands habitat; (2) to promote, conduct and coordinate biological inventories, archeological research, geological research, and other scientific research in the Oxbow; (3) to develop a land use and wildlife management plan for the Oxbow; (4) to acquire, promote and coordinate the obtaining of easements pertaining to land in the Oxbow; (6) to restore, promote, and coordinate the restoration of land in the Oxbow; and (7) to do other things necessary or proper in connection with or incidental to the foregoing purposes.

Suggested amendments to Article III (second paragraph):

- (4) to acquire fee simple title to land in or near the Oxbow or that impact the Oxbow, and/or to acquire conservation easements over land in or near the Oxbow or that impact the Oxbow

B. Current text of Article VII of the Articles of Incorporation:

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, all assets of the corporation which remain after payment or provision for payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation shall be disposed of exclusively for the purposes of the corporation as described herein, or shall be distributed to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Text of similar provision in the Oxbow regulations:

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provisions for all debts and obligations of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the organizations organized and operated exclusively for furthering education and furthering scientific research as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such charitable purposes or to such charitable organization or organizations, as exclusively for such purpose.

Suggested new text for Article VII with all provisions in the regulations to be deleted:

Another Great Letter from Jon!

P&G Friends' 13 -Year Total Tops \$12,000

Norma Flannery
President, Oxbow, Inc.

Dear Norma,

Here are the donations I received for my fund raising efforts for Birdathon 2001. This year's total is \$1,345.95. This represents a level of \$11.12 per species for my total of 121 species this year.

This is the first year that my total donation level has dropped from the previous year in a long time. This is a function of several things ranging from less personal time available for me to raise donations and a few of my past donors having retired and left the company.

I am extremely proud of the 46 donors that supported my efforts this year. They averaged an astounding \$29+ donated per supporter. The marvelous people from P&G that support my efforts deserve all the credit in the world for their continuous year to year dedication to Oxbow, Inc. They are particularly proud that their donations go toward purchase and lease of the Oxbow land, thus helping to preserve it for future generations.

I am pleased to announce that the total donations sent by the P&G group to Oxbow, Inc. reached \$12,000 level for the 13 years I have been raising money for Oxbow during the Birdathon.

We all wish you continued success in the efforts Oxbow, Inc. is making to protect the unique and valuable wetland habitat at the junction of the Ohio and Great Miami Rivers. We hope our contributions will aid you in this important work.

Sincerely,

Jon Seymour

DID YOU KNOW?.....

The very first purchase by Oxbow, Inc. took place fourteen years ago on October 26, 1987: 27.58 acres called Wood Duck Slough and cost \$11,032.00. (That's right--price was \$400.00 per acre.)

Audubon Society of Ohio donated \$5,000.00 provided matching dollars would come from Oxbow, Inc. Within approximately two weeks, Oxbow, Inc. members matched the grant and sealed the purchase. It's Happy Anniversary Time!

Oxbow, Inc. Memorials

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Suzanne Skidmore
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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 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. Contributions should be sent to Oxbow, Inc., PO Box 43391, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45243-0391. Be sure to enclose the names and addresses of those to receive the acknowledgement.

A REMINDER.....



Have you moved? If so, please send us your new address. The postal service will not forward bulk mail and we don't want you to miss even one issue of *Wetland Matters*.

USE CAUTION.....

Do not pick up dead birds. Since the West Nile Virus has been found in a dead blue jay northeast of Cleveland, Ohio Health Department officials expect more cases throughout the state. As of mid-August, no human cases have been reported in Ohio. Blue jays and crows are especially susceptible to the virus.

This virus is carried by birds, usually killing them, and transmitted to mosquitoes who bite the birds. Protect yourself against mosquitoes. In humans, the virus can strike as mildly as flu or as dangerously as encephalitis, a potentially fatal swelling of the brain. West Nile virus has appeared in 13 states as well as Washington, D.C., since 1999 when it arrived in the Western Hemisphere.

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 ecosystem known locally as the Oxbow, Hardintown, or Horseshoe Bottoms, from industrial development and to preserve the floodplain at the confluence of the Great Miami and Ohio rivers for use as a staging area for the seasonal migrations of waterfowl. This agricultural area is rich in geological, archaeological, and anthropological history.

Help us save this unique wetland ecosystem. 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	Family	\$15
Contributing	\$25	Supporting	\$50
Patron	\$100	Cornerstone	\$250
Sponsor	\$500	Benefactor	\$1000
Organization/Club	\$25		

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