

Connecticut Ornithological Association

33rd Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 18, 2017

Chapman Hall, Middlesex Community College

100 Training Hill Road, Middletown, CT

- 8:00-8:45 Registration/COA Marketplace – includes continental breakfast and Birds and Beans coffee, plus tea.
- 8:45-9:15 Welcome/Business Meeting. Kathy Van Der Aue, COA President, will present a brief overview of the year's activities, followed by election of officers and board members.
- 9:15-10:15 **John Kricher - "The Trade Off"**
The Professor of Biology at Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts, who teaches ecology, ornithology and vertebrate evolution, will contrast the lives, ecology and natural history of long-distance migrant passerine birds with passerines that are permanent residents of lowland tropical forests.
- 10:15-10:40 Presentation of COA Awards.
- Mabel Osgood Wright Award – presented annually to a person or persons in Connecticut who have made a significant contribution to the knowledge, study, and conservation of birds.
 - Betty Kleiner Award – honors the memory of Betty Kleiner, whose name is synonymous with *The Connecticut Warbler*, COA's flagship publication. The award recognizes a deserving author or artist in the field of ornithology.
 - COA Mini-grants Award – awarded annually to the applicant(s) whose project most benefits Connecticut birds.
- 10:40-11:10 Break – COA Marketplace – time to socialize, purchase COA Raffle tickets, and check out vendors' offerings of bird-related items.
- 11:15-12:15 **William Burt – Water Babies: Young and Adult Birds of Wetlands**
Bill is a naturalist, writer and photographer with a passion for wild places and elusive birds. The "babies" are the downy young of ducks, grebes, gallinules and shorebirds, herons and other wetland birds – each is juxtaposed with the adult it will become. This talk is the result of 7 years of prowling wetland breeding grounds all over North America.
- 12:20-1:25 Lunch at Founders' Hall Cafeteria. Hot buffet lunch including a vegetarian option.
- 1:30-2:30 **David Allen Sibley – The Genesis of the Sibley Guides**
The well-known author and illustrator of the series of guides to nature that bear his name, will talk about how *The Sibley Guide to Birds* was first conceived in the late 1970's when he was only a teenager. Here David talks about the long but enjoyable 20-year journey from idea to finished book. Book signing immediately following his talk.
- 2:45-3:30 COA Raffle – the ever-popular Raffle concludes our day with many prizes including avian artwork and valuable birding equipment donated by generous artists, vendors, and friends of COA. Raffle tickets will be available throughout the day.

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