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JAMIE'S JOTTING

The agenda for the 2010 annual meeting, "Keeping Our Outdoor Heritage Alive", is coming together very nicely with some excellent speakers and topics already lined-up. We are very fortunate to have Dr. Randall Eaton agree to be the keynote speaker. For those of you not familiar with Dr. Eaton, he is an accomplished author and speaker with a passion about hunting and its importance to our youth. An endorsement by Dan Small, PhD states, "I don't know anyone with a better understanding of issues related to conservation, hunting and the importance of getting the next generation into the outdoors". I encourage every member of NCTWS to make plans now to attend the annual meeting and have Dr. Eaton reenergize each of us in our duties for natural resource conservation. You can do even more by bringing a co-worker or friend who might not be a NCTWS member to share in an educational fellowship event of wildlife professionals.

Attending the annual meeting or bringing a co-worker brings me to my next point. I recently listened to a series of lectures on CD produced by The Great Courses® on Alexis de Tocqueville and his famous series of books *Democracy in America*, written in 1835 and 1840. *Democracy in America* has been described as the best book ever written about democracy and the best book ever written about America. You may be asking yourself what does this have to do with The Wildlife Society? Well Tocqueville saw one of the strengths of democracy in America as its variety of political and civil associations. The Wildlife Society is a form of a political/civil organization as described by Tocqueville. Tocqueville saw these associations as a way to bring people out of themselves and involve them in activities together in what he called self-interest well understood. By this, he means that people recognize that when they serve others they are also serving themselves. Therefore, I challenge each person reading this to be good citizens in preserving democracy in America by getting involved with your local professional political/civil organization, the North Carolina Chapter of The Wildlife Society and attend the annual meeting. You can also volunteer to serve on a committee or agree to run for one of the available offices in the chapter. We need your input and efforts to help "keep our outdoor heritage alive".

- Jamie

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards Committee

CALL FOR INFORMATION

It's not too early to be thinking about your nominees for Chapter Awards. The deadline for receipt of nominations by the Awards Committee will be mid-January 2010. At this time, please help the Committee complete its history of Chapter Award recipients. The current Committee has investigated all the known potential sources for information about past winners, and information about past award recipients for many years cannot be located. The following list contains all the recipients known to the Committee. It appears that awards were not presented before 1987 and

the committee has no information preceding 2000. If you know of any recipients for those years where no one is listed, or if you see an error in the list, please send the information to Committee Chair Mike Baranski < mbaransk@catawba.edu >. Any information about Student Award recipients for the years 1987-1999 and 2005 should also be submitted.

	<u>Chapter Award</u>	<u>Wildlife Conservation Award</u>
1987 – 1999	?	?
2000	Carl Betsill	Joe Albea
2001	Randy Wilson	Mark Johns
2002	David Woodward	Pete Bromley, Terry Sharpe
2003	Phil Doerr	Chris McGrath
2004	?	?
2005	Jeff Marcus	Lincoln Sadler
2006	Pete Campbell	Brian McMerty
2007	Salinda Daley	Bill Rogers
2008	Joe Folta	Don Seriff
2009	Susan Miller	Jay Carter

Mike Baranski

Mentoring Committee

Volunteers needed!

We are looking for a few good volunteers from NCTWS membership to be mentors or to join the mentoring committee. For more information or to join please contact committee chairperson Donna MacLennan at donnamac130@hotmail.com

Donna MacLennan

Professional Development Committee

The Native Forbs and Grasses Workshop was held on August 19th at Garrett Wildflower Seed Farm. The workshop was well attended with 17 NCTWS members and nine Garrett Wildflower staff participating. A special thanks to Terry Sharpe and Don Lee for making it happen.

Currently, the committee is working on additional development opportunities for members and will let you know details as they arise.

Sue Cameron, Susan_Cameron@fws.gov

Haywood Community College - NCTWS Student Chapter

Our students performed very well at the 2009 Southeastern Wildlife Conclave in Arkansas. The highlights were placing 2nd overall in the Team Field Event and 4th Overall. I believe there were around 20-22 other student chapters that competed, so the advisors were pleased to say the least. Enrollment is up from last fall semester in our Fish and Wildlife Management Program! We currently have around 60 new students in the Program, which should be thrilling news that there is growing interest in the Wildlife Profession.

New Officers for 2009/ -2010:

President: Clay Heafner, Vice President: Billy Lagrange, Secretary: Sarah Miller, and Treasurer: Cory Walch.

Chris Graves
Student Chapter Advisor

NCTWS email list

Recently an e-mail went out to about 60 nctws members who (according to nctws records) had not paid their 2009 dues. Not all of the e-mails reached their intended recipients because we didn't have everyone's current e-mail address. In addition, many state agencies have recently adopted new nomenclature for e-mail addresses. **If your e-mail address has changed recently be sure to contact the nctws webmaster at webadmin@nctws.org with your new e-mail address so you won't miss any important announcements sent out through our nctws distribution list.** If you paid your chapter dues with your national dues, you should check with national to make sure that your dues went to the correct chapter. If you haven't paid for 2009 yet, please use the membership form on the nctws website (<http://www.nctws.org/membership.html>) and mail it with your check to:

NCTWS
P.O. Box 37742
Raleigh, NC 27627

Susan Miller
NCTWS Webmaster

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to launch two new Journals

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Science Committee recently announced that the Service is on the verge of launching two agency-sponsored, peer-reviewed scientific journals:

Journal of Fish and Wildlife Management and *North American Fauna*

<http://www.fws.gov/science/publicationsys.html>



This marks the Service's increasing commitment to science excellence and professionalism.

In addition, the Service has eliminated the confusing and inconsistently applied requirement for policy review of scientific papers that employees publish in agency-sponsored and external peer-reviewed journals. This is a significant step forward in encouraging and empowering Service employees to publish and to do so using their official agency and office affiliation. Under these new steps taken by the Service, peer-reviewed publications authored by Service employees, in both internal and external outlets, will stand on their scientific merit, and will be considered equally along with similar scientific publications during decision- and policy-making processes. However, as always, documents that require the full endorsement and imprimatur of the Service, must undergo specific review for both scientific quality and policy and will be published as official Service publications, through outlets such as the *Federal Register*.

TWS Now Accepting Applications for a Policy Intern

The Wildlife Society has an opening for a Wildlife Policy Intern with an interest in wildlife resource and policy issues. This **6-month** internship runs every year from January-June or July-December at the TWS Headquarters in Bethesda, MD. TWS is currently accepting applications for an internship from January to June 2010.

POSITION: This internship is a full time, six month, paid position, carrying a stipend of \$1800 per month. Interns are responsible for their own housing and insurance.

DUTIES: The Wildlife Policy Interns will research conservation issues, prepare background information for use in testimony or comments, assist with developing content for Society publications, and attend legislative hearings. Interns will also assist in the routine activities of The Wildlife Society, with specific duties tailored according to the interests of the individual intern.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants should provide evidence of their ability to conduct research and carry out projects independently, must have excellent writing skills, and should have a track record of work displaying initiative, maturity, and responsibility. Knowledge of how the federal government functions is helpful, but not essential. Although student status is not required,

applicants *with academic training in wildlife biology/management or another natural resource field are preferred.*

COLLEGE CREDIT: The Wildlife Society will cooperate with universities/colleges that offer credit for intern programs; however, students must make all arrangements for receiving academic credit.

TO APPLY: To apply for the Wildlife Policy Internship, please send a cover letter, a one-page résumé, contact information for three references, a college transcript (unofficial or official), two writing samples (one general and one technical), and your dates of availability. Finalists will be interviewed in person or by telephone. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all available positions are filled.

Please email completed applications:
Laura Bies, Director of Government Affairs
laura@wildlife.org
301-897-9770 ex.308

NCTWS 2010 Annual Meeting

Planning is already underway by the current executive board for the 2010 annual meeting at the coast with a meeting theme related to our hunting heritage in North Carolina currently being discussed. Contact Jamie Sasser if you'd like to be on the planning committee!



This year's annual meeting will be held at the Eastern 4-H Environmental Education Center

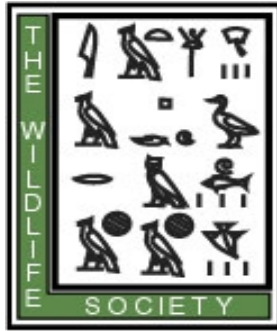
February 10-11, 2020



This 250-acre site faces beautiful Bulls Bay and includes woodlands, meadows, pocosin forests, wetlands, creeks and rivers. Boardwalks, nature trails and boat piers give easy access to natural areas.

The state-of-the-art facility offers climate-controlled living quarters with private showers and flush toilets. While the outdoors provides an optimal background for [education](#) and [recreation](#), bright music and art centers and a well-equipped science lab offer year-round experiences in fun and learning.

Spacious conference facilities, exciting recreational opportunities and outstanding meals at the Center make the perfect setting for retreats and training.



We encourage all of you to submit future articles for consideration for publishing in our Chapter's newsletter. Remember, it's your newsletter!

*Jamie Sasser, President
John Stanton, Newsletter Editor*

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