

# FRIENDS OF BOMBAY HOOK

Newsletter



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## Our Mission Statement:

**The Friends of Bombay Hook is a not-for-profit corporation working in conjunction with Bombay Hook NWR and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It supports and enhances educational and recreational programs at Bombay Hook, provides volunteer services and financial assistance and serves as a link between the refuge and the public.**

***The Visitor Center will reopen on the weekends from March 2, 2013 to June 9, 2013***

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## ***The President's Corner By Frank Rawling***

April has been designated **National Volunteer Month** and the week of April 21 has been designated **National Volunteer Week**. In this era of budgetary woes the National Wildlife Refuge System can use all the volunteers it can get. Here at Bombay Hook we have had a volunteer program for many years. We can certainly use more volunteers. Why not come to the Refuge on March 2, 2013 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon to hear of the many volunteer opportunities at the Refuge. What kind of opportunities you ask? Well, leading birdwalks, teaching environmental education to school children, landscaping maintenance, trail maintenance, staffing the Refuge Store, helping out at festivals and special events, helping with highway cleanup, etc. More information and application forms are available on the Refuge website -- <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/bombayhook/volunteeroportunities.html>.

In addition to the above you will meet some very wonderful people who are volunteers as well as some of the most dedicated employees I have ever encountered - the staff of the Refuge.

So come to the Refuge and join us. You will have a great time, a lot of fun, and most of all you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to make a difference in preserving one of our nation's great treasures.

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**Bird Notes**  
**By Frank Rawling**

**Fall Migration 2012**

**September**

The season opened with the sighting of a **Sora** at Sheariness Pool on the 1<sup>st</sup>. This was followed up with the observation of 2 **Marbled Godwits** at Raymond Pool on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Semipalmated Plovers** and **Semipalmated Sandpipers** were in residence on the impoundments. Also on the 3<sup>rd</sup> the first **Glossy Ibis** was seen. Three **Ospreys** and a **Cooper's Hawk** were the first raptor sightings of the month. A drake **Wood Duck** was found on the 5<sup>th</sup> at Finis Pool. A **Buff Breasted Sandpiper** was seen at Wicks' potato farm just outside the refuge on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The same birder noticed 3 **Marbled Godwits** on Raymond Pool that day. The next day 12 **Black-bellied Plovers** were at Sheariness Pool. A nice find was a **Green Heron** observed at Sheariness Pool on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Warblers were on the move on the 13<sup>th</sup> with **Black-throated Blue**, **American Redstart**, **Chestnut-sided** and **Northern Parula** all seen along the Bear Swamp Trail. A **Willet** and a **Stilt Sandpiper** were seen in Raymond Pool on the 14<sup>th</sup>. A really nice find was an **Olive-sided Flycatcher** along the Bear Swamp exit road on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The same day some 500 **American Avocets** were in Raymond Pool. A **Common Yellowthroat** was found at Bear Swamp on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Both **Godwits** were seen on Raymond and Sheariness Pools on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Raymond Pool was also visited by 2 **Peregrines** and 1 **Merlin** on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The same birders also saw 5 **Caspian Terns** at Sheariness.



**Wild Turkey**

Three **Pied-billed Grebes** were seen between Bear Swamp and Sheariness Pools as well as 3 **Horned Grebes** at Sheariness Pool on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. That day Raymond Pool also hosted some 15 **Western Sandpipers** as well as **Long-billed Dowitchers** and **Stilt Sandpipers**. Three **Wild Turkeys** were seen in the wooded areas of the refuge. There were 6 **Marbled Godwits** and 2 **Hudsonian Godwits** at Raymond Pool on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**October**

A flock of about 20 **Gadwalls** were seen on Sheariness Pool on the 1<sup>st</sup>. **Snowy Egrets** were also there. About 4:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> a **Harlan's Redtail Hawk** was reported. On the 5<sup>th</sup> 2 immature **Moorhens** were seen at Sheariness. Both **Hudsonian** and **Marbled Godwits** were being seen in early October. On the 6<sup>th</sup> at Bear



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Our readers are encouraged to share comments, provide articles for publication and/or suggestions regarding the refuge as well as notifying us of address changes.

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*Vesper Sparrow*

Swamp both an **American Bittern** and a **Wilson's Snipe** were seen. **Snow Geese** were showing up on the refuge with several hundred in Sheariness on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Both a **Nashville** and a **Tennessee Warbler** were seen near the Visitor Center on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Seven **American Kestrels** were seen along Whitehall Neck Road on the 9<sup>th</sup>. On the 13<sup>th</sup> an **American Golden Plover** was seen at Raymond Pool. No less than a dozen **Wild Turkeys** were seen near Finis Pool on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Two **Winter Wrens** were seen along Bear Swamp Road on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Seven **Marbled Godwits** were seen from Sheariness Tower on the 18<sup>th</sup>. A **Cinnamon Teal** was seen from Bear Swamp Tower on the 21<sup>st</sup>. On the 21<sup>st</sup> the first sighting of **White-crowned Sparrows** near the Visitor Center was reported. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> several **Swainson's Thrush** were seen in the wooded areas. A **Least Sandpiper** and **Western Sandpipers** were seen on the 22<sup>nd</sup> on the Sheariness salt flats. A **Vesper Sparrow** was found on the 26<sup>th</sup> at Raymond Pool. To finish out the month 8 **Northern Bobwhite** were seen.

### **November**

Winter cannot be too far off for 2 **Snow Buntings** were seen at Raymond Pool on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ten **Eastern Meadowlarks** were found in a field along the entrance road on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Also on the 4<sup>th</sup> **Ruddy Ducks** and **Northern Pintails** were in abundance. The same day a **Bufflehead** was seen in one of the brackish ponds on the Boardwalk Trail. Three **American Bitterns** were seen at Sheariness on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The same day both **Cedar Waxwings** and a **Hermit Thrush** were located at Bear Swamp Trail. Two hen **Redheads** were seen on the 10<sup>th</sup> in Raymond Pool. Two **Black-crowned Night Herons** were seen at Sheariness on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The first **Horned Lark** reported was on the 11<sup>th</sup> at Sheariness. Also that day there were 5 **Fox Sparrows** behind the Visitor Center. The same day a **Veery** was found at Sheariness. A **Clapper Rail** was seen on the 20<sup>th</sup> at Sheariness Pool. A couple of days later 10 **Eastern Bluebirds** were seen along the road to Finis Pool. Many **Green-winged Teal** and **Northern Shovelers** were seen at Sheariness on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. A very nice find was a **Redpoll** seen at Bear Swamp on the 24<sup>th</sup>. On the 26<sup>th</sup> 3 **Hooded Mergansers** were noticed on Bear Swamp. Fittingly, **American Pipits** were seen along Whitehall Neck road on the 30<sup>th</sup> to end out the month and the report for this season.



*Cedar Waxwings*

This is my last Bird Notes column. Starting the next issue, Frank Smith will be taking it over.

For the final time....

***Cheers and Good Birding!!***

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## ***The Great Backyard Bird Count – It's For the Birds!***

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) will take place **Friday, February 15**, through **Monday, February 18, 2013**. Anyone can take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count, from beginning bird watchers, to experts, and you can now participate from anywhere in the world! Please visit the official website at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org) for more information.



The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual four-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of winter bird populations. Participants are asked to count birds for as little as 15 minutes (or as long as they wish) on one or

more days of the event and report their sightings online at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org). Each checklist submitted during the GBBC helps researchers at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society learn more about how birds are doing, and how to protect them and the environment we share.



Last year, participants turned in more than 104,000 online checklists, creating the continent's largest instantaneous snapshot of bird populations ever recorded.

## ***VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION***



On December 8, 2012, the Refuge staff held a celebration luncheon for the volunteers that created and implemented over 50 programs during 2012 to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Refuge. The programs included children's activities, live animals, environmental education, workshops, presentations, and tours. Volun-



unteers also assisted with festival preparation, library exhibits, gardening projects and maintenance on the Refuge.

The Friends of Bombay Hook, Inc. provided funding for the year-long celebration and The Refuge Store operated by the Friends group produced and sold merchandise commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Over sixty volunteers donated more than 2,000 hours to help make the celebration a success.

## **Bird Club**

The Friends' Bird Club began 2013 with the third annual New Year's Day outing to the Indian River inlet, the IR marina causeway and Silver Lake in Rehoboth. It was a delightful and productive day. Later in January, road and tidal conditions at Port Mahon led to a last minute change, and the club looked for owls and hawks above the salt marshes at Bombay Hook.



***A happy group of Bird Club members kick off 2013 with a trip to the Indian River Inlet.***

As of this writing, we eagerly look forward to a private tour of Blackwater NWR on Maryland's Eastern Shore in February.

The schedule for March to June is:

- 🦅 Saturday, March 23**  
C&D Canal and the Thousand Acre Marsh
- 🦅 Saturday, April 6**  
John Heinz NWR, PA (private tour)
- 🦅 Sunday, May 5**  
Millington, MD Wildlife Area
- 🦅 Saturday, May 11**  
Spring Bird Count at Bombay Hook
- 🦅 Mid-May**  
Cape May Ferry for the spring migration
- 🦅 Memorial Day Weekend**  
Conowingo Dam
- 🦅 Thursday, June 13**  
Heron at Delaware City, evening

For details (time, meeting place, directions, etc.), last minute schedule changes and additions, or questions, please email Hannah McLennan at [hmclennan@comcast.net](mailto:hmclennan@comcast.net)

All adults and teenagers are welcome. Join us!



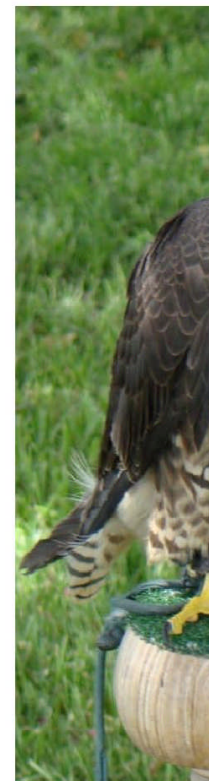
**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Some of the**



**Delaware State Junior Duck Stamp Contest**



**Animal Tracking Program**



**Peregrine  
Live Ra**



**Spring Wildflower Walk**



**Bog Gardening Program**



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**During the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year – 2012, App  
Over 11,200 People Were W  
Over 1,900 People Participated in 50 Pr  
Approximately 2,000 Students attended Environ  
Over 1,900 Deer and Waterfowl**



## The Special Events held Throughout the Year



Peregrine Falcon  
Nest Box Program



Off-site School Programs



4 days old  
Nest Box Program



75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival

Approximately 100,000 People Visited The Refuge.

Welcomed In The Visitor Center.

Programs To Celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Environmental Education Programs On and Off The Refuge.

Supporters Hunted On The Refuge.

# WANTED!!!

## VOLUNTEERS FOR 2013

### **Staffing the Visitor Center during the Week and on Weekends**

This position requires individuals to be familiar with the Refuge and the recreational opportunities available to visitors. It also requires that you receive training on how to sell merchandise in 'The Refuge Store' managed by the Friends of Bombay Hook, Inc. Additional duties for 'The Refuge Store' could also include pricing, stocking, and displaying merchandise.

### **Environmental Education Programs on the Refuge and at Schools**

After training and working with experienced staff and volunteers, individuals educate about wildlife and habitat conservation. Volunteers lead school, scout, and senior groups in hands-on experiences examining fresh, brackish, and salt marsh wetland habitats. They also create and provide programs for classes at local schools.



### **Native Plant Education and Landscape Maintenance**

Volunteers meet monthly to learn about and to educate others on the importance of using native plants in your home gardens. They develop workshops for the public and maintain the landscape around Bombay Hook's Visitor Center and provide lawn and trail maintenance activities.

### **Program Development and Delivery**

Individual(s) will work with Refuge staff to create, schedule, organize and execute programs educating about wildlife, habitats, and the National Wildlife Refuge System. Although most programs will be held at Bombay Hook efforts to provide programs in the community will also be developed and offered.

### **2013 Fall Weekend Artisan Exhibits**

Individual will work with Refuge Staff to schedule 9 individual weekend artisan exhibits. The volunteer will contact artists, develop the schedule, provide equipment and supplies, and help coordinate set up. The exhibits will be scheduled for October and November weekends.

**To find out about more volunteer opportunities come to Volunteer Orientation scheduled for March 2, 2013 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.**



## The Refuge Store

The sales at the Friends of Bombay Hook Refuge Store have increased each of the past 3 years. The Refuge Store contributes a major part of the Friends of Bombay Hook Refuge's income. That income is used to support Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge in some work which their budget would not otherwise allow. The most recent fiscal year ending September 30, 2012 showed sales of \$31,846. The calendar year sales were even more impressive as they reached \$36,293. Certainly the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, publicity, and events contributed greatly to the success in the store over the past 15 months.

Items which have the Anniversary logo are still available and popular. The end of January we mailed a t-shirt (still only \$10.00 and short sleeve gray) and pin to a customer. We can take photos and e-mail them to you to aid in your choice if you want the same service.

The Refuge Store still carries the usual t-shirts both long and short sleeved, sweatshirts, vests, baseball caps and bucket hats in a variety of styles with a choice of designs and sizes. In the past year we have expanded our selections. There are canvas bags, stuffed animals you may find on the Refuge, wildlife theme socks, and wildlife theme jewelry – especially bird related items. There are also incidentals like the pain pills you forgot or the insect repellent you left at home. We also have candy, yes sugar and chocolate, but also energy bars. Our staple offerings of the best bird identification and native plant books are still available with a few expansions here as well. **Birds of North America**, which I am told is the best for the whole United States is next to **The Crossley Guide** which is one of the fastest selling new guides.

During January and February, the store is open during the week when the Visitor Center is open. Starting the first of March and until the end of May, it is open weekends as well. The weekends are staffed by volunteers. Volunteers also make it possible for staff to concentrate on their jobs during the week in spring and fall instead of responding to visitor's requests for information and purchases. So there is always a need for people who like to talk to our visitors. Like you, our visitors are interested in wildlife, predominantly birds. They want to know: what birds they are likely to see on the Refuge; what are the best places to watch for birds: where the fox is; what that bird they saw was; and they love to talk with someone who cares about some of the same things they do. While volunteers in the store do sales, most of

the time is spent in friendly conversation with visitors. We always need volunteers for the store weekdays and weekends.

**SALE COMING UP LATE SPRING:** For Memorial Day weekend this year, the Refuge Store will have a sale on items which are relevant to the migration of shorebirds. For instance there is a fascinating map of North, Central and South America with migration routes marked and details about migrations. It will be on sale as will **Songbird Journeys** and other items specifically about migrating birds. *Migration items will be 30% off for that weekend only.*

Suggestions about new titles and items you would like to see in the store are much appreciated. The Refuge Store has to remain relevant to you in order to continue and even improve on our successes.

**Thank you to the volunteers who obviously worked harder to meet customers' requests, and to the many customers who patronize the store. You are very important to the success of this major part of the Friends of Bombay Hook Refuge's fundraising.**

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**The activities celebrating Bombay Hook's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary during 2012 were financially supported by:**



**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Regional Office - \$5,455.00**

**Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge - \$8,200.00**



**Friends of Bombay Hook, Inc. - \$8,500.00**

# Bombay Hook NWR



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## 2013 Calendar of Events

Bombay Hook Visitor Center is **open Monday through Friday** from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. year round. The Visitor Center will reopen on **weekends beginning March 2, 2013**. **The Allee House is in need of repairs and is closed until further notice.** Check the Website for additions or changes.

**Wednesday, February 20, 2013** - **Garden Keepers - How Sustainable is Your Garden? (9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)** Join us for a survey and a lively discussion to determine just how sustainable your garden is and how you may be able to make it more eco-friendly without sacrificing the aesthetics. Following the presentation, the group will discuss improvements to the landscape planting around the Visitor Center. Light refreshments will be served. Meet in the Visitor Center. To register, contact Quentin Schlieder at (302) 653-6449 or [gcsjr@comcast.net](mailto:gcsjr@comcast.net).

**Saturday, March 2, 2013** - **Volunteer Orientation (10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)** The meeting will cover volunteer opportunities and upcoming activities, with the latter part of the session being a tour of the Refuge. Individuals are needed to staff the Visitor Center and operate the Refuge Store on weekends and weekdays starting on March 2, 2013. Volunteers are also needed to provide environmental education programs for school groups, conduct refuge tours, provide trail and landscape maintenance, and help with highway cleanups. Volunteers may be called upon for special wildlife projects throughout the year.

**Sunday, March 10, 2013** - **Bird Identification Tour with Joel Citron (9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon)** Beginner and experienced bird watchers will enjoy walking a trail looking for songbirds, identifying wading birds and ducks in the impoundments, watching for eagles, and looking for shorebirds. Meet Joel at the Visitor Center.

**Saturday, March 16, 2013** - **Celebrate the National Wildlife Refuge System and Bombay Hook (9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)** Learn about the establishment of the National Wildlife Refuge System and Bombay Hook. A short presentation will be given in the auditorium and then the group will tour the Refuge and walk a trail to learn about wildlife and habitats. Meet at the Visitor Center.

**Wednesday, March 20, 2013** - **Garden Keepers - The Layered Garden (9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)** Learn how to choose the correct plants by understanding how they grow and change throughout the seasons, how to design a layered garden, and how to maintain it. We'll do some pruning and other seasonal work on the landscape around the Visitors Center before adjourning for light refreshments. Meet in

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## **Bombay Hook NWR 2013 Calendar of Events**

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the Visitor Center's Auditorium. To register, contact Quentin Schlieder at (302) 653-6449 or [qcsjr@comcast.net](mailto:qcsjr@comcast.net).

**Saturday, March 23, 2013 - Bird Trip to C&D Canal and Thousand Acre Marsh** – For more information contact Hannah McLennan via email: [hmclennan@comcast.net](mailto:hmclennan@comcast.net)

**Sunday, March 24, 2013 - Refuge Tour (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)** Join volunteer, Ray Cullom, for a tour of the Refuge. Walk a trail, identify birds, and learn about the different habitats and how they are managed for wildlife. Meet at the Visitor Center.

### **Saturday, April 6, 2013**

- **Bird Trip to John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge** – For more information contact Hannah McLennan via email: [hmclennan@comcast.net](mailto:hmclennan@comcast.net).
- **Environmental Education Workshop (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)** This workshop is for teachers, volunteers, scout leaders, and interested visitors. It will introduce educators to the National Wildlife Refuge System and provide an understanding of how Bombay Hook NWR can be used as an outdoor classroom for environmental education programs. Participants will tour the Refuge; learn about bird migration and bird identification; explore the brackish water, fresh water, and forest habitats; and develop an understanding of how the Refuge is managed for wildlife and habitat conservation. Lesson plans and general information about the Refuge are provided. **To register, contact Tina Watson at (302) 653-6872.**

**Sunday, April 7, 2013 - Bird Identification Tour with John and Becky Hargrove (1:00p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)** Beginner and experienced bird watchers will enjoy walking a trail looking for early migrating songbirds, identifying waterfowl and herons in the impoundments, watching for eagles, and looking for shorebirds in the tidal salt marsh. Meet the Hargroves at the Visitor Center.

**Saturday, April 13, 2013 - Tour the Refuge (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)** Tina Watson will lead a tour on the Refuge. The group will learn about the mission of the Refuge, walk a trail, explore the salt marsh habitat, and find out about wildlife management techniques. Bring your binoculars. Meet at the Visitor Center.

**Wednesday, April 17, 2013 - Transplanting 101 (9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)** You will learn to transplant choice native perennials and you will take some home to enjoy in your own garden! Following the workshop, participants will perform seasonal maintenance on the landscape around the Visitor Center. This is a great opportunity to learn about basic garden practices. Light refreshments will be served. Meet in the Visitor Center. To register, contact Quentin Schlieder at (302) 653-6449 or [qcsjr@comcast.net](mailto:qcsjr@comcast.net)

### **Saturday, April 20, 2013**

- **Highway Cleanup (1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)** Celebrate SPRING and EARTH DAY by cleaning up the roads leading to the Refuge. Bring your gloves and wear shoes that can get wet. Homemade refreshments will be served after the cleanup. Meet at the Visitor Center.

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- **Bicycle Tour on the Refuge (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)** Join Tina Watson for a guided bicycle tour. We will stop to discuss habitats, wildlife management techniques, and to identify birds. The guided trip will be approximately 6 miles. Riders may continue their bicycle tour on their own through the 8 miles of Refuge roads. Roads are packed dirt and a bicycle with hybrid tires is suggested. Bring your helmet and check the air in your tires! Meet at the Visitor Center.

**Sunday, April 28, 2013 - Refuge Tour (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)** Join volunteer, Ray Cullom, for a tour of the Refuge. Walk a trail, identify birds, and learn about the different habitats and how they are managed for wildlife. Meet at the Visitor Center.

### **Sunday, May 5, 2013**

- **Bird Identification Tour with John and Becky Hargrove (1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)** Beginner and experienced bird watchers will enjoy walking a trail looking for early migrating songbirds, identifying waterfowl and herons in the impoundments, watching for eagles, and looking for shorebirds in the tidal salt marsh. Meet the Hargroves at the Visitor Center.
- **Bird Trip to Millington Wildlife Area** For more information contact Hannah McLennan via email: [hmclennan@comcast.net](mailto:hmclennan@comcast.net).

**Wednesday, May 8, 2013 - Spring Wildflower Walk (9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)** Dr. Susan Yost, Delaware State University's Claude E. Phillips Herbarium, will lead a tour to look for spring wildflowers on the refuge. You will look for Jack-in-the-pulpit, May-apple and other spring bloomers. Meet at Bombay Hook's Visitor Center for the tour.

**Saturday, May 11, 2013 - IMBD-Spring Bird Count (7:00 am – 12:00 noon)** International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) celebrates and brings attention to one of the most important and spectacular events in the Americas – bird migration. IMBD is celebrated in Canada, the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. IMBD officially takes place on the second Saturday in May in the U.S. and Canada.

Individuals who are enthusiastic about birds, informed about their threats, and empowered to become involved in addressing those threats, can make a contribution by volunteering to participate in the national spring bird count. To participate in Bombay Hook's bird count meet at the Visitor Center. Teams will be formed and each team will survey a section of the Refuge. The teams tabulate their sightings and are usually finished by noon.

**Saturday, May 25, 2013 - Shorebird and Horseshoe Crab Presentation (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon)** Greg Breese, Project Manager for the Delaware Bay Estuary Project, will start the program with a presentation on shorebirds, their amazing migration journey, and horseshoe crabs on the Delaware Bay. The group will then go to Pickering Beach and Port Mahon to see the shorebirds and the horseshoe crabs that come up onto the Bay beach to spawn. Meet at the Refuge's auditorium.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER TO REFUGE VISITORS....**

To protect wildlife and their habitat and to provide the best opportunities in wildlife observation and photography, it is important not to disturb, injure, or damage plants and animals of the refuge. In fact, it is a prohibited act as stated in 50 CFR27.51. This disturbance includes flushing birds and other wildlife or using electronic calls (taping) to lure birds closer for observation or photography. Please remember to take only memories and photographs and leave only footprints.



## **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING FRIENDS???**

**FRIENDS OF BOMBAY HOOK** is a cooperating association formed with the Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It is a private, non-profit corporation which was founded to promote conservation, environmental education, and better understanding of and appreciation for Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge.

Each year more than 3,000 students visit Bombay Hook. They use equipment to study habitats, watch videos about endangered species, and are taught from field guides - all provided by **FRIENDS OF BOMBAY HOOK!**

If you used an Auto Tour Brochure or the Bird or Mammal List, these too have been funded by **FRIENDS OF BOMBAY HOOK!**

Your Membership Dues will make it possible for Friends of Bombay Hook to continue its support of educational and recreational programs at Bombay Hook.

Proceeds from the Refuge Store in the Visitor Center at Bombay Hook also help support the Friends program and activities. Make this your place to buy field guides, books, T-shirts, Posters, and Souvenirs!

### **OUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

- 10% Discount on all items sold in the Refuge Store
- Subscription to the Friends Newsletter (published 4 times a year)
- Participation in special wildlife education programs and field trips
- Participation in the Birding Club
- Attendance at the Annual Meeting (held in June)
- Eligibility in the Dover Federal Credit Union (DFCU)
- Opportunity to meet others with similar interests in birds, other wildlife, wetlands, and the environment

And perhaps best of all, the chance to say, *“Thank you Bombay Hook, for all the great times I’ve had here !”*

### **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Submit completed application at the Visitor Center  
(payment by cash, check or credit card) or Mail (with check) to:

*Friends of Bombay Hook  
2591 Whitehall Neck Road  
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Or you can go to [www.friendsofbombayhook.org/membership.html](http://www.friendsofbombayhook.org/membership.html)  
and follow the instructions in applying or renewing your membership

Renewal       New Member

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name

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Address

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City, State, Zip

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E-mail

Newsletter Preference:

Print       E-mail (require E-mail address)

#### **Membership Plan (Check One)**

- |   | Annual   |
|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (under 18)* | \$5.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual         | \$15.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family             | \$20.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor***         | \$25.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining         | \$50.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate**        | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life***            | \$200.00 |

\*Junior membership: under age 18.

\*\*Corporate sponsorship: includes link to FOBH website; no voting privileges or store discount.

\*\*\*Sponsor and Life memberships includes family .

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