GRAND TRAVERSE AUDUBON CLUB

September 25, 2017 [www.grandtraverseaudubon.org](http://www.grandtraverseaudubon.org)

***BIRD NOTES***

SCHEDULE FOR THE REST OF 2017

AND JANUARY 2018

The following meetings will be held at the Boardman River Nature Center, at 1450 Cass Road., about 1.5 miles south of the South Airport and Cass Road intersection.

September 28 – Regular meeting: Birding in Northern Florida and St. Marks NWR. Presenters: Sam and Bruce Bodjack. 6:00 p.m. Potluck hors d’oeuvres. Program at 7:00 p.m.

**OCTOBER 21 – ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER** *MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE BOARDMAN RIVER NATURE CENTER.*

*6:00 p.m. Sign in and welcome;*

*6:30 p.m. Dinner*

*7:45 p.m. Business meeting/election of 2018*

 *Board.*

*8:00 p.m. Thomas W. Ford’s presentation,*

 *“Creating a Wildlife Friendly Yard”*

November 16 – Regular meeting – Sharon Benjay’s “It’s a Bugs Life in so Many Interesting Ways”, Things you probably don’t know about bugs but now you have the opportunity to ask. Contact person is Shirley Mesch 499-1318

December 14 – Regular meeting – Annual Photo Fest. Coordinator: Joe Brooks. Anyone wishing to share photos, video or other birding “show and tell, contact Joe at 231 269-4343.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

December 14 – Thursday – Antrim County

John Kreag, Coordinator – (231) 264-8969 (231) 360-0943

December 16 – Saturday – Grand Traverse County

 Ed Moehle, Coordinator – (231) 947-8821

December 20 – Wednesday – Leelanau County

Nate Crane – (231) 499-5460 – e-mail address nmcrane@gmail.com

Contact any of the above CBC coordinators, if you would like to participate. ALL interest and skill levels are welcome to join us.

January 06 – Field Trip: Snowshoe Hike and Winter Wildlife. Leader Tom Ford

January 25 – Regular Meeting. The program for this meeting is being worked on

***PLEASE NOTE***: We are in need of members to serve on the Board of Directors. Please contact any of your Board members, with your interest.

DID YOU KNOW? That the Grand Traverse Audubon Club has a Facebook page?

**ANNUAL DINNER MEETING**

**OCTOBER 21, 2017**

**(starting at 6:00 p.m.)**

**BOARDMAN RIVER NATURE CENTER.**

**1450 Cass Road, Traverse City**

**(1.5 miles south of the Cass and South Airport Road intersection)**

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Boardman River Nature Center, located at 1450 Cass Road (where we have been holding our regular meetings). Contact Shirley Mesch at 946-3624 or 499-1318 if you need directions. Starting at 6:00 p.m., sign-in time. The buffet style dinner, will begin at 6:30. Our Buffet items will have decaf coffee and lemonade with choices of Pulled Pork, Chicken Breast, Cesar Salad, Potato Salad, Mac and Cheese, Stuffed Potato(vegetarian) Relishes, Rolls, and an assortment of deserts.

$18.00 per person, for the dinner, program and an evening out.

At 7:45, there will be a short, not more than 15 minute, business meeting for the election of the proposed 2018 executive board members.

Don’t forget, the fun door prizes our dinner meeting committee member Stephany Podolan has gathered for some evening fun. She will be having drawings through-out the dinner.

Our evening program is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m., at which time we will be welcoming our speaker, Thomas W. Ford. Tom’s presentation will feature “Creating a Wildlife Friendly Yard”, including native plants for pollinators and butterflies, housing for nesting birds and Mason Bees and using native plants in the modern landscape.

Tom will be showing us many of his images from his gardens. His garden was part of the 35th annual “Friendly Garden Club, Tour of Gardens”, in July of this year. He has been raising Monarchs from egg to butterfly and his garden is a certified Monarch Butterfly waystation. The gardens are also certified as a NWF Wildlife Habitat. He might also include some of his artwork. (We certainly hope so).

So get that calendar out, use the form for reservations in this newsletter or from the club website and mail the reservations(s) in. Reservations should be made no later than October 14, 2017.

You can mail in your reservations and/or membership. If you have any questions, you can contact Shirley Mesch at 499-1318 or Ed Kaminski at 932-9148

R E S E R V A T I O N S

PLEASE fill in the following reservation form and along with a check for the dollar amount and mail to Our Treasurer Ed Kaminski. Please make your check payable to: G.T. Audubon Club – (GTAC)

See you there!!!!!

**For Your Convenience**, you will notice that the form is in two parts. This is to provide you with the dinner reservation form as well as the membership form, because so many of you pay your annual dues at the same time as the Annual Meeting and Dinner. Any dues paid after September 1st are effective for the 2018 calendar year!

**ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER RESERVATION**

**OCTOBER 21, 2017– SATURDAY**

**RESERVATION “MUST” BE MADE BY OCTOBER 14, 2017**

**Fill out the following form and mail along with your check made payable to:**

**“Grand Traverse Audubon Club”**

MAIL to: Ed Kaminski, Treasurer

1498 Driftwood Dr.

Traverse City, MI 49686

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Number of Dinners \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X $18.00 per person $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Dinner Total: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (BE SURE TO INCLUDED THE MEMBERSHIP FORM) -Membership Dues $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**MEMBERSHIP FORM – 2018**

**(RENEWAL)**

If you have not yet updated your membership for 2018, please find below a form and explanations of where to send your information.

Your Treasurer is Ed Kaminski. Please mail all dues to him at:

1498 Driftwood Dr.

Traverse City, MI 49686

Checks should be made payable to: Grand Traverse Audubon Club.(GTAC)

In order to continue receiving the Bird-alert and Club e-mails, membership’s dues must be up to date. All memberships run the Calendar Year

[ ] Family - $20 [ ] Individual - $15 [ ] Student - $8

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City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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[ ] I would like to receive GT Audubon (club news) and Bird-alert (news of area bird sightings) VIA e-mail address.

[ ] Newsletter Mailed VIA U.S. Post office. I do not use the Internet.

[ ] Donation to Walter Hastings Memorial Environmental & Education Fund: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(please note that donations to this fund are not tax deductible)

Enclosed is a check made out to Grand Traverse Audubon Club --- Mail To:

Ed Kaminski, Treasurer

1498 Driftwood Dr.

Traverse City, MI 49686

For questions and/or further information concerning membership dues, please e- mail Ed at ebkaminski@msn.com