



Bird Calls

Newsletter of the Bastrop County Audubon Society

In Memoriam --

Bastrop County Audubon Society has lost one of our most dynamic and devoted members. On Saturday, May 22, at about 10:00 a.m., Judy Ing was killed in a wreck at the intersection of Hwy. 95 and Hoffman Road. On Thursday, May 27, a huge crowd celebrated her life at the Opera House in Bastrop. Dozens came to the front to tell of the humor, kindness, endurance, and generosity so obvious in her personality and character. Below we are reprinting the profile of Judy Ing which appeared in the June, 2008, *Bird Calls*. She was one of the "Angels" we honored in that issue.

Judy Ing

Judy joined an Audubon group at the University of Texas when a mere child. Years later, having known David Mitchell where she worked at M. D. Anderson, she joined BCAS in 1988 when "my children became more autonomous." She joined due to its environmentalism. She also joined Bastrop County Environmental Network (BCEN) and served both in a parade of local environmental threats that arose up to the present day.

There was the strip mining issue, the logging threat, the need for a recycling center, the proposed hazardous waste disposal area out 304, expansion of the State Park golf course, the river's problems, and other issues, where she would do whatever legwork was needed. She helped with the amphitheater in Buescher. She loved to go and support John Prager and David Carson, her heroes, as they testified. Sometimes they won, sometimes they lost.

Her proudest achievement: when she was co-editor with Glenn Whitehead, *Bird Calls* won a national Audubon award in 1991. On the Board, she has been program chair, vice president twice, membership chair, editor, and for the past two years, president. She's also our humorist, agreed?

Her wish for the future: "Take one of our little projects and make it bigger." For example, make a DVD of a Learners' Corner, or produce a coloring book about county wildlife. "We do so much so well, we should move from keeping it interior and get it out to the wider community."



June Meeting

Election, Film, and Picnic Fare

This Annual Meeting will accomplish the election of new officers and board members for the next two years. BCAS does not meet in the months of July and August. The program will wrap up the year, featuring a "picnic," a video, and other enlightening offerings. We will proceed with the plans of Judy Ing, Program Chair, for the picnic. In May she wrote:

"To provide the party atmosphere in June, we would like members to bring picnic type finger food to share with the group as a pot luck. BCAS will provide the drinks and popcorn for the movie."

The proposed ballot for the election prepared by the Nominations Committee appears on the back page.

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**Proposed Bastrop County Audubon Society
 Officers & Board for FY 2010-2012:**

Officers:

- President: Sue Brubaker
- Vice-President: Margie Crisp
- Recording Secretary: Sharon Finlay
- Membership Secretary: Priscilla Jarvis
- Treasurer: Alan Jaeger

Directors/Committee Chairs:

- Special Events: Steve & Denise Ligon
- Education: Susan Leslie
- Field Trips: Stan Wellso
- Hospitality: OPEN
- Programs: OPEN
- Conservation: OPEN

At Large Directors:

- Mary Anne & Jim Casey
- Maggie Lambert, Emeritus
- Margie & Norman Sachnik
- Judy Turner

*Nominations Committee,
 Margie Crisp, Chair*

Calendar

June 13: Sunday, BCAS Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m. with potluck supper. Judy Walker, host, 157 Murchison Dr., Cedar Creek, 308-1162.

June 15, Tuesday, Annual Meeting, Election. Doors open 7:00 p.m. 1st Natl Bank Bldg., 71W @ Hasler in Bastrop.

September 19, Sunday, Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., location to be announced.

September 21: General Meeting. Doors open 7:00 p.m. 1st Natl Bank Bldg., 71W @ Hasler in Bastrop.

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