



FYKE'S FIFTIETH

Cocktail Hour

Bagpipes by Andrew Carola

Celery Farm Book, Gerry Barrack and Jim Wright

Invitation to Dinner

Stan Blumenfeld

Founders of Fyke

Stiles Thomas

Welcome

Hugh Carola

Dinner

Coffee & Tea

Presentations

Dessert, Coffee & Tea

A Fyke Song

FYKE YEAR BY YEAR

- 1952 March 28th, 20 members attend Fyke's organizational meeting.
- 1953 Fyke begins project listing all Campgaw plant and animal species.
- 1954 Annual mushroom walk, led by Guy Nearing, identifies 90 species.
- 1955 First issue of Newsletter; 55 species found on Christmas Count.
- 1956 Bluebird Project reports 30 broods raised in 105 nesting boxes.
- 1957 Fyke's 1st "Big Day": Troy Meadows to Cape May, 100 species found.
- 1958 Fyke hosts annual meeting of Eastern Bird Banding Association.
- 1959 Slide program and 120 mile trip mark 1st Fyke Wildflower weekend.
- 1960 Fyke at Mt. Peter Hawk Watch Sept. 14-25; about 2,000 hawks seen.
- 1961 June 3rd, Campgaw Park opened, 1st three trails laid out.
- 1962 Fyke 10th Anniversary; first house finch seen on Christmas Count.
- 1963 Fyke protests against Bergen County gypsy moth spraying.
- 1964 30 birders find 62 species (21 Warblers) on Campgaw May Walk.
- 1965 Teachers Helen Riley & Tibor Nadas win Fyke scholarships.
- 1966 Fyke opposes Campgaw ski center; 1st Phoebe seen on Christmas Count.
- 1967 Meetings moved to the Nature Center in Wyckoff.
- 1968 Construction of pond & ski area destroys bird habitat at Campgaw.
- 1969 Fred Mueller heads Fyke's own rare bird alert system.
- 1970 Iceland, Glaucus Gulls, Lapland Longspur seen on Staten Island.
- 1971 John Brotherton Christmas Count's new statistician; GW teal newest bird seen.
- 1972 Judy Grief & Thalia Sudnik chair 1st meeting refreshment committee.
- 1973 Eleanor Dater reports the 1st Red Bellied Woodpecker in Ramsey.
- 1974 8,784 American Robins among the 68 species found during Christmas Count.
- 1975 12th Campgaw Breeding bird census finds nesting Bluebirds and Brown Creepers.
- 1976 Charles Anderson's September program is "Ferns for Your Backyard."
- 1977 Fyke starts "Barn Owls for Bergen" campaign, builds Lorrimer owl barn.
- 1978 Christmas Count of 14,238 crows topped in NJ only by Raritan's 15,894.
- 1979 19,075 hawks counted at Skyland Hawk Watch (30,378 in 1978).
- 1980 Field trip members find a Razorbill at Shark River.
- 1981 Celery Farm bought by Allendale as a wildlife refuge.
- 1982 Magnificent Frigate Bird among 47 species found on Fyke Cape May trip.
- 1983 Stiles Thomas & Ed Fitzpatrick NJ Audubon Conservationists of the year.
- 1984 Christmas Count finds Golden Eagle among a record 86 species.
- 1985 Pirie viewing platform built at Celery Farm.
- 1986 New Fyke T-shirt by Teppy Sjolander, Nancy Bristow and Deedee Burnside.
- 1987 1st Wild Turkeys seen by several teams on Christmas Count.
- 1988 25th Campgaw breeding bird census finds numbers steadily declining.
- 1989 Record 9,767 hawks seen 1 day at Hook Mountain.
- 1990 Fyke members testify successfully for Celery Farm fishing ban.
- 1991 American Bittern, Black Vulture, Osprey, Saw-Whet Owl new on Christmas list.
- 1992 Two groups of Ring-necked pheasants are released at the Celery Farm.
- 1993 Trip to the Jersey Shore an S-event (swell, seals, surfers, snow geese, swans, scaup and soaked socks).
- 1994 The Christmas Bird Count finds the most yet of Gadwall, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, and Bluebird.
- 1995 31-year Breeding Bird Census at Campgaw ends. Species #s cut from 40+ to 19 by Ski Area and Route 287.
- 1996 Second annual butterfly walk at Celery Farm. Seven observers find only four species.
- 1997 Fyke sets up Celery Farm and Ramapo Mountain Land Trusts.
- 1998 Fyke gains non-profit status from the Internal Revenue Service.
- 1999 The seventh annual "Big Sit" at the Celery farm identifies 52 species.
- 2000 On January 1st 11 Fyke members usher in the new millennium by observing 28 bird species at the Celery Farm.
- 2001 Fyke receives a grant of \$450,000 for the Ramapo Land Trust from the Garden State Preservation Trust.
- 2002 Fyke celebrates its fiftieth anniversary with a gala dinner attended by over 100 supporters.

FYKE PRESIDENTS

1952-1953 John Y. Dater*	1964 Edward Bevilacqua*	1979-1981 David Schwenker
1954 Edmund MacDonald*	1965 Charles Mayhood	1982-1983 Tom Bosakowski
1955-1956 Stiles Thomas	1966-1969 John Brotherton	1984 Don Leak
1957 Henry Walcott	1970-1971 B.C. (Pete) Van Kampen*	1985-1987 Irene Frantz
1958-1959 Roy A. Dietert	1972-1973 David Leich*	1988-1992 Stan Blumenfeld
1960 Edward Bevilacqua*	1974-1975 Byron Buck	1993-2002 Hugh Carola
1961-1963 David Leich*	1976-1978 Roger Tanis	deceased*

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Barbara Blumenfeld, Stan Blumenfeld, Mimi Brauch, Deedee Burnside, Hugh Carola, Charlie Mayhood, Rich Sudnik and Thalia Sudnik

FYKE 50th SONG
(Sung to the tune of "Joe Hill")

1

I dreamt I saw the Fyke board meet
As serious as can be,
And Stiles Thomas said to them,
"More pheasants there must be;
More pheasants there must be!"

2

"The late lamented Eyebrow's gone;
He's missing," Stiles trilled.
Said Judy, heaving a great sigh,
"I fear the poor bird's killed;
I fear the poor bird's killed."

3

"That dressed up chicken Eyebrow's fate
Is sealed," our Mimi said.
"I found this carcass in the street.
The randy bird is dead.
The randy bird is dead."

4

I heard our president Hugh say,
"I'd like you all to note
We only have four hours left.
On pheasants quickly vote.
On pheasants quickly vote!"

5

"Four hours left," said Stan to Barb,
"Too long, for heaven's sake!
I need a slice of rhubarb pie"
Said Pat, "I didn't bake."
Said Pat, "I didn't bake."

6

"Was that rhubarb or cherry pie?"
Asked Carol Flanagan
"Recording minutes must be true.
Pat didn't bake. Oh, man!
Pat didn't bake. Oh, man!"

7

"I'll lead a field trip soon," said John,
"Down to the northern lakes.
Forget about the rhubarb pie.
I'll find some ring-necked drakes.
I'll find some ring-necked drakes."

8

Said David Kaplan on Fyke's web,
"Patricia didn't bake.
Although she did our newsletter,
We won't have any cake.
We won't have any cake."

9

Mike and nephews Tom and John
Want tractors, plows, and cranes.
They're laying trails and moving earth
Regardless of the rains.
Regardless of the rains.

10

Rob Fanning spied a winter wren
As tiny as can be.
"It's somewhere in the Celery Farm.
It really is," said he.
It really is," said he.

11

At dawn each day, a figure comes
With Cameras on his arm
To photograph the wild things
Living at the Celery Farm,
Living at the Celery Farm.

12

It's Gerry Barrack's photographs
And Jim Wright's words we'll see.
They're publishing a lovely book.
Amazed we all will be!
Amazed we all will be!

13

O Teppy S. and Nancy B.
Make art of greatest charm.
A lot of creatures they create
Are at the Celery Farm,
Are at the Celery Farm.

14

Our Martha Webster used to do
Our newsletter so fine.
She came back here to be with us
To party and to dine,
To party and to dine.

15

Irene Frantz, first female prez,
Has followed many men,
And several men have followed her,
But will she run again?
Bit will she run again?

16

Prez. Byron, Stiles, and Johnny B.
And Charlie, Stan and Hugh,
Roger, Davids, Tom, and Don,
Our Fyke relied on you,
Our Fyke relied on you.

17

To make Fyke work, a lot of folks
Help with the chores and fun.
Conservation, meetings, trips
Are things that Fyke has done.
Are things that Fyke has done.

18

Writers, mailers, bakers, too,
And those who clip and mow,
And John Bristow, historian,
Knows them all high and low,
Knows them all high and low.

19

Barb and Jodie get programs
With birds and snakes and bats
And stars and pearls and butterflies.
To them we tip our hats.
To them we tip our hats.

20

Deedee is our calligrapher
And Connie knows her flowers;
Thalia's keeping us on key.
This song is taking hours.
This song is taking hours.

21

So now this ballad has an end,
And Fyke starts fifty-one.
We'll keep on birding till we drop
In the new millennium,
In the new millennium.