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# Forsyth Audubon Monthly Newsletter

November 2024

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## Forsyth Audubon Monthly Chapter Meeting

Come join us on Tuesday, December 3rd for our Chapter Meeting Program with Doug DeNeve! (Please note date change! One week later than usual due to Thanksgiving.)



Our own Forsyth Audubon member and past president Doug DeNeve will present on Penguin Nesting: "Penguins nest in colonies in a number of different southern hemisphere locations. Each location presents a set of challenges that are specific to that colony. In this program, we will explore how penguins overcome these challenges and raise their young in colonies in three separate locations, on three different continents." - Doug

Doug has been birding and photographing wildlife around the world for over 40 years. His travels have taken him to more than 40 states, over 30 countries, and all 7 continents. He has been active with Audubon since the 1980s, and served a couple of terms as Forsyth Audubon's president in the 90s. He has also volunteered to assist on numerous field research projects, including monitoring and collecting data in penguin colonies in South Africa and Argentina.

We will meet at Highland Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall - 2381 Cloverdale Avenue, WS, NC 27103. Enter the building through the wide, white middle door that borders the parking lot; not the Cloverdale entrance that faces the church.

**This month's program will also be available for viewing via Zoom. Instructions on how to register to view this month's program live via Zoom will be sent out the week prior to the meeting.**

**Social time begins at 6:30, program begins at 7:00 PM**

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## **Enhancing Park Habitat: Conservation Project Updates**

offer many benefits including increasing populations of songbirds, pollinators and other beneficial insects; providing measurable health benefits to adults and youth; and buffering streams and wetlands to help protect water quality and resiliency to flood events. Our efforts include “Adopt a Park” sponsorship of **Bethabara Wetlands** where our volunteers recently collected 34 bags of trash and recyclables, and a phased plan to remove exotic non-native, invasive plants species from **Miller Park**. We also plan to participate in development of a habitat management plan for **Long Creek Park**, and will be assisting the County in designing new interpretive habitat signs for **Belews Lake Park**. We are proud of Forsyth Audubon’s conservation efforts to protect bird habitat and improve our community’s livability and resilience. If you are interested in volunteering to help with our conservation projects, please reach out to our Conservation Chair Dave Zimmer ([dtzimmer21@gmail.com](mailto:dtzimmer21@gmail.com)).

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## 125th Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count!

Forsyth Audubon will host its Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, December 28th, 2024. Start times vary by team. Following the count, we will gather for a pizza party for social time. If you are interested in participating in the count, please email us at [forsythaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:forsythaudubon@gmail.com) for more information.

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## Conservation News: Bringing Solar Energy to the Triad

Forsyth Audubon is a community partner of the Solarize the Triad campaign. To date the campaign has been very successful with 268 sign-ups for evaluation, 376 Kw of panel and 540 Kw of battery storage under contract. This means a reduction of 833,329 Lbs of Co2 annually, all at a low cost of only \$2.25 per Kw.

The deadline for free solar evaluation is November 30, contract deadline is February 28.

Visit [www.solarizethetriad.com](http://www.solarizethetriad.com) for information and to sign up.

## Mark Your Calendar

**November 9 - 9:00 AM** - Second Saturday Bird Outing led by Don Lendle - Stuart and Emma Thomas Memorial Trail - Gillete Street - 949 Gillete St. Winston-Salem, NC 27105

**November 12 - 6:00 PM** - Monthly Dinner - River Birch Lodge - 3324 Robinhood Rd, Winston-Salem, NC

**November 23 - 10:00 AM** - Young Birders' Outing - Muddy Creek Greenway - Jamison Park - 285 Meadowlark Dr, Winston-Salem, NC

**November 25 - 9:00 AM** - Monday Bird Outing led by Chris Marsh - Muddy Creek Greenway - Jamison Park - 285 Meadowlark Dr, Winston-Salem, NC

**December 3 - 6:30 PM** - Monthly Chapter Meeting - Highland Presbyterian Activity Building - 2381 Cloverdale Avenue, Winston-Salem, 27103



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