

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the
Williamsburg Bird Club**
Wednesday, October 17, 2012
Room 150, Millington Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: 60

President's Remarks:

- President Shirley Devan opened the meeting.
- Shirley welcomed club members and asked new members and guests to identify themselves.
- Shirley reminded everyone that they needed a Parking Permit for their car.
- Members reported seeing the following birds: Yellow-Bellied Sapsuckers, Meadowlarks, Golden Crowned Kinglet, and the Barn Owl.
- Shirley announced that Birds of Virginia's Colonial Historic Triangle by Bill Williams is here and available for \$20 per book or \$35 for two.
- Shirley mentioned that refreshments after the meeting are provided by Barb Streb, Cheryl Jacobson & Sharon ?
- John Fennell announced that Highway Cleanup will be on Saturday, October 27.

Upcoming Field Trips & Bird Walks:

Geoff told the group about the following upcoming field trips and bird walks:

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October 20	Eastern Shore. Leaders: Geoff Giles & Shirley Devan.
October 27	Bird Walk at New Quarter Park. Leader: Bill Williams.
November 10	Shirley Plantation. Leaders: Randy Carter & Tom McCary.
November 11	Bird Walk at New Quarter Park. Leader: TBD.
December 16	Audubon Christmas Bird Count.

Rock Moeslein told the group about the following upcoming VLM events:

- "Birds of Fall Photography" contest.
- 24 Hour "Big Day" in April. Will be a fundraiser for the VLM.

Other Business:

Shirley made the following announcements:

- There will be a fundraising raffle at the end of the meeting for two items:
 - Bird Club Member Seig Kopinitz has donated a copy of Owls of the World: A Photographic Guide by Finnish owl expert Heimo Mikkola. This hard cover, full color book (512 pages) is brand new— just out August 30. What makes this book special to Seig and to our Club is that the author included Seig's photo of the Galapagos Barn Owl in the species account — the only

- photo the author used for this species.
- A signed print of a Pileated Woodpecker by wildlife artist Ray Harm. Williamsburg resident Jill Whitten donated a beautiful 16" - 20" print (1966, unframed) to the club for fundraising for our scholarships.
 - The raffle tickets for the Owl Book and the Pileated Woodpecker print are \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00. We have tickets available for EACH item. So if you are only interested in one item, you do not have to get a ticket for the other item. If you want to increase your chance of winning an item, then the answer is "more tickets."
 - Shirley thanked Ann Carpenter and Virginia Boyles for managing this activity for us tonight.
- A Nominating Committee for Club officers for next year has been formed. The Secretary position will be vacant. Committee members are Shirley, Geoff Giles and Jeanette Navia.

Program:

Shirley introduced Mike Millin:

Jeanne and Mike Millin traveled this past spring to Lima and the Amazon basin in Peru, Quito and the eastern Andes in Ecuador, and the Galapagos Islands. They became interested in birding around 2003 while they were visiting their daughter in Malaysia.

Since then destination trips have included Denali, Cape May's Fall birding weekend, the Panama Canal zone, Utah, and Costa Rica. Mike and Jeanne moved to Williamsburg in 2007. Mike is also a member of the Colonial Nature Photography Club.

At the end of the program, a free raffle was conducted for a copy of The Birds of Virginia's Colonial Historic Triangle.

Shirley adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and refreshments were served in the lobby outside Millington 150.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer A. Boag, Secretary
Williamsburg Bird Club
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