

JULY PROGRAM

**Thursday, July 13, 7-8:30 p.m., at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Branch Library
at Price Park**

**Local Organic Gardening:
Good for You, The Farmer and The Environment**

Please join us at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Library on Thursday, July 13, at 7:00 p.m. to hear speaker Tony Kleese, Executive Director of the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, talk about how important organic farming is to our bird communities. Mr. Kleese will not only tell us about what local farmers are doing to help our environment, but he will also discuss specific things we can do to support sustainable agriculture and locally-based organic food systems.



August Activity

**BEAT THE AUGUST HEAT
Price Park, Thursday, August 10, 7:00 p.m.**

Cool off with a relaxing evening stroll along the inviting trails in Price Park near the KCE Library on Thursday, August 10. There is no formal, planned program in August. Instead, we'll go where the sights and sounds of nature take us. If you have not had the chance to see the interpretive signs sponsored by TGPAS on the Evergreen Trail, this would be a good opportunity. Meet in front of the library at 7:00 p.m. Wear comfortable foot-gear, check the weather forecast, and dress appropriately.



Our mission: TO FOSTER APPRECIATION, KNOWLEDGE, AND ENJOYMENT OF NATURE, AND WORK FOR THE PRESERVATION OF OUR NATURAL HERITAGE ON THE LOCAL AND GLOBAL LEVEL.



T. Gilbert Pearson
Audubon Society
Schedule of Events
as the 2005-2006
program year comes to an end

Thurs. July 13 “Local Organic Farming:
Good for You, the Farmer, and the En-
vironment”. **
Speaker: Tony Kleese.

Thurs. Aug. 10 Evening Stroll in Price
Park; 7:00 p.m. **

** (See articles on front page.)

*All Thursday evening programs are from
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Community Room
at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family
Branch Library at Price Park off Hobbs
Road.*



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Be sure to check the website for programs
starting in September, 06.

Check out this website
if you have access to the web:
www.piedmontland.org
and click on:

Projects
and then *Guilford County*
and choose
Price Park or
Lindale Farms

Then click to see more photographs.

HAW RIVER POINT COUNTS: YEAR TWO

The Pearson Chapter is once again
conducting point counts along 30 miles
of the Haw River, from the Forsyth
County line to Alamance County.

With help from Audubon Forsyth
County and Piedmont Bird Club mem-
bers, six teams are making three visits to
the Haw corridor during May and June to
conduct counts. This data, when added
to that from last year, will be used to
make a determination of whether the
Haw River qualifies as an official Important
Bird Area (IBA).

While last year's data did not turn
up any threatened species, it did show an
unusually high density of birds along the
Haw. This in itself may be signifi-
cant and lead to IBA designation, as good
habitat for even our more common
neotropical migrants and resident birds is
becoming scarcer all the time. In fact,
we have lost one of our count sites from
last year to the bulldozer, and several
more are in danger.

Official IBA or not, it is important
that the Haw River corridor be protected,
and our data gives added impetus to pres-
ervation efforts. Two initiatives are un-
derway to do this, namely the new Haw
River State Park, and the Guilford
County Open Space Program, both of
which are in the process of preserving
land along the Haw River.

More on those two projects in an-
other newsletter.

ABOUT THE EVERGREEN TRAIL INTERPRETIVE SIGNS AT PRICE PARK

by Ann Walter-Fromson

Starting at the trailhead at the top of the parking lot, you can walk the Evergreen Trail—a loop trail that comes out by the Ranger’s house in front of the library—and learn about the trees and birds that inhabit the varied forest types along the trail. You will find five interpretive signs along the trail that will inform you about Piedmont mixed forests, trees that grow in wetter areas, pine trees and successional growth of forests, resident birds of the area, and mature oak-hickory forests. Here is a brief description of the signs, in order, from the trailhead to the end of the trail:

A Mixed Blessing introduces the concept of the mixed forest community and invites you to use a symbol key to identify six types of trees found in Piedmont mixed forests.

Wetter Is Better For Some discusses three trees that prefer wetter soils, and provides tips for identification of the trees.

Change Is In the Air focuses on pine trees; an illustration introduces the concept of old-field succession and how plant communities change over time.

Trees Are For the Birds pictures and describes six bird species that are year-round residents in Piedmont North Carolina.

An Aging Beauty describes a mature oak-hickory forest; it provides pictures for identifying several types of oak and hickory trees and information on threats to forests from human activities.

Each sign is located on an appropriate site on the trail where you can find the trees described on the sign. We hope that the interpretive signs will enhance your enjoyment of the Evergreen Trail and enrich your understanding of plant and animal communities in Piedmont North Carolina.

Background:

The Evergreen Trail interpretive signs were developed as an environmental education action partnership project coordinated by Ann Walter-Fromson with the sponsorship of T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society (TGPAS) and support from the Piedmont Land Conservancy, the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library (KCE), and the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department. The idea for trail signs arose from earlier talks and meetings between Library staff, Parks and Recreation staff, the Piedmont Land Conservancy, and local wildlife and naturalist organizations and educators. More immediately, the interpretive signs project grew out of the Junior Price Park Rangers program held at KCE Library in May 2005. This program, led by Ann Walter-Fromson, Melanie Buckingham, Michael Morales and volunteers from TGPAS, focused on studying the trees on the Evergreen Trail.

Credits:

Lea Beazley of Nature Graphics in Mooresville, NC designed the interpretive trail signs. Lea is a certified Environmental Educator and has designed signs for several state parks in North Carolina. Each sign lists credits for illustrations; many of the drawings are by nature artist Consie Powell whose work is well known through *Wildlife in North Carolina* magazine. Thanks to the following persons for editorial assistance: Dan Chambers, Sue Cole, Alice McCall, and Gregg Morris (TGPAS Board Members); Michael Morales (Greensboro Parks and Recreation Lake and Trails Division); Melanie Buckingham (KCE Environmental Librarian); Ken Bridle (Ecologic, Inc.); and Kathryn Fromson. Thanks also to Michael Morales for assistance with on-site species recognition and trail mapping; to Dan Chambers for photography and GPS mapping of sites for the signs; to Melanie Buckingham for serving as a mediator for this project; and to Bill Adams for the installation of the signs.

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BLACK RIVER OUT OF WILMINGTON



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