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WE DID IT!

We have just received the final report on the Whittell Grant Membership Drive and we have won the first prize of \$1000 for highest percentage increase in chapter membership for our region!!! A big thank you to all who recruited new members and likewise to all who joined during this period. Decisions on use of the money will be made at a future time by the board of directors.

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PROGRESS NOTES: Work is progressing on a nature trail at the county park in Estell Manor. We have also had a representative sitting in with the advisory group for long range planning for the park.

An exhibit has been produced for the Atlantic City Library and has been up during the month of July.

We hope to have our own distinctive patch available for purchase in the fall.

FIELD TRIPS:

Last field trip of the 74-75 season is now set, and it will repeat an earlier one-

Wildflowers: Leader will be Gil Cavileer. Date is August 9 Meet at the parking lot of the Port Republic Church at 9:00 AM.



For those interested in Pelagic Birds- we recommend taking the Miss Barnegat Light which leaves from the Barnegat Light Yacht Basin. Although not specifically for birding, they get out to the right area, and will carry some non-fishing people. (You can fish too, if thats your wish- extra charge for that.)

Programming is well along for the 75-76 meetings and some excellent programs are already lined up. Set aside the following dates on your calendar so you don't miss out.

Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 19, Jan. 28, Feb. 25, March 24, Aprill 28, May 26

We are still looking for people to serve as volunteer guides to various local areas for visiting and local individuals and groups. If you can help, no matter how limited your time available, we would like to have your name on file. Also, anyone who can put on nature programs for other organizations are needed. PLEASE- let us know.

As we conclude what has been a very active and productive year for our first one, please remember that it takes a continued efforton everyones part to help maintain our natural wonders. It means time, effort, money, and a willingness to be a cog in the wheel. Only through our combined efforts can we maintain the beauties of the natural world around us, particularly against those who do not yet see how important it is to hang on to the little we have left.

Finally, please remember to renew your membership each year. This is our main source of funds - one third of your annual dues is returned to the chapter. The more members we have, the more funds are available for activities.