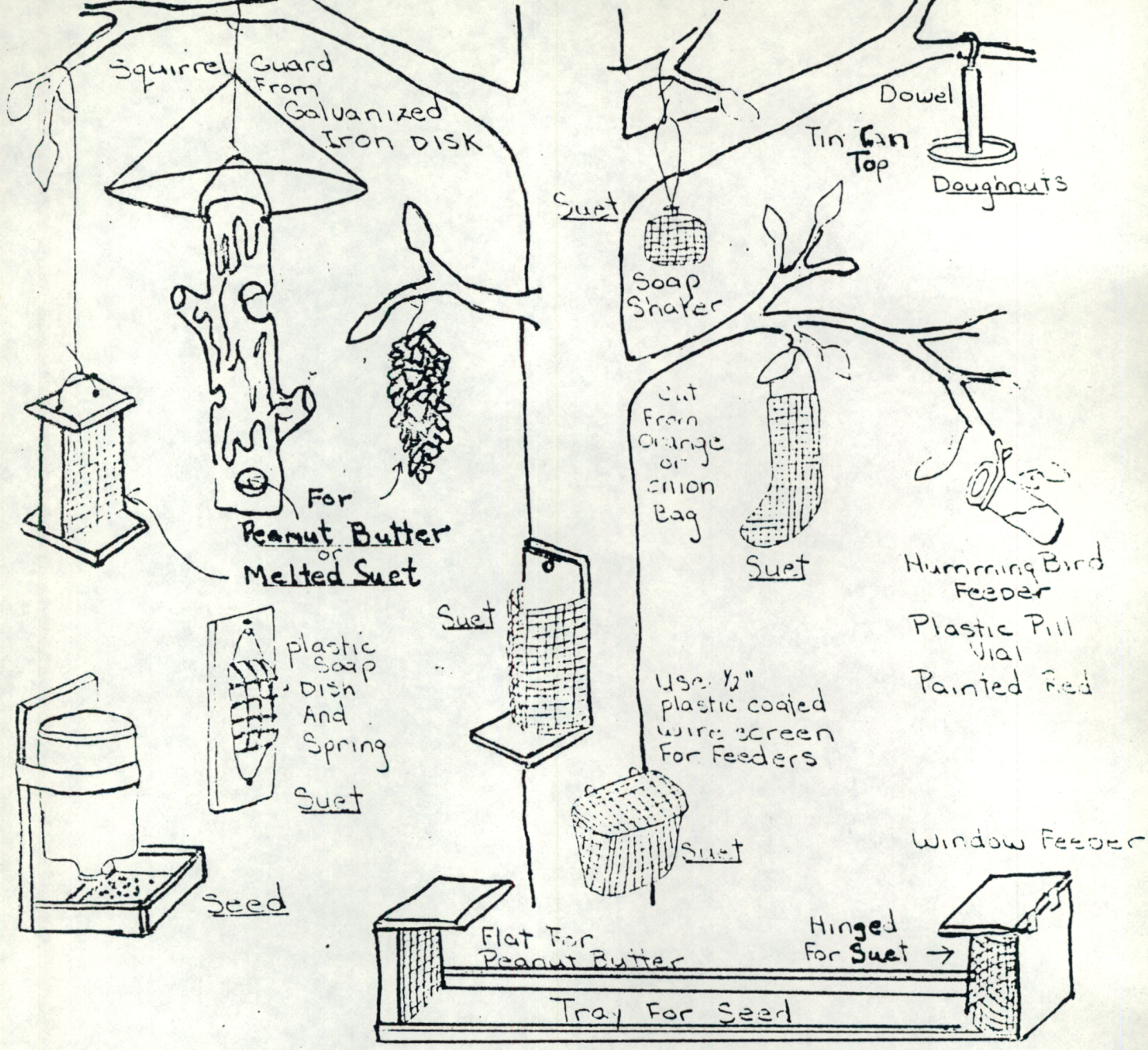


SIMPLE FEEDERS YOU CAN MAKE



Over 60 people turned out at the Nov. 10 Birdfeeding Workshop and Slide Show, "The Birds of Christmas". Co-sponsored by the Natural History Society and the Island Nature Trust, the workshop was led by Geoff Hogan and Dan McAskill, and new and old birders alike picked up information on what you might see and how to make your feeding station most attractive to birds. There were many handouts available on the food preferences of various birds, types of feeders and how to tell what type of bird you've got at your feeder. The workshop also stressed the responsibilities that you take on when feeding birds, such as keeping some kind of cover near by (but not too near) to protect birds from feeding felines; maintaining the feeding throughout the winter; and being careful when choosing feeders (no bare metal or mesh not covered by plastic). There was a good selection of books and tapes available for people to buy, and also many examples of the feeders that can be bought or made. Plans for feeders were also available. Hopefully, these or similar workshops will become a regular event for those of us who like to see birds around their houses all year round.