

HOW YOU CAN HELP US OUT

It seems like Sue Stephenson and I keep juggling this job back and forth like a hot potato. Besides working for the Nature Trust, Sue has also been busy with many other projects, and the day I went to give her a hand with this newsletter at Beaconsfield it wound up that since I have a lot more free time than Sue, I'll take over as editor. Both of us are happy, and I hope you will be too. As Rosemary says in her message, feedback from the readers is very important and welcome. Please let me know what you're interested in reading about and if you can't do a story yourself, maybe we can find someone who can. Articles and artwork (unfortunately limited to black and white line illustrations) are most welcome, but please realize that it may not be possible to use all submissions. One thing I would like to accomplish is to get the newsletter out on schedule and to do that means that you have to help.

The next issue is for March-April and copy should be in as soon as possible. It takes anywhere from two to five weeks to get the newsletter printed and distributed, so I'm setting a March 30 as the deadline for stories, bird sightings, coming events, etc. and hope to get them sooner. Please send them to Gary Schneider, P.O. Box 879, Montague, P.E.I. COA 1R0.

Also, I hope you will excuse some spelling mistakes in a few articles. Sue was trying to introduce me to a word processor and I'm afraid I was a bad student.

COMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR

Save South Moresby Meeting: On Sunday, March 2, 1986, Greg Sheehy of the Canadian Nature Federation and Thom Henley of the Islands Protection Society will be in Charlottetown to present a slide show and discussion on the Queen Charlottes Islands / South Moresby Conservation issue and the 'Save South Moresby Caravan'. It will be held at 8:00 p.m. at U.P.E.I. in Kelly Building (the one with the bookstore), in room 237. Everyone is welcome and the hat will be passed, proceeds going toward the Save South Moresby Fund.

Information on the Breeding Bird Atlas: At the April monthly meeting of the Natural History Society, Judith Kennedy, Co-ordinator of the Breeding Bird Atlas for the Maritimes will be giving an overview of the Breeding Bird Atlas Project. Everyone interested in the Atlas is welcome to attend.

Science Fair: The U.P.E.I. Science Fair will begin this year on April 4th in Robertson's Library at U.P.E.I. The Natural History Society donates prizes for the best in the Natural History category for each age level, so it will be fun to get out and take a look at what our judges have picked!

Submission of Slides: The deadline for submission of slides for May's Annula Photo Contest is at the April meeting. These can be given to Margaret Mallett at the meeting or sent to her (see page 2 for the address) by April 1st.

"Its For The Birds": The opening of a new competition and exhibition at Holland College entitled "Its For The Birds", a potpourri of creative and functional media to house, depict, honour, protect, feed or bathe BIRDS. This will begin on April 1st at Holland College School of Visual Arts. For more information, contact Catherine Hennessey at Holland College S.V.A.

Island Nature Trust Fundraising Dinner: Because of the great success of last years dinner, Island Nature Trust has decided to do it again this year. The date hasn't been set yet and the guest speaker hasn't been chosen, so this is just an early warning to keep your eyes and ears open for tickets when they become available.