Wildlife artists place high in competition

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS

BILL PARKER

A hearty congratulations goes out to Larry Cory of Bloomfield Hills and Mike Todoroff of Westland.

The two accomplished wildlife artists recently placed in the top 10 of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trout/Salmon and Waterfowl stamp design contests.

Cory won the trout/salmon stamp contest for a painting of a rainbow trout. His design will be featured on Michigan's 1996 trout/salmon stamp.

Todoroff placed in the top 10 in the waterfowl stamp design competition. Rusty Frentner, of Milan, won the waterfowl design competition for a painting of Canada Geese. His design will be featured on Michigan's 1996 waterfowl stamp.

The top 10 entries from each contest will be on display at various wildlife art galleries across the state for a seven-month period. Display locations will be announced by August 1.

While we're on the topic of wildlife art, The Michigan United Conservation Clubs invites Michigan artists 16 years of age and older to enter the 16th annual Michigan Wildlife Artist of the Year contest.

The contest is held to advance and promote the creative expression of wildlife and outdoor art among the Michigan art community.

Entries will be accepted in any medium suitable for reproduction. Entries will be accepted Sept. 1-Dec. 15. For more information and contest rules, contact Michael Soczek at MUCC, 2101 Wood Street, Lansing, MI. 48912 or call 1-800-777-6720.

Charity bass tourney

Bass anglers can help bring a smile to the faces of the pediatric patients at William Beaumont Hospital by participating in the 1995 Oakland Bass Masters Tournament for Toys on Saturday, July 15.

Oakland Bass Masters will donate $15 from each two-person team entered in the tournament, as well as all money collected from a raffle for a MINN KOTA trolling motor, to buy toys for the pediatric patients at William Beaumont Hospital.

The tournament will be held on Cass Lake, with tournament headquarters stationed at Dodge Park No. 4. Preregistration is $75. Same day registration is $80 and will be accepted 4:30-5:30 a.m. The tournament begins at 6 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. The top seven finishers will receive cash awards.

There are still openings for this charity tournament. Contact Roy Randolph at (810) 542-5254 for details and registration information.

Warbler population growing

The endangered Kirkland warbler is fast on the comeback trail.

Research biologists and volunteers counted 765 singing males during the official annual male singing census which was completed in mid-June. The record count represents a 21-percent increase over the previous record, set last year when 633 singing males were counted.

The small blue-gray and yellow, sparrow-sized bird breeds primarily in the northern Lower Peninsula, especially in Ogemaw and Oscoda counties. The males are very territorial during the spring mating season and are persistent singers, enabling observers to attain an accurate count.

"The increase in Kirtland warblers is great news and shows that the Endangered Species Act works," said DNR director Rollie Harmes. "It is a tribute to scientific and ecosystem wildlife management, and the cooperation among Department of Natural Resources biologists and foresters, the U.S. Forest Service and the Department of Military Affairs in restoring the warbler's nesting habitat."

Kirtland's warbler is a ground nester and prefers stands of Jack Pines. Historically, these stands of young trees were maintained by naturally-occuring wildfires. Fire prevention programs altered the frequency of the wildfires, and subsequently eliminated any new habitat for the Kirtland warbler. Biologists and foresters from state and federal agencies have conducted a combination of clear-cutting, controlled burning and replanting efforts to replenish the needed habitat.

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

FISHING CLUBS

■ MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School, (810) 478-1494.

■ FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City, 477-3816.

■ METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Garden City High School, 420-2965.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

■ BASS MASTERS
The Oakland Bass Masters will hold an open charity tournament on Cass Lake beginning at 6 a.m. Saturday, July 15. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the pediatric patients at William Beaumont Hospital. Entry fee for this two-person team tournament is $75 per boat, (810) 542-5254.

ARCHERY

■ 3D SHOOT
Linden Sportsmen's Club will hold a 30-target 3D shoot Saturday and Sunday on its walk-through range in Linden, (810) 576-6671.

■ BOWHUNTER 3D
Detroit Archers will hold a Bowhunter 3D Shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, July 16, on its walk-through range in West Bloomfield, (810) 661-9610.

■ BOWHUNTER WEEKEND
The Washtenaw County Sportsman's Club will hold its annual Bowhunter Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, July 22-23, in Ypsilanti, (313) 481-1038 or (313) 572-7772.

METROPARKS

■ METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free, while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

■ FRIDAY NIGHT CANOE
Learn about some of Michigan's history and wildlife while paddling the 34-foot Voyageur canoe, during this program, which begins at 8 p.m. Friday at Stony Creek.

■ COLORFUL KIDS
A nature hike and a story for children ages 3-6 accompanied by an adult will be offered in this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.

■ GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME
Clowns, magic tricks, games and prizes will be in store for participants in this program, which begins at noon Saturday at Stony Creek.

■ YOUNG ENTOMOLOGISTS
The first of a two-session program, in which children in grades 3-5 will explore the world of insects, begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Indian Springs. The second-session will be held on Saturday, July 22.

■ SATURDAY NIGHT CAMPFIRE
Songs, stories, marshmallows and a chance to learn about some of the park's wildlife will be offered in this campfire program, which begins at 7 p.m. Saturday at Stony Creek.

■ NATURE'S PALETTE
Children ages 3-5 will learn how animals and plants use color in this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday at Stony Creek.

■ TOT LOT NATURE PROGRAM
A half-hour nature program for children will be held at 1 p.m. each Sunday during July and August in the Tot Lot at Indian Springs

■ AQUATIC ANIMALS
Participants will use dip nets and magnifying glasses to explore some of the unique inhabitants of a pond during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Indian Springs.

■ ZOO IN THE 000
Kids age 6-7 will be introduced to the world of insects during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Kensington. Similar programs covering different topics will be held July 19 and 26.

■ LIVING FOSSILS
A program in which children in grades 1-5 will learn about turtles begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Stony Creek.

■ FULL MOON WALK
A naturalist-led hike under the light of July's 'Hot Moon' begins at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Stony Creek.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

■ COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

■ PETER RABBIT & FRIENDS FESTIVAL
Celebrate summer, gardening, storytelling and family fun in this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday at Independence Oaks.

■ FAMILY TRIVIA
Pit your nature knowledge against others and have family fun in this campfire program, which begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 15, at Independence Oaks.

■ ECO-EXPLORERS
Mini-classes for children ages 6-8 in which participants will discover science, begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 11-13, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

■ STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park is offering nature interpretive programs throughout the summer. The park is located on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck, in Northville Twp. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into the park, (810) 349-8390.

■ SUMMER BIRDS
A brief lecture followed by a naturalist-led hike in search summer birds, begins at 8 a.m. Saturday at Maybury. A similar program begins at 7 p.m. Friday, July 14.

■ TAKE A FRIEND FISHING CLINICS
Weekday fishing clinics run through Aug. 18 at various state parks in southeastern Michigan. Weekday sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. each day. Weekday clinics will be held Mondays at Maybury State Park in Northville, (810) 349-8390; Tuesdays at Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford, (810) 666-1020; Wednesdays at Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton, (810) 229-7067; Thursdays at Seven Lakes State Park in Fenton, (810) 634-7271; and Fridays at Proud Lake Recreation Area in Milford, (810) 685-2433.

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