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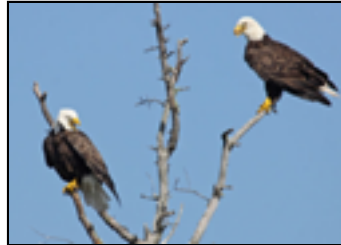
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## President's Thoughts



### Benzie Audubon and the Grand Traverse Band

In 2007 the Grand Traverse Band of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians kindly allowed us to begin meeting at their beautiful Tribal Outpost. To thank the Tribe and encourage their participation in Audubon events Agnes Glinski and I prepared an article that appeared in the Tribal newsletter. At Agnes's suggestion we provided an updated version that appeared in the newsletter this year. Here is that article:

**The Benzie Audubon Club feels very fortunate to have the privilege of holding meetings at the Tribal Outpost of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. The Club is a non-profit charitable organization whose purposes are stated in our Bylaws as follows:**

- The Benzie Audubon Club, a chapter of the Michigan Audubon Society, has as its primary objective the promotion of interest, knowledge and appreciation of the abundant flora and fauna of Northern Michigan.
- The club will support activities whose goals are to protect and preserve the natural environment of the region.

To meet its mission Benzie Audubon offers educational programs and seasonal field trips. In addition, the Club took a generous bequest and established the Robert Lytle Education and Environmental Fund. From this fund the Club offers a limited number of mini-grants each year to teachers, schools or organizations for purposes of environmental education or enhancement of the natural environment of our area.

All of our meetings and field trips are open to the public (including Tribal members!) without charge, and we encourage participation by families. In that regard some of our programs popular with children have been those involving live birds, snakes and bats (under close supervision, of course!). We have offered special field trips for Tribal students and their parents to places such as Pearl Lake and Old Baldy. We also have sponsored programs on serious ecological concerns such as a symposium on the water quality of Lake Michigan.

We believe we are on the same wave length as the Grand Traverse Band with regard to conservation and the natural environment, and we hope our programs will be of interest to Tribal members. One of our popular programs last year featured John Bailey, who spoke about birds and animals as they relate to Native American culture. By the same token we hope our members can learn more about the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. In that regard we have provided a link to the GTB website on our website at [www.benzieaudubon.org](http://www.benzieaudubon.org).

Our website also contains a full schedule of upcoming field trips and programs. The remaining programs at the Tribal Outpost this year will be on July 9 (featuring nature photographer Jay Burt), September 3 (with environmental attorney Jim Olson) and November 5 (our annual potluck dinner, followed by a talk by Doug Cook on "Birding Addiction"). Come and join us!

*[Signed by John Ester and Agnes Glinski]*

## Annual Meeting & Pot Luck Nov. 5th, 6 PM

After the potluck dinner and a brief business meeting,

### Doug Cook

will present a program titled

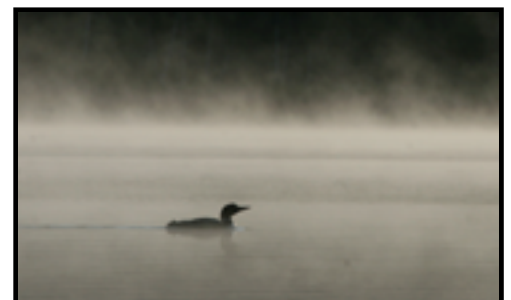
## "The Seven Mysteries of Birding"

or

## Learning to Fly with One Oar in the Water."

An introspective look at one birder's search for enlightenment through the mysteries and magic of birding.

Bring a dish to pass  
and your table service.  
**Join us at the Tribal Outpost  
on Hoadley Road.**



What mysteries will Doug  
conjure up out of the mists?