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President's Message

This will be my final message as president of our Association as my second year's term expires at our March As I review our Rendezvous. accomplishments over the past two years, I feel we have made significant strides toward enhancing the guiding profession in New York State and becoming recognized as the best and most respected professional guiding association.

Our membership has steadily increased during the period which I believe can be attributed to our Board's attempts to offer better promotional opportunities to current and prospective members. An updated and enhanced website is now attractive to member guides and the public. Assistance is now available to members for development of their own websites, which can be linked to the NYSOGA website.

Our virtual office has been improved to more efficiently process memberships and answer inquiries from members, prospective members and aspiring guides. We now offer pro-rated membership fees for new guides who wish to become members mid-year. At some point in the near future, we may offer credit card payment for dues and Association events.

We continue to offer a strong program for guide training and certification with more water safety instructors now available to offer this training more frequently and at a broader range locations throughout the state.

We have utilized our regional directors to obtain input from guides in their areas on a variety of topics including program offerings, membership initiatives and promotional efforts. We have made progress in strengthening relationships with other guiding organizations that exist in the state as well as with outdoor writers.

We have continued promotion and vigilance regarding our code of guiding ethics, investigating complaints and taking corrective action when necessary. We have maintained a close working relationship with DEC, including



Jeff Whittemore

providing support for enforcement efforts in cases of illegal guiding activities.

Conservation efforts have been continued through sponsorship of young people attending DEC summer camps, and expanded through formal adoption of a section of the Northville-Placid Trail. We have begun a program to establish working partnerships with

manufacturers and retailers of outdoor equipment.

We celebrated our thirtieth anniversary in grand style at Lake Placid during 2011 at our annual Rendezvous.

None of these accomplishments would have been realized without the efforts of numerous NYSOGA members who "pitched in," often sacrificing time from their personal and business endeavors. That is what makes our organization special and will sustain it in the future. It has been a pleasure to serve our Association as president during the past two years.

'Rekindling Our Campfire'

to be Theme Of 2012 Rendezvous at White Eagle

By Craig Tryon

Mark your calendars and plan to join fellow NYSOGA guides, their families, prospective guides, and guests at the White Eagle Conference Center in Hamilton, NY from March 22 to the 25, 2012 for Winter Rendezvous

This year our 2012 Rendezvous theme is Re-Kindling Our Campfire. This theme comes about because we all have Re-Kindled Our Campfire over the years in many places. Our campfires have been kindled alone, with family, friends, clients, or fellow guides. No matter where, when, or why we have kindled our fire we do so for many reasons. We may use it to renew or make new friendships, cook a Dutch Oven full of blueberry cobbler, warm us on a cool fall night as the backdrop for us to tell a few tall tales about the trip just completed or just to simply sit and watch the flames. Our reasons for a campfire are many and varied. We all agree that the warmth and comfort our fire gives us cannot be measured.

It is in the spirit of warmth, comfort, friendship, and camaraderie that we gather at the White Eagle Conference Center for Winter Rendezvous XXXI to once again Re-Kindle Our NYSOGA Campfire. The Winter Rendezvous Committee asks each and every one of you, at one time or another during Rendezvous, stop in the Tepee Building. If the fire is blazing in the fireplace please add a piece of firewood on the "NYSOGA Campfire." In this manner each and every one of us will have a part in Re-Kindling Our NYSOGA Campfire at Rendezvous.

The Rendezvous Committee is currently working to put together a weekend we hope you will enjoy and be special to you. White Eagle Conference Center in Hamilton is a great place for us to meet, being centrally located in New York State. Check out their website at www.whiteagle.com. This location allows us to walk to all venues once our car is parked. Meals, lodging, location, and staff are outstanding.

Thursday afternoon will be our Water Safety for Guides class. On Friday morning is CPR. Friday afternoon is Standard First Aid. Friday evening is our

welcome meeting and social time. The Saturday morning seminars will be interesting and informative to all. The Annual NYSOGA Business Meeting and DEC Licensed Guide Exam will be held on Saturday afternoon. Our Guides Banquet, with our yearly recognition awards, door prizes, and Quilt Raffle drawing, will be Saturday evening. Sunday morning brings the first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors. Don't miss this great time to renew old friendships or make new ones. Watch the NYSOGA website under Winter Rendezvous 2012 and for a mailing with final details and registration information.

As your 2012 Winter Rendezvous Committee we look forward to you joining us to "Re-Kindle Our Campfire" at the White Eagle Conference Center,

Craig Tryon, Chair • Sheila and Sonny Young • Mary Hall • Jeff Whittemore • Roy Earley • Lynn Malerba • Alan Woodruff • Don Hawkins

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Pied Piper?

Wayne Failing and his guitar seem to have attracted a fan club.



NYSOGA directors met on January 7 at White Eagle. In back are first VP Tim Hallock and Scott Locorini. From L-R are Roy Earley, Sonny Young, Sonny Somelofski, Craig Tryon, Lynn Malerba, Jim Morgan, Sheila Young, John Wainwright, Harry Spetla, Pres. Jeff Whittemore, Herb Broome, Lenny Amberger, Bruce Fuller, Bill Leslie and treasurer Don Hawkins holding Java, the dog.



Leo Maloney, a past president and current director of the New York State Outdoor Writers' Association, spoke to the NYSOGA directors at the January 8 meeting.



NYSOGA life member Doris Herwig at the memorial service for former member Anne LaBastille. On display are many momentos of Anne's career including her characteristic red crusher hat. (Photo by Jeff Whittemore)

Door Prizes Sought For Guides' Banquet

Those attending Rendezvous 2012 are encouraged to bring one or more items for our annual door prize drawings. Perhaps a local sports

store or other business would kick in something toward this project, the profits of which go toward our many activities

NYSOGA Kids to Camp Program, 2012

by Craig Tryon

We all realize how important it is for us as licensed guides to promote, share, and preserve New York's Great Outdoors with current and future generations.

next generation outdoorsmen/women and professional guides need to begin the process of appreciation for the wilderness at an early age. NYSOGA realizes this fact and has set up our Kids to Camp Program to help satisfy this need. By sending this next generation to the NYSDEC Summer Environmental Education Camps, we help fill this widening gap. DEC has several Summer Educational Camps available at locations throughout New York State. Specific information can be found on the DEC website www.dec.ny.gov>education. descriptions, applications, and other important information can be found here.

As a NYSOGA guide and chairman of the Kids to Camp Committee, I am happy to announce that we are accepting applications for the 2012 DEC Summer Environmental Education Camp season. If you have a potential camper, contact

them now and review the website information on the DEC camps with them. If they are still interested and want to begin the application process, go to the DEC website to fill in and print the campership application. Once you have the completed application, contact me for the next step in the process. [Craig Tryon email-adkwldexp@yahoo.com phone-315-427-8984]

Completed applications must be submitted to DEC on an established timeline. To make sure applications are submitted on time, please make sure completed applications are received by me no later than Friday, January 28, 2012. This will give NYSOGA time to process applications and submit them to DEC. Late applications received by February 11, 2012 will be processed and sent to DEC to be accepted based on campership availability. Applications received after February 11th will not be processed.

Please remember that funds for our camp sponsorships come totally from our "Kids to Camp Quilt Raffle." I urge you to continue to support this annual raffle to fund our Kids to Camp Program.

Kids to Camp Quilt 2012

by the NYSOGA Auxiliary

The NYSOGA Auxiliary will again be conducting its Kids to Camp Quilt Raffle. For many years NYSOGA has been able to send up to two young outdoorsmen/women to the DEC Summer Environmental Education Camp Program. This year will be no exception. These summer camp experiences definitely increase camper appreciation of the rich natural resources we are very lucky to have in New York State. The value they receive from this program cannot be measured and will last a lifetime.

The cost for the one week camp experience is \$350.00. Currently we have enough in the Kids to Camp fund to send two campers. It is hoped that the 2012 Quilt Raffle proceeds will enable NYSOGA to again send 2 campers in 2013.

In mid-January, all NYSOGA members will receive a mailing containing raffle tickets for our Kids to Camp Quilt. Participation is in no way mandatory. Participate only if you want to. The winning ticket will be drawn at our Annual Guides Banquet on Saturday night of Winter Rendezvous, March 24, 2012.

The NYSOGA Auxiliary "Thanks You" for supporting this very worthwhile program to "Send a Kid to DEC Summer Environmental Education Camp."

"Guidie Says ..."



...If you are lost and there is an air search underway, get into an open location. When you spot a search plane, hold both arms in the air with palms forward. This will be recognized by the team as meaning "I need help." Holding up only one arm means "I don't need help."...

...Most hypothermia deaths occur between 30 and 50 degrees...

* * * * * * ...Don't be misled by believing that the better the gear, the better the camper...

...When raccoon hunting after dark, tape a flashlight to the

barrel of your gun. In addition to lighting your way, it will aid in sighting the gun once the coon is treed...

...Do you leave your gun in a sheepskin-lined case for an extended time. The wool collects moisture which causes rust to form. Better to leave it in a cabinet or rack with a thin coat of oil to prevent rust...

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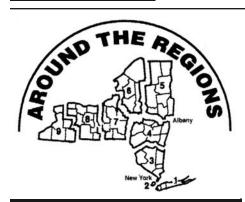
...When skinning rabbits, squirrels and deer, you will often get some hair on the carcass which makes the meat taste strong when cooked. To remove it, let the carcass hang four or five hours. After the meat has glazed over, take a stiff vegetable brush and use it to remove the hairs...

Marcy, not far from the Riverside Mall.

I've heard very good reports on the

quality of their bait and good pricing as

well. If you need more information call



REGION 1

By Capt. Tim Hallock Holiday greetings to all from Long Island as the New Year begins.

2011 saw Eastern Long Island "get away with one" as Tropical Storm Irene skipped over us to wreak havoc further north as you all know.



Tim Hallock

In November, I had the opportunity to staff our booth at the Saratoga Winter Sports and Healthy Living Expo. It was a pleasure to serve with Bill Leslie, Jeff Whittemore and Spike Woodruff to represent NYSOGA there.

The reports here on the Island for the summer past and early autumn indicate that fishing, in general, was off a bit and small tackle activities in the creek areas and off the beaches were particularly unproductive. Bass fishing by bottom drifting in the tidal channels of Plum Gut and the Race did, however, provide a bright spot for local anglers and continues to be a mainstay out east. The short scallop harvest, eagerly awaited, was good but didn't quite seem to live up to the anticipated take.

After some debate and deliberation, the proposed year-round bow hunt for deer in Eastern Suffolk County to deal with burgeoning deer populations and ever reducing habitat was not implemented. Instead, reports have some localities employing the services of professional sharpshooters to increase the take in conjunction with a plan to process the venison. Similar plans have been employed with success in regions such as Shelter Island.

As an observer of these local proceedings, and being somewhat familiar with the difficulty of mastering the art of bow hunting, it does seem prudent to have trained marksmen efficiently taking deer rather than having hundreds of the creatures staggering around wounded with arrows sticking out of various body parts.

Meanwhile, I've initiated an effort to compile a list of local hunters and others who can dress and process the meat and to connect with with those involved in relief efforts to see if we can help in the area of food pantries, etc. I recently read where cooperative efforts of this kind in upstate NY have helped provide over a million meals to those in need. There may be efforts underway here on the Island but I need to look into it to see if our local deer problem can be turned into a positive. Lastly, it was recently posted in a local paper on the North Fork that certain established hiking trails were to be temporarily closed for purposes of deer hunting as these protected areas have now become a mainstay of deer habitat and are also generally away from housing, villages, etc.

Anyone interested in hiking on the North Fork in eastern Suffock County is encouraged to contact me, your Region 1 Director for information. Happy

a point.

In spite of the extended woodcock season, we did find the timberdoodles hard to come by. Reports on deer and bear were mixed, but I believe the final figures will show an average take. This is in spite of the fact that there was less snow than is usually present for big game. Turkeys are the one game species that seems to be declining in many of the habitats in my general area and I am not the only one noticing the problem. The DEC has even placed a television ad out of Binghamton requesting individuals to help with a turkey sighting survey. One hunter I know found a hen turkey that could not run or fly, yet showed no signs of being wounded. I sure hope we are not seeing a problem related to some type of serious illness that is affecting them. I would be interested in hearing comments from other NYSOGA guides and turkey hunters concerning this

Wishing you all a great winter season and HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU AT WINTER RENDEZVOUS.

Respectfully Submitted, Bruce R. Fuller Region 4 Director

REGION 4

By Bruce Fuller I am writing this report on January 4 and up to this point the weather has been exceptionally warm for this time of year. I guess most of our State is also mild seeing weather. Had not heard much from



Bruce Fuller

other members so most of my statements are based on my own experiences and observations. The mild weather had me smallmouth fishing with clients well into November and we had some great days. Also had some super days afield hunting pheasants and grouse. We were hunting pheasants that were stocked by the State and I was very impressed with the quality of the birds. Don't know where they got them but they were hard flying birds and some of the cocks had tail feathers in the two foot range. Many of them acted like wild birds and would run for near a quarter mile before my dog could pin them for



Catherine Hawkins, right, attended a DEC Camp representing NYSOGA.

REGION 6

By John Wainwright

Not much to report this quarter. Hunting season was again good and bad with weather conditions unfavorable for good tracking snows. I've heard mixed results for fall fishing.

I did quite well on the West Canada in

October and November fishing small size 18 or smaller midge and blue wing olive imitations with a few fish taken on large stonefly nymphs and soft hackles as well.

Light snow cover and warm temperatures have certainly hindered winter outdoor sports activities. I haven't even looked at my ice fishing gear yet and with temperatures rising again this week to the 40s, many lakes in the Region won't freeze up until late January, making for a short season. For those of you in the lower part of the region I did get wind of a new (or new to me) bait shop near Utica. Hometown Bait and Tackle is located on River Road in



John Wainwright

them at (315) 534-9740. I've finally started to work with my Committee to develop relationships with outdoor manufacturers and distributors to create avenues for our members to receive discounts or other benefits. We are presently developing a list of potential companies to contact. So if any of you folks know of companies who might consider such an arrangement, please let me know. The next phase will be to develop a strategy to contact each company and then, if successful, list them

guides to join our organization. Well, I certainly want to wish all of you a very exciting, fruitful, healthy and prosperous 2012. I hope to see many of you at the winter Rendezvous at White Eagle in Hamilton this March.

on our website. This would not only

benefit our present members, but

hopefully provide an incentive for other

Respectfully submitted, John Wainwright NYSOGA Region 6 Rep.

REGION 7

By Craig Tryon

The biggest news from Region 7 is that we are proud hosting be Winter Rendezvous XXXI.

The Rendezvous Committee informed me that they are looking forward to provide you with a great

time at the White Eagle Conference Center Hamilton, NY. The information is covered in another story in this issue of guidelines so no details are necessary in this report. Region 7 guides, please plan to attend. It's right in your backyard!!!

It is with a sad heart that I report that NYSOGA has lost a dear friend and supporter. Janice Hawkins, wife NYSOGA Treasurer Hawkins, passed away on December 22. We all will miss her smiling face and positive attitude at our NYSOGA

functions. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Don at this difficult time. Anyone wishing to send cards may do so at his home address: Don Hawkins, 279 Grange Hall Road, Kirkwood, NY 13795.

Hydro-Fracking continues to be a big concern in Region 7 with sportsmen/women as well landowners. The public hearings have been well attended and many issues, both pro and con, have been expressed. We all need to keep informed on this issue. Do not hesitate to express your opinions to DEC and your local legislators.

As I sit and write this article I can't help to think about the mild weather we are having. I can't remember a year that we have not had a major snowstorm by this time. I think we better "Batten Down the Hatches." Old Man Winter will catch up sooner or later. Have a great winter season. Get out to enjoy the beauty of our winter months in Upstate New York. See everyone at Rendezvous in

Craig Tryon



Craig Tryon

REGION 8

By Capt. Jim Morgan

Happy New Year to everyone. Let's hope for a more prosperous and peaceful year ahead.

Some changes for the new year are a 3 rod per angler rule and a longer bow

season that will Jim Morgan benefit us guides.

It was a crazy year in weather for Record rains, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and then an unusually wet and warm fall and December. I'm thinking this climate change phenomenon is going to continue. It made for some soggy and stormy trips fishing but no one got too cold hunting. Now, it's time to start all over again. The show

circuit is coming up and bookings are coming in. In just three months, spring will be here.

March.

hunting While deer Pennsylvania, I had a group of 3 bobcats walk by my deer stand. It was probably a 'once in a lifetime' experience and I didn't have a camera. It was absolutely the coolest thing. Oh, yeah, I didn't get a deer in PA. I should have but that's another story.

A reminder to anyone who might have let their NRA membership lapse or has never joined. Renew or upgrade your membership and commitment to the Second Amendment. This and the Constitution as a whole are at stake in the coming election. As the most effective political force in America, we must get out the vote as never before.

Capt. Jim Morgan

In Memoriam

NYSOGA and Guidelines express our sympathy to Treasurer Don Hawkins on the recent loss of his wife, Janice. In the picture, a proud Janice beams at granddaughter Catherine, who attended a DEC Environmental Camp under NYSOGA's sponsorship.

NYSOGA PRODUCT SALES

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Window sticker	interior 2" round	\$2.00
NYSOGA pin	pewter 1" round	\$6.00
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Hat	brown waxed canvas	\$20.00
Henley long sleeve	ivory cotton w/ silk screen logo,	
	Med	\$20.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2011 Lake Placid	grey cool dri fabric Lg, XL, 2XL	\$17.00
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Hamilton	-	
Tee shirt Rend. 2009	brown Med, Lg, XL	\$7.00
Margaretville		
Tee shirt Rend. 2008	rust Med, XL	\$7.00
Boonville		
Tee shirt Rend. 2007	white Med, Lg, XL, 2XL	\$7.00
Saranac		
Tee shirt Rend. 2006	long sleeve, yellow Med, Lg, XL	\$7.00
Hamilton		
Tee shirt Rend. 2003	brown Med, XL	\$7.00
Johnstown		
Tee shirt Rend. 2002	ivory XL only	\$7.00
Boonville		
Tee shirt Rend. 2001	ivory S, M, Lg, XL, 2XL	\$7.00
plain back		
Tee shirt Rend. 2000	ivory Med only	\$7.00
Blue Mtn Lake		
Tee shirt Rend. 1999	ivory Med, Lg, XL	\$7.00
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New Your State Outdoor Guides Association



How is it that one careless match can start a forest fire but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

NYSOGA Award Recipients

Camp Lantern Award

"It's Better to Light a Candle Than To Curse the Darkness." This award is given to the guide or guides who through words, deeds, or actions best exemplify the true spirit of professional guiding and service to others.

Bearor, Bob Failing, Wayne Hogancamp, Paul Leege, Bill Malerba, Lynn-2009 Murphy, Ed Orzolek, Paul

Palmer, John Rope, Hank -2004 Smith, Jack* Tryon, Craig -1994 Whittemore, Jeff -1993 Williams, Don -2001

Camp Spoon Award

"The Worker Bees." Inspired by the NYSOGA President's Gavel that was hand carved by fellow NYSOGA guides an early Summer Rendezvous, this award is given to a guide or guides who provide dedicated and outstanding service to the furtherance of NSYOGA goals.

Boname, Walt-1994 Chuck Branigan-2001 DiPalma, Michael -2004* Earley, Roy-1999 Grose, Stan-1995 Hall, Mary-2007 Hallock, Tim-2010 Hawkins, Don-2009 Herwig, Doris Kilcher, Michael -2004 McDonnell, Brian-1992 Malerba, Lynn-2007 Mundy, Rick-1997

Naple, Bill -2006 Olivette, Mike Palumbo, Chris-2002 Roberts, Jerry Ryan, Delbert-2000 Somelofski, Sonny Stone, Barbara-2003 Tryon, Craig-1991 + 2005 Vivenzio, Joe-2007 Twilley, Anne-2005 Woodruff, Alan Young, Sheila-1996 Young, Sonny-1993 Zak, Jim-2008

First Aid or Emergency Service Award

This award is given to those NYSOGA members who, during the past year, have assisted in a lifesaving effort while guiding.

Bullis, John Failing, Wayne Hogancamp, Paul Orzolek, Paul Vrooman, Brad Wainwright, John

Friend of NYSOGA Award

This award is given to a person, business, or organization who has shown through words, deeds, or actions to have directly benefited NYSOGA.

Camp Chingachgook-2003 Crane, ECO Lt. William-2004 Ford, Gabriella-2006 Hanna Mt. Resort-2005 + 2009 I Love NY - Muhl, Edward High Peaks Resort-2011 Holiday Inn, Johnstown Hotel Saranac, Saranac Lake-2007 Hulbert House, Boonville-1998, 2002, 2008 Holiday Inn, Saratoga- 2004

Lombardi, Michelle-2006 McKelvey, Amy (Posluszny)-2001 Minnowbrook Lodge-2000 Representative- 2008 Steffen Publishing-2001 Tryon, Mary-1998 White Eagle Conference Center-2006, 2010, 2012

Honorary Membership Award

This honor is given to a person or persons who through words, deeds, or actions have furthered and aided the environment, conservation, or outdoor guiding in New York State. Recipients do not have to be current or past licensed guides.

Ames, Dave-1997 Brown, Bob Brown, Mark-1996 Deepe, Tony Fish, Peter Frayne, Bill-1995* Frayne, Dan-1995* Goodsell, Bob-1994* Goodwin, James* Jacoby, Ed-1996* Jacob, Andy-2005 Kayser, Colleen-2010 Kilcher, Mike-2011 McConnell, Walt* Morrissey, Edith Tuttle* Moxon, William Nadeau, Rich-2001 Perkins, Red* Plumley, John-1993 Rinaldi, Thomas Rudge, Patricia-2005 Schrader, Henry Soussa, Frank-1993

Life Membership Award

"The Few, the Best of the Best." This is NYSOGA's greatest honor and is given in recognition of a member's long and devoted service to NYSOGA and the guiding profession.

DiPalma, Michael-2008* Earley, Roy-2006

Rosenkrantz, Marty* Shoemaker, Mark-1996

Failing, Wayne-2009 Fuller. Bruce-2011 Hackett, Joe-2004 Herwig, Doris Hogancamp, Paul-1995 Kenealy, Jim 3 Leege, Bill-1997 Mundy, Rick

Tryon, Craig-1999 Wharton, Bill-1998 Whittemore, Jeff Williams, Don Woodruff, Alan-2002 Young, Sheila-2005 Young, Sonny-2001

Pack Basket Award

"Those Who Carry the Load." This award is given to the guide or guides who consistently go above and beyond in their service to NYSOGA and fellow guides. Broome, Herb-2006 Earley, Roy Jr-2009

Grose, Stan-1998 Hall, Mary-2008 Kilcher, Mike-1996 Malerba, Lynn-2011 Olivette, Mike-2001 Orzolek, Paul-1994

Repak, Paul-2002 Somelofski, Sonny Stone, Barb-2004 Tryon, Craig-1992 Woodruff, Alan-2001

Wiater, Michael

Young Adventurers Award

"The Next Generation of Guides." This award recognizes our younger generations who have shown great enthusiasm toward the environment, conservation, or the Great Outdoors in New York State.

Connor, Tate Lynn, Joseph

* Deceased

Award Nominations Needed

NYSOGA awards for the past year will be presented at the Rendezvous banquet. If you would like to nominate someone for an award, please send them to committee chair Craig Tryon by e mail at adkwldexp@yahoo.com. State the person's name, which award and a short description as to why it is deserved.