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Jan – Feb 2004

- 1 – Smithsonian Museum exhibit
- 3 – Conservation in Action Summit Advance
- 4 – Refuges reach out to handicapped – Bombay Hook, Prime Hook, Shiawassee
- 4 – Refuge outreach touches new audiences (slides in movie theatres) – *Jeanne Clark San Diego, Tijuana Slough*
- 6 – Refuge Road to Freedom – Great Dismal Swamp designated Underground Railroad Network
- 7 - Around the Refuge System
 - Wetland restoration for Centennial – 3,000 new acres
 - Big Muddy receives pin oak saplings from Living Lands and Waters
 - Las Vegas Refuge – Sunday visitors up
- 7 – Tundra Swan saved from fall into oil impoundment at Prudhoe Bay – Eastern Neck Refuge
- 8 – 11 FOCUS ON REFUGE FRIENDS
 - Overview of Friends – Friends of Willapa, Upper Miss, Squaw Creek, Friends of the Wichitas
 - Refuge mentoring – Don Edwards, Tualatin River, Ridgefield, Blackwater, Noxubee, Kofa
 - Friends of Minnesota Valley – guided van tours with Friends guides
 - Friends Grants reach \$1 million – Eastern Neck, Buenos Aires, DeSoto, Laguna Atascosa, Noxubee, San Pablo Bay, Wertheim
- 12 – Sustainable Design *Alison Penn and Kelly Chase* – Chincoteague opens visitor Center
- 12 – Price of conservation – Morris Wetland Management District – school fundraiser
- 14 – Retirees: Jim Tisdale; Vicki Grafe, Ron Bisbee, Ralph Keel
- 15 – Realty awards –
 - Richard Johnson (Dieffenbach),
 - HAPET – Land Legacy Award;
 - Brad Meiklejohn National Land Protection Award
- 16 – Globally Important Bird Areas – 1/3 on Refuges
- 16 – Memorial to Rich Guadagno (9/11 victim)
- 17 – Wood storks thrive at Harris Neck
- 18 – Sacramento Refuge project with second graders...Chico's Wetlands Project – Take Pride in America award
- 19 – Sense of Wonder – Mary Timm, Tetlin Refuge
- 20 – Some victories in the nutria battle *Kathy Reshetiloff*

March – April 2004

- 1 – Conservation in Action Summit
- 3 – New refuges – Theodore Roosevelt Refuge, Holt Collier Refuge
- 4 – Edwin Drum Drummond – maintenance foreman Wichita Mountains Refuge (OK)
- 5 – Awards –
 - John Taylor, Bosque del Apache – Employee of the year

- Mike Bryant – Refuge manager of the year, Alligator River Refuge
- Ken and Darlene Fiske Volunteer of the year – Ding Darling and Maui
- Chincoteague Natural History Association (VA)– Friends Group of the Year

6 – Grand Excursion Flotilla 2004 – Upper Mississippi Refuge

7 –removing fence at Buenos Aires Refuge

7 – AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Tidal marsh restoration at Oregon Coast Refuge
- Havasu Refuge – Little Greenhouse project for students to plant trees

8-13 FOCUS ON CONSERVATION SUMMIT

- Five teams central to summit – science, wildlife dependent recreation, wildlife habitat, strategic growth, leadership
- Effectiveness of Refuge system
- New century of conservation challenges *Evan Hirsche*
- Partnerships *Marge Kolar*
- Achievements, anticipating future *Kathleen Maycroft*
- Dynamic Start to Shared priorities *Mark Musaus*

14 Bass Pro Partnership *Steve Farrell*

15 – Studies – herons (Missisquoi), bog turtles (Walkill River)

16 – MBNA donates \$200,000

16 – Sonoran pronghorn captive breeding program – Cabeza Prieta Refuge

17 – Habitat trunks – Audubon Refuge, North Dakota Outreach Team

18 – “Let’s Build a Refuge” – Detroit River International Refuge

18 – Prairie Wetlands Learning Center – Fergus Falls, MN

19 – Thoughts of a Detailee *Kate Vaughan*, Patuxent

19 – Boyer Chute Refuge– floodplain restoration

May June 2004

1 – Rocky Mt Arsenal formally transferred

3 – Caddo Lake Refuge acquires land

3 – Blue Goose logo selected again

4 – Recreation Fees – how they are used at Loxahatchee Refuge

6 – Habitat restoration at Great Swamp Refuge

7 – AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Fender’s blue butterfly – Baskette Slough Refuge
- Great Dismal Swamp Important Bird Area by Virginia Audubon Council
- Mark McGee Refuge Officer of the Year – Chincoteague
- Goose Days Festival – Camas Refuge
- Ice sculpted blue goose at Arctic, Kanuit, Yukon Flats

8 – 13 FOCUS ON CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Sunken Treasure at DeSoto – *Jennifer Stafford*
- Lewis and Clark – Chinookan plankhouse
- Restored Ranch at Malheur –*Susan Saul*
- Patuxent Wildlife research, conservation *Denise Tammany*

14 – Regional Friends workshops

- 15 – Ambassador program at Santa Ana Refuge
- 16 – Lewis and Clark Trail of Discovery on Big Muddy
- 16 – BayScaping at Eastern Neck Refuge
- 18 – John Harris – Engineer of the year, Alaska Maritime Refuge
- 19 – Updating fishing guide
- 19 – Trout swimming again in Necedah Refuge
- 20 – Waterfowl back in Kern Refuge

July August 2004

- 1 – shared priorities from Conservation in Action Summit
- 3 – Public comment on Bison Range Agreement
- 3 – Agreement with Tribal consortium at Yukon Flats Refuge
- 4 – Chase Lake probes pelican exodus
- 4 – restoration of First Bank of White Bluffs at Hanford Reach National Monument
- 5 – John Magera – Middle Mississippi Refuge manager – archer in summer Olympics
- 6 – Angela Tracy, Chincoteague recreation planner – Legends award
- 7 AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM
 - Nest count of royal terns in region 6
 - Red wolves breeding at Cape Romain Refuge (SC)
 - Blackwater – environmental award from Shore Leadership Alumni Assoc
 - Ed Britton, Upper Miss, DOI Superior Service Award for work on Lost Mound
 - Aurora Firth – junior duck stamp winner
- 8 – Hokulea voyages through Hawaiian Islands Refuge
- 10 – 17 FOCUS ON FIRE MANAGEMENT
 - Overview *Phil Street*
 - Reclaiming the Rio Grande – Bosque del Apache *Jesse Stanley*
 - Alaskan village reduces risk of wildland fire, Kanuti *Jody DeMeyere*
 - Partnership forged by fire – Okefenokee *Shawn Gillette*
 - Wildland Urban Interface *George O’Shea* Prime Hook, Great Dismal Swamp
 - Wildlife in Wilderness *Karen Miranda Gleason* Red Rock Lakes
 - Vegetation monitoring supports fire program –*Jeanne Holler* Sherburne REFUGE
 - Fire resurrects Oregon’s prairies *Brian Gales, Susan Saul* – Baskette Slough, William L. Finley
- 18 – Cahaba Refuge dedicated
- 19 – Circle of Trees marks Millennium at Pocosin Lakes Refuge
- 20 – Talking to George Bush *Ward Feurt* – Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve
- 20- Musctatuck Friends Learning Center dedicated
- 21 – First Friends group incorporated in Montana – Lee Metcalf
- 21 – Alaska Marine highway – tours on Tustumena ferry to Alaska Maritime Refuge
Doug Stuart
- 23 – Florida National Scenic trail extended in St Mark’s Refuge

Sept Oct 2004

- 1 – Conservation in Action theme National Wildlife Refuge Week
- 3 – Centennial Breton Refuge 92nd oldest)

- 4 – Brad Knudsen, Patuxent Refuge manager, Take Pride in America Federal Land manager award
- 5 – C.S. Johnson’s reports about Seney Refuge (MI)
- 6 - AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM
- Wildlife biologists discover endangered salt marsh voles at Lower Suwanee Refuge
 - Ron Fowler – 40 years with FWS; Coordinator of Land Acquisition Priority System
 - Migratory Bird Conservation Commission approvals
 - Patrick Carroll – Rudolph Dieffenbach Award
- 7 – SEWEE Center at Waccamaw Refuge (South Eastern Wildlife Environmental Education Association)
- 8 – 15 FOCUS ON HUNTING
- Hunters are early advocates of Refuge system *Matt Hogan*
 - Disabled hunt – Ace Basin
 - Earn a Buck increases doe harvest – Great Swamp *Craig Bitler*
 - Big game hunting tradition at Charles M Russell
 - Taking the Hunting message to the public *Andrea Stewart*
 - Spring brings first taste of meat to Alaska Natives *Mike Rearden*
- 16 – Prairie Science class celebrates year of learning – Prairie Wetlands Learning Center
- 17 – Texas brochures on native flowers of Rio Grande Valley - South Texas Refuges
- 18 – Wilderness Act signed in 1964
- 19 – Great Swamp first designated wilderness in 1968

Nov Dec 2004

- 1 – Glacial Ridge Refuge joins system
- 3 – In the eye of the storm *Jereme Phillips* – Hurricane Ivan, Bon Secour
- 4 – Refuge Awards – David Sibley, Martin Macdonald, Dr Leigh Frederickson, Rep Jim Saxton
- 5 – Ecology of human history *Jay Banta* Fish Springs Refuge
- 5 – 2005 Friends Conference
- 6 – cactus moth infestation at Cape Romain Refuge
- 6 – Sound safari for visually impaired at Minidoka Refuge
- 8 – 19 FOCUS ON WATER
- Got water? *John Trawicki*
 - South Texas Refuges battle drought *James Broska*
 - Water resource challenges in urban setting – *Tim Mayer* Kealia Pond Refuge
 - Historical fight for water rights (Brice McBride hydraulic engineer) *Megan Estep, Cheryl Williss*
 - Stream gauging in Alaska *Erik Tomsen*
 - Conserving freshwater mussels in Ohio River Refuge
 - Sono Bono Salton Sea Refuge (CA) *Chris Schoneman* California’s largest lake
 - Wetlands – Bear River Bay of Great Salt Lake (UT)
 - Refuge water quality central to Everglades – Loxahatchee (FL)
- 20 – Delaware Dept of Corrections workers at Prime Hook (DE)

- 21 –nesting habitat restored for threatened snowy plover – Willapa Refuge *Susan Saul*
- 22 – vegetation mapping at Canaan Valley (WV)
- 22 – endangered Laysan Ducks find new home in Midway Atoll

Jan – Feb 2005

- 1 – Refuge System future – habitat management tools
- 3 – Awards

- Friends of the Year – Friends of Black Bayou (LA)
- Volunteer of the year - Ervin Davis

- 4 – Growth of Refuge System

AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- John Schroer retires as manager of Chincoteague; Refuge manager of the year
- Elk and antlers excavated from wetland impoundment on Iroquois Refuge
- Laysan albatross nests counted amid gale-force winds in Dec 2004
- Wild hydra found for first time in Brazoria Refuge
- Hamden Slough REFUGE = Important Bird Area by Audubon Society Minnesota

- 6 – Centennial Scholarships

- 7 –Selendang Ayu oil spill

- 8 – 17 FOCUS ON SCIENCE IN THE REFUGES

- Overview *Dan Ashe*
- Coral reef research
- Back from the brink of extinction – Aleutian cackling goose *Poppy Benson*
- Predator control raises piping plover numbers *Amanda Avery* Chincoteague
- Understanding Sage-Grouse habitat *Susan Saul* Hart Mountain Refuge
- Ptarmigan – Alaska Maritime Refuge
- Land Management Research and Demonstration Refuges (LRMD)*Janith Taylor*
Hanford Reach Natl Monument, Bosque del Apache, National Elk, Rachel Carson, Neil Smith, Parker River

- 19 – Canada thistle *Scott Flaherty* Neal Smith, Fergus Falls – Morris – Litchfield WMD

- 20 - Blackwater Refuge is tourism hot spot

- 22 – Sights and sounds of the Refuge system – Refuge system DVDs *David Klinger*

- 22 – saving the sparrows – Rachel Carson, Stewart B. McKinney Refuge

- 24 – Friends groups grow by 6%

- 24 – Parker River – National Energy Award

- 26 – whooping cranes – Aransas Refuge, Patuxent, Chassahowitzka, Necedah

- 27 – The Nature Conservancy – National Land Protection Award 2004

- 28 – “Sea and Enjoy” is message to travelers – Bayou Cocodrie Refuge

Mar – Apr 2005

- 1 – Visitor satisfaction survey

- 3 – Honors – Roy Lowe, Refuge Manager of the year; Laura Brandt, employee of the year, Ervin Davis of National Bison Range, volunteer; Friends of Black Bayou

- 4 – prisoners planting seeds at Big Stone Refuge *Kim Bousquet*

- 4 – Loretta Beaumont on tight financial times, priority visitor centers

6 – Around the Refuge system

- Northern owls increasing – Rice Lake, Aggassiz
- Hotspots for birding in Texas – Santa Ana, Lower Rio Grande
- Togiak – walrus and Stellar sea lions increasing
- Habitat restoration – checker-mallow at BASKETT Slough
- Eagles counted at Blackwater
- Red-cockaded woodpecker at Okefenokee
- New overlook/kiosk at Walla Walla River Valley –McNary
- Yukon Delta – video conferencing for schools
- Students remove Chinese tallow from Lacassine
- Izembek Refuge (AK) – new Refuge manager Sandra Siekaniec
- In memoriam – Jack Waddell

8 – Anna Toness Master Naturalist Initiative

FOCUS HABITAT MANAGEMENT

- 10 - Land management challenges *Bob Adamcik*
- 10 - Tamaulipan Scrubland restoration at Lower Rio Grand *Chris Best*
- 12 – HMPs *Janith Taylor*
- 12 - Riparian restoration San Joaquin River *Kim Forrest*
- 14 - Reducing fire risk to benefit wildlife *Jenny Niemeyer*
- 16 - Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge HMP *Bridget Olson*
- 18 - Mississippi Roosevelt Refuge Complex – restored forests *Raye Nilius*
- 18 - Fulfilling the Promise on Habitat Management *Larry Williams*
- 20 – Caribbean Islands Refuge – restoring variable water levels *Stephen Earson*

22 – Bull Island archery hunt

24 – Duck Stamp

24 – Leatherback turtles Sandy Point Refuge, VI

26 – Malheur archaeologist breaks crime ring – Carla Burnside *Steve Farrell*

26 – prairie restoration Baskett Slough *Karen Viste-Sparkman*

27 – National Fishing and Boating Week/National Fishing Guide

28 – habitat management training available on the web

May June 2005

1 – Acres for America – Catahoula Refuge /National Fish and Wildlife Foundation/Wal-Mart

3 – New Friends organizations – Louisiana, Idaho (Friends resources, page 20)

4 – Yukon Delta Shorebird research

4 – Trilateral Protected Areas Managers Workshop

6 – AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Paul Gleason Lead by Example Award
- New trails at Assabet Refuge (MA)
- Migratory Bird Conservation Commission grants – Black Bayou; Silvio O Conte, Trinity River
- Historic resource preservation Web site
- Marquesas Keys sentencing
- Dinosaur discoveries at Charles M Russell
- Togiak walrus float in Dillingham parade

FOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY

- 8 – images that speak *Larry Richardson*
- 10 – focal point for Friends groups *Bill Buchanan*

- 12 – NANPA – North Am Nature Photography Association *Jane Kinne*
 - 13 – Bear River photographic blind
 - 14 – New photo contest, Black Bayou *Charles H. Heck*
- 15 – Holt Collier honored at Yazoo
 16 – Student Conservation Association *Rebecca Robertson*
 17 – David Sibley remarks during National Wildlife Refuge Week 2004
 18 – Spanish appears across the Refuge System
 21 – Steamboat Bertrand – DeSoto Refuge *Jennifer Stafford*
 22 – International partnerships at Balcones Canyonlands Refuge

Jul- August 2005

- 1 – Ivory billed woodpecker – rediscovery at Cache River Refuge (AR)
 3 – new fishing guide
 4 – Kauai Albatross Chicks
 5 – Half-millionth acre acquired for Refuges in Northeast
 6 – Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep on Charles M. Russell Refuge (MT)
 6 – Dick Gilbert – Bill Williams River Refuge – Legend Award
 7 – orphan fruit bat released on Guam

FOCUS TRAILS

- 8 – Anhuac Trails network *Andy Loranger*
- 10 – bog boardwalk in Silvio O Conte, NH *Holly Gaboriault*
- 10 – 2,500 miles of trails in Refuge system
- 12 – Great Meadows volunteers build trails
- 14 – Tamarac Refuge showcases Native Am traditions

AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Tualatin Songbird festival
 - Turkey hunts Minnesota Valley and Deep Fork
 - Pea Island virtual online education program
 - Yukon Delta collared moose in Kwethluk Moose Project
 - Pelican Island Elem School visits Pelican Island; college students at St Marks
 - Salt Plains Refuge students petition for selenite crystal to be state crystal
 - Willapa volunteers attack invasive gorse
 - Sierra Club volunteers at Buenos Aires R Refuge
- 20 – Skippy Reeves retires from Okefenokee
 21 – Hopper Mt Refuge (CA) hosted Japan's white crested ibis recovery team
 22 – Secy Norton visits Blackwater Refuge
 23 – Coral Reef scholars *Kassandra Cerveney, Tiffany Robinson*

Sept-Oct 2005

- 1 – Banking on Nature
 3 – Rita/Katrina destruction
 4 – Rhode Island/Kettle Pond Visitor Center = federal energy showcase
 5 – Breton Refuge (LA) oil spill – pelicans

AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Laysan ducks thriving at Midway
- Deeprooted sedge invasive in Texas
- Step Outside Day for people with disabilities at Sherburne Refuge Complex

- Bat house Univ of Florida and Lower Suwannee
- Eco-tourism award to Edwin J. Forsythe
- Pea Island celebrates Deaf Awareness Week – tips for accessibility by hearing impaired

8 - “*Age of Restoration*” Will be *Hallmark of this Century* by Mendel Stewart

8 – GPS mapping technology to fight invasives – training volunteers at Cache River

FOCUS – COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION PLANNING (CCP)

- 10 - Refuge Managers hold key to success *Rick Schultz*
- 10 – “Steady in the Storm” about Don Haultman *Dan Simmons, La Cross Tribune*
- 12 – awards for excellence – Richard Schroeder (USGS), Nisqually (outstanding planning); John Schomaker Great Lakes Region (planning staff)
- 12 – Refuge managers survey *John Schomaker*

14 – Minnesota Valley BioBlitz *Scott Flaherty* – tips on conducting a BioBlitz

16 – Least Bell’s Vireos appearing at San Joaquin *Kim Forrest*

18 – Assabet River – active Friends group

20 – Florida Panther Refuge opens to the public

22 – Largemouth bass at Big Muddy *Tim Haller*

23 – condor egg switch at Hopper Mountain Refuge - *Denise Stockton*

24 – new wolf litter at St Vincent Refuge

Nov-Dec 2005

1 – Mark Chase Refuge Law Enforcement Chief

3 – Pride awards –

- Mark Musaus, Friends of Anahuac
- Texas Master Naturalists
- Southern Nevada Interagency Volunteer program

4 – highways and wildlife

5 – Disney scholars (Tandi Perkins – sandhill cranes; Michael Anguiano – kingsnake)

6 – AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- North Dakota – Devils Lake WMD - purebred bison
- Oklahoma – Tishomingo - alligator snapping turtles
- Maine – Moosehorn eagle hatchlings
- Alaska – Tetlin - caribou banding
- Nevada – Ash Meadows - Jack Longstreet cabin
- Pacific Islands – Midway Atoll - *Casitas* shipwreck
- Virginia – Back Bay - sea turtle hatchlings

8 – Katrina diary

10 – FOCUS ON REACHING YOUTH

- Hanford Reach (*Ron Crouse*)
- Arts on the Refuge – poetry (Bosque del Apache Refuge)
- Salmon camp – Togiak (*Allen Miller*)
- Earth Day program – Roanoke River (*Sandy Edmondson*)

16 – Sense of Wonder – Poppy Benson

17 – Nisqually estuary restoration

18 – Chase Lake pelicans

19 – Bulls Island reunion – Burkett Neely and Warren Parker

20 – fire education – Tetlin *Mary Kwar*)

Jan-Feb 2006

- 1 – toxic cleanup at Sabine
- 3 – new arthropod (daddy long legs) at Kenai
- 4 – strategic thinking at regional Friends workshops
- 5 – state wildlife plans
- 6 – Wilderness Inquiry

AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Moosehorn Refuge landowner of the year in Maine
 - Improved database for STeller's eider at Izembek
 - New observation tower at Imperial Refuge, AZ
 - Greater Okefenokee Association of Landowners (GOAL) given Pulaski award for excellence in firefighting
 - American avocet seen for first time in Hawaii at Kealia Pond
 - Polar bear safety posters Arctic Refuge
 - 1,000 eagles at Klamath Basin Refuge (OR)
- 9 – Children's author Sneed Collard – Neal Smith Refuge (IA)

FOCUS INCIDENT COMMAND

- 10 – history *Art Latterell*
 - 10 – Mobilization *Rod Bloms*
 - 12 – ICS in action *Bill MOlumbly*
 - 12 – learning how it works *Kevin Conn*
- 14 – World Wilderness Congress *Nancy Roeper*
- 15 – Managing Wilderness Charles M Russell *Steve Henry*
- 16 – Marine Wilderness *Nancy Roeper*
- 18 – mottled ducks McFadden, Anahuac
- 19 – wounding loss
- 20 – Jerry Stroebele – mushing and retiring
- 21 – Yauhannah Bluff – Waccamaw Refuge, (SC) *Marshall Craig Sasser*
- 22 – Maine Salt Marsh

Mar-Apr 2006

- 1 – Farm Bill overview
- 3 – Ottawa Refuge beneficiary of record energy company fine
- 4 – Maximo software
- 4 – Ivory-billed woodpecker search
- 6 – Russian-American project with salamanders *Ken Clarkson*
- 6 – Pelican Island restoration in Florida
- 8 – Alaska Friends organize *Maeve Taylor*
- 9 - Wildfire tool for wildlife management *Karen Murphy*

FOCUS POLLINATORS

- 10 - Why should we care (*Bob Adamcik, Mike Higgins*)
- 10 - North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (*Kim Winter*)
- 12 - Buenos Aires corridor (*Bonnie Swarbrick*)
- 12 - Orchids (*Larry Richardson*)
- 14 - Prairie pollinators (*Scott Ford, Pauline Drobney*)
- 14 - Honeybees (*James Cane*)
- 16 - Pollinator friendly practices

18 – Yu’pik storytellers at Yukon Delta – waterfowl history

AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Record numbers of Laysan albatross at Midway
- Rainwater Basin harvesting native grass seed
- Nell Ruth Newkirk – White River Refuge – in memoriam
- Moose-vehicle collisions in Alaska
- Highway crossings for Florida panthers
- Moose population dropping at Agassiz Refuge
- Bald eagles at Upper Miss

21 – Environmental achievement awards to Kanuti, Brazoria, Sachuest Point

22 – Lava Tubes in Hawaii

23 – Awards

- Glenn Carowan Refuge Manager of the year
- John Schomaker employee of the year
- Tim Anderson Volunteer
- Friends of Great Swamp Friends of the Year

24 – Okefenokee land transfer from DuPont (*Shawn Gillette*)

25 – second Refuge DVD available

May-June 2006

1 – avian flu

3 – crime at Buenos Aires...immigration

4 – Laysan albatross transfer

4 – Blackwater Refuge development

6 – Heavy equipment management system (national coordinator)

7 – Bon Secour open after Katrina

8 – Great Plains Trail of Oklahoma

8 – Alan Peck mushing on serum run

FOCUS ON ANTIQUITIES

- The Other Lacey Act
- Fort Ruby
- 12 – research at National Elk Refuge Goetz site
- 12 – cane grinding at Okefenokee
- 14 – Palmito Ranch Battlefield/Lower Rio Grande Valley Refuge
- 14 – Swett’s Cabin – Mingo Refuge (*V Harp*)
- 16 – law enforcement – illegal treasure at Key West Refuge /Marquesas Keys

AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Canoes stolen in Oregon
- Interpretive signs on North Carolina ferries
- Humpback whale at Cape Island, SC
- Natural Resources Award to Arrowwood Refuge, ND
- Reading at the Refuge at Deer Flat Refuge (ID)
- Honors to Eugene Marino, Doug Vandegraft

20 – archery – Deep Fork and Cape Romain/Bulls Island

21 – Kodiak refugium (*Stacy Studebaker*)

22 – Salmon camp – Kodiak (*Tina Shaw*)

22 – Phosphorescent Bay Vieques Refuge (VI)

24 – students tracking caribou at Selawik

Jul-August 2006

1 – Rocky Mountain Arsenal clean up

3 – Avian influenza

4 – Biological Monitoring Team

5 – Awards

- Environmental Leadership-Mike Granger, Jim Burkhart
- Cooperative Conservation - Cathlapotle, Bahia Grande Restoration

AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Tualatin open for public use
- Pelicans at Chase Lake returning
- John Taylor memorial at Bosque
- Whooping cranes at Patuxent (MD) and Necedah Refuges (WI)
- Brian McManus new fire chief
- Muscatatuck Photography Club IN)

8 – Mercury at Lostwood Refuge (ND)

9 – Desert Bighorns

FOCUS TRANSPORTATION

- Oregon Coast Refuge activities
- Access for people amid wildlife (TEA-21)
- Recreation Trail Program
- Scenic byways
- FICMNEW
- Restoring habitat by building roads – Laguna Atascosa

19 – Hanford Reach service learning *Ron Crouse* (OR)

20 – land acquisition Eastern Shore Refuge

21 – Volunteer RVer Betty Mulcahy

22 – Florida panther

23 – Girl Scouts at Waubay Refuge (SD)

24 – Endangered bats – Great Swamp, Willapa, Ozark Plateau

26 – Koyukuk archaeology (Daniel Odess, Debra Corbett)

28 – Hartwig retires

Sept-Oct 2006

1 - New Policies

3 – Abnormal frogs

4 – Heavy equipment

5 - Birding Initiative

6 - Kennedy Space Center bird abatement

7 – Hawaii – new national marine monument

8 - Gwich'in brochures

9 – NAWCA grants

9 – Congressional caucus launched

FOCUS FARM BILL

- Reauthorization

- Glossary
- Conservation Initiatives
- planning
- Partners
- Tallahatchee
- CEAP

18 - Bombs to Bison – Lost Mound/Upper Mississippi Refuge

19 - Pride Awards – Roy Lowe, Mgr; Southern Nevada Interagency volunteer Program; Lauren Gibler (Deer Flat Refuge)

20 – National Wildlife Refuge Week (Lake Ilo, ND; Reelfoot, TN, Trinity River, TX;

21 - Salt marsh dieback (New England) – Rachel Carson Refuge

22 – Togiak salmon camera

23 - Walsh Ditch Fire Reunion – Seney Refuge

AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Firefighter training at Sheldon Refuge (NV)
- Blackbeard Island – more loggerheads nesting
- Riparian restoration at Sacramento Bay Refuge
- 3rd Refuge system DVD
- Night fishing at DeSoto Refuge (IA)
- Global ReLeaf – Lower Rio Grande, Flint Hills

26 - Feral Cats – Kauai, San Francisco Bay

27: new headquarters – Ohio River Islands, Middle Mississippi, Guam

28: Ding Darling cartoons.doc

Nov-Dec 2006

1 - Bonnie Swarbrick (Buenos Aires Refuge) bobwhite painting

1 - Standardized design

3: Least Bell's vireo

4: Lower Delta Tourism

5: Oceans

6: Volunteers

7: Katrina Cleanup

8: Upper Mississippi CCP

FOCUS ENDANGERED SPECIES

- Overview.doc
- Kirtland's Warbler.doc
- Attwater Chicken.doc
- Lake Wales.doc
- MSCP – Multi-Species Conservation Plan
- Microfauna – mussels Ohio River, harvest mouse
- Turtles
- White tailed deer
- Sonoran pronghorn
- Ash Meadows

24: Sense of Wonder - Sherry James, Rocky Mt Arsenal

24 – shorebird workshop at Big Stone and Morris WMD and Waubay Refuge

25 - Alternative Transportation – Patuxent, Santa Ana trams; Ding Darling planning

28 – Green Building awards – Missisquoi, RI Refuge and Kettle Pond

AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Kenai plane stuck
- Montezuma dance program
- Girl Scouts blue goose in South Dakota
- Richard and Sigurd Bjorklund in Illinois
- Hydrilla on Noxubee
- Bonnie Swarbrick award
- Bill McDermith obit
- Best Practices for Boundary Making

Jan – Feb 2007

1 - Conservation Planning Awards – Upper Mississippi Refuge (best support of Refuge planning), Rocky Flats Refuge (outstanding plan), Barry Brady (outstanding planning staff)

3 - Auklets on Farallon Islands

4 – NASCC – Little Pend Oreille, Gulf Coast Recovery Corps

5 – rare bees in South Carolina – Carolina Sandhills

6 – Get Fit Great Falls – Benton Lake Refuge

7 – Cooperative Conservation at Pearl Harbor Refuge – Barbers Point Naval Air Station

8 – Zeeger de Wilde – Blackwater Refuge volunteer (MD)

9 – Environmental Education - STOKED, Prairie Wetlands sod theatre, migration stewardship at Aransas, National Elk EE

FOCUS ENGAGING THE NEXT GENERATION

10 – ALDP

12 – SCEP – Bruce Butler

13 – YCC – Sarah Dawsey, Leticia Handy

14 – Scholars – Angie Battazzo, David Jachowski(Disney),

16 - Kassandra Cerveny (Sunia), Sara Ford (intern)

18 – Teaching the teachers – Heinz, Sevilleta, Patuxent

18 – Rebecca Halbe

AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Preserve America Grants honored by Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- Pink sand verbena discoveries at Leadbetter REFUGE
- Search and rescue at National Elk – Amanda Soliday
- Expansion of Rocky Mt Arsenal, Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge
- Blackwater = Rand McNalley Best of the Road
- Okefenokee records transferred to NCTC archive
- Duck Stamp winner Richard Clifton

23 – Seal Beach Refuge (CA) – Hog Island restoration

24 – Wilderness Training (Sam Hamilton)

25 – Meet Charles Rodgers, Yukon Delta airplane mechanic

26- Lower Rio Grand water delivery system – (Monica Monk)

28 – Bird call – chickadee in Arctic Refuge; Kittlitz's murrelet nest in Kodiak REFUGE

Mar-Apr 2007

- 1 – Bison – genetic-based management (Niobrara, National Bison Range, Sullys Hill, Rocky Mt Arsenal, Neal Smith)
- 3 – Togiak glaciers
- 4 – Friends Academy
- 5 – National Wildlife Refuge Assoc awards
 - Don Hultman – Refuge manager of the year (Upper Mississippi)
 - Marion Sansing – volunteer of the year (Noxubee)
 - Bill Giese – employee of the year (Blackwater)
- 6 – Beavers – Selawik
- 7 – Puffins – Seal Island
- 8 – A Day for the Birds – poem, Ray Conrad
- 9 – BAER – cultural resources in Alaska – Yukon Flats, Kanuti

FOCUS FISH CONSERVATION

- 10- overview – Mamie Parker
- 10 – Recreational Fishing and Boating Foundation
- 12 – National Fish Habitat Action Plan
- 12 – Trout
- 13 – Carp
- 16 Whatever happened to...
 - Desert bighorn sheep – Kofa
 - Kenai float plane removed
 - Nisqually salt marsh
 - Sonoran Pronghorn released – Cabeza Prieta

AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- whooping cranes at Aransas
- Tinicum marsh cleanup
- loggerhead sea turtle count down
- cranes killed by tornado (Chassahowitzka)
- Bitterroot Bill (Lee Metcalf)
- Kenai – award for hunter education
- Diane Borden-Billiot – outstanding women in southeast
- National Bison Range award for *Buffalo Country*
- 20 – Wildlife cooperatives – Larry Williams
- 21 – Hawk observation tower – Santa Ana
- 24 – Monomoy land bridge

May-June 2007

- 1 – Conservation Fund – GoZero
- 3 – Protecting birds from jets at Pocosin Lakes Refuge
- 4 – Dismal Swamp archaeology
- 5 – Moose, Bears, Wolves and people on Yukon Flats
- 6 – Fighting lygodium fern at Loxahatchee
- 7 – Remembering Rachel Carson
- 8 – 2006 National Realty Awards
 - Ross Grimwood – 2006 Rudolf Dieffenbach Award
 - Nature Conservancy, Montana – Land protection award

- Andrew French – Land Legacy Award
- 8 – Bird Call – white tailed eagle at Kilauea
 9 – 65th anniversary of Battle of Midway

FOCUS ON URBAN REFUGES

- Every Refuge is an urban Refuge – Emilyn Sheffield
 - Bair Island restoration
 - Multicultural education – Tualatin, Upper Mississippi, Rocky Mt Arsenal
 - Development – Sherburne, Balcones Canyonlands
 - EE for city kids – Eastern Massachusetts, Two Ponds, Heinz at Tinicum
 - Fire Management (Karen Miranda Gleason)
 - Water quality on urban Refuge – Minnesota Valley
- 18 – Stone Lakes burrowing owls
 19 – Stacy Studebaker gray whale – Kodiak
 20 – seals – collaboration with NOAA at Midway Atoll

AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Shari Boyd – Arctic Refuge and Literacy Council
 - Loxahatchee – Everglades through the eyes of children
 - STEigerwald/Franz Lake/Pierce Refuge E planning native shrubs
 - National Elk roving naturalists
 - Mattamuskeet Refuge DVD by foundation
 - Duck Stamp at Ding Darling
 - *Countering Resource Challenges* available
- 25 Building support at Vieques Refuge
 26 Hakalau Forest – *Susan Newton* journal
 28 – Barging in on the whooping crane – Aransas Refuge on River Explorer barge tour

July-August 2007

- 1 – Lange’s Metalmark butterfly – Antioch Dunes Refuge
 3 – Selawik and GLORIA
 4 – Green Café at Kettle Pond Visitor Center
 5 – Women in Outdoors – Squaw Creek, Muscatatuck, Noxubee
 6 – MN Valley volunteer training
 7 – Hosting Laura Bush at Midway Atoll Refuge

FOCUS LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Law enforcement on refuges – *Mark Chase*
 - Easement enforcement – Scott Kahan
 - Day in the life of officer/marijuana on Refuges – *Kevin Gormley*
 - Salt plains chemical vials
 - Community Policing
 - Dinosaurs – Charles M Russell Refuge (NT)
- 14 CARE – Restoring America’s Wildlife Legacy
 15 – Restoring the jewels of the prairie – WPAs, Devils Lake WMD – *Ken Torkelson*
 16 – geocaching – Upper Mississippi Refuge
 17 – Okefenokee fire

AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Humpback whale rescue – San Francisco Bay Refuge

- Blackwater observatory
 - Detroit River byways to flyways
 - Basket Slough dedicated to Rich Guadagno
 - Three Arch Rocks puffin pale ale
 - In memoriam - Richard Hoppe
- 20 – creating a prairie mosaic – Devils Lake WMD – *Mark Fisher* – Pulling Together Initiative
- 21 – Big Sit
- 22 – Preserve America Awards – PAST in Hawaii, Blackwater video kiosks, Iowa Refuges on iPods
- 23 Awards
- Dawn Grafe – Legends
 - Glen and Carolle Aldinger – Take Pride volunteers
 - Steve Brimm – Land Manager
 - Distinguished Service – Dennis Widner, Larry Mallard, Philip Stewart, Rob Jess
- 25 Ocelot recovery at Laguna Atascosa
- 27 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and wildlife-assoc recreation
- 28 Whatever happened to...
- Whooping cranes – last survivor of tornado dies; new class is big
 - Pronghorn fawns born in captivity
 - Chase Lake pelicans back to normal

September – October 2007

Lower left – highlight on Refuge improvement act

- 1 – Friends Academy
- 3 – Japanese MIAs at Alaska Maritime Refuge
- 4 – Louisiana Refuges recovering from Katrina
- 5 – Kodiak Brown Bears (William Leacock)
- 6 – Harold Burgess (Santa Ana NW)
- 7 – Chadd Smith (Kauai Refuge Complex)

FOCUS ON REFUGE IMPROVEMENT ACGT

- 8-9 – Diplomacy, Leadership, Compromise – *Dan Ashe*
 - 10 – 10 years of improvement – *Cong Jim Saxton*
 - VFEs on Refuges
 - – Alaska’s Refuges and the improvement act – *Mike Boylan*
 - – Reflections on the anniversary *Robert Fischman*
 - – Biological framework – *Bob Adamcik*
 - – Is the Refuge Improvement Act all Wet? *Evan Hirsche*
 - – My Leadership Journey *Maeve Taylor*
 - - SES –*Rick Schultz, Todd Logan, Greg Siekaniec*
- 20 – Invasive e-learning (<http://www.fws.gov/invasives/volunteersTrainingModule/index.html>)
- 21 – Nisqually – Grays Harbor Refuge shorebird adaptations + Birdwise TV show

AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- National Elk – Journals and JPGs environmental education
- Rocky Mt Arsenal – Notable Achievements Award for Land Revitalization
- Rocky Flats – 548th Refuge
- Waccamaw – new Cox Ferry Lake Recreation Area
- Tishomingo Refuge OK – release alligator snapping turtles
- Ottawa Refuge – Ohio – Important Bird Area by Ohio Audubon

- Patuxent – return of whooping crane feathers
 - Obits – Eugene Kridler, Stuart Keeble (memorial backpacks in Rhode Island)
- 25 – Black ducks – Cape May, Edwin Forsythe Refuge *Dane Cramer*
 27 – Am Crocodile makes a comeback *Steve Klett*
 28 – Bird Call – snowy plover at Long Lake National Wildlife Refuge in ND (Paul Van Ningen)

November-Dec 2007

Lower left – new Refuge friends groups

- 1 – Banking on Nature
- 3 – Laura Bush and the Marine Debris Initiative
- 4 – Ding Darling algae
- 5 – M/V Tiglax
- 6 – Seney Refuge and the common terns (Francine Cuthbert/Greg Corace)
- 7 – Yukon Delta and Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (Mike Rearden)

FOCUS ON A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT

- 8 – Silvio O. Conte – Connecticut River watershed
 - 8 – Detroit River and the bank swallows in the dolomite *Greg Norwood*
 - 10 – Bitter Lake and the Pecos River *Paul Tashjian*
 - 10 – Brook trout in Minnesota Valley REFUGE *chuck Traxler*
 - 12 – Malheur water rights (Chad Karges)
 - 12 – Ft Niobrara recreation management plan (Kathy McPeak)
- 14 – Sevilleta *Renee Robichaud*
 15 – Sense of Wonder Frances McTamaney

AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Alaska Maritime – gun emplacement death trap for murre
 - Six congressmen honored (CARE)
 - Mingo Refuge Missouri – alligator gar
 - National Elk cygnets
 - Bombay Hook family scavenger photo hunts
 - Rocky Mt Arsenal – stapleton airport concrete
- 18 – Caddo Lake REFUGE in Texas fights giant salvinia
 19 – Whittlesey Creek Invasive Free Zone
 20 – Mini-joint grazing venture on Lostwood Refuge in ND
 21 – Awards for protecting land and going green –
- Papio Missouri River Natural Resource District – National Land Protection Award
 - Wm McCoy – mgr Patoka River Refuge in Indiana – Land Legacy Award
 - Alaska Peninsula/Becharf – Environmental Achievement
- 23 – Three Arch Rocks celebrates centennial
 24 – Whatever happened to...
 - Ivory billed woodpecker
 - Selandang Ayu oil and soybean spill

Jan-Feb 2008

- 1 – Connecting children with nature (Upper Miss,
- 3 - Fire in California (Hopper Mt, San Diego REFUGE), drought in east (Harris Neck, Santee)
- 4 – Attwater Prairie Chicken Recovery (*Terry Rossignol*)

- 5 – Hooked on Nature *Noah Kahn, Defenders of Wildlife*
6 – Disney Scholars
7 – Ten Most Endangered Refuges – Defenders of Wildlife

FOCUS CONTAMINANTS

- 8–9 Mercury in songbirds in New England
- 8–9 Mercury in Waterbirds in San Francisco Bay
- 10-11 Military contaminants at Mountain Longleaf REFUGE
- 10-11 Wetland restoration at Heinz and Pocosin
- 12-13 Landfill siting in NC *Sara Ward*
- 12-13 Deep Fork restoration after sewage release *Karen Cathey*
- 14-15 Oil spill response
- 14-15 Oil pits

16 – Wood duck surveys in North Dakota *Christopher Nicolai*

17 – ATTPL grants – tram, planning

18-19 – Volunteers – Dave Shuckstes at Cape Romain, Joel Brown on Plover Patrol, Todd Finlayson at Midway

AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Florida – sea turtles and box cars (Merritt)
- New York – FAA transfers land to Long Island REFUGE
- Massachusetts – Assabet REFUGE and Lisa Nevin novelist
- Texas – Sea turtle patrol on Matagorda Island
- Michigan – Shiawassee partnership with Detroit Edison
- Awards – Georgia Shirilla = Rudolf Dieffenbach

22–23 Whatever happened to
Kodiak Gray Whale
Big Sit

24 – DVD #23

27 – Saving Money on heavy iron

28 - Eaglet rescue at Upper Miss

Mar-April 2008

1 – Agreement with Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology

3 - Florida manatees – Crystal River Refuge

4 – President Bush visits Patuxent NWSR *Brad Knudsen*

5 - water shortage – Eufaula Refuge (AL)

6 – Interns - San Luis Refuge *Jack Sparks*

7 – Moss – Alaska Maritime (Stephen Talbot, Wils Schofield)

FOCUS BIRDING

- 8-9 – Building Connections with America’s Birders *Maggie O’Connell*
- 9-10 – Quivira Refuge + Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area
- 11-12 – Birding Partnerships – Lower Rio Grande Refuge, Roma Bluffs World Birding Center
- 12-13 – Next generation of birders – Aransas Refuge, San Luis Valley Refuge, Neal Smith Refuge
- 12-13 – Alaska Checklist *Toby Burke*
- Wood ducks at Tualatin River Refuge
- 14-15 – Merritt Island Refuge *Dorn Whitmore*

16 – Illegal immigrant damage to Refuges – Cabeza Prieta Refuge *Michael Lusk*

17 – Year long celebration – Lower Klamath Refuge *Michele Nuss*

18 – Maintenance Action Team –Clarence Cannon Refuge, Great River Refuge *Chuck Traxler*

19 – Nutria – Blackwater Refuge

AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Texas – whooping cranes – Aransas Refuge
- Florida – Honduran flies at Loxahatchee Refuge
- Washington – restoration at Nisqually Refuge
- Mississippi – Mississippi Sand Hill Crane, Grand Bay, Bon Secour Refuge partnership with Southeast Wildlife Conservation Group to reclaim natural environments
- Midway Atoll – breeding colony Laysan albatross –
- Oklahoma – Farm Bureau Family of the Year – Jody and Paula Sloan
- Louisiana – saving Christmas trees for Bayou Sauvage Refuge
- Oregon – Malheur Refuge site for Federal Law Enforcement Training Center filming

22 – Waterfowl Production Areas – Rainwater Basic Wetland Management District *Mark Pfost*

24 – A Look Back: J. Clark Salyer

May June 2008

1 – Protecting the path of the pronghorn

1 - Risk of wildfire (graph)

3 – Refuge Awards

- Friends of Sherburne Refuge – Friends group of the year
- Clyde Morris – Employee of the year
- Kevin Brennan – manager of the year
- John Bertrand – volunteer of the year (Bosque del Apache REFUGE)

4 – Ridding Rat Island of its Rats

5 – Theft from archeological sites (Santee, Alaska Maritime, Desert, Sheldon, Key West, Blackbeard)

Rick Kanaski

6 – Iditarod National Historic Trail *Debra Corbett*

7 – Cap May Refuge creates overwash to expand nesting habitat for piping plover

8 – Colonial Waterbird Survey

9 – Firewood delivered to Vernonia, OR

10-19 FOCUS – Through the Eyes of Children

- Let's Go Outside *Rick Lemon, Janet Ady*
- Ask the Lady – Cape May Refuge *Melinda Abrazado*
- Wetland classroom at Buenos Aires Refuge
- Urban wildlands ecology camp at McMurray Prk, Richland WA (Friends of Mid-Columbia River Refuges)
- Girl Scouts at Tualatin Refuge – ECO-Gig
- Jewels of the Nebraska Sandhills – Valentine National Wildlife Refuge
- Calendar competition in Alaska *Terry Fuller*
- Refuges as classrooms – St Marks
- Hooked on Fishing – Forsythe
- War on Invasives and kids *Jenny Ericson*

20-21 AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- New Mexico – oreodont in Bosque del Apache
- Kansas – study of white tailed deer in Quivira Refuge
- Louisiana – Sabine reopens Creole Nature Trail
- Puerto Rico – clean-up of Vieques Refuge
- California – vernal pool habitat added to Don Edwards San Francisco Bay Refuge

- Wyoming – National Elk uses digital photography for animal counts
 - New Jersey – Great Swamp refurbishes farmhouse as visitor center
 - Nevada – Sheldon Refuge plan for feral horses and burros
- 22 Clayton Christenson – Charles M. Russell Refuge truck driver
- 23 – Midway tours
- 24 – Restoring habitat along the lower Colorado River – Imperial Refuge (AZ) *Lesley Fitzpatrick*
- 25 – Life Stories – Heritage Program – Retirees’ Almanac
- 26 – Chinese experts visit San Francisco Bay Refuge
- 28 – Look Bake – Jake Valentine

July-August 2008

- 1 – First-ever Leadership Day Set for October 27
- 3 – Aplomado falcons – Laguna Atascosa, Lower Rio Grande Valley, Aransas
- 4 – Border protection vs wildlife – Cabeza Prieta
- 5 – Whooping cranes – Necedah, Chassahowitzka
- 6 – Botulism is killing waterbirds – Seney *Mark Breederland, Joyce Daniels*
- 7 – Funding Agreement for Bison Range Complex – National Bison Range

FOCUS – STRATEGIC HABITAT CONSERVATION

- Fulfilling the mission – *Kathryn Owens, Dan Ashe*
- Acronyms – *Michael Runge*
- Managing habitat *Melinda Knutson, Hal Laskowski*
- Migratory Birds – *Patricia Heglund, Tony Leger, Hal Laskowski, Socheata Lor*
- Strategic Habitat Conservation (SHC) as a natural fit – *Mike Bryant, Pete Campbell*
- Laughing Gull strategy – Maine Coastal Islands *Janith Taylor*
- Scientist-Decision Make collaborations – *Gaye Farris*
- Refining SHC – *Pauline Drobney, Greg Corace, Jeanne Holler*

18-19 AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Sacramento – goats
 - Bombay Hook, Prime Hook – wood sandpiper, snowy egret
 - National Trails – Funk Peterson Wildlife Trail, Canyon Trail (Bosque del Apache), Chupadera Wilderness Trail
 - Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge leg of the Fort Totten Trail
 - Sullys Hill Nature Trail
 - Yukon Flats – moose mural
 - Corn Creek Ranch – Desert National Wildlife Refuge
 - Billy Warren – volunteer, Cape Romain
- 20 - Ivory Billed Woodpecker – Cache River
- 21 – Major Acquisition for Glacial Ridge Refuge
- 22 – Wage grade workshop at Kenai
- 23 – Blackwater’s new library
- 24 – Look Back – Lucille Farrier Stickel

September-October 2008

- 1 – MSI Report – independent analysis
- 3 – Gulf Coast Refuges rebuilding after Hurricane Ike
- 4 – Preparing Iowa Firefighters for prescribed burns
- 5 – Mississippi Sandhill Cranes *Emily Neidigh, Mississippi Sandhill National Wildlife Refuge*

6 – Big Eye Cabin restored at Kofa Refuge (AZ)

7 – National Wildlife Refuge Week

8 – 13 FOCUS – WETLANDS

- 8 – South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project – Don Edwards San Francisco Bay Refuge (CA)
- 8 – Hobe Sound Refuge (FL)
- 10 – Small Wetlands Program
- 10 – Green Tree Reservoirs – Felsenthal Refuge (AR)
- 12 – Ash Meadow Refuge – desert oasis in NV *Christine Nalen*
- 12 – Oregon Coast Refuge – Nestucca Bay Refuge (OR) *Roy Lowe*

14 – Realty Awards

- Ken Clough – Rudolph Dieffenbach Award
- Thomas Tornow – Land Legacy Award
- Richard Erdmann (The Conservation Fund) – National Land Protection Award

15 – Fighting English ivy at Siletz Bay Refuge (OR) *Dawn Grafe*

16 – Masked Bobwhites – Buenos Aires Refuge (AZ) *Mary Hunnicutt*

17 – Lange's Metalmark Butterfly – Antioch Dunes Refuge (CA)

18-19 AROUND THE REFUGE SYSTEM

- Alaska – Kanuti Refuge Dragonfly Day
- California – Richard Guadagno scholarships at Humboldt Bay Refuge (CA)
- Massachusetts – Parker River Refuge – bridge dedication, Great Marsh part of Western Hemispheric Shorebird Network
- Kansas – Marais des Cygnes Refuge and Ground Zero

21 – Mountain Prairie Region's Bring Your Kids to Work Day *Irene James Guertin*

22 – Master Naturalist training at Edwin B. Forsythe Refuge (NJ)

23 – Key West Refuge 100th anniversary (FL)

24 – Look Back: Tom Atkeson