

Birdsong Nature Center

November-December 2020

TRAILS OPEN WEEKENDS ONLY; HOUSE AND BIRD WINDOW REMAIN CLOSED.

Hours: Saturdays 9 to 5

Sundays 1 to 5

Please see our website at www.birdsongnaturecenter.org in advance of your visit for our COVID safety protocol requirements and to confirm the hours of operation below. These hours may change due to COVID concerns.

November

Saturdays and Sundays only, trails open
Free Family Day on November 7th

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

**Open through Sunday December 20th,
then closed for the holidays. Reopening
on Saturday, January 9th, 2021.**

December

Saturdays and Sundays only, trails open
Free Family Day on Saturday, December 5th

Admission: members, free; non-member adults, \$5.00; children 12 and under, \$2.50

Please check our website www.birdsongnaturecenter.org at the end of every month for information about the following month's open/closed status and hours of operation. We expect the trails to be open on weekends only in November and December, hours above.

Dear Friends,

What a humbling honor it has been to witness the incredibly generous outpouring of support for Birdsong's 2020 Summer Appeal. All of you, our loyal members, donors, and supporters have made this special fund-raising effort a remarkable success and we could not be more grateful. The Summer Appeal was inaugurated in late July to help Birdsong recover from the severe financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, with the resultant closure and cancelation of the Old-Timey Plant Sale, and cessation of revenue-generating programs and events normally offered during spring and summer. We set an ambitious goal of raising \$50,000 for Birdsong operations. We are delighted to announce that because of you - your generosity and care - that goal has been exceeded! We could not be more thrilled, more humbled, or more genuinely appreciative of the incredible support you have provided. Your support is enabling us to get through this economically challenging year. We cannot thank you enough.

At this time last year, we wrote of the Nature Center's work with Tall Timbers Research Station in applying for a Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program grant to place 444 acres of Birdsong's property under a conservation easement with Tall Timbers. (See Nov - Dec 2019 Newsletter at birdsongnaturecenter.org/Newsletter/.) Our proposal was not funded last time, but we have just completed our application for a 2020 GOSP grant and we feel confident that we have made an even stronger case for support than last year. Our sincere thanks to Shane Wellendorf, Kim Sash, and Jessica Coker of Tall Timbers, and to our own Executive Director, Kathleen Brady, for their exceptional and dedicated efforts in writing and submitting the GOSP grant application. We also thank our Board members for their work, especially Margaret Tyson. Completing this proposal was a monumental task and we are deeply appreciative of everyone's excellent contributions. We expect to learn sometime in January how the Birdsong / Tall Timbers partnership fared.

Warmest wishes from Birdsong for a much happier and very healthy 2021! Please visit one weekend soon and, as always, let us know of interesting observations along the trails.

With warmest regards,
Joe Peresich, Board President

OUR ON-GOING PLANT SALE

Birdsong is continuing to sell plants on weekends. We have new and different plants most weeks so be sure to look at the current selection when you come.

However our plant sale is conducted, whether it is the huge spring extravaganza of the pre-Covid years, a “virtual” sale we are considering for the future, or these little ongoing weekend sales, we worry about the future. What will happen when our original team of stalwart workers and plant growers gets old and tired? The sale depends on volunteers to grow and tend the thousands of plants we sell. The work is hard, endless, and demanding. So it was with great joy that we discovered a new and enthusiastic plant donor, Barbara Altork. Barbara is the daughter of Betty Jinright, a Thomasville gardener who was famous for her extensive knowledge and accomplishments in horticulture. Barbara is growing many of Betty’s plants from cuttings and division for Birdsong. Here are a few she has ready now. All of these will be for sale at Birdsong starting on November 7th and all will benefit by being planted in the fall and early winter.

Heirloom Gardenia — Betty Jinright prized this particular gardenia because of the flat shaped bloom and its upright position on the stem. She called it the “corsage gardenia” because it will last for several days after picking (unlike some which will wilt right away).

Nuns Orchid — This is a highly sought after plant! It is easy to grow and a reliable bloomer in late winter and spring. The bloom is spectacular. (Keep inside for winter).

Acuba — A great plant for hiding something ugly on the shady side of the house. Big evergreen leaves. Barbara rooted these from cuttings from Betty’s plants she had planted around the air conditioning unit. We have the solid green Acuba and a lovely variegated one.

Robin Hill Azaleas — From The Robin Hill Collection, bred and selected by amateur horticulturist Robert Gartrell. This is an exquisite azalea! Big white flowers delicately marked with shell pink bloom in May. Good foliage on a compact plant. Betty grew these in the dappled shade in a big circle in front of the house.

Yellow Walking Iris — Blooms off and on all year long. Attractive fan shaped foliage. Small plantlets forming on the end of the flowering stalk bend over and take root where they touch the ground. Easy to pull up if they “walk” where you don’t want them.

Thank you, Barbara!

- June White
Plant Sale Chair

MASKS A Fundraiser Created by Lynn Brown

Our neighbor, supporter, and volunteer Lynn Brown contacted us in late summer about an idea she had for a fundraiser. Lynn is an accomplished seamstress and she offered to make a collection of masks for us to sell. She brought over some examples and we were delighted – her masks are made of cotton fabric in all kinds of interesting nature-related patterns and are lined with a contrasting solid color. Lynn has chosen some wonderful patterns: chickadees, wildlife, pine cones, a variety of flowers, butterflies, bees, stars in the night sky, backyard birds, and many more. The masks are interesting, beautiful, very well-made, and most of all, comfortable to wear! Lynette Hitt, our Greeter, has been selling these at the checkpoint where people register upon arriving at Birdsong and they are on display there. Lynn’s husband, Duane, built a very good-looking portable display frame for the masks – we can just clip them on the wire mesh of the frame and people can see them from their cars. We have sold out of several patterns, but Lynn keeps bringing us new ones, and we have plenty in stock.

The masks cost \$8, including tax. So far this creative fundraiser has brought in over \$500 and many customers have bought them as gifts. Lynn is planning to add to the nature-themed repertoire with a series of new masks with Christmas and holiday patterns. Please have a look at the collection next time you come to visit – if you want a stylish, nature-themed mask, we have them!

We want to offer our sincere thanks to Lynn for her entrepreneurial fundraising idea, so appropriate in the age of Covid. She is donating all supplies. We thank her for her beautiful handiwork and for her generosity to Birdsong. We also thank Duane for the nice display frame.

Thank you, Lynn and Duane!

IN MEMORY OF MIRHI CHILDS

Our friend and Office Manager, Mirhi Childs, died unexpectedly on Thursday the 3rd of September. Mirhi had been having a great deal of pain all summer due to a severe ankle injury; it got so bad she could not even walk. Her doctors arrived at a treatment plan for an eventual ankle replacement. Her good friend Dave Lang had taken her to the Veteran's Administration hospital in Lake City for her first operation in preparation for the replacement. Apparently, right at the end of the surgery her blood pressure dropped and the doctors had trouble stabilizing her. She was airlifted to a hospital in Gainesville and the doctors did all they could, but she had a massive heart attack and they could not save her life.

This happened six weeks ago and we are still devastated. I had talked to Mirhi the day before the procedure and she was so hopeful and upbeat about finally being able to walk again after the upcoming surgeries. She was going to call me the next day and let me know how everything went. We were prepared for taking work to her at home during her recovery. Dave called me that Thursday night to tell me that she had not made it through. What a profound shock.

Mirhi had been our office manager for nine years, longer than any other person in that position. She did not have any living family members, but Birdsong was her family – she had developed bonds with the people she worked with here – all our staff and volunteers and the many members she interacted with over the years, and we cared about her.

Mirhi had an interesting life. She started college in the late 1960's at Madison Wisconsin, found it was not for her and joined the Marines. She was involved in a service-related life-threatening plane crash, spent a year in the hospital and was honorably discharged. She got an accounting degree from Emory University in Atlanta, and lived in St. Pete for many years before moving to Cairo, Georgia in 2006. She became a Birdsong member and visited frequently. She was an excellent photographer and took beautiful photographs of natural scenes, wildflowers, and birds. She also made extraordinary nature-related stained glass art. She started working as our Office Manager in 2011.

Mirhi was a unique individual. She was one of the most authentic and practical people you could ever meet – she had no patience with drama or pettiness and flat out wouldn't tolerate any nonsense. She was also incredibly funny and some of my favorite moments with her happened first thing in the morning as we were gearing up for work; she would give me the Cat Report and tell me all the latest crazy antics her six cats had been up to the night before. That, or one of her hilarious political commentaries. It was always good to start the workday with the kind of laugh that had one or both of us about to fall out of our chairs. She was also a fierce defender of animals and loved the environment, wildlife and all pets. She had a big family of rescued cats and a beagle named Pansy, also a rescue. She also was an accomplished gardener, knew a lot about plants, and was one of the Plant Sale's best customers. She had a beautiful garden at home, with a wonderful water feature and bird feeding stations.

Mirhi was very independent, had her own way of doing her job, and we relied on her for everything office and business related. She was always here, always reliably present 9 to 5, five days a week, doing her job and taking care of business, greeting our volunteers and visitors – an integral member of the Birdsong family. Mirhi really loved Birdsong, loved everything about it. One of our favorite things to do was to ride out in the mule to check on a burn, or check on some current natural phenomenon. She was particularly proud of our 17 acres of planted longleaf pines – she loved checking on their progress. She also enjoyed feeding the birds every morning and as described in a past newsletter, had a relationship with a pair of Red-bellied Woodpeckers that would wait impatiently for her at the house, hammering on the roof flashing when she didn't get over there soon enough to put out the suet for them. For those of us who saw her daily, or frequently, Mirhi's constant presence was something we could all rely on – now she is gone and we are at a loss. Alan Parker, our Land Management Assistant, was good friends with Mirhi. He has adopted Mirhi's beagle, Pansy, and she is doing fine. Mirhi would be very pleased about that.

We have been trying to figure out how to best celebrate Mirhi's life with her closest friends and the entire Birdsong family. We originally thought we'd have a gathering in November and invite everyone who knew her via the newsletter, but because Covid presents so many limitations on a group getting together, we are now holding off until next year. Depending on the status of Covid, we may have a celebration around her birthday in February, but if that is still not feasible, we'll wait until later in the spring. We will definitely hold a celebration of her life and all of you who knew her and cared about her are invited. We'll keep you informed of our plans by email and in the newsletter.

For any of you who may have any outstanding transactions with Birdsong going back to September, please bear with us as we try to pick up the bookkeeping where Mirhi left off. It is taking me a while to sort out how things were done, and I am still trying to catch up, even with the kind help of several volunteers, so feel free to call or email if you have any questions or concerns. I truly thank you for your patience..

Thank you very much to those of you who have sent beautiful heartfelt messages, cards, and donations. Your support really helps. Mirhi would be very moved by your obvious appreciation and affection for her. She was not one to show or discuss feelings, but she cared a lot about her Birdsong friends.

These words about Mirhi are in no way sufficient to describe the life and the immeasurable value of such an interesting and genuine person. We feel deeply bereft and are still trying to get used to the unthinkable notion that she has left us. We are fortunate to have known Mirhi Childs – she was one of a kind.

Several people have asked about making donations in Mirhi's memory. Her three favorite charities were Birdsong Nature Center, www.birdsongnaturecenter.org; Miss Kitty Feline Sanctuary in Thomasville, GA, www.misskittysanctuary.com; and Beagle Freedom Project, www.bfp.org. Thank you for thinking of her.

- Kathleen Brady

HIRING: PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER AND OFFICE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Birdsong has a part-time position open. We are seeking an individual with excellent bookkeeping skills who would enjoy keeping a small non-profit business office running at its professional best.

Hours: 12 to 16 hours per week, working at the Birdsong office, some flexibility in the schedule. Hours may occasionally increase depending on Center activities.

Pay: \$12 to \$15 per hour. Rate based on qualifications and experience.

Qualifications: 3 to 5 years of professional bookkeeping experience and experience with office management. Proficiency in Quickbooks (Birdsong currently is using Quickbooks 2017).

Preferred: We would prefer to hire someone capable of helping us transition to Quickbooks Online, the Not-for-Profit version, at the beginning of 2021.

The bookkeeper will prepare monthly Quickbooks reports and bank reconciliations for our CPA, who will then do the final monthly accounting.

Additional skills: Excellent computer skills, familiarity with office equipment, ability to do data entry and processing for memberships and donations, maintenance of the member database and email list, handle basic clerical tasks, and be capable of engaging in outdoor tasks in support of Center activities. This person will also provide support to the Executive Director.

We require someone with reliable personal transportation who can run errands in Thomasville, Cairo, and Tallahassee. We reimburse for mileage.

Please send a resume, either hard copy or by email, to Kathleen Brady, Executive Director, Birdsong Nature Center, 2106 Meridian Road, Thomasville, GA 31792 or birdsong@birdsongnaturecenter.org. For questions, call 229-377-4408.

SUMMER APPEAL 2020

Thank you!

To all our dear friends who continue to respond so generously to the Summer Appeal: thank you. We are deeply touched by your heartfelt gifts and messages of support. We wish you the best of health and happiness as we head into fall and cooler weather. We hope to see you sometime very soon. *Thank you.*

FREE FAMILY DAYS

First Saturdays: November 7 and December 5

On first Saturdays admission is free and we will offer a \$5-off membership special. If you know of any families who have never been to Birdsong, please let them know about this opportunity. This is a nice chance for first-time visitors to enjoy the trails and get to know the property.

Admission: free

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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT NOTES

October 20, 2020

Weather In early September we finally started waking up to a few cool mornings and dry air – what a welcome surprise! We'd gotten to the end of our patience with the relentless heat and humidity of August. Although we have had a few good rains in September (we received 2.58 inches on the 11th and 5.70 inches on the 17th, with a total of 10.80 inches for the month), we are still in a rainfall deficit. We've only had 0.15 inches recorded so far for the month of October. Most of the ponds are not really filling up and there is no water draining out of Big Bay Swamp. Oddly, although there is plenty of water in the Spring Pond, there is hardly any in the Frog Pond. The pond bottom is covered with a pale green grass; it has been blooming and thriving for weeks, with only a small pool of water in the center. We don't know what this will mean for our frogs...As much as we'd love to have some really good rain, we are grateful to not have experienced a hurricane this year – but do feel sorry for what our neighbors to the west are dealing with out in Louisiana, with two hits in a row.

The dry weather and still mostly warm temperatures have resulted in very little leaf color so far. The leaves are now turning brown or yellow and falling...No colorful vista on the mixed hardwood perimeter of the Gin House Field this year.

Wildflowers and Grasses In just the past two weeks, Birdsong's fields and forests have exploded into a wild color palette of mixed pinks, purples, and gold. Everywhere you go there is a huge colorful display to view – it is exuberant, vibrant, alive - and I guarantee that just walking the trails amidst all this profuse and assertive cheerfulness will make you feel better!

You don't have to walk far – the House Pasture, Squirrel Woods, and Gin House Field are all putting on a show. Just in the past few days the Narrow-leaved Sunflower burst forth – only about 5 days ago when walking the House Pasture loop I was wondering where the sunflowers were – usually they are a dominant feature. Well, they showed up, and now the House Pasture is a sea of gold and it is a thing of beauty...

All over Birdsong, in various patches, swaths, and in some places along an entire trail edge, you can see an abundance of sunflowers, goldenrod, *Pityopsis*, blue mistflower, and the elegant wand-like *Liatris*. Blue Curl, Boneset, *Eupatorium*, and *Lobelia* are also scattered around the property. There are many different types of beggarlice, of all sizes and colors too – their triangular velcro-like seeds are guaranteed to find your shoelaces and socks and stick there until you pick them off one by one...if they get on your pants, no problem, you can just use a dull knife and scrape them off, but socks and shoelaces are a challenge. What an effective seed-dispersal strategy!

There are many species of *Agalinis* in the southeast, but the one we are most familiar with at Birdsong is *Agalinis purpurea* or False Foxglove. It is having an especially good season – it can be seen everywhere, but there are dense patches of it in the House Pasture, Gin House and Lewis Field. It is a beautiful tall plant with long curving stems dotted with deep pink tubular flowers. These are extremely attractive to all kinds of pollinators; you can count lots of different bees and wasps in one quick observation. This plant is also the host plant for the Buckeye butterfly and even now there are caterpillars of all sizes on many plants. They have harmless black spines along the body and are voracious eaters. If you haven't experienced *Agalinis* before, you will fall in love with this fall wildflower – it

is a beauty.

Another interesting *Agalinis* species, (*A. tenuifolia*?) is also making a major appearance this year. We have been mentioning it for the last several autumns and it is well worth looking for right now. This species is quite different from the larger False Foxglove. The plant is much smaller, bushy, and more intricate; the pink flowers are tiny and delicate, and the leaves are very thin and fine. This gives the plant a misty appearance in among other plants in the woods. About four years ago this plant appeared unexpectedly along the Squirrel Woods Trail. It started out with only one or two plants, and each year it has spread. This year I was really amazed to see that this plant now flanks both sides of the trail out about 10 feet into the woods for quite a distance along the trail; there are hundreds of them. It is gorgeous and airy – a pink mist in the woods. Apparently our burn regime agrees well with it and it has spread impressively by seed. It is quite a phenomenon.

Grasses are just now displaying their fall flowers and seed heads and providing us with another wonderful reason to get outside and admire the beauty of fall. Throughout the woods, plume grasses are raising their enormous feathery seedheads, and a wide variety of grass species are showing off their unique seedhead arrangements. The colors of these structures are very subtle, and you may need to look closely, but they often have a wonderful metallic sheen and these purples and browns and bronzes can be extremely attractive. They also pick up and carry the fall sunlight – at all times of day these grasses, whether backlit or in full sun, are glowing.

Another favorite grass we admire endlessly this time of year is *Andropogon virginiana*, one of the broomsedges. It is making its annual fall appearance in the Gin House and it is there in abundance. The stems have been coming up pale green and are beginning to turn deep rose, but later in the year after it flowers, the winter-time stems dry out and the Gin House becomes a vast expanse of rich sandy peach. Then we burn.

On a recent walk on the trails on the east side of Birdsong, I was admiring the abundance of a type of Indian Grass – I am unsure of the species. This tall grass's amazing seedhead consists of a curving, draping plume of awns, or seeds with a long protrusion at the tip. The stems are deep green and the seedheads are bronze. While walking, I noticed that the seedheads of most of the plants I saw, from the ridge near Chuck's House all the way to the Frog Pond around to the Gopher Neighborhood and back: 90% were leaning toward the south, all gracefully pointing below the north/south median line, from southeast to southwest. Hardly any were pointing toward the north. At first I was just enjoying looking at all the many clumps of this grass as I proceeded along the trail, but after a while I realized – they are almost all pointing in the same general direction. Why? I would like to understand this. If you know, please email me at birdsong@birdsongnaturecenter.org.

The Mockingbird Our dear friend Leon Neel used to tell us, when we'd had more than enough of the sweltering heat and humidity of August: "When the Mockingbird sings, dog days are over." So every year we listen and wait to hear that exuberant call - and we rejoice, knowing the change of seasons is upon us.

This year, the Mockingbird started a couple of weeks early for some reason, in August. We still had some hot and heavy weather to put up with for a while, but finally in early September

we started having those delicious occasional cooler mornings and we enjoyed finally hearing the Mockingbird sing. You may have your own wonderful harbinger of fall, but our Mockingbird lives close to the office and is now guarding a huge cluster of yaupon shrubs that are absolutely loaded with ripening berries. He sings all day long. As you may know, Mockingbirds are capable of singing an enormous variety of phrases, hundreds of them, that are strung together and can be mixed in with mimicked sounds from other bird's calls. Their singing can go on and on for hours at a time and some Mockingbirds will sing at night. One of my first memories and surprises upon moving to Florida very long ago was being awakened in the middle of the night at Alumni Village in south Tallahassee to the very loud song of a Mockingbird in the moonlight. Our Mockingbird is in fine form and keeps us cheered up with his endless rounds of music. In fact, when he takes a break, we really notice it. I realized that things were quiet the other day and saw him otherwise occupied, hunting for insects on the ground near the yaupon, and it was a silent moment indeed. We love the sheer exuberance of his singing, and his celebration of being here now and being himself. It is uplifting and joyful and it helps.

A Few Other Signs of Fall The White-tailed Deer are active, especially on the east side of Birdsong. There are many deer scrapes along the trails in the exact places that have been used for years. They are freshly scraped and emphatically stamped! Berries are everywhere, ripe and ready to be eaten, especially the glossy purple Beautyberry and bright red Yaupon. Zebra Longwings have had a great late summer/fall and caterpillars are still eating the passionvine by the plant collection. Scores of Cloudless Sulphurs can be seen flying from flower to flower across the Gin House Field, taking advantage of the abundance of *Agalinis*.

I hope everyone gets a chance to come out and enjoy this welcome change of seasons. Birdsong is in fine form for you – the wildflowers are spectacular, the grasses will amaze you, and the beggarlice will annoy the dickens out of you when you get home. But you will have had a moment of peace and beauty and being welcome in your special place.

Covid has changed our lives and the world is a difficult place right now, but we are all doing our best to find the hope and meaning we need to stay optimistic. We hope you find that kind of support at Birdsong. Please take good care of yourselves.

I miss Mirhi. She loved this time of year, and she would be enjoying the wild display of flowers and the air and the Mockingbird singing his heart out. She would be telling me all about what was blooming in her garden and what her birds at home were doing. We think about her every day.

- KDB

THANK YOU

Gifts in Memory of Mirhi Childs

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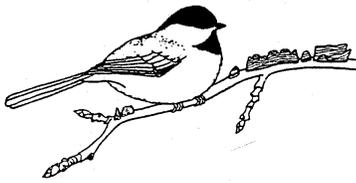
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Dana Bryan and Gwendolyn Waldorf, for the beautifully restored garden wagon
Bob Dunn, for the kind cards illustrated with his wonderful photographs





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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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How did you learn about Birdsong? From a member of Birdsong, the news media, word of mouth, our newsletter, etc?

Please be specific: _____

I would like to join the Friends of Birdsong in the following category:

- Individual Friend \$30 Bird Window and Nature Trails free during open hours.
Two free one-time guest passes.
Member discount on scheduled programs.
10% discount on items at the Chickadee Corner Gift Shop.
Bimonthly newsletter. Reciprocal general admission at participating nature centers nationwide (call for list).
- Family/Friends \$45 All of the above benefits for each member of the immediate household. Four free one-time guest passes.
- Friends of the Cardinal \$60 Five free one-time guest passes in addition to above.
- Friends of the Chickadee \$100 Six free one-time guest passes in addition to above.
- Business/Corporate Friend \$100-\$1,000 One free one-time guest pass for each \$10 of membership (ie., 25 passes for \$250) and recognition in newsletter. Call for more information.
- Friends of the Hummingbird \$250 Hummingbird feeder in addition to above.
- Friends of the Bluebird \$500 Bluebird nesting box in addition to above.
- Birdsong Naturalist \$1,000 Personal tour of Birdsong with Executive Director and/or Board Chair for up to 6 people. Call for more information.

I do not wish to receive any (above) benefits with my membership and would like the whole amount tax deductible.

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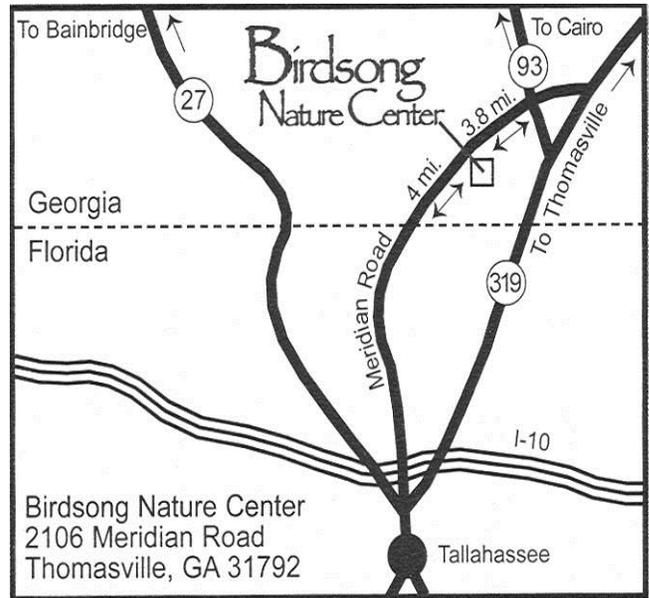
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Memberships are renewable one year after the sign-up date. Members can upgrade to a higher category membership by sending the balance within the year. Memberships are deductible in part, depending on the value of goods and services received. Please call for information. Receipts stating the value provided and the deductible amount will be sent to those joining at the \$100 or higher level.

NEW FRIENDS OF BIRDSONG

Welcome, New Members

Susan P. Davis, Tallahassee, FL
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From Tallahassee: Meridian Road north, 4 miles past FL/ GA border (marked by a blue sign that reads Grady Co.), on right side of road. OR 319 north, turn left onto Rt. 93, then turn left onto Meridian Road, 3.8 miles on left side of road.

From Thomasville: 319 south, turn right at Marathon gas station onto Meridian Road, approximately 5 miles from Marathon or 3.8 miles from stop sign at Rt. 93, on left side of road.

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