



OXBOW, inc

NEW GRANT OFFERS CHANCE TO EARN FUNDS.

Art Wiseman - Treasurer

Save the Oxbow Society

As was first reported in the last Newsletter, Oxbow, Inc. has been offered a chance to earn \$10,000 for use in purchasing land to protect the Oxbow floodplain from development. Mr. & Mrs. Sherwood McIntyre have offered a challenge-grant in this amount and have stipulated only two conditions which must be met:

- 1 - Raise an additional \$10,000 from entirely new sources.
- 2 - Do so within six months from the date the offer is accepted

by Oxbow, Inc.

This sounds simple, but those words, "new sources", have added zest to the offer. It means we need to enroll a good number of new members who will contribute to the total sum of the deal. Both large and small donations are needed so we will need to approach some individuals and foundations to contribute larger amounts. Such actions are not impractical but they will require an extra effort on the part of each of us so that we can reach the goal.

Mr. McIntyre is experienced in financial matters - banking, investments and fund raising. He knows whereof he speaks since he has worked on several fund raising programs. When he specified "new sources" he expressed his concern that we need to expand our membership base so as to have a wider range of support both financially and by the number of members we can count on for extra assistance and inspiration. He wants us to succeed. He deeply appreciates the Oxbow area and visits it frequently, particularly in the early morning - his favorite time. So he is giving us a friendly push - sending us out into new areas to look for those new members and new sources of support, so that we can earn the matching funds the McIntyres will contribute.

How can we succeed? The best solution is for every member to enroll at least one new member. If we double our 350 members to 700 members, we would be on our way to success. With 350 new members contributing an average of \$28.50, we would have just about \$10,000 and one additional member would put us over the top. We did this to raise the \$5,000 to match the grant of the Audubon Society earlier this year and we can do it again.

A brochure has been enclosed for you to pass on to that one special person you are going to recruit for Oxbow, Inc. If "each one will teach one" - that is, tell them about the importance of the Oxbow area, about the wonderful forces of nature that created it, how it serves mankind and wildlife in so many ways, how it was almost lost to industrialization in 1985 and why you joined Oxbow, Inc., we should be able to enroll the necessary new members.

What about contributions and renewals from "old members" and friends? Surely you know that we need this continued support in addition to the "new sources" encouraged by the McIntyres' challenge. It was your first efforts that enabled us to meet the Audubon challenge, which in turn enabled us to bid on our first piece of land. Without you there would not be an Oxbow, Inc., let alone the first parcel of land or the McIntyres' matching funds.

Congratulations go to you on your success but let's continue the good work. Both "old" and "new" members should consult the Personnel Department where they work to see if their employer will add to their contribution. This may be in the form of matching gifts or memberships, gifts or cash, products or services.

We ask that you also approach clubs or organizations you belong to with the suggestion that they become a member or make a contribution to Oxbow, Inc. in their name. A number of garden clubs, conservation clubs, scout troops, etc. are members as well as the Bird Club, the Audubon Society, Sierra Club and others who have given financial aid and moral support.

By the next issue of the Newsletter, I hope we can report that we have obtained a third of our targeted goal. Let's get there quickly so we may look to a second and third land purchase. We can do it. And we start right now!

MALLARD DUCKS

by
WILLIAM ZIMMERMAN

ABOUT THE ARTIST

A native Indianian, Bill Zimmerman was born and raised in Dillsboro and now lives in Nashville, Indiana. Painting is no avocation for Bill. He has been supporting himself with his art since he was a boy. Although he has traveled extensively to study the wildlife he paints, he always returns to his own Indiana. His paintings and prints have been sold

through a variety of outlets, including the Frame House Gallery, which, in 1974, published his massive limited edition, "Waterfowl of North America". Most recently, his contribution of 165 original paintings were used as illustrations in "The Birds of Indiana", a modern checklist of the state's birdlife as compiled and presented by his collaborators, Russell Mumford and Charles Keller. Mr. Mumford is a Professor of Wildlife Management in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Purdue University. Mr. Keller, an ornithologist by avocation and lifelong training, is also a writer. He has contributed to the "Indiana Audubon Quarterly" and is an editor of "American Birds".

"The Birds of Indiana" was published in 1984 by the Indiana University Press. The book contains portraits of every bird that nests in the state. Each painting shows both male and female (where the plumage is significantly different), a detailed depiction of the nest and eggs, background habitat, and in many cases, a wildflower or two.

As a painter of birds, Bill has been appropriately compared to Audubon. But in place of Audubon's tortured style, Bill offers the scientist's eye, greater skill as a craftsman and a sensuous and precise talent for rendering texture. One can almost feel the feathers - and the life force beneath them - in his birds.

Oxbow, Inc. is fortunate to have Bill as a member of the Advisory Council and is grateful for his donation of the "Mallard Duck" prints. These fine, limited prints, which have been numbered, signed and remarked with a pencil sketch of a different species of duck on each, are offered to members for \$125. Money from the sale of these prints will go into the land purchase fund.

The black and white photo accompanying this article only serves to whet the appetite. A framed color print is on display in Lawrenceburg, Indiana at the American State Bank and may be viewed there during the month of September. Beginning October 1st, the print will be on display at the American State Bank



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in Aurora, Indiana. Collectors of fine art know the value of limited editions. This is an opportunity to acquire a work of art that will appreciate in value over the years. To facilitate your purchase of the "Mallard Duck" print by Bill Zimmerman call Art Wiseman, 513/481-4302.

OXBOW, INC. BROCHURE

We could not go to print without a special mention and THANKS to all who worked on the Oxbow brochure. We are proud to have this publication spread the story of the Oxbow and look forward to the additional members it will bring to Oxbow, Inc. Although many contributed time and ideas to the development of the brochure, special thanks have to go to -

Myra Messick who contributed the art work.

Pricilla McMasters for the design and lay-out.

Bea Orendorf - coordination.

Dave Cody, Stu Welsh and Judy Bramstedt for the copy.

Ron Austing and Karl Maslowski for photos.

Thanks to each and everyone. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

F Y I

The United States Department of Fish and Wildlife has designated the Oxbow area as migrating habitat for the bald eagle. This is welcome news and another arrow in the quiver of our efforts to have this wetlands given special consideration as a Wildlife Refuge.

Board meetings, which are held every fourth Wednesday of the month are open to our members. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the Wiseman's, 2073 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214.

Oxbow, Inc., needs volunteers to work in booths dispensing literature, answering questions and selling the Oxbow cause. Anyone who can contribute two or three hours to this endeavor please call Judy Bramstedt, 513/662-4456 for more information.

MEETINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 7:30 P.M. Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens Education Building. Enter through the Exit gate on Erkenbrecher Avenue. Al Winstel, a Naturalist with the Hamilton County Parks, will speak on the mammals that may be found in the Oxbow area.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 7:30 P.M. Greendale Cabin, Greendale, Indiana. Ornithologist Daniel Webster will speak on area birds. For directions in Indiana, call John Miller, 438-3920. For directions in Ohio, call Art Wiseman, 481-4302.

FIELD TRIPS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 6 P.M. Evening Walk.

Meet at the 50's Root Beer parking lot. We will take an evening stroll around the Oxbow Lake area. Bring you spotting scope and binocs.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 8 A.M. Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge.

Oxbow, Inc. members are invited to join in on this Audubon field trip. Meet at the 50's Root Beer parking lot at Rt. 50 and the Lawrenceburg - Greendale Ramp off I-275. Bring a bag lunch and spotting scope. We hope to see ducks and shorebirds in this 7700 acre area. Leader, Morris Mercer, 513/941-2534. We will car pool.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 9 A.M. Morning walk.

Meet at Shawnee-Lookout upper boat ramp parking area. We will walk the trail to the overlook area and view the Oxbow wetlands below. Motor vehicle permit required.

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OXBOW, INC.

A non-profit organization formed by conservation groups and concerned citizens of Ohio and Indiana for the purpose of preserving and protecting a wetlands area known locally as the Oxbow, Hardintown, or Horseshoe Bottoms, from future industrial development and to preserve the existing agricultural floodplain at the confluence of the Great Miami and the Ohio Rivers for use as a staging area for the seasonal migrations of waterfowl. This is an agricultural area rich in geological, archaeological and anthropological history.

Help us save this unique wetland. You can make your state a richer place in which to live by helping us preserve this precious resource.

Membership in Oxbow, Inc. is solicited and encouraged.

Individual	\$10	Organization/Club	\$25	Cornerstone	\$250
Family	\$15	Supporting	\$50	Sponsor	\$500
Contributing	\$25	Patron	\$100	Benefactor	\$1000

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