



## Georgia Bewley Wurster, 1935-2005

By Janet Jackson-Gould



Georgia Bewley Wurster, Cedar Run's long-time vice president, passed away unexpectedly on July 8 at age 70. In many ways, Georgia was the soul of the Refuge, just as her best friend Jeanne Woodford is the heart, and her passing leaves a great void.

Georgia loved Cedar Run and her devotion to the Refuge always came through loud and clear. She edited the newsletter, arranged senior citizen visits, helped with special events and

was a tireless advocate for our missions. Her voice was always one of wisdom and conciliation and she was a reservoir of the Refuge's history.

In 1975 Georgia, then Betty Woodford's daughter in law, built a beautiful home on Cedar Run Lake. Today her house is the Refuge's education center.

Georgia's positive and sunny outlook on life was legendary and she usually left others with a smile. A published poet, an improvisational actress and a licensed airplane pilot, she had many adventures when she lived abroad with her family. Raising three daughters in Iran, East Africa and Peru must have been a challenge, but she regarded it as a great opportunity and enjoyed teaching school children in those far-flung locations.

Georgia was very close to her family, describing herself and her daughters as "the four legs of the table." She adored her three

grandchildren and, in them, left a wonderful legacy.

Legacy was often on Georgia's mind in recent years and she inspired the creation of the Refuge's planned giving program and the establishment of the Elizabeth and James Woodford Endowment.

Georgia Wurster touched many lives and left a lasting impact on her beloved Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge. She is greatly missed.

### Leave a Legacy

Make a lasting difference for wildlife and the environment by remembering Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge in your will. We are grateful for recent bequests from:

Marguerite C. Cowan  
Florence E. Harvey  
Cornelia C. Peck  
Georgia Wurster

## Autumn's Magic Mornings

By Georgia B. Wurster

Georgia was the keeper of Betty Woodford's writings and edited one of Betty's columns for each newsletter. She completed this article just before she left us.

So many of the visitors who come to the Refuge say they didn't know we existed. Others say they came thirty or more years ago on a field trip when

they were in grade school. Perhaps many of you readers haven't paid us a visit yet. You really ought to avail yourself of the experience. Cedar Run is a healing place, not only for animals, but also the human spirit.

Let the following words from a column Elizabeth (Betty) Woodford wrote for the *Medford Central Record* show you Cedar Run through her eyes.

"Autumn days are special; we

can see the splendor day after day in every marsh and lowland, along the roadsides, fence rows and woodlands. We can feast on the glorious color and savor its lovely fragrance, but it lasts such a brief time.

On misty mornings the vibrant colors of gum, sassafras and blueberry take on a special radiance, one that belies the sunless hours. Each tree and bush

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comes alive with soft flowing colors.

By the time the mid-morning sun finally burns away the heavy mist, the remaining droplets of moisture highlight the foliage more intensely. The pointed, ruby-red sour gum leaves are brightest of all. At the edge of a clearing I watch a shower of scarlet leaves drift down. Leaves falling in the morning mist are wet and silent. The sound is like a low whisper. Dry leaves make a scraping or ticking sound.

I run my finger across a cluster of dew-tipped pine needles and the water drips off my hand onto the ground. Like a diamond, an iridescent reflection hangs tremulously on each green pine needle. The heavy droplets sparkle in the shafts of sunbeams as the morning mist begins to clear. Sunshine follows rainbows; that's a promise!

Once again, the peaceful tranquility of the woods let me capture precious moments before the busy day begins."

## Rescued Screech Owls

*By Jeanne Woodford*

"They just cut a tree down across the street and we think there are baby birds in the fallen trunk," reported the caller on the other end of the phone.

"Someone said they are starlings, but another person said he saw a red tailed hawk flying from the tree before it was cut down."

The caller was from Blackwood, asking if we could rescue the nestlings. We always explore the possibility of putting orphans back in the nest whether it's rabbits in their alcove in the ground or birds from a tree, reminding callers that human scent will not deter the parents from their continued care.

Usually we are unable to do offsite rescues of orphaned or injured wildlife. We ask the finder to bring the patients to us if the circumstances warrant it. This case sounded unusual, however, and I elected to go.

At the height of the early evening traffic I made my way to a neighborhood on the outskirts of Blackwood. It took me over an hour between getting lost and the heavy traffic. Once there I



was directed to the remains of an enormous, old maple tree.

Amongst the logs of various lengths on the ground was a four-foot section of a hollow branch. "How could any bird survive the fall from at least 30 feet up?", I wondered.

No baby bird sounds were coming from within, but on further inspection I observed two cold, white balls of fluff. I gently extracted them from their once peaceful nest within the hollow. What a surprise when I realized I was holding screech owl nestlings so close to downtown Blackwood.

Their bodies were cold and I didn't see or feel any signs of life. Was this rescue too late? The finder gave me a quart jar of hot water and with the cloth-lined box I had brought along I snuggled them together and left for home.

The traffic had not improved much, so I felt compelled to stop two or three times to check on my patients. You can imagine how thrilled I was when I found the owlets to be breathing as they warmed up next to the makeshift source of heat.

*(see OWLS on page 4)*

## Cedar Run Refuge

### Mission

*Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge protects the environment through wildlife rehabilitation, environmental education and habitat preservation*

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# ANNUAL REPORT

July 2004-June 2005

## Summary

Woodford Cedar Run Refuge's 2004-05 Fiscal Year was one of overall growth, aided by generous bequests from long-time members. The Refuge finished the FY well ahead of budget with income of \$503,214 and expenditures of \$403,563.

### Wildlife Rehabilitation

Cedar Run is the largest wildlife rehabilitation center in New Jersey. The Refuge accepts all native species, although we pass some cases on to specialists. The rehab hospital took in about 4,000 injured or orphaned wild animals during calendar year 2004, a record high.

### Environmental Education

Refuge Adventures and Refuge on Wheels, our group education programs, served nearly 16,000 school and scout students during the school year. Scouts and children from summer camps added another 800 during July and August. Hunters of the Sky, our live bird of prey show, continues to be very popular and we have added several new raptors to the team.

Casual attendance brought more than 2,500 families, adults and senior citizens to the

Refuge. Cedar Run Seniors, a monthly club for those 55 and older and Knee-High Naturalists, our monthly preschool program, served people at opposite ends of the age continuum.

### Facilities

During the past year three general-use enclosures were completed in accordance with our master plan. We also constructed a new double habitat for red and grey foxes and a lakeside enclosure for the pair of beavers. Eagle Scouts built a new Cooper's hawk flight cage, a screech owl habitat and extended the pre-release flight cage for large raptors. In addition, our raptor mews (for trained birds used in our education programs) were moved to a better location. Students conducted a lakeshore restoration, planting a vegetated buffer at the wildlife compound to reduce erosion.

### Financial Report

#### Income \*

Memberships	\$37,107
Donations	256,229
Trustee Support	11,350
Admissions	6,691
Grants	52,064
Education	54,057
Events	78,146
Merchandise	4,253
Other	3,317

**Total Income** \$503,214

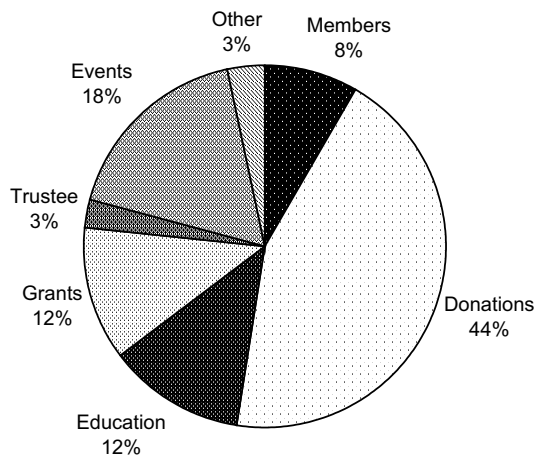
#### Expenses \*

Animal Support	\$117,641
Education	68,881
Administration	81,784
Buildings/Grounds	37,276
Utilities	15,319
Bulk Mailings	17,320
Insurance	30,113
Program Supplies	23,727
Other	11,502

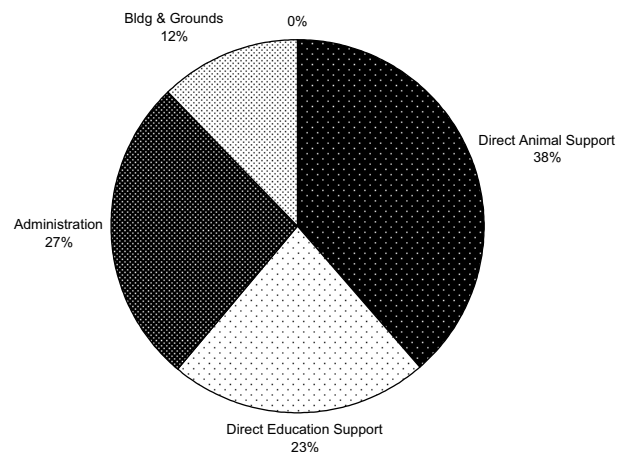
**Total Expenses** \$403,563

\* Unaudited

Income FY 2004-2005



Expenses FY 2004-2005



## OWLS *(continued from page 2)*

Once back at the Refuge, the pieces of duff that had gotten into the owlets' mouths were cleaned off and they were checked over for any injuries. They were kept warm and feeding began with ever so tiny pieces of cut up mice.

Remembering their nest site, I realized what a variety of foods had been provided by their parents. In the nest cavity were feathers of perhaps a catbird or mocking bird and the carcass of a young squirrel. Guess the hunting for food in town isn't too shabby after all.

Within 24 hours one of the screeches was doing quite well, but the other, sadly, didn't make it. That one had had quite a bit

of debris in its mouth and did not seem as strong as his nest-mate.

A stuffed toy was provided as a substitute to both parent and sibling and the remaining screech continued to thrive.

After a short time indoors and graduating to ever larger containers, he (or she) was ready for the outdoors and a surrogate parent. Baby birds' rapid rate of growth always amazes us, but getting prepared for independence in the wild is nature's way.

Fortunately, with some species, we have permanent resident surrogates who can serve as temporary mentors. The little screech owl was placed in an outside enclosure

with an adult who has been a permanent resident at Cedar Run for a long time. We are never quite sure what happens in this parent-nestling exchange, but we know that after this training period we are able to release an owl that is ready for the wild.

We learn from every wildlife experience that we deal with at Cedar Run and we hope that we educate the public at the same time. As for the tree cutting: well, we can't stop progress, but a check of the tree somehow before the cutting would certainly be helpful. And maybe even waiting to cut that old tree down before or after springtime nesting season would also be a good idea.

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## Bewitching Beavers

*By Ruth Brooks*

It's hard to believe it's been over a year now since we received a tiny baby beaver lost in the flood waters of 2004. When you look at him, it's even harder to imagine he was ever "tiny."

Now almost 50 pounds, Brillo, as he is affectionately nicknamed, is preparing for release back into the wild next year. He now has a companion, a female of the same age nicknamed Buttons.

Both beavers are in a new outdoor enclosure, partially submerged in the lake. They are now able to eat more of their natural foods, accustom themselves to changes in temperature and weather and exercise their minds and bodies in their



natural water habitat. As the fall approaches, they will continue construction on their "lodge," which now consists of a donated dog igloo and lots of branches and twigs. They will build up the entrance to the dog igloo to make the entrance underwater and keep themselves dry and warm for the winter.

The beavers are always busy, rearranging their enclosure to suit their needs. When spring

comes next year, they will be approaching sexual maturity and we are hoping they will bond as a pair and continue to stay together.

It has been such a rewarding experience to watch these animals for such a long time. Most animals

coming in for rehabilitation are released after a shorter period of time, but beavers mature slowly and are still too vulnerable for release before they are two years old.

While their release will be bittersweet, it will be a climax to a period of knowledge gained and joy experienced in helping these animals prepare for their lifelong journey. I am so happy to have been a part of this experience!

## Wine & Wildlife - and Fun!



Cooking demonstrations by renowned chef and sommelier Tony Lawrence, lively music by the Sugar Sand Ramblers and beautiful late afternoon weather added up to enjoyment for the 200-plus people who came to Wine & Wildlife on June 11.

Medford's Creative Genius Art Gallery hung a show and artists Jane Eyre, Joyce Gagen and Jennifer Pierce were on hand with some of their works.

The evening wrapped up with a fast-paced and exciting auction. All told, more than \$8,000 was raised for the Refuge.

Thanks to event chair Cecilia Schmidt and to our sponsors: Hartford Gardens, PJ Whelihan's Pub, A Wild Bird Oasis, Columbia Bank, The DiMedio Family, Environmental Resolutions, Everland, Shourds & Associates, Flanagan's Towne Auto Body, Harriett's Oil, JC Kronenberger Fine Jewelry and Piezano's Restaurant.

## World Series Winners

The Cedar Run Runners, Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge's World Series of Birding team, brought home the Floyd P. Wolfarth Award for taking first

place in the senior division of the annual bird-a-thon on May 14. The Runners racked up a very respectable count of 150 species, 18 more than their nearest competitor.

The Cedar Run team began their avian search at Palmyra Cove at 4:30 am and got their last bird, a whip-poor-will, 18 hours and 220 miles later in Cape May. In between they spotted two very rare birds, a white pelican at Forsythe Refuge and a white-faced ibis on the bayshore near Reed's Beach.

The Runners collected pledges for each species they saw or heard, bringing in more than \$3,800 to benefit the Refuge.

Congratulations and thanks to team captain Joe Costanza of Cherry Hill and teammates Cliff Jones of Tabernacle and Karenne Snow of Medford. Susan Setterberg of Marlton was the driver who piloted the team for all 220 miles.

## Summer Fun

A bevy of grinning children emerged dripping from the swamp, where they were hunting (and imitating) native amphibians. Chorusing frog calls, they trooped back to the education center to be hosed off in time for their surprised parents to pick them up.

This immersion approach to learning about nature was typical of the camp activities designed by supervisor Emily Youngbaer and interns Noella Girard and Sonal Patel. The staff kept the youngsters busy with hikes, games, crafts and, of course, animals, despite the extreme heat that kept the campers inside during the afternoon.

A total of 95 four-eleven year olds enjoyed Cedar Run's week-long 2005 day camps. Evaluations were excellent ("The best camp I ever went to," said one) and many campers look forward to coming back for different sessions next year.

## Refuge Visit Inspires Students

"After visiting your Refuge, we decided to raise money to help you with your animals," wrote Kailyn Sooy and Amanda Trey. "We collected money from our classmates and also had a lemonade stand. We raised \$10.75. Hope this will help continue your important work with



the animals."

The students visited Cedar Run this spring with their class from Wenonah Elementary School.

Thank you, Kailyn and Amanda! Your help is appreciated by all of us.

## Attention, Teachers!

Schedule a visit to Cedar Run and give your students a lively learning adventure. You'll explore the trail, participate in learning games and experiments and meet native animals from turtles to bald eagles. Or book a Refuge on Wheels program at your school. Your children will delight in our active live-animal presentations.

Cedar Run's education department has age-appropriate programs for pre-k to high school as well as scout groups. Several exciting new lessons have been added this year. All programs meet New Jersey curriculum requirements.

Click on the "Groups" button on our website, [www.cedarrun.org](http://www.cedarrun.org), for details, and take a virtual tour while you are at it. Call Education Director Terri Loy to reserve a program, or to request our 2005-06 brochure: (856) 983-3329, Ext. 1. You'll have a wild time!



**Freeholder Bill Haines helps Terri Loy prepare to release a red-tailed hawk at opening of Burlington County's new Long Bridge Park.**



**Intern Noella Girard shows off Squam the barred owl at Dr. Gordon Stull's open house at Vetco in Tabernacle.**

## Memorial Gifts

*For Kenneth Allen*

The Pullen Family

*For Harry Joseph Ashman*

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*For John P. DeMarco*

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*For Anna DeSantes*

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*For Mary Ely*

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*For James Favala*

Marion & Stuart Goodwin

Nancy Hammel

Roselyn Mulnick

Estelle Sey

*For Joseph Filippone*

Deborah Siegrist

*For Craig Goldfin*

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## FAMILY PROGRAMS

*Wonderful Wildlife Weekends are included in Refuge admission of \$5 adult and \$3 child (two-under free). No reservations needed. Special presentations 11-3 on Sat. and 1-4 Sun.*

### Up Close with Insects & Spiders

*Weekends through Sept.*

Explore the world of insects and spiders and find out what makes them so different.

### Animal Myth Month

*Weekends through Oct.*

Myths and legends about animals have been around since earliest times. Explode these misconceptions and discover the true nature of wildlife.

### Creepy Creatures

*Sat., Oct. 29, 10 am-4 pm*

*Sun., Oct. 30, 1-4 pm*

Do you like spooky adventures? Come to the Refuge to meet some creepy critters. Explore the haunted education center, make a creepy critter craft and hit the trail in search of the Jersey Devil. You never know what you'll find!

### Headin' South

*Weekends through Nov.*

Explore an amazing phenomenon of nature - migration - at the education center, play a migration game and create your own migrating critter. Then take a hike on the trails to see if you can spot birds and butterflies that are heading south.

### Native American Heritage Celebration

*Sat., Nov. 26, 11 am-3 pm*

Celebrate Native American Month as you chant along with the Indian drumming circle, play Native American games, wonder at the tools and clothing used by Woodland Indian tribes, and make a craft to take home. *Included in Refuge admission; no reservations needed.*

### It's Time to Sleep

*Weekends through Dec.*

Where did everything go? Visit the Refuge to find out what the flora and fauna are doing for the winter months.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Ghost Towns of the Pines

*Sat., Oct. 8*

*9 am-4 pm*

*\$35 per person Reservations required*

Old walls and cellar holes lurk throughout the Barrens, remnants of once thriving villages. Step back in time as you explore some of these historic sites with Barbara Solem, author of *Ghost Towns and Other Quirky Places in the New Jersey Pine Barrens*. Meet at the Refuge for coffee, then step into a comfortable van to begin your adventure. Bring lunch and bottled water and enjoy a scenic picnic along the way. Adults only, please. Call (856) 983-3329, Opt. 1. Major credit cards accepted.

**Meet Author Barbara Solem** at the following book signings: Pinelands Preservation Alliance, Vincentown, Sat., Oct. 22, 3-5 pm; Barnes & Noble Marlton, Sun. Oct. 23, 2 pm; Border's Bookstore Mt. Laurel, Wed., Oct. 27, Mays Landing, Thu., Oct. 27, both at 7 pm.

### Cranberry Harvest

*Sat., Oct. 22*

*10 am-1 pm*

*\$20 per person Reservations required*

Join folklorist and cranberry farmer Brenda Connor for a tour of the JJ White Cranberry Bogs at the height of the red berry harvest. We'll meet at White Star General Store on Route 206 near Red Lion Circle and step onto a comfortable custom van for the two hour tour. Afterwards, shop in the store for unique Pinelands crafts and berry products. Adults only, please. Call (856) 983-3329, Opt.1.

### Jersey Devil Quest

*Sat., Nov. 12*

*3-10 pm*

*\$55 per person Reservations required*

Search through the Pinelands for the Jersey Devil, if you dare! Travel by van down the sandy roads to find his haunts, stopping along the way to meet other legendary characters. Wind up at the campfire for supper with renowned Jersey Devil hunter and storyteller Russell Juelg. Transportation and simple supper included. Adults only, please. Call (856) 983-3329, Opt. # 1.

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## Membership/Adopt/Program Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### Adopt-A-Wild-One (please circle your choice)

\$150	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$35	\$25
Bald Eagle	Red-tailed Hawk	Screech Owl	Striped Skunk	Corn Snake	Box Turtle
Snowy Owl	Great-horned Owl	Raccoon	Canada Goose	Flying Squirrel	Cottontail
	White-tailed Deer	Red Fox	Mute Swan	Groundhog	Robin

### Membership (please circle one)

\$1000	\$500	\$250	\$100	\$50	\$30	\$25
Lifetime	Benefactor	Sustaining	Super Family	Family Plus	Family	Individual

Please mail form with check to: **WCRWR, 4 Sawmill Road, Medford, NJ 08055. Thanks!**

**Autumn with the Animals**

Sat., Nov. 5, 1-5 pm

Cost: \$5.00 per person, under two free

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun in the outdoors. See our live birds of prey in the Hunters of the Sky show, hop on a horse-drawn wagon ride or jump aboard the trackless train, bounce through an inflatable maze and enjoy children's games, crafts, face painting, music and food. Harry Potter fans: don't miss our wizard and owls! No reservations needed. Small additional charge for shows and rides.



**Knee High Naturalists**

Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am

October 12: Web-spinners

November 16: Fabulous Foxes

December 14: Snowy Owls

Cost: \$8 child w/adult

Reservations required

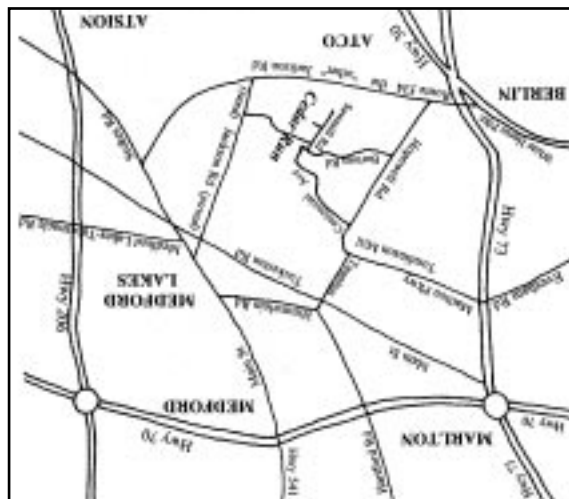
Here's a special time for you and your 3-5 year old to

discover nature through age-appropriate games, stories, crafts and hikes. Come to one session or enroll in the whole series by calling (856) 983-3329, Ext. 1. Major credit cards accepted.

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Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge



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