

# FOOTSTEPS

NEWSLETTER OF THE SEQUOYAH HIKING CLUB

TAKE ONLY PICTURES

☆☆☆ JULY 1997

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## MEETINGS

The June meeting was held at Stefano's with Paul Gamble, Elbert Croft, Mary Jane Burnett, Johanna Coley, Liz Yates, Bobbie Arp and Freda and Houston Lowry present. A financial report was given and the club remains in good financial shape. All the funds designated for use in the Tellico River Cleanup were not used.

It was decided that there would be no meeting in July and no hikes in July or August will be planned.

## NEWSLETTER

We need to know what kind of newsletter you want to have and what kind of information you would like to see in Footsteps. Please bring your ideas and suggestions to the next meeting or mail them to the editor. The news and information our editor, Helen Maxwell, has provided for Footsteps has been great. It should be noted that Helen was not at the last meeting and did not prepare this month's newsletter thus the abbreviated information and below average issue this month.

Articles, information, items of interest to members and any other material will be welcomed and used if possible. Be forewarned that jokes will be censored. Get anything you want in the newsletter to Helen or to Houston Lowry

who is printing and mailing the newsletter. He has also prepared this month's Footsteps and Helen has no knowledge of this request for contributions to Footsteps.

## THANKS

Monroe County Beautiful sends its thanks to Sequoyah Hiking Club for the help in the Tellico River Cleanup project. It was a great success. MCB also conveyed its appreciation for the club's sponsorship of a litter sign for a Monroe County roadside.

## NEXT MEETING

Although there will be no meeting in July, the August meeting will start the fall season with a bang since it will be a covered dish supper at Helen Maxwell's home at Laurel Mountain Lake.

## FROM OTHER PAGES

Turn Your Yard Into A Haven For Wild Birds

One of the greatest joys of Spring and Summer is being outdoors and watching birds up close. To attract and enjoy more birds, just provide the four basic habitat elements: food, water, cover and places to raise young.

The average yard may be visited regularly by 15 to 20 different bird species. By offering a feeding program of seed, suet, nectar and fruit, you should be able to attract a greater variety of birds to your yard.

Spring would not be com-

plete without having birds nesting in your yard. Providing nesting platforms will encourage birds to make your yard their home. Not only will you be rewarded with some of the most beautiful love songs typical of courting birds, but you'll also be able to watch the various stages of the nesting cycle including nest building, feeding the hatchlings, and latter, watching the fledglings as they venture out into their new world.

Birds love water. Adding a birdbath, dripper or mister can attract many species that might not normally come to a birdfeeder. Warblers, tanagers and thrushes may occasionally make their presence known by being tempted with the sound of moving water. Chickadees and titmice will land on a dripper spout and walk down to the end to take a drink. Hummingbirds love to fly back and forth through the water from a mister to bathe or drink.

Birds need plantings for protective cover, food, nesting and places to roost at night. With just a little effort, you can plant specific trees, shrubs and flowers that will feed and encourage more birds to visit your yard.

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