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Due to the CoVid-19 emergency, we are announcing that all meetings, field trips, and events are cancelled for the foreseeable future. The Tuckerton Seaport is closed, as is Jacques Cousteau NERR, Long Beach Island Foundation, and the Visitor Information Center at E. B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge. The Wildlife Drive is still open at this time to drive around the Refuge; Ocean County parks facilities are closed, but you can still walk around the park trails. Please use common sense and 'social distancing'.

Annual Dues for 2020

It's that time of year again to pay your annual dues to the group. Singles are \$20, and couples are \$35 for the year. We cannot accept at this time dues online, but you can send a check, payable to Southern Ocean Birding Group, to: SOBG, c/o Jeanine Apgar, 206 N. Frankfurt Ave, Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215. Or you can pay at meetings. Online Paypal should be available shortly for new memberships, donations, and renewals.

Update

Some of you may know that I was in the hospital over Easter weekend with Covid-19. I am home and recovering my strength and feeling okay. I have not heard of any other member having tested positive, and I hope that I don't. I know many are going out birding to local places and finding some good birds. Please stay safe, use masks and gloves, keep 6-foot distance from others.

June 4, 2020 Meeting



We are dependent on the state opening up, especially Tuckerton Seaport. We may be able to have our program on June 4th, which would be "Birding Thailand" with

member Mike Mandracchia, who will regale us with stories and photos about Birding in Thailand. We meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Tuckerton Seaport. Please check our website and FB page for the latest updates on when we may all get together again.

Field Trips?

- **May 17—Heislerville and Delaware Bayshore, unsure at this point; maybe if we drive alone**
- **June 3—Lakehurst Naval Station; unsure at this point**
- **July 11—SOBG Annual Picnic**

**2020 Juried Photographic
Competition
Celebrating E.B. Forsythe
National Wildlife Refuge**



Open Submissions: Open to general public

Student Submissions: Open to students age 21 and under

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Cash Awards

Date for entries begins March 14, ends August 8

**Go to <https://friendsofforsythe.org>
for fees, categories, and award information**



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The dates have been extended to August 8. Forsythe Wildlife Drive is open still, but please use common sense. Also, photos taken over the past 3 years can be entered.

Cape May House



The Lakeside Lodge is going to be rented from October 5-9, 2020. The price per night has not been set yet, as we are awaiting the contract. At that time, we will open up reservations. We hope to have more information for the next newsletter.