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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. Some field trips may go on as we can drive individually to location and use social distancing. 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 open to drive around the Refuge, and Cedar Bonnet Island is also open; Ocean County parks facilities are open, and you can walk around the park trails. Please use common sense, a face covering, and 'social distancing'.

Annual Dues for 2021

Dues for 2021 can start to be paid in August, which will cover you until December 31, 2021. Singles are \$20, and couples are \$35 for the year. 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 is now available for renewals, new memberships, and donations on our website.**

**Cape May House Rental
Canceled for this year**



July 8, 2020 Virtual Meeting

We will have a virtual Zoom meeting on July 8 at 7 p.m. At that time member Josh Gant will give a webinar on "All You Need to Know About eBird".

eBird transforms your bird sightings into science and conservation. Plan trips, find birds, track your lists, explore range maps and bird migration—all free. Details on how to join the meeting will be sent to all members prior to the meeting.

We are also checking with Jesse Amesbury for the August 6 meeting to see if he can do it on Zoom.

Field Trips

- **July 11—SOBG Annual Picnic is postponed to maybe the end of Sept. or early October, depending upon conditions as they stand then.**
- **August 8—Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, wildlife Drive. Meet at VIC parking lot at 8:30 a.m. This is a go.**
- **September 19—Palmyra Cove Nature Park, possible**

**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

Supporting the mission of the
Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge

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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Wildlife Refuge**

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



**Friends in Southern Ocean Birding
Group (group)**

*Wishing our members,
Elizabeth and Kip Meyer
Congratulations on their wedding,
June 21, 2020*

