**MBAS Christmas Party**  
**December 12, 2017  6:00 pm**

Mobile Bay Audubon Society Christmas Party will be December 12. Bring a plate of your special holiday goodies (finger food only) to share around the Wassail Bowl.

Program begins at 7:00 pm. **“A Closer Look at Falcons and Owls”** presented by Kathy Hicks and Mark Wetzel. See back page for more info.

Open to the Public! Bring a Friend!

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**Audubon Eastern Shore Birders**

The AESB is a loose knit group of people who enjoy birding around the local area. Anyone is welcome. To get regular notices of birding trips, send an email to Lynne Fitzgerald, at aesbrlfl1@gmail.com

**Join us for a special birding trip On Wednesday, January 17, 2018.** We are invited to participate in a special boating trip out of Blakeley State Park aboard the Delta Queen. We will travel down river south of the Causeway to the area frequented by ducks. We will then have lunch at the Blue Gill before returning to Blakeley by 1PM. The cost for the trip including lunch is $40. Reservations may be made with a credit card by calling 251-626-0798. We will leave the dock at Blakeley at 9:30 AM.

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**MBAS Calendar - January - June 2018**

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are held at Five Rivers Delta Resource Center at 7:00 pm and are open to the public. Bring a friend!

**January 9**  **“Small Group Eco-tours in the Mobile - Tensaw Delta”** presented by Jimbo Meador

**February 13**  **“Nature Photography”** presented by Paul Dovie,

**March 13**  “The Mystical Migration of the Monarch is the story of a Monarch butterfly, her need for milkweed and her unique relationship to the Gulf Coast.” Written, directed and produced by two local gals, Fairn Whatley and Suzanne Damrich.

**April 10**  TBA

**May 8**  TBA

**June 11**  TBA

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**Smithsonian Exhibit at Five Rivers!!!**

A free Smithsonian traveling exhibit **“Water/Ways”** will be on display at Five Rivers from November 25, 2017 until January 5, 2018. An opening day celebration will be on Saturday, December 2 from noon until 3pm. The main exhibit is accompanied by a water-themed, hugely impressive supporting art exhibit featuring local talent of all different skill levels. For more information, go to [http://www.outdooralabama.com/5-rivers-smithsonian-exhibit-waterways](http://www.outdooralabama.com/5-rivers-smithsonian-exhibit-waterways)
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Join Today!

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To join, go to the NAS webpage www.audubon.org and click on Member Center or send your membership information to National Audubon Society, Membership Data Center, PO Box 422247, Palm Coast, FL 32142-6716. A one year membership costs $20.

For more information about MBAS, please see our website at www.mobilebayaudubon.org.

CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!!!
December 12, 2017 6:00 pm Five Rivers Delta Resource Center
Mark Wetzel, biologist and educator for Five Rivers will talk about his experiences as a falconer. He has worked with the raptor program at Auburn and Calloway Gardens, and Five Rivers is excited to have him working with them.

This Great Horned Owl will be part of the raptor talk at the Christmas Party!

Brown Booby recently seen hanging around the Fort Morgan Ferry Dock.