

# Bayou Bluebird Nest News

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## LBBS Celebrates 1st Annual Meeting

LBBS held its first annual meeting September 21, 2002, at Waddill Wildlife Refuge, Baton Rouge, La. Open to the Public, the meeting was well attended by both members and guests.

Following a trail of blue balloons left by Shane and Emily Marcotte, members and guests gathered at 2:00 p.m. in the visitors center for registration and refreshments. President Evelyn Cooper called the meeting to order, and after a short business meeting, introduced Guest Speaker Tina Taylor, a founding member of Mississippi Bluebirds. After an amusing and informative presentation, Ms. Taylor and Ms. Cooper led a round-table discussion that was enjoyed by all.

Lifetime Membership Certificates were awarded to Dave Cagnolatti and Charles and Nell McCullen.

Leo Terzia, Jr. was named 2002 Bluebirder of the Year in recognition of his endless efforts to foster the growth of LBBS.

Thank you to Barbara Hargrove and Dave Cagnolatti for their generosity in providing the wonderful refreshments. They did an outstanding job.

The raffle for a copy of "The Bluebird Monitor's Guide" was won by Kenneth Frances. A variety of door prizes went to others, and were donated by Shane and Emily Marcotte, Bobbie Mayers, Wild Birds Unlimited, and Everett Carlson.

After a brief social period, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

## Recapping the 2002 Annual Meeting!



President Evelyn Cooper, Delhi, LA, welcomes everyone to the 1st Annual Meeting.



Bill Davis, Gulf Breeze, FL, shares his information and experience.



Cheyenne Coleman, Oak Grove, LA, proudly shows the beautiful painted nestbox she won. (Hand-painted by Emily Marcotte, Denham Springs, LA.)



Shane Marcotte, Denham Springs, LA, shares the excitement of seeing his first nestlings fledge.



Dave Cagnolatti, Baton Rouge, LA, receives his Lifetime Member Certificate from Sheryl Bassi, Leland, MS.



Grant Pichon, Slidell, La., talks to the group about the display items he brought to share.



Everyone enjoyed the program presented by Tina Taylor of Mississippi Bluebirds.



Tina Taylor answers a question during round table discussion.

## James Dean's Story Marion, LA

James Dean has been a member of the North American Bluebird Society for several years. His Bluebird Trail was registered before they went on-line.

Most of Dean's Bluebird houses are in the eastern half of Union Parish. Much of that part of Union Parish has been clear-cut. If they burn the debris before replanting pine seedlings, the area is excellent habitat. At the first of March 2002, he had 1,134 nestboxes. Most are NABS nestboxes on iron pipe post. He places boxes at 100 yard distances in all clearings.

By the end of July 2002, Dean had 25 nestboxes stolen from his routes. Dean estimates that he raised 3,484 Bluebirds. He checks his boxes once a month. This takes about 10 days at six hours or more per day. He estimates about 4.5 eggs per nesting. He had 1,487 nesting attempts. Out of these 410 were robbed or didn't hatch. In 2001, Dean had 1,017 nestboxes and raised 2,835 Bluebirds. Dean has kept records on his trail since 1995.

James Dean lives in Marion, Louisiana and he is a member of LBBS. We applaud him for doing such an outstanding job of helping the Bluebird Recovery Program.

## *From The Perch...*

With two successful meetings behind us, our thoughts turn to planning our Spring Event. This event will be held in Baton Rouge, the date, place and time to be announced in our next newsletter.

Advertising in every possible way is one of the key factors in having successful meetings. Please make your plans to join us. Our organization is seven months old and our accomplishments are many. Thanks for the hard work and dedication of all those who have made this possible

Evelyn Cooper  
President

# Louisiana Bayou Bluebird Society



*Bluebirds along the bayous....  
where we lend a helping hand!*

