

## Audubon Council of New York State Fall Meeting Recap

The Audubon Council of New York State, representing most of New York's 27 chapters met at the Thayer Hotel at West Point during Halloween weekend.



On Friday evening following the council board meeting, the entire council and the constitution advisory board was treated to a lovely dinner reception at the home of Audubon New York Board Chair and National Audubon Society board member Connie Eristoff and his wife, Anne.

On Saturday morning, chapter representatives chose among field trips to Doodletown led by Rockland Audubon Society, Croton Point Park led by Saw Mill River Audubon, or a guided tour of the West Point campus. Later on, attendees gathered for presentations and workshops by Audubon New York Staff about The Atlantic Flyway Initiative, Audubon New York's strategic plan, and tips for fundraising.



After dinner, the council enjoyed a presentation on the Hudson River by Francis Dunwell, conservationist and author of "The Hudson: America's River".



Chapter representatives shared updates and ideas on their current work at the Chapter roundtable on Sunday morning. After hearing Al Caccese's Executive Director report and an update from the council board, the meeting was adjourned with all looking forward to the Spring Assembly, to take place March 19-21, 2010 at the Gideon Putnam in Saratoga Springs, NY.