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## Harriet Marsi- Memorium

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that spend part of their life there. Projects that are planned for other portions of the United States, North America, or the Western Hemisphere also may be considered. Research studies with conservation or management implications are particularly encouraged.

Grantees are encouraged to present at least part of their study results at an annual EBBA meeting. Travel grants for this purpose are

available, in addition to the Memorial Grant for the research. Also, grantees are encouraged to become members of EBBA.

Send applications/inquiries to:

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## **Harriet Marsi**

**1912 - 2008**



Harriet was a long-time bander in the Southern Tier of New York state, over 45 yrs. She was a member of Eastern Bird Banding Association and contributed many years of reports to EBBA's regional section of Atlantic Flyway Review. She is survived by her daughter Gail, son Rick, and two grandchildren.

Bird banding coupled nicely with her interests in conservation. Her list of achievements in conservation in the Southern Tier of NYS projects are many. Perhaps one of the most important of these projects was to convince the NYS DOT to alter their plans to build the new route (Southern Tier Expressway Rt 17) around the Apalachin wetland, instead of through it. Her and a friend's efforts were successful; and to many the saved wetland is referred to as "Harriet's Marsh."

She spent many volunteer hours bringing nature exhibits to the local schools and clubs in the area, inspiring and teaching children about conservation. She was the founder and long-time president of the Naturalist's Club of Broome County, NY, served as the president of the Central New York Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, and as president of the New York State Federation of Bird Clubs.

Harriet received many awards for her efforts in conservation; here are two: A special award of merit from the Federal Protection Agency for "significant contributions to a better environment"; and also the Susquehanna Group of the Sierra Club's annual award for environmental achievement.

To know Harriet was to become infected by her enthusiasm and passion for conservation. The local conservation groups as well as the bird banding community have lost a good and loyal friend.

Robert Pantle (EBBA Ed.)