

Dear and most respected ANF friends and artists,  
all volunteers, the office staff and the members of the board would like to wish you

## A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS 2007

Like every year, we would like to give you an update of our activities. In 2006, for the first time in ANF history, two project books were published in the same year: **Sails, Wind and Meadow Birds** and **The Great Fen**, Artists for Nature in England.

### January - February

Together with ANF's chairman Dancker Bijleveld and a group of Dutch eco tourists, we travelled in central India. Tour leaders were ANF India director Vivek Mohan Sharma and Ysbrand Brouwers



*With Vivek Sharma and D. Bijleveld at the Eco Lodge site*

We are happy to tell you that on a beautiful location on the edge of Bandhavgarh National Park we have obtained a 10 acre plot where we want to fulfil our dream and build our own ANF Eco Lodge (see Eco Lodge).

### March - April

During these months we had several meetings with The Utrechts Landscape Foundation about the upcoming exhibition and book production.

Working with these partners was a great pleasure in particular with Paul Vesters the windmill expert and Wim Wijsman, who transformed the mansion and headquarters of HUL "Oostbroek", into a real high street gallery.

We had meetings as well with WWF-NL about a possible project in the Danube Delta and about the financing of the Eco Lodge in India.

### May - June



*Opening exhibition of the Wind Mill Project.  
From left to right: Kate Warren, Martin & Simone Brandsma, Robin Shillcock, Piet Eggen, Bruce Pearson*

On May 20th the exhibition started with a festal opening event with many guests and contributing international artists present.

During the whole week the exhibition was on, we were happy to welcome many visitors and buyers of artworks, with a peak on the Wednesday, when the director of The Utrecht Landscape Foundation Henk Lugtmeijer had his audience of leave after having served the foundation for 33 years!



*Henk Lugtmeijer and Manuela Seifert*

In May 2007, replenished with new work, this exhibition will be on show again in the Town Hall and in Windmill 'The Hope' in Loenen aan de Vecht.

### July - August

The upcoming book presentation of the Great Fen Project and exhibition in Rutland Waters during the Bird Watching Fair had our attention and we met with many artists to tie up the loose ends.



*Books cover Great Fen by Bruce Pearson*

Several artists living in the UK attended the opening as well as some ANF representatives and the Russian artist Vadim Gorbатов. During the opening festivities ANF vice president Bruce Pearson and Ysbrand Brouwers met for the first time with Rebecca Wilson of the Forestry Commission. They discussed a potential project about the restoration and management of the remains of Lowland Heath Land in the UK and perhaps in a few other Northern European countries. Early December we had a subsequent meeting in the South of England including SWLA president Andrew Stock. With ample funds generated it looks like it, that as a joint venture of ANF and the SWLA, the project will make a start in the autumn of 2007.

## September - October

At the opening of the famous Birds in Art exhibition in The Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau Wisconsin, USA, Ysbrand Brouwers was invited to present the Master Artists award medal to **Andrea Rich**. Andrea is our ANF representative in the USA.

After this memorable long weekend in September, Ysbrand Brouwers and Manuela Seifert took the opportunity to travel to the West coast to visit several ANF artists.

This trip coincided with the opening of the SWLA (The Society of Wildlife Artists) annual exhibition in London where this time Bruce Pearson presented the ANF award.

We were very pleased to give the ANF/SWLA 2006 young artists award to **Esther Tyson**.

## November - December

We were mainly busy in investigating possible new ANF projects like the one together with The Forestry Commission. With The Crossbill Foundation and WWF-NL as partners, we try to organise a project in the Danube Delta at the border of Rumania and Ukraine. WWF-NL granted us €25.000.- for making a detailed fundraising plan and to further develop this project.

In December we have put together a portfolio with information to approach with the help of WWF selected possible sponsors for this Danube project.



**Vivek Mohan Sharma playful environmental education**

## Eco Lodge Bandhavgarh, India

We are very pleased to tell you that WWF-NL has donated €15.000 to develop the **Eco Lodge** in Bandhavgarh, India. With this contribution and other private donations we have been able to buy 10 acres of land. We urgently need another € 8.000 to fence the plot and build the first accommodation. The letter of support we received from WWF mentions the unique innovative and educational character of this project.

Please do support us financially to make this possible! On request we are most happy to provide further details by mailing you the brochure about this project.



**Vadim Gorbatov's, in future: cranes over The Fens**



**ANF director Ysbrand Brouwers**

## Donations

***Without your financial support it will be impossible to continue our projects and educational programs such as the one in India. Therefore, we would like to ask you to support ANF as several of you have done in the past by sending a cheque or making a transfer to our account. We depend upon you and we will be very grateful !***



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