Raptor Road Trip
Saturday, February 4, 9am to 2pm

Explore Sauvie Island in search of the magnificent Bald Eagles, hawks, and falcons that spend the winter on the island. On this special day devoted to raptors, experienced naturalists and hawk experts will host activities and answer your questions at four locations around the island. Enjoy guided bird viewing, meet live raptors up close, and sharpen your hawk identification skills. Hot drinks and donuts are available in the morning to keep you warm while you breakfast with the birds.

How does the road trip work?
Begin at Kruger’s Farm Market, where you’ll pick up an event map and illustrated raptor identification guide. The event fee is $10 per vehicle (cash only), and includes a one-day Sauvie Island Wildlife Area parking permit. To reach Kruger’s, turn right off Highway 30 northbound at the Sauvie Island Bridge and continue straight 1.5 miles (past Howell Territorial Park) to the farm entrance on your right. Carpooling is encouraged.

Sporting scopes and a crash course in raptor identification will be provided at three island viewing locations, along with naturalists to help spot the birds. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them, and dress for the weather.

What will you see?
It all depends on what nature has in store. Frequently sighted raptor species at the three viewing stations include Bald Eagle, American Kestrel, Red-tailed Hawk, and Northern Harrier. With a little luck you might spot a Peregrine Falcon, Merlin, Rough-legged Hawk, or Cooper’s Hawk. Spectacular Sandhill Cranes, Snow Geese, and Great Blue Herons are also commonly seen at this time of year. At Howell Territorial Park you are guaranteed sightings of Audubon’s Education Birds as well as fun activities for all.

No registration is required. For more information, visit audubonportland.org/local-birding/raptor-trip.

The road trip is suitable for birders of all skill levels, families and friends are welcome. Three of the sites—Howell Territorial Park, Coon Point, and the Wildlife Viewing Platform—are wheelchair accessible. While you don’t have to be an “early bird” and get up at the crack of dawn to see these birds of prey, you should allow approximately three hours to visit all four locations.

There is no way around the fact that 2016 was a tough year. It began with the occupation of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge on January 2 and ended with the acquittal of the armed occupiers of the refuge in federal court and the election of a president who has explicitly expressed his hostility, in both his words and his cabinet nominations, toward federal conservation laws and policies that protect our land, air, water, wildlife, and climate. It was difficult on a very personal level within Portland Audubon as well; in July we lost our wildlife veterinarian, Deb Sheaffer, to cancer. Deb was a Portland Audubon as well; in July we lost our wildlife veterinarian, Deb Sheaffer, to cancer. Deb was a veterinarian, Deb was a Portland Audubon as well; in July we lost our wildlife veterinarian, Deb Sheaffer, to cancer. Deb was a Portland Audubon as well; in July we lost our wildlife veterinarian, Deb Sheaffer, to cancer. Deb was a Portland Audubon as well; in July we lost our wildlife veterinarian, Deb Sheaffer, to cancer. Deb was a Portland Audubon as well; in July we lost our wildlife veterinarian, Deb Sheaffer, to cancer. Deb was a Portland Audubon as well; in July we lost our wildlife veterinarian, Deb Sheaffer, to cancer. Deb was a Portland Audubon as well; in July we lost our wildlife veterinarian, Deb Sheaffer, to cancer.

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At the same time, it was also a year of major achievements that will help improve the ecological health of our local community and our state for decades to come and that reaffirmed the power of the grassroots to make real change, even in the face of overwhelmingly powerful and wealthy vested interests. Those grassroots will be more important than ever to stand up and demand the right of every person, and particularly communities that have been marginalized, to live in a healthy environment, and to protect the complex web of life that shares the landscape with us.

A Look Back at 2016
Locally, Portland took some important steps toward reclaiming its mantle as one of the greenest cities in the United States. In early December, the City enacted...
We’ve had an eventful, yet quiet, week at your Portland Audubon Sanctuary, with both road closed for a week after an icy snowstorm and landslide took out not only our road, but our phones and Internet access as well. Dedicated staff and volunteers hiked in to make sure our education animals and Wildlife Care Center patients were cared for, and that our buildings remained intact and heated. Others did their best to work from home this week, grateful for improvements we’ve made in cloud-based technology over the past 18 months.

At dinner the night after the storm, my son gave thanks for the rare thrill we’d had of sledging together. I seconded his thankful thought, and wondered whether snowflakes in Portland (if not globally) might be just as endangered as the bird species we strive to protect, like the Marbled Murrelets in the Elliott State Forest. What is a typical snowfall year, and has that been changing over time? I put on my citizen scientist cap and compiled the data.

Being neither a climate scientist or statistician, I can only look at that chart and imagine what would be lost if my son’s generation is the last of Portland sledders. After all, from the environment’s perspective, less snow in our mountains means less snowpack in summer, and less meltwater feeding and cooling our rivers during the warmer months, providing the water our birds and wildlife depend upon.

On the eve of political change nationally, this is no time to be complacent about climate change. Locally, we can still advance efforts toward a more sustainable future, as shown by our successful efforts to stop further fossil fuel infrastructure in Portland. Future generations are counting on us.

Looking ahead to the new year, let’s be grateful for the opportunity to sled, and to make a difference.

Nick Hardigg
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From our Executive Director

The Last Sledding Generation

NATURE NIGHTS

Second Tuesday of the month from September to May unless otherwise specified. Before all Montgomery Park Nature Nights, Audubon members are invited to Rae’s Lakeview Lounge, 1900 NW 27th Ave., for a special discount. Just be sure to mention that you are a Portland Audubon member!

January

Solving Bird Collisions in Urban Settings: Building a Sustainable Urban Landscape to Protect Birds and the Night Sky with Mary Coolidge

Tuesday, January 10

7pm Heron Hall, 5151 NW Cornell Rd.

Window collisions are one of the foremost threats facing wild bird populations today, killing up to 1 billion birds annually in the United States alone. At the first Nature Night of 2017, Portland Audubon’s BirdSafe Campaign Coordinator, Mary Coolidge, will give you an expert’s view behind the science of window collisions, the impacts of light pollution, and how we are working to mitigate these hazards. Light pollution drowns out stars, confuses birds’ navigation, and lures them into lit up areas where they may be entrapped and/or face additional daytime hazards. This year, Portland Audubon mobilized over 2,500 households and worked with our partners at the Lloyd EcoDistrict to solicit 13 iconic buildings to go Dark Hour.

February

Malheur: One Year Later, with Bob Sallinger

Tuesday, February 14 • 7pm, Montgomery Park

Discount Hour 6–7pm, Rae’s Lakeview Lounge

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge has been in the news for much of the past year for all the wrong reasons. However, much is also going right in this amazing landscape. Join us for a very special Nature Night, presented by Audubon Society of Portland and the High Desert Partnership, that will bring together representatives from a variety of interests, including conservation groups, ranchers, the Harney County Commission, and Malheur Refuge staff, who have been working to restore the refuge and surrounding landscape to health, and bridge divides that too often separate our urban and rural communities. Even at the height of the occupation, these groups were working together on a collaborative vision to light a path forward.

March

How to Make Your Home Habitats and Influence Native Wildlife with Nikkie West and Friends

Tuesday, March 14 • 7pm, Heron Hall

Pre-Talk Seed Exchange 6–7pm, Heron Hall

Inspirational Nerf

April

Dynamic Geological History of Oregon, with Scott Burns

Tuesday, April 11 • 7pm, Montgomery Park

Discount Hour 6–7pm, Rae’s Lakeview Lounge

May

Songs, Brains, and Genes: The Fascinating Science of Birdsongs, with Claudia Melo

Tuesday, May 9 • 7pm, Heron Hall

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

Malheur: One Year Later SPECIAL NIGHT Wednesday, February 15

Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn St.

Hosted by SELCO Community Credit Union

6:00pm: Doors open. Light hors d’oeuvres provided by High Desert Partnership.

7:00pm: Presentation and Panel Discussion ($5 suggested donation)

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Peter Harkema, director of Oregon Consensus Project, will moderate a discussion about the work occurring on and around the refuge and the challenging issues being addressed. Come get an inside look at how these disparate parties have come together to work on some of the most important restoration projects on one of the most challenging landscapes in the western United States.
January 7 (Sat), 7am–4pm A Day on the Lincoln County Coast Join leader Tim Shermerudine for a day exploring coastal Lincoln County. We will look for alcid, loons, and other seabirds at Pelican Bay. Check for turnstiles, “bookkeys,” and “rockpickers” on the rocks at Depoe Bay, then spend more of the day around Newport and Yaquina Bay. This trip will go rain or shine, so bring rain gear and warm clothes, binoculars (and scope if you have one), and a sack lunch. Please plan on carpooling. Meet at 6:30am at the parking lot for Lamb’s Thriftway in Waldport. Directions: Take I-5 south out of Portland until Exit 283, the second Waldport exit. Turn left at the stoplight onto Wilsonville Road, proceed past two stoplights, and take a left just after Taco Bell into the shopping center. Please call Tim at 971-221-2534 with questions.

January 11 (Wed), 9am–12pm Fernhill Wetlands Join Dick Demarest to search for wintering waterfowl and raptors. Meet in the wetlands’ parking lot at 9am. Fernhill Wetlands is off Route 47, just south of Forrest Grove. Take Route 47 south from Forest Grove and turn left onto Fern Hill Road. Continue 1/4 mile to the parking lot on the left. Registration required at tnyurl.com/Fern-hill-Trip-Jan11. Contact Dick with questions: rdd@demarests.com, 503-407-7912.

January 12 (Thur), 9am–1:30pm Summer Lake Join leaders Sue Carr and Bonnie Denneke for a look at the wintering waterfowl in this wonderful suburban park! Directions: Scholls Ferry Road to SW 130th Ave. Follow the road around to the left (to SW Winter Lake Drive) to the parking lot on the left. Meet in the parking lot at 9:45am. Dress for the weather. For information, call Sue at 503-313-8086.

January 14 (Sat), 8am–11am Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden Join Ron Escano at Crystal Springs. Here is a chance to learn your waterfowl. With close views of most of our Portland-area ducks, we will learn to identify waterfowl using black and white field marks. Meet in the Crystal Springs parking lot across the street from Reed College on SE 28th. Reach the lot from SE Holgate (turn south on 28th) or SE Woodstock (turn north on 28th). Limited to 15 participants. Registration required with Ron at 503-773-3454.

January 18 (Wed), 9am–11am Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden Curious about those neighborhood ducks? Join Kathy van der Horst and Sue Carr to view wintering waterfowl at this lovely Portland pond. Wood Ducks are a specialty in the area. We’ll also watch for Bald Eagles, resident songbirds, herons, and several species of geese. Optional walk at Westmoreland Park and Reed Canyon. Meet at the Crystal Springs parking lot across from Reed College on SE 28th Ave. Reach the lot from SE Holgate (turn south on 28th) or SE Woodstock (turn north on 28th). Questions, contact Kathy at kathyfrans@ospnet.com or 503-233-7743.

20th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count February 17–20

The Great Backyard Bird Count is a four-day count held each February with the goal of getting a snapshot of bird numbers and distribution across the globe. As a participant, you commit to count birds anywhere for at least 15 minutes on one or more of the four count days. Tally the number of individuals of each species you see, and enter your totals into a free account you create through eBird. To learn all about the count and for detailed instructions visit gbbc.birdcount.org/. Last year, Great Backyard Bird Count participants counted birds all over the world on six continents, including more than 100 countries! A total of 162,052 bird checklists were submitted, including 300 from here in Multnomah County. The total species count in Portland area counts include Prairie Falcon, Eurasian Wigeon, Evening Grosbeak, Gray Jay, and Mountain Chickadee! The GBBC helps scientists determine trends and identify long-term declines that may call for conservation attention and require further study. Citizen Scientists can make crucial observations and contribute to a dataset the magnitude of which no team of scientists could achieve alone!

Questions? Email Joe Liebezeit, Portland Audubon’s Avian Conservation Program Manager, jliebezeit@audubonportland.org.

January 19 (Thur), 8:30am–12pm Milwaukee Waterfront Join Marilyn Abend, Karen Chalvo, and Dena Turner for birding on the Milwaukee Waterfront. We will bird at the Westmoreland treatment plant, the nearby park, and at Spring Park, looking for wintering waterfowl and waterfowl. Meet at the parking lot on the north side of the Kellogg Creek Water Treatment Plant at 15125 SE McLoughlin Blvd. This is just past Washington Street, with parking on the river side of the road. Limited to 18 participants. Contact Dena Turner with questions or to register: denaturm2@gmail.com.

January 22 (Sun), 8am–11am Commonwealth Lake Park Laura Whitmore will be your guide around this lovely Beaverton lake, which hosts many species of ducks all winter, with various wintering and resident songbirds found in the surrounding trees and brush. Meet at the park entrance at SW Football Dr. and SW Dellwood Ave. Questions? Contact Laura at kingbird68@comcast.net or 503-407-6539.

January 26 (Thur), 9am–11am Ridgefield NWR, River S Auto Tour Route Join Bonnie Denneke and Dena Turner as we bird by car on a walk-to-goauto tour. We will look for wintering waterfowl and raptors. From Portland, take I-5 north and exit 14 toward Ridgefield NWR. Drive Pioneer Street/WA 501N west, staying on Pioneer Street through the traffic circles. Turn right on 9th Street, continuing as it becomes Haults Road. The refuge entrance is on the right. Drive downhill on a gravel road and meet at the parking lot where there is also a restroom. NWR entrance cost is $3 per car, or a federal interagency pass. Limited to 14 carpooling required. Contact with Dena Turner, denaturm2@gmail.com.

February 9 (Thur), 9am–3pm Newport, Yaquina Bay, and environs Join Dick Demarest to search for wintering waterfowl, seabirds, raptors and coastal residents. Dress for the weather and bring lunch and drinks. Meet in the parking lot of the Hatfield Marine Science Center at 9am. Limited to 16 participants. Registration required at tnyurl.com/Newport0917. Contact Dick with questions: rdd@demarests.com, 503-407-7912.

February 12 (Sun), 7am–3pm Willamette Valley Refuge Join Laura Whitmore to bird Ankeny NWR and Basket Slough NWR, with a stop in between at Minto-Brown Island Park in Salem. We’ll carpool from Portland and search the refuge for wintering gese, swans, raptors, sparrows, and more during our day in the valley. Return by 5pm or earlier depending on birds and weather. Limited to 14 participants. Registration required with Laura at kingbird68@comcast.net or 503-407-6538.

February 15 (Wed), 7am–3:40pm Brownsmead area (near Astoria) Join Dena Turner and Marilyn Abend for an all-day trip to Brownsmead near Astoria, where waterfowl, raptors, and pell are plentiful in the flooded pastures. Meet at Sauvie Island Park and Ride (first left over the Sauvie Island Bridge) at 7am to form car pools, as Brownsmead has limited pullout and parking. Stops will include Twilight Eagle Sanctuary and the nearby fish hatchery. Dress for the weather and bring lunch/beverages/snacks. Return by 3:40pm or earlier depending on birds and weather conditions. Limited to 14 participants. Registration required. Contact Marilyn at abendlady4@gmail.com or 571-570-5553.

February 18 (Sat), 8am–11am Fernhill Wetlands Join leader Stefan Schlick for a morning at Fernhill Wetlands in Forest Grove. Meet at 8am at the Fernhill Wetlands parking lot. Dress for the weather. For questions, contact Stefan at ggreenland@hotmail.com.

February 23 (Thur), 9am–11am Commonwealth Lake Park Join Mary Ratcliffe and Richard Arnold for a walk around Commonwealth Lake Park in Beaverton. This lake has some great wintering birds including good numbers of our resident wintering passerines. Meet at the park entrance at SW Football Dr. and SW Dellwood Ave. Limited to Met 59 to SW Park Way and SW Dellwood Ave, one block south of Foothill. Questions? Call Caroline Arnold at 503-746-4640 or 650-387-2686 (mobile).

February 25 (Sat), 8am–2pm Renetaa River, Sauvie Island Join Ron Escano for a waterfront and winter sparrow adventure on Sauvie Island. Meet at 8am at the East Side Check Station Parking Lot on the corner of Reeder and Renetaa Roads. We will walk Renetaa Road and back a 1.6 miles round trip. Should be done by noon. All vehicles will have a Sauvie Island parking permit. From the Sauvie Island Bridge take Sauvie Island Rd north 2 miles to the intersection with Reeder Rd. Turn right on Reeder and continue north 9 miles to the East Side Check Station Parking Lot (allow 25 minutes to drive from the bridge to the check station). Dress for the weather. Sign-up required. Call Ron Escano (503-771-3454) to reserve a spot.

Cornell Lab’s Merlin App Now ID’s Your Photos! by Nancy Mattson, Nature Store Manager

A ppss have changed the way many birders watch birds in the field. Our Sibley guide, at two and a half pounds, often stays home, and a smaller book is tucked into our field bag. But those of us who carry a smartphone now make sure we have a good birding app. Apps feature multiple images of each species, range maps, and vocalizations, and they help you ID birds when you input where you are, the season, the color of the bird, its size, shape, and so forth. Amazing, eh?

Amazing as these apps are, birders (especially beginners) come to the Nature Store with the same query: “When will there be an app that ID’s my own picture I am looking at?” Well, that’s no long a pipe dream. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology has just upgraded their popular Merlin Bird ID app to analyze photos on your phone, ask you a few questions, and offer ID suggestions. The app can be downloaded FREE for $5 and Android devices from merlin.allaboutbirds.org.

Time to toss your Sibley? No. Merlin features 650 bird species and 2,000 images compared to Sibley’s 810 species and 6,000 illustrations. And illustrations highlight important typical field marks, whereas photographs feature one unique individual. Sibley’s flight images are also great for assisting you IDing moving birds at a distance. But we are lucky to be in an era that offers us many different bird ID tools tailored to fit our individual learning styles. And Merlin is free, so if you haven’t yet tried an app, why not get started!
Conservation

Portland Audubon Conservation: Looking Back, Looking Forward

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a ban on all new fossil fuel terminals—the most comprehensive ban on these types of facilities ever enacted in the United States. It was only two years ago that the City was considering building a massive new terminal along the Columbia River. A broad coalition of conservation and community groups, fueled by the energy of thousands of community members, not only stopped that facility but then turned around and compelled the City to ensure that no such facilities would ever be considered again in Portland. Mayor Charlie Hales, who led the charge on City Council, described the passage as “the first stone in a green wall of resistance against fossil fuel facilities along the West Coast.” At a time when walls have become a painful metaphor for exclusion, intolerance, and overt racism, these will be the bricks of walls we truly need. And at a time when the federal government is more likely to impede rather than lead the fight against global climate change, it will be cities that will lead the charge forward.

A less noticed, but also critically important step forward came with the adoption of Portland’s new Comprehensive Plan. Nearly ten years in the making, the plan includes priorities, policies, and growth patterns that will serve as the blueprint for how Portland develops over the next several decades. There are many important advances in the city’s environmental programs and policies in the plan, perhaps none more important than its clear commitment to address industrial land demand, not by limiting environmental protections or converting natural areas such as West Hayden Island to industrial use, but rather by making more efficient use of the existing industrial land base and cleaning up the majority of the city’s 900-plus acres of unproductive, contaminated brownfields. If the City follows through on this priority, it will have immense positive implications for the health of our economy, our environment, and our communities, particularly our most underserved communities, which bear the brunt of pollution.

A coalition of conservation groups, environmental justice groups, community groups, and Native American Tribes banded together in 2016 to fight for the strongest clean-up plan for the 11-mile long, 2,200-acre Portland Harbor Superfund Site. After nearly sixteen years of behindclosed-doors negotiations between corporate polluters responsible for the contamination and the EPA, the EPA released a draft clean-up plan that would leave upwards of 90% of our river contaminated, and sadly, the Portland City Council (with the notable exception of Amanda Fritz) and the State of Oregon went along for the ride.

Our community stood up to some of the most powerful corporate entities on the planet and the weak-kneed politicians who chose to back them, and set an all-time record for the number of public comments ever submitted about a Superfund Clean-up Process. A final record of decision on the plan is expected in January, and we expect a stronger plan as the result of this advocacy.

At the state level, Portland Audubon’s work to protect birds and their habitats took several major steps forward. The armed occupation of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge got most of the attention, but a big part of the reason that occupation failed was that conservation groups, ranchers, country commissioners, the Burns-Païute Tribe, and the refuge had been working together for years to develop collaborative relationships to address the most challenging environmental issues on and around the refuge. The occupiers are long gone but the collaboration continues and has grown even stronger in the face of that adversity. At the height of the occupation, that collaborative work resulted in $6 million from the state of Oregon, which will ensure that the work continues long after the occupiers are a distant memory. Today this type of collaborative work to bridge the urban-rural divide is more important than ever.

Other significant accomplishments at the state level included long-needed protections for forage fish; in both state and federal waters, a critical step toward ensuring that the foundation of the food chain for our ocean ecosystems, including imperiled seabirds, will remain healthy. Nearly six years after Portland/Audubon and other conservation groups filed a lawsuit, the federal government released very strong new requirements to ensure ecologically responsible development in floodplains. In addition to the benefits for the birds, fish, and wildlife that depend on floodplains, these new protections will also make our developed areas more resilient to the effects of climate change.

Finally, while the 2016 election sent a chilling message about the ability to make progress on environmental issues at the federal level, Oregon voters once again stepped up and sent a strong message of support for the environment with the passage of Outdoor School for All, Protecting Endangered Animals, and the Metro Greenspaces Levy, and the creation of a funding base for the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District. Portland Audubon was proud to support all of these efforts.

Looking Forward

In the coming year we will need to shift some of our resources toward working with other groups to fight efforts to roll back critical environmental protections. However, we need to couple those efforts with even more aggressive efforts to make progress at the local and state levels. At the Portland Fossil Fuel Hearings, many people held up signs reading “Cities Lead.” Indeed, grassroots activism at the municipal level is likely to remain on the cutting edge of environmental progress in the coming years.

Portland Audubon is currently completing work on its strategic plan, and we look forward in the March-April issue of the Notebook to outlining our priorities for the next several years. We will need all hands on deck to protect our public lands, water, air, and wildlife at the federal level, and we will need your energy, creativity, and enthusiasm to ensure that we light a bright path forward in our own communities and across the state of Oregon.

Upcoming Audubon Activist Opportunities

For more information on any of these events, please contact Stephanie Taylor, Conservation Field Organizer at staylor@audubonportland.org or 503-287-4681.

Nature Night: BirdSafe Portland with Mary Coolidge Thursday, Jan 12, 7pm–8:30pm
Portland Audubon’s Heron Hall
Portland Audubon’s BirdSafe Campaign Coordinator will discuss our BirdSafe Campaign, which focuses on reducing hazards to birds in the built landscape. Learn how you can help advocate for BirdSafe standards in building requirements and make your home safer for birds and other wildlife.

Conservation Activist Happy Hour & Storytelling Tuesday Jan 10, 7pm–9pm
Green Dragon Bistro, 928 SE 9th Ave, Portland
Join us for our monthly Activist Happy Hour & Storytelling nights, where you’ll hear stories from staff about Portland Audubon’s long-activist history. This is a perfect opportunity for new folks to learn about conservation issues and numerous volunteer opportunities. We’ll also be celebrating our many recent victories!

Public Meeting Regarding Proposed Reintroduction of California Condors in Northern California Thursday, Jan 26, 6pm–8pm
Oregon Zoo, 4001 SW Canyon Road, Portland
In support of the recovery of the California Condors of the last decade the Yurok Tribe, in coordination with USFWS, has spearheaded efforts to reintroduce condors in the Pacific Northwest, a region that condors have not occupied in more than a century. Reintroduction of this magnificent species into Northern California will likely lead to condors flying in Oregon skies in the near future. Attend this public meeting to learn about the proposal, how hazards like lead ammunition are going to be addressed, and how this proposal fits into the overall recovery plan for this endangered species.

Urban Ecosystem Research Consortium Symposium Monday, Feb 6, 2017, 8am–6pm
Portland State University, Smith Center Ballroom, 1825 SW Broadway, Portland
(See article on page 2)
Come to the Wildlife Care Center Open House on February 12th for a chance to experience Oregon’s largest wildlife rehabilitation center.

Behind-the-scenes tours of the Wildlife Care Center: Guided tours will give you a glimpse of what really goes on in one of the busiest wildlife rehabilitation centers in the US. This exclusive tour leads you through the animal intake area, food preparation rooms, laboratory and x-ray rooms, treatment and surgery rooms, and indoor and outdoor caging.

Education Birds Meet and Greet: All eight of Audubon’s non-releasable Education Birds will be put on outdoors grounds. Experienced bird handlers will share each bird’s story and information about the species in the wild.

Raptor Education Station: Be enraptured by raptors! You will be able to learn more about these birds of prey with a fun hands-on approach to studying raptor parts. Compare wings and feet and other special adaptations of a variety of raptors. Naturalists will be on hand to answer your raptor questions.

Question-and-answer time with a wildlife veterinarian: You will meet Audubon’s wildlife veterinarians and try to stump them with your questions. In turn they will attempt to stump you with studies of actual cases seen in the Care Center.

Raptor Art Show: Kids of all ages can draw their favorite raptors.

Sanctuary Scavenger Hunt: Using a guide booklet, search the sanctuary for hidden treasure boxes in this nature-themed scavenger hunt.

The Open House is free to the public, with a suggested donation of $5/person or $10/family for behind-the-scenes tours of the Wildlife Care Center.

Make sure to schedule your Behind-the-scenes tour ahead of time by calling the Wildlife Care Center at 503-292-0304, Monday–Friday 9am–5pm. Spaces fill fast, so don’t delay!

If you look closely, you’ll see the point where the new feather was attached to the existing feather. Photo by Portland Audubon

Lacy Campbell measures to attach a new feather to the Bald Eagle’s damaged feather. Photo by Portland Audubon

Truck Stone with Jack, the American Kestrel, at the 2015 WCC Open House © Portland Audubon

Wildlife Care Center
Open House
Sunday, February 12
11am–4pm

CALLS OF THE WILD
Online Auction

To help pay for the cost of animal rehabilitation at Portland Audubon’s Wildlife Care Center, we are pleased to offer experiences that promise to excite, thrill, and chill.

Here are just a few of the unique experiences featured in our 7th annual Call of the Wild auction:

Rare behind-the-scenes tour of the Oregon Zoo’s California Condor Recovery Facility
Head Condor Keeper Kelli Walker will take you on a fascinating tour that highlights the extensive effort that goes into the recovery of the California Condor. This is an amazing opportunity — the Oregon Zoo’s California Condor breeding program is one of only four in the country!

Glider Rides
Fly like a raptor as you glide on the whins of the wind in a 2-seater sailplane with commercial pilot Gary Gross. You’ll soar in silent, motor-less flight as you drink in the magnificent view below.

Rehabilitated Bald Eagle Returns to the Wild with New Feathers

Have you ever heard of an avian rehabilitation technique called imping? Most people, unless they’ve cared for injured birds, have never heard of this falconry practice dating back several thousand years.

Imping, short for implantation, is a process in which “donor feathers”, usually of the same species, replace broken or maiming feathers, enabling the bird to fly safely again. The imping process is much the same as humans getting hair extensions or fake fingernails.

Wildlife rehabilitators pay careful attention to neurological and physical signs an animal exhibits while in their care. Poor feather condition can be just as detrimental as a broken wing when considering a bird for release. If a bird has broken feathers, rehabilitators will assess the number of feathers that need to be replaced, how the bird uses its wings and tail, the season of their molt, and the size of the animal before deciding to imp. For smaller birds, lighter materials like toothpicks and tiny wooden dowels can be used to attach the new feather to the existing feather. With bigger birds, like an eagle, needles without the tip or pieces of metal and glue can be scored and used for imping. The most structurally sound way to imp is to carve out the shaft of the replacement feather so that it fits into the shaft of the old feather that’s glued to, reinforcing the weak point.

In late March of this year, Portland Audubon’s Wildlife Care Center took in an adult male Bald Eagle whose tail and legs were severely punctured, injuries sustained from a territorial dispute with another eagle. Territorial disputes are one of the most common reasons Bald Eagles have an animal, especially a larger animal, in a cage, that possibility of feather damage is going to be there because they aren’t meant to live in cages.”

Lacy imped two primary feathers on the left wing to give him the best possible chance of success in the wild. Eventually, the Bald Eagle will lose the borrowed feathers and grow his own new ones.

The Oregon Zoo has been a wonderful resource to Portland Audubon’s rehabilitation efforts, sharing their veterinary staff and services. Veterinarians Kelly Flaminio and Mitch Finnegan from the zoo assisted our Wildlife Care Center with the Bald Eagle’s remarkable recovery.

He returned to the care center shortly after the surgery and spent the next eight months healing. Wound cleaning, bandaging, antibiotics, and pain medications were part of his daily healing process. New pockets of dead tissue would open up all the time, so it was a long road to recovery for the bird. And because of his condition, he suffered some wing damage during the healing process.

“During his stay, because he was not able to stand for an appreciable amount of time, he would use his wings to help support him,” said Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager.

“Birds in captivity are prone to feather damage,” explained Lacy. “We try to limit it as much as possible, but when you have an animal, especially a larger animal, in a cage, that possibility of feather damage is going to be there because they aren’t meant to live in cages.”

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California Conondor

Photo by USFWS

California Conondors and the Big Sur Coast

April 23–28, 2017

Join us to search for North America’s largest bird, the endangered California Condor, in the wild! The central California coast and island areas offer excellent opportunities to see these majestic birds and a wide variety of other species.

The trip begins with a visit to the Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve, one of the largest tracts of undisturbed marshes remaining in the San Francisco Bay, where we will search for shorebirds, sea ducks, and other saltmarsh associated birds. As we head south of the San Francisco Bay, we will bring you to Pinnacles National Park, where a unique volcanic landscape affords a chance to see cliff-nesting Condors, Peregrine Falcons, and Prairie Falcons as well as the California endemic: Yellow-billed Magpie, and colonial nesting Acorn Woodpecker.

Our travels will continue along the stunning Big Sur coast south of Monterey, where coastal mountains of forest and grassland dramatically plunge into the sea. The scenery is breathtaking, and the chances of seeing Condors soaring above the rugged coastline are very good. We will visit the world-famous Monterey Bay Aquarium and take in the sights of Old Town Monterey during our three nights there. On our final day, we will explore coastal marshes and search for Northern Elephant Seals as well! For more information contact Marissa Dunn at mdunn@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6131.

Leader: Kirk Hardie, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
Fee: $1495 members / $1695 non-members
Deposit: $750 required to secure your place

Trinidad & Tobago

April 28–May 8, 2017

Trinidad & Tobago has well over 400 species of birds, and during this 10-day tour we will find our share of them, including Blue-gray Tanager, Red-breasted Blackbird, and Blue-crowned Motmot. On Trinidad we will spend three nights at Awa Wright, the famous birding lodge where Chestnut-colored Woodpeckers and the fascinating Ohtbird may be found.

After six nights on Trinidad we’ll travel to Tobago, roughly 5% of T & T’s area, and only 116 square miles. We’ll bird the hills and the coast then have time to swim, snorkel, or just relax on the beach. Contact Steve Robertson at sloberston@audubonportland.org or 971.222.6118 for more information.

Leader: Steve Robertson, Education Director
Fee: $1395 members / $1595 non-members
Deposit: $600 required to secure your place

Galapagos Islands with Ecuador Cloud Forest extension

October 10–16, 2017: Galapagos Island
October 16–22, 2017: Ecuador Cloud Forest Extension

The Galapagos Islands are renowned for their species diversity, and we’ll explore the full scope of this trip aboard a 100-foot yacht as we travel between the islands. We’ll encounter many birds including up to 12 species of Galapagos finches, the Galapagos Hawk, Magnificent Frigatebird, and Waved Albatross. We’ll see unique wildlife such as the endemic Marine Iguana, Land Iguana, Galapagos Fur Seal, and we may see a whale or two. There will also be many opportunities to snorkel and enjoy the amazing underwater life.

Post-trip extension: For those choosing to continue with us after the Galapagos, this trip will take us to the cool, moist cloud forest of Ecuador. We will begin by visiting the Yanacocha Reserve, home to many of the Andes’ unique endemic birds, including: Golden-tailed Sapphire, Buff-winged Starfrontlet, the second largest hummingbird, the Great Sapphirine; and if we are lucky, the Sword-billed Hummingbird. We will visit the protected regions of Mindo and Tandayapa to search for Cocker-of-the-Rock, Tocan Barbet, Plate-billed Mountain Toucan, and the 20 species of hummingbird. We will also visit the lower foothills of Río Silanche, where a remnant forest protects flocks of tanagers, parrots, and toucans. At the famous Angel Paz (Paz de las Aves) reserve we will save the rare and unusual Giant, Montwatched, and Yellow-breasted Antpittas, and Dark-backed Wood-Owl. An excursion to the western foothills and the Río Silanche Preserve will be good for Choco endemics including Choco Toucan, Bronze-winged Parrot, and possibly Scarlet-browed Tanager. Finally, we will visit the altiplano of the Antisana Volcano to search for the majestic Andean Condor. For more information, please contact Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971.222.6105.

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Galapagos Hawk. Photo by Dan van den Broek
Trees and Shrubs in Winter
Jan 21 (Sat), 9am–1pm: Class in Heron Hall
This natural world is mostly dormant and quiet in the depths of winter. Delicate trees and shrubs have dropped their leaves, and you may think it’s difficult to identify these plants, but each species has telltale characteristics you can learn to recognize. Naturalist Dr. Ivan Phillpess will help you get your bearings in the winter woods, teaching you to identify the bark, buds, and other species has telltale characteristics you can learn to recognize.
Class with Field Trips: $50 members / $65 non-members
Class-Only Option: $14

Birds Journal: Sketching and painting birds simply for pleasure
A three-part series – register for one, two, or all three!
Saturdays, 10am–3pm: Class in Heron Hall
This workshop led by Stacey “Zebith” Thalden will focus on the scientific illustration of butterflies, butterflies, and other insects. Emphasis will be on conveying anatomical structure and creating aesthetically pleasing visual communication. Instruction is geared to all levels, and all participants will receive individual assistance.
Fee: $34

The Art of Invisibility
Feb 1, 8, 15, & 22 (Wed), 6:30pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
This workshop led by Stacey “Zebith” Thalden will teach you the differences between the major groups of Oregon’s small mammals. Many individual species will be introduced, with tips on their identification and information on behaviors and habitats.
Fee: $95 members / $115 non-members
(includes $15 for supplies)

Spring Break Camp 2017 at Portland Audubon is March 27-31
Registration for Spring & Summer camps begins January 26 at 9:00am. To register, go to audubonportland.org for online registration or to download a registration form. Call 971-222-6131 to save a place if you are mailing your form.

Spring Break Camps run 8:45am–4:15pm unless otherwise noted.

Art of Invisibility
2nd–3rd grade
Tails of the Forest:
Mammals (Mon), Raptors (Tues), Amphibians (Wed), Birds (Thur), Habitats (Fri)
1st grade
Thursdays, 10am–3pm: Class in Heron Hall
During this week-long camp, you’ll learn about the tails of the forest: the animals they belong to. Each day we will focus on a different theme: we’ll talk about animals, play animal games, and make art projects inspired by what you learn. We’ll be sure to spend lots of time in Audubon’s wildlife sanctuary searching for bushy squirrel tails, slippery natterjack tails, and swift woodpecker tails.
All 5 days: $240 member/ $260 non-member
Pick-up/Drop off: Audubon House

Salmon Search
2nd-3rd grade
Run with the salmon up the Columbia River Gorge on this exciting day of exploration and discovery of what our Pacific Northwest forest and wildlife can teach us. Wild adventures, edible forests, and other things you find in the forest! Save the date: Thursday, May 25, 10am–1pm
Fee: $70 member / $80 non-member
Pick-up/Drop off: Upper Macleay Park

Wildlife Adventures
2nd-3rd grade
Spend a day exploring the forest, pond, and wildlife in the Audubon House. You will become a wildlife detective and learn to identify wild animals and wildlife. If you are interested in learning more about the natural world, this class is for you.
Fee: $65 member / $75 non-member
Pick-up/Drop off: Audubon House

Surf’s Up!
4th-8th grade
Join Portland Audubon’s Educators on this hands-on exploration of the coast. We’ll discover the awesome animals that live in tide pools, explore a few caves, learn some cool geology, and find tide pools on a sandy beach or two! We guarantee you’ll learn more about the beach in one day than you thought possible, and you’ll have a blast doing it! The camp returns at 5:00pm.
Fee: $70 member / $80 non-member
Pick-up/Drop off: Upper Macleay Park

Wild Medicine
4th–8th grade
What creatures live in your local creeks and ponds? We’ll look in Balch Creek and the pond in Portland Audubon’s own Wildlife Sanctuary to find mayflies, trout, and maybe even a crayfish! Get to know the plants and animals that live in this watershed and turn your observations into imaginative paintings and claysculptures.
Fee: $65 member / $80 non-member
Pick-up/Drop off: Audubon House

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Juniors针Votel
1st–2nd grade
Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We’ll go behind the scenes of Portland Audubon’s Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about.
Fee: $65 member / $75 non-member
Pick-up/Drop off: Audubon House

Art Aquatic 2nd-3rd grade
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Class in Heron Hall
Check our website for upcoming classes not listed here! audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes

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Willamette Valley’s Wind-borne Vagrants

by Harry Nehls

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uring October and November every year, very strong storms form over the North Pacific then move eastward, bringing heavy rains and strong winds into western Oregon and Washington.

Birds still lingering in the North Pacific are pushed southward by the storms and into their wintering areas in the South Pacific. Many, however, are caught in the wind and are blown to the beaches and into the coastal lowlands before they leave. A few are pushed farther into western Oregon and Washington valleys.

Their numbers vary from year to year, but the most common of these wind-borne vagrants are Red Phalaropes. Although the storms this fall were not overly strong, higher-than-normal numbers of phalaropes swarmed the coastal lowlands and the Willamette Valley.

The largest inland numbers were found in the south in the Salem–Eugene area, and smaller numbers were found around Portland. Beverly Hallberg noted the first arrival in the Salem–Eugene area, and smaller numbers were swarmed the coastal lowlands and the Willamette Valley.


Peyton Cook saw and photographed a stunning Elegant Tern at Broughton Beach November 26. The stay was very brief and the bird left immediately after being photographed. David Leal saw a White-winged Scoter there November 18. That day Jules Evens was among the many that spotted a Brown Pelican at Broughton Beach. This was probably the bird later seen November 21 at the John Day Dam.

Other birds along the Columbia River in North Portland were up to 157 Western Grebes off Hayden Island. With them were two Clark’s Grebes and several Red-necked Grebes. Andy Frank noted three Pacific Loons off Chinook Landing in Troutdale November 1. Lyn Topinka saw a Pelagic Cormorant off Washougal November 4. Justin Cook spotted five White-winged Scoters flying east past the Sandy River Delta October 25.

Wilson Cady reported 5 early Tundra Swans at Franz Lake near Stevenson October 25. Harry Fuller noted 25 at the Tualatin NWR October 29, and Stefan Schlick found 18 at the Fernhill Wetlands November 15. On October 26 he saw an Emperor Goose on Sauvie Island. It could not be relocated. Mark Greenfield found 52 Snow Geese on Sauvie Island November 20, Jay Withgott observed a flock of 2,000 there October 27.

On October 10 the annual Sandhill Crane count was conducted in the Sauvie Island Ridgefield area. This year an above-average 4,894 birds were recorded. On October 16 Jim Danzenbaker found 45 White Pelicans on Vancouver Lake. Jeff Hill reported a Northern Gannet in his West Union neighborhood November 15. At about 3:30 pm October 2, Jeff Hayes noted a flock of 130 Turkey Vultures passing southward over Delta Park. By 3:30 Beverly Hallberg spotted the flock passing south over inner east Portland. Jeff noted another flock over Southeast Portland October 8.

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• Help make Audubon’s special events successful, like the Wild Arts Festival, the Native Plant Sale, International Vulture Awareness Day, and Swift Watch.

New Volunteer Orientation is Wednesday, February 8, 6pm–8:30pm. Participants are asked to complete a Volunteer Application at audubonportland.org/about/volunteer/volapp before attending Orientation.

If you would like to donate some of your time and energy to the Audubon Society of Portland but have questions, please contact Deanna Sawtelle, dsawtelle@audubonportland.org, or 503-292-6855 ext. 108.

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Brigitte Hruska by Keia Booker, Executive Assistant

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Red Phalarope. Photo by Jen Sanford

Sandhill Cranes. Photo by Hayley Crews

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Members Receive a Discount at the Nature Store!

udubon Society of Portland’s Nature Store is the headquarters for naturalists in the Portland-Vancouver metro area. We feature nature books, hiking & field guides, binoculars & spotting scopes, bird feeders & seed, plus gifts & toys for adults & children, all with a nature theme. Portland Audubon members receive a 10% discount off regular prices.

Nikon’s New Monarch Fieldscope!
Nikon Sport Optics has just added a fieldscope to the popular Monarch line. This new scope is loaded with all the features needed to make long days of viewing both satisfying and strain-free.

The addition of a new Field Flattener Lens System offers precisely focused images all the way to the viewing edge. Plus, the Monarch’s advanced apochromat system of ED glass and proprietary lens and prism coatings delivers true color fidelity with high resolution integrity. That means sharp, clear, bright images any time of day in any type of weather. And speaking of weather, this scope is fully waterproof and fogproof.

Like the new Zeiss Conquest and Vortex Razor scopes, the Monarch features a helical focus ring in the center of the body. But Nikon has taken the design a step further by creating a nonlinear movement of focus: as you move from close viewing to more remote, the speed of focus adjusts to the very fine movement needed to pinpoint distant objects. This movement is very intuitive and comfortable.

The Monarch comes in two models. We’ve received our first display model of the larger scope, which features an 82mm objective lens and a 20-60 zoom focus. The price is $1,777.72 ($1,599.95 for members). The more compact model has a 60mm objective lens and a zoom range of 16-48, priced at $1,355.50 ($1,289.95 member price). Hopefully our 60mm display model will be here by the time you are reading this, along with additional sales stock. Special note: an optional wide-angle lens is available for both models!

Nest Fest! Prepare for Nesting Birds and Pollinators this Spring
Saturday January 28, 2017, 1pm-4pm Heron Hall

Come to this fun, casual event, where you’ll learn how to enhance the habitat value of your backyard for birds, mason bees, and bats! See the different styles and sizes of boxes designed to attract the wildlife of your choice. Pick up free plans for do-it-yourselfers, talk to our experts, see what the Nature Store has to offer. Learn about construction, proper dimensions, materials, and placement. Nesting season will be here before you know it!

It’s the Bees Knees!
Become a backyard beekeeper this spring by hosting mason bees, gentle native pollinators that will quickly set up shop in a nesting shelter you provide. With your own on-site bee colony, no flowering tree or shrub is needed to make long days of viewing both satisfying and strain-free.

Get the Bird’s Eye View!
While we’re working on getting the dimensions right, and they will come! It’s all about the design. We want a house with the perfect dimensions and floor plan, and so do our asian friends. When you offer the perfect nest box, how can they resist?

Feeling a Little Batty?
You should, they are everywhere in our urban environment. Create the perfect roost to keep them happy and residing close by to devour the hundreds of mosquitoes and bugs that eat hungry bats nightly (up to half their own body weight!), right in your own backyard!

Plus, learn about Portland Audubon’s Backyard Habitat Certification Program and how you can make your yard irresistible inviting to the wonderful, natural, native visitors who live right in your own neighborhood!

Wild Rose Herbs Beard Conditioner
Regular Price $19.95 Member Price $17.96
Ash, the owner & herbalist of Wild Rose Herbs, lives on a two-acre mini-farm in Southern Oregon’s Rogue Valley. With over ten years of experience, she credits the success of Wild Rose to resourcefulness, simplicity and a strict DIY ethic.

Wild Man Beard Conditioner is a highly absorbent, moisturizing, and lightweight oil ideal for the daily maintenance of the skin and beard. Perfect for all skin and hair types, this oil mimics your skin’s natural moisturizers, absorbs quickly, strengthens hair, and leaves your beard with a subtle shine and soft feel. Unique therapeutic-grade essential-oil blends naturally condition hair and act as an aromatherapy aid with a subtle, “beard-appropriate” scent.

Uncommon Green Portland Pint Glasses
Regular Price $17.00 Member Price $15.30
Brian Johnson started Uncommon Green in 2009 to make everyday products that meld artistry, functionality, and sustainability. Drawing inspiration from his background in mechanical engineering, industrial design, and product development, Brian started looking for ways to incorporate high-performance industrial materials into designs for the home.

Uncommon Green sources materials and packaging from US-based companies whenever possible, and they are all about partnering with local artisans and small businesses to bring their designs to life. They strive to minimize their impact on our environment by using earth-friendly materials and practices

Kikkerland Waterproof Phone Sleeve
Regular Price $5.00 Member Price $4.50
Now you can truly take your smartphone anywhere with this waterproof bag. The durable adjustable lanyard makes sure that your smartphone is never too far away and is easy to retrieve. Perfect for outdoor activities of all kinds, you don’t even need to take the phone out of the sleeve to use the touchscreen.

Audubon Birding Book Club
Thursday, Jan. 12, 7pm Audubon Society of Portland
Come join us to discuss Bird Sense, by Tim Bidwell, “a groundbreaking look at how birds experience the world.”

All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Molly at oregonbirder@yahoo.com. Dessert will be provided.
The 2016 Wild Arts Festival — A Successful Year on so many Levels!

The 36th Wild Arts Festival was just what we all needed! Elevating our spirits with wonderful support from the community and our volunteers, Montgomery Park was the perfect backdrop to another wildly successful weekend showcase of art, books, and nature. All levels of the venue were bustling with activity, as more than 4,000 people came out to celebrate nature through fabulous art and books.

It’s amazing to watch the show take shape—from a main-floor balcony to a book fair featuring 35 authors; from an office mezzanine meeting hall to an art fair showcasing the works of 66 artists; from a third-floor office corridor to a silent auction showcasing more than 300 donated items; the Festival is also a showcase of the tremendous amount of heart and host provided by an amazing crew of volunteers and staff.

Friday afternoon, the artist-booth spaces are laid out on the main and mezzanine levels, followed by a volunteer-powered trolley parade of artists’ wares delivered to each designated location. All the while volunteers set up Silent Auction items on the third floor and carefully stack books on author signing tables on the main floor. By the time the Festival opens at 10am Saturday morning, everything is meticulously in place.

Of course, the ever-popular Wild Arts 6x6 Project draws early crowds as people were eagerly awaiting opening Saturday morning. As if we needed more proof of the popularity of the 6x6 Project, nearly 250 pieces were returned, surpassing the 200 canvases donated by BLICK Art Materials.

By 3:30 pm Sunday, November 20, the Silent Auction closed with more than $26,700 in sales. And by the close of show, the 66 artists sold over $244,000 in wares, contributing 10% of their sales back to the Festival. The Book Fair brought in $27,400, and the 6x6 Project made a record $7,890. Sponsorships, jury, and booth fees amounted to $57,000; admissions and membership fees added $31,000; and while the expenses are still being finalized, it looks like the 2016 Wild Arts Festival successfully raised a preliminary gross estimate of $178,000.

Throughout the weekend, volunteer handlers shared the stories of two of Portland Audubon’s Education Birds, who enchanted visitors of all ages, as the Nature Store sold nest boxes.

Next year’s Wild Arts Festival will be held, as always, the weekend before Thanksgiving, so mark your calendars for the 2017 Wild Arts Festival on November 18–19, 2017.

Thank you, sponsors!

We extend a huge thank you to Backyard Bird Shop, who returned this year as our Presenting Sponsor. Our gratitude goes out to the following organizations and individuals:

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Thanks to Our Volunteers

While planning for the Festival is nearly year-round, that weekend over 250 volunteers powered the 2016 Wild Arts Festival. From set-up to tear-down, volunteers loaded in and loaded out artists, took admissions and memberships, cashiered at the Book Fair and 6x6 Project, sold Nature Store goods and event T-Shirts, acted as “booth sitters” to give artists a break, handled Portland Audubon’s Education Birds, stocked the volunteer break room, registered Silent Auction bidders and processed their winning bids, and of course, shopped!

Special thanks to Mary Solares, Festival Chair, and to other Committee Chairs including Darlene Carlson, Carol Enyart, Martha Gannett, Gay Gregor, Wink Gross, Molly Marks, Ann Littlewood, Jill Nelson-Debord, Candy Plant, and Mary Rackliff. Additional thanks go to Darlene Carlson, Linda Craig, Anne Eakin, Kimm Fox-Middleton, Laurie Garretson, Gay Gregor, Susan Hartner, Diane Harris, Carol Ann Maxwell, Gary & Barbara Michaels, Kathy O’Neil, Beth Parmenter, Steve Pearson, John Plant, Roberta Lampert, Rebecca Rubin, Toni Rubin, Marilyn Scott, Allan Solares, Tammy Spencer, Jill Turner, Rusty Whitney, Bob Wilson, and Claire Wilde.

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The Joy of Giving: Giving for Results
by Donna Wienc, Donor Relations Manager

Marlene Huntsinger and Steve Pearson are active, practical, results-oriented people who have been giving to Audubon for nearly 20 years. Both majored in math in college, and both held numbers-oriented leadership positions that carried much responsibility for local public utilities, so when Marlene says they support Portland Audubon “because it’s an effective investment and a valuable place to put their money,” it’s worth taking note.

But for Marlene and Steve, Portland Audubon isn’t just about the bottom line of effectiveness with conservation and outdoor education; it’s also a source of joy.

“It’s fun!” Steve said. “It gets me outside, and it helps me be a better volunteer.” Fortunately, Portland Audubon is one of the ten organizations with which he volunteers.

Steve is responsible for the checkout area at the Wild Arts Festival’s Book Fair. He says, “When people come to the cashier after talking to authors, they’re happy. And the artists and authors who participate seem happy to be part of the Festival.” Marlene added, “One of Portland Audubon’s real strengths is its volunteers. People need to feel engaged, and Portland Audubon helps us with that.” Since retirement, Marlene is paying more attention to birding (about which Steve says, “She’s not going to say this, but she’s really good.”), and she regularly participates in a conversational Spanish class. Together, they’re planning a springtime trek in New Zealand with two of their daughters.

Steve and Marlene are avid hikers and bikers who find an outing of 35–50 miles on their bikes just about right.

Join us at BRINK, the Fifth Annual Audubon Society of Portland Benefit Show at Antler Gallery!

Our wonderful partner, Antler Gallery is hosting the fifth annual benefit show, BRINK January 27 to February 23, 2017. You won’t want to miss this unique show, which features regionally and nationally celebrated artists inspired by wildlife and the natural world, focusing on the theme of extinction.

These new, original pieces will be on display and offered for sale, with 20% of all sales donated to the Audubon Society of Portland. Antler Gallery founders and curators Susannah Kelly and Neil M. Perry believe strongly in Portland Audubon’s mission to protect birds, wildlife, and habitat. 

Over the past four years, the gallery has raised more than $11,000 to support wildlife conservation across Oregon.

“We are thrilled to be sharing Antler Gallery’s five-year anniversary with BRINK,” said Neil. “We feel so fortunate to partner with the Audubon Society every January, and truly appreciate the incredible resource they are, both through their tireless work to protect the environment and their education outreach to future generations.”

Brin Levinson, one of the artists whose work will appear in the show, shared, “I am so excited to once again participate in Antler’s BRINK show. I love that the relationship with the Audubon Society of Portland extends beyond the BRINK exhibition dates—from life drawing sessions with their education birds, to guided tours through their sanctuary. As an artist who focuses on animals and the natural world, it’s wonderful to be a part of this community of creative and environmental protectors.”

Participating artists include Vanessa Foley, Sam Wolfe Connelly, Josie Morway, Ben Levinson, Erika Sanada, Jennifer Parks, Annie Kuhn, Brian Masburn, Courtney Brins, Zoe Kelley, Teaghan White, Susannah Kelly, J. S. Weis, Sabrina Jackson, Neil Perry, Audrey Pongracz, and Johnny Aruso.

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January 27 to February 23, 2017
Antler Gallery
2728 NE Alberta St.
Portland, OR 97211

Opening Night
Thursday, January 27, 2017
6pm–9pm

Chris Austin, Keith Carter, Rachel Sabin, Mark Rogers, and Johnny Aruso.

In addition to the donation from sales, there will be other fundraising events at the gallery during opening night and throughout the show.

Please join us opening night for a fun evening of art and libations! Dogwood Distilling of Forest Grove will be serving cocktails crafted to suit the theme of the show.

Businesses Giving Back
Toyota of Portland and Fred Meyer offer ways to protect birds and habitat

In the market for a car? If you are thinking about buying or leasing a new or used car, get in touch with Ishan Ray, 503-473-7047 or iray@toyotaofportland.com, with Toyota of Portland’s new Driving Communities Program, whose mission is to drive hands into the community through car sales, trades-ins, or loan refinancing. In addition to their many gas-powered models, Toyota offers a suite of five hybrids, including the 50 mpg Prius. You can participate in three ways:

1. Buy or lease a new or preowned vehicle, and Portland Audubon will receive 1% of the transaction.

2. Sell or trade in your vehicle, and we will receive $250.

3. Refinance your vehicle loan, and we will receive $100.

For more information, visit toyotaofportland.com/toyota-driving-communities

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It’s easy! Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Audubon Society of Portland at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our nonprofit number, 91071.

Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Portland Audubon earn a donation! You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today. If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.

For more information, please visit fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

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What, Birdathon already? Yes! Let’s again make Birdathon 2017 the biggest, baddest Birdathon this side of the Mississippi! Last year was wonderful—31 teams, more than 290 participants, and over 2,100 donations set a new record of $182,000 raised to protect birds across Oregon! Besides raising essential funds for Audubon Society of Portland’s conservation and education programs, Birdathon raises awareness for birds and their habitats, and builds a community of bird and nature lovers. Mark your calendars for Birdathon registration on March 15. We’ll update you in the March-April Warbler and on our website. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for the latest information. You know what the early bird catches, so let us help you hatch your plan.

- The easiest way to participate is to join one of our organized teams.
- Take it to the next level and create your own Birdathon team:
  - You and your friends get together for a morning of bird watching.
  - You introduce co-workers to your favorite birding spot.
  - You and your family enjoy a special day of birding at your backyard feeders.
- Many also participate as individuals; let your imagination take flight with spring migration and hatch your own personal Birdathon plan.

Join the fun! The success of our Birdathon lies in the depth and growing diversity of our Birdathoners — all of you! For information about creating a Birdathon team, contact our Birdathon Coordinator, Mark Fitzsimons, at mark.birdathon@gmail.com.

Join Our Flock — Become a Member

Your membership dollars support our Conservation, Education, and Wildlife Rehabilitation Programs! Memberships help us protect native birds and their habitats, and come with perks such as discounts on classes, camps, and trips and in our Nature Store. You can join online at audubonportland.org/support/membership, in our Nature Store, or send in this handy form.

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