Wild Arts Festival
November 22–23
Presented by Backyard Bird Shop

Now in its fourth decade, the Wild Arts Festival — the Northwest’s premier show and sale celebrating nature in art, crafts, and books — continues to attract artists, authors, and fans. This year, as usual, the Festival will be held at Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn in Portland during the weekend before Thanksgiving, Saturday, November 22nd and Sunday, November 23rd. Festival hours on Saturday are 10am to 6pm; Sunday hours are 11am to 5pm. Tickets are $6 (age 16 and under free) and 2-for-1 coupons can be found on page 12 and on our website, wildartsfestival.org.

Once again, Festival organizers have gathered together a stellar group of authors and artists, along with a complement of exciting additional attractions.

Artists
The Fair is a core component of WAF, and this year (as usual) a huge variety of arts and crafts will be represented. We’ll have everything from ceramics to weaving and sculpture to glass art, not to mention photography, printmaking, textiles, jewelry, and more. Among the many Festival favorites attending will be Rebecca Bashara and Scott MacDonald (jewelry); Kim Black (baskets and gourds); Babette Harvey (ceramic/pottery); Heidi Leonard (textile/fabric); Conter Reimnitiz (metal art); Chris Moench (ceramic/pottery); and Deb Neely (printmaking).

In addition, we are please to welcome a number of artists who are here for the first time, including metal sculptor Shannon Buckner, colored pencil artist Sarah Cox, photographer David Duck, oil and pastel artist Nathalie Equal, ceramicist Patti McQuillin, pencil and watercolor artist Eileen Sorg, and “upycaller” Sarah Wiener. The Art Fair is always stunningly beautiful, and is a collector’s paradise — not to mention a wonderful place to do some holiday shopping! Check out the Festival website for a complete list of the talented artists who will attend WAF 2014.

Authors
The 2014 author lineup features a perfect mix of returning Festival favorites and Wild Arts Festival novelists. As usual, we are thrilled to welcome Ursula K. LeGuin back to the show — especially since she just received the National Book Foundation’s Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters! This will be a great year to make sure you have a complete (and signed!) collection of Ursula’s titles. She’s joining lots of old friends with new publications, including Noah Strycker with The Thing with Feathers; Brian Doyle with Children and Other Wild Animals; Nikki McClure with May the Stars Drop Down; Robert Michael Pyle with Evolution of the Genus Iris; Poems; John Maupin with Welcome to Sadhana; and Floyd Skloot with Rewriting: An Off-Kilter Memoir.

Joining us for their first (or first recent) visit to WAF are Justin Hocking with The Great Floodgates of the Wonderworld; Peter Stark with Astoria: John Jacob Astor and Thomas Jefferson’s Last Pacific Empire; Tim Palmer with Field Guide to Oregon Rivers; Abby Metzger with Meandering Scars; Reflections on Healing the Willamette River; David Shapiro with The Terra Tengo graphic novel adventure series; Bonnie Henderson with The Next Tsunami; Molly Gloss with Falling From Horus; and Barbara Drake with Oregon Light. And we always look forward to the presence of the authors from the Portland Audubon family, this year including James Davis, M.J. Cody, Steve Engel, and Harry Nehls. And the most exciting thing of all? This is just a fraction of the authors who will be at the show! For a full list, check wildartsfestival.org.

Silent Auction
Every year, the Wild Arts Festival’s Silent Auction features a huge variety of items and experiences, including vacations, garden art, pottery, and much, much more. Over 75% of the artists in the show will donate a piece of their work. This year you’ll be able to put in your bid for a glass art class by Festival favorite Ann Cavanaugh, several one-of-a-kind pottery pieces, a silk Turkish rug ... the list goes on (and on and on!) — so make sure to come upstairs and take a look during your visit to the Festival.

On Nov 4, Vote Yes for Parks & Nature in Portland and North Clackamas County

Measure 26-159 will renew Portland’s 20-year-old park bond and invest about $68 million annually to improve parks and nature in art, crafts, and books — continues to attract artists, authors, and fans. This year, as usual, the Festival will be held at Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn in Portland during the weekend before Thanksgiving, Saturday, November 22nd and Sunday, November 23rd. Festival hours on Saturday are 10am to 6pm; Sunday hours are 11am to 5pm. Tickets are $6 (age 16 and under free) and 2-for-1 coupons can be found on page 12 and on our website, wildartsfestival.org.

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More info at www.voteforparks.org. This will be a great year to make sure you have a complete (and signed!) collection of Ursula’s titles. She’s always to pass similar parks and nature funding measures throughout the region in the years to come!
The Portland Christmas Bird Count wants YOU…

by Wink Gross, Portland CBC Compiler

…to count birds on Saturday, Jan 3, 2015! Whether spending an entire day in the field or even just an hour watching your bird feeder, you can contribute significantly to our understanding of bird life in the Portland area — even if you’re just a beginning birder. The AudubonChristmas Bird Count is the longest running “citizen science” project in North America. The results have provided critical information on the status and changes in bird populations over the 115 years it has been conducted. Please help out this year!

Begun in 1900 as an alternative to the traditional winter solstice, the Portland CBC is the largest in the U.S. and second only to Edmonton in the Americas. A quite amazing 3,000 wild animals and responded to more

All over the Americas, birders will be participating in one-day counts between Dec 14, 2014 and Jan 5, 2015. This winter, our 89th Portland Count will be held on Saturday, Jan 3. The Audubon Society of Portland conducted its first Christmas Count in 1926. Last year a record 262 field observers and 153 feeder watchers found 123 species. Those 415 participants made the Portland CBC the largest in the U.S. and second only to Edmonton in the Americas. Please join us this year!

The best way to participate in the Christmas Bird Count is as a field observer. It’s a great reason for birders of all levels to enjoy a day outdoors and sharpen your birding skills. You will also have the opportunity to meet others who share your interest in birds so you’ll discover some good local spots to find birds. And you will contribute to scientific knowledge. In fact, the Christmas Bird Count is an excellent way for the amateur birder to advance ornithology: The data are sent to the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University, where over the years Christmas Bird Count records have been used to study changes in bird populations and wintering ranges. A quite amazing bibliography of Christmas Bird Count research and the entire historical record of all Christmas Bird Counts may be found at birds.audubon.org/data-research.

Each Christmas Bird Count attempts to count all the birds in a 15-mile-diameter circle on one given day. In addition to the Portland Count, roughly 50 other Counts will be conducted in Oregon and SW Washington during the 3 weeks surrounding the holidays. A list of Counts in NW Oregon and SW Washington can be found at audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc. — and it'll be updated regularly as Counts are added, so check often!

The other, also important, way to participate is as a Feeder Watcher. The feeder you watch must be within the 15-mile-diameter CBC circle (please check your location on the detailed Google map at tonyiru.com/26mpmpf/ zoom out to view the entire circle, shaded in blue.) — but even if you can watch for only an hour, your observations will be helpful. Last year only about half the birds found on the Portland CBC was a Mountain Chickadee spotted by an alert Feeder Watcher in Lake Oswego.

Want to participate as a field observer on the Portland Christmas Bird Count? Look at the map of the Portland CBC circle on this page and pick an area you would like to help cover. (It need not be where you reside.) Contact the area leader, who will tell you where and what time to meet on January 3. The area leaders will put together teams to balance birding skills and cover as much of their area as possible. Most teams go out for the whole day, 7am–5pm, but you can usually make arrangements if you need to stop earlier. Can’t decide which area? Contact me, Wink Gross, at winkg@hevanet.com or 503-226-3842.

Need to brush up your identification skills? Eric Scheuering, Portland Audubon’s Adult Education Programs Manager, is offering a special class in field identification of birds expected on the Count. See the “Christmas Bird Count Preview/Review” class announcement on page 7.

Want to be a Feeder Watcher? Check your location first at tonyiru.com/26mpmpf/ zoom out to view the entire circle, shaded in blue) to be sure the feeder you’ll watch is within the 15-mile-diameter circle, and download the Feeder Watcher checklist at audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc. Remember, only birds seen on January 3 count!

Can’t do the Portland Count on January 3? Check out the other Counts around the state (see audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc). Pick one that suits your schedule, and contact the compiler directly. Check this site often as it will be frequently updated.

What to bring: Binoculars, of course! Be prepared for a day outdoors in Oregon in the winter. That means warm clothes, rainwear, and waterproof shoes. The Counts are generally held as scheduled, rain or shine. Bring a bag lunch and snacks. Last but not least, bring an enthusiastic attitude and a willingness to search quietly and patiently for birds. All Christmas Bird Counts are free. Almost every Christmas Count turns up an unusual bird, and often it’s a beginner who first spots it. Last year, in addition to the Mountain Chickadee and Snow Grouse, we found American Dipper (winning Karen Harris the “Eagle-Eye Award”), Gray Jay, and Red-breasted Merganser. Perhaps YOU will be the person who finds the bird that makes everyone say, “Wow! We never expected that!”
November 2 (Sun), 9am–11am
Crystal Springs Garden
Join Max Smith and Sarah Swanson for a morning walk through SE Portland’s Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden. We’ll have great looks at ducks, geese, and other birds arriving for winter. Meet in parking lot at 5803 SE 28th Ave. Questions? Call Max at 503-720-9730.

November 6 (Thu), 8:45am–3pm
Tillamook Bay Outing
Meet Ken Chamberlain and Dick Demarest at Safeway parking lot (NW corner) at corner of 4th & Stowell Ave in Tillamook. We’ll bird Tillamook Bay including Barrow’s Goldeneye and Bayocean spit. Trip limited to 16. Registration required with Dick at 503-407-7912 or ridd@demarests.com.

November 8 (Sat), 9am–1pm
Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge
Join Patty Newland and Candace Larson for a walk around Oaks Bottom Refuge. We’ll explore wetlands and woodlands, talk about the history of this amazing wild space, and look for resident songbirds and wintering waterfowl. Expect to talk about the history of this amazing wild space, and look for resident songbirds and wintering waterfowl. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather — beginners welcome! Meet in parking lot on SE 7th & Malden Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge. We’ll explore wetlands and woodlands, talk about the history of this amazing wild space, and look for resident songbirds and wintering waterfowl. Expect to

November 13 (Thu), 8am–4:30pm
Baskett Slough & Ankeny NWRs
This is a good time to see migrating waterfowl and raptors in Baskett Slough & Ankeny NWRs. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather — beginners welcome! Join Ron Escano on this waterfowl and winter

November 15 (Sat), 8am–12pm
Rentenaar Road, Sauvie Island
Join Ron Escano on this waterfowl and winter stroll adventure. Meet 8am at Eastside Check Station parking lot at corner of Reeder & Rentenaar Rds. We’ll walk Rentenaar Rd and back (1.6 miles round trip). All vehicles need a Sauvie Island parking permit. From the Sauvie Island bridge take Sauvie Island Rd north 2.5 miles to intersection with Reeder Rd. Turn right on Reeder and drive north 9 miles to Eastside Check Station on left (25-minute drive from bridge). Questions? Call Ron at 503-771-3454.

November 23 (Sun), 7:30am–5pm
Netarts Bay & Cape Meares
Join Marsh Sylvan for a day of birding on Tillamook Bay and coastal headlands. We’ll look for loons, grebes, cormorants, gulls, Swift Scoters, and other wintering waterfowl. Bring rain gear, binoculars, a scope if you have one, lunch, and water. Meet at McDonald’s on Glencoe Rd in North Plains off I-26 (Exit 57) at 7:30am, or at Tillamook Safeway (NW corner of parking lot) at 9:00am. Questions? Text or call Marsh at 503-201-8119 or email marshsly1@gmail.com.

December 6 (Sat), 8am–11am
Sauvie Island
Join Tim Shemlerinde for a morning trip to Sauvie Island. We’ll visit several spots, looking at many waterfowl species as well as raptors, gulls, and sparrows. Meet at parking area at end of Sauvie Island Bridge. We plan to carpool; drivers need a Sauvie Island day parking permit (please purchase at nearby store before meeting). Questions? Call Tim at 571-221-2334.

December 10 (Wed), 9am–11am
Dawson Creek Outing
Join Mary Ratcliff and Caroline Arnold for a walk through Dawson Creek Park. December is great for seeing lots of wintering ducks including Hooded Merganser and Wood Duck. Meet at north end of Main Library parking lot at 2850 NE Broadway Pkwy, Hillsboro. Questions? Call Caroline at 503-746-4640 or 650-387-2606.

December 13 (Sat), 8am–11am
Vancouver Lake Park
Join Ron Escano to scope the lake for water birds then explore the riparian woodland for White-throated Sparrows. Meet 8am at park lot in front of middle bathrooms. From I-5 north, take Exit 1-D (4th Plain Blvd), go west on 4th Plain thru Vancouver onto SR-501 (Lower River Rd). After 3.5 miles on SR-501, continue straight for 0.6 miles to the park (possible $3 fee). Questions? Call Ron at 503-771-3454.

NATURE NIGHTS Second Tuesday of the month from September to May. If you have a suggestion for a Nature Night presentation, contact Pam Meyers at pmeyers@audubonportland.org or 503-792-6855 ext.130.

Oregon Geology — One Road at a Time with Marli Miller
Tuesday, November 11
7pm Heron Hall
Ever wondered what forces formed the sheer walls lining the Columbia Gorge, or the dramatic landscape of Crater Lake, or the iconic Basin and Range formations of southeast Oregon? From drives on I-5 to the small roads leading to Malheur, it is amazing how many different aspects of Oregon’s fascinating geologic past and present can be observed from the road.

Join geologist and photographer Dr. Marli Miller for a talk and book signing as she provides answers to those “how did that get there?” questions and celebrates Oregon’s geology in her newly revised, well-illustrated book Roadside Geology of Oregon (Mountain Press). Using her own superb photographs and stories, Dr. Miller will describe Oregon’s short but event-filled geologic history and the evolution of its dramatic landscape. She’ll highlight geology as seen from roads in its landscape. She’ll highlight geology as seen from roads in its

Owls have fascinated us since prehistoric times, representing various things to various cultures — from symbols of wisdom, protection, and good fortune, to omens of doom. Despite our collective captivation, many people have limited firsthand experience with owls. In general, owls are secretive; most species are nocturnal, making them relatively hard to find. But by learning a bit about their behavior and breeding biology, you can greatly increase your odds of seeing owls, even in the daytime.

Join local birder and photographer Scott Carpenter as he shares his insights into finding and enjoying owls in the Pacific Northwest. With the goal of empowering you with enough information to observe owls on your own, Scott will share tools and strategies he uses for locating the 55 species of owls that occur in Oregon.

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Conservation

Portland Audubon Helps Seabirds by Advancing Forage Fish Protection
by Joe Liebezelt, Avian Conservation Program Manager

T his past September the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) took another step toward securing protections for currently unmanaged forage fish species in federal waters by deciding to incorporate these species into existing fishery management plans. This move forwards our goal of protecting these species from unregulated fishing, and is great news for seabirds and other top marine predators that depend on forage fish for food.

Forage fish are small, schooling fish—such as sardines and anchovies—that are a critical link in the ocean ecosystem, providing a primary food source for many top predators like salmon, marine mammals, and seabirds. The currently unmanaged species groups that will be incorporated into the existing fishery management plans include thread and round herring, Pacific sand lance, silversides, smelt of the family Osmeridae, and several squid species, which seabirds depend on to survive. Seabirds like the Common Murre, Tufted Puffin, and the federally listed Marbled Murrelet depend on forage fish like the Pacific sand lance and smelt to feed their young during the breeding season as well as to sustain them during the winter. Seabirds are the marine equivalent of a “canary in a coal mine” and are excellent indicators of the health of the marine environment. Scientific studies consistently show that when seabird populations are not doing well, the decline of their forage fish prey is often the cause.

The fact that these forage fish species are currently unmanaged is worrisome as there is growing demand for their use in the production of fishmeal required for rapidly expanding global aquaculture and increasing markets for pet food and fish oil. By including these species in fishery protections and we have strong hope for similar success in Oregon’s nearshore waters. Stay tuned for further ways you can help achieve success. To learn more visit audubonportland.org/issues/species/sea/.

Important Hearing on the Elliott State Forest on December 9
by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

P rotection of the 93,000-acre Elliott State Forest is one of the Audubon Society of Portland’s top priorities. The Elliott contains more than 41,000 acres of old-growth forest and some of the most productive and pristine streams for Coho and Chinook Salmon in the Coast Range. Earlier this year, Portland Audubon, Cascadia Wildlands, and Center for Biological Diversity settled a lawsuit that effectively stopped illegal logging in old-growth Marbled Murrelet habitat in the Elliott.

Now the debate has shifted to what to do with the Elliott State Forest going forward. The problem is that timber harvesting on the Elliott provides funding for the Common School Fund—a antiquated approach dating back to 1855 that funds education with clearcuts. The State Land Board, which includes Governor John Kitzhaber, Treasurer Ted Wheeler, and Secretary of State Kate Brown, is considering a variety of options—including selling off portions of the Elliott—that would allow the State to meet this mandate.

There will be an important hearing before the State Land Board on December 9 in Salem during which the public will have an opportunity to weigh in on the future of the Elliott. It is critical that the public show up and let the Land Board know that we want solutions that keep the Elliott State Forest in public ownership, that protect the Elliott’s old-growth forests, and that decouple school funding from logging our public lands. There are real and permanent solutions within reach for this amazing publicly owned forest.

Location: State Land Board, 777 Sumner St. NE, Salem, Oregon
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2014
Time: 5:00 pm
For more information and carpooling options, please contact Micah Mekel at mmekel@audubonportland.org.
Put Birds First when Putting Your Garden to Sleep for the Winter  
by Nikkie West, Backyard Habitat Program Coordinator

As the summer drought draws to a close, we may see gardens wilt into a showcase of dead flower heads and drooping seed pods dying back for the winter. With the return of the rains, many of us are anxious to get back into our gardens. As our gardens head into hibernation, a new wave of wildlife-friendly landscapes come face-to-face against a chorus of traditional gardening conventions that typically would have us “put the garden to sleep” by cutting back, cleaning up, and toossing out.

But, in our wildlife-friendly gardens, what are we cleaning up — and at what cost?

The fun of this season is that not only do we get back into our gardens, but what we do — and how — can have profound effects on our garden’s ability to provide for insects, birds, and other wildlife. Here are a few fall pointers:

- **Avoid trimming vegetation that provides food for birds** — berry and seed-producing plants like Oceanspray, Elderberry, Goldenrod, and Astrantia are excellent sources of food to help birds through the winter months ahead.

- **Maintain thicker areas** — backyard birds, particularly those in the urban environments, need areas to seek refuge from hazards like your neighbor’s free-roaming cat and diving Cooper’s Hawk.

- **Protect your birdfeeder** — Place feeders in areas protected from harsh weather and predators, such as near a hedgerow, thicket, brush pile, or large evergreen shrub or shrub.

- **Leave the leaves** — Leaves create more nutrient-rich, dynamic soil that improves plant growth, encourages overwintering insect life, and increases your soil’s ability to absorb winter rains. Favorite backyard birds, such as the Varied Thrush, forage exclusively in this leaf litter. So — leave this vital resource, either scattered across the yard, or raked to blanket particular bed areas, and enjoy the wildlife benefits it promotes. Be sure to avoid black walnut leaves, as they inhibit seed germination. If your yard isn’t prolific in leaves, pay attention to your neighborhood leaf pickup schedule and load up your wheelbarrow with this free resource in the street. Again, avoid black walnut and avoid leaves at the bottom of the pile, as these could be contaminated with polluted runoff from neighborhood cats and yard or garden toxins.

- **Install native plants** — Over 90% of our native insect species evolved to specifically and exclusively feed on native plants. Fall is the best time to plant native plants.

- **If you must “tidy up”** — Consider ways to retain some of the vegetation onsite. Make space for a brush pile, or create attractive bundles of decaying flowers and seed heads. Creating space for these habitat features provides protective areas of refuge and rich areas for foraging.

Above all, this laissez-faire style of gardening isn’t just great for wildlife; it also means less maintenance for you! So throw that brush pile aside and learn to love a rich landscape, beautifully chaotic with life-giving potential. And now kick off those muddy boots, carve a pumpkin, and watch the bird flitting about in the habitat you’ve left for them.

Wildlife Care Center
Wildlife Care Center Phone Call Study Provides Valuable Information about Urban Wildlife Populations
by Lacy Campbell and Joe Liebezeit, Audubon Staff

Each year the Wildlife Care Center takes in approximately 3,000 wild animals for treatment. However, we respond to nearly three times that number of wildlife-related phone calls. These phone calls provide valuable insights into issues affecting our urban wildlife populations and the way in which people interact with wildlife on the urban landscape.

The calls run the gamut from people reporting interesting sightings and trying to identify what they are seeing to reports of injured and sick animals, illegal poaching, and human-wildlife conflicts. We have 14 volunteers per week whose primary role is to answer the phones and to manage animal intakes.

The Wildlife Care Center is the only facility in the Portland metropolitan region that is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year to answer wildlife-related inquiries.

Using data collected over the past two years, we conducted a study summarizing the phone call information coming into the Wildlife Care Center. Our goal was to gain a better understanding of the types of calls we are receiving in order to better guide our outreach, response services, and conservation activities. The objective of this effort was to explore the dataset and to identify places where we can improve data collection moving forward.

One of the first things we did was map out where we receive calls from. Not surprisingly, almost all calls are from the Portland metro region (88%). What is surprising is that we have received calls from nearly every other state in the US! The reason for this is that the popularity of our baby birds webpage nudges it up to the top of the list in Google searches online. The result is that we offer services on urban wildlife at a nationwide scale.

Well over half of the calls we receive are related to questions about injured wildlife (31%) and caring for baby birds (29%). Calls about specific conservation issues like bird strikes, cat caught birds, and coyote sightings are far fewer (<10%), but with close to 10,000 calls per year, that still adds up to a lot of information. Many of the calls categorized as “injured wildlife” may actually be “cat caught” or “bird strike” cases but if we are unsuccessful in securing detailed information from callers, we cannot make those assumptions. Our volunteers work hard to get the most precise information when receiving calls. This is no small feat, especially during the baby bird season when the Care Center is very busy and we receive more than 50 calls per day — nearly one call every nine minutes!

Despite challenges, the power of the information we are collecting is clear. As an example, the small percentage of bird strike calls we receive (4%) reveals a wealth of information when you drill down into the data. We know that songbirds make up most of the bird strike calls (59%) and this includes over 30 songbird species. Americans Robins make up most of the bird strike calls (~7%) although other species of higher conservation concern including seven Neotropical Migrant species including Black-headed Grosbeak and Yellow Warbler were also documented.

Ultimately, this dataset is allowing us to track important wildlife issues in Portland’s urban landscape both through time and across the landscape, and can help us prioritize our urban conservation efforts. Already there is a demand for this information in the wider community. For example, we are collaborating with Portland State University providing coyote sighting locations, gleaned from the phone tracking database, to the Portland Urban Coyote Project (urbancoyoteproject.weebly.com). This is a good example of the power of this type of information to identify hotspots in the landscape to direct our conservation and outreach.

As we continue to serve the public to reconcile urban wildlife interactions, the data we collect on these calls enables us to monitor the pulse of urban conservation challenges for wildlife in Portland and the wider region.

Catios: The Next Frontier for Pet Cats and Their Owners

The truth is that basically, most of us love cats. They steal our hearts, occupy our YouTube feeds, and serve as our cuddly companions. And now residents in the Portland metro area are taking a stand, and getting a little national recognition, for a whole new way to love your kitty.

This September, Portland Audubon and the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon teamed up once again to host the second annual Catio Tour — a self-guided tour of 9 “cat patios” across the Portland metro area. More than 500 people registered to attend the event, which also got covered 5 times by The Oregonian and was picked up by several out-of-state news outlets. Catios are outdoor cat enclosures that allow your cat to have an outdoor experience while also keeping both your cat and local wildlife safe.

This skyrocketing popularity demonstrates that pet ownership is shifting. According to Debbie Wood of the Bonnie I. Hays Animal Shelter in Washington County, “We’re seeing a sea change in cat ownership.” And the best part is that as more cat owners make the choice to keep their cats safe at home, we will begin to see less free-roaming cats on the landscape, less stress on our animal shelters, less euthanized strays, less feral cats living out short vulnerable lives, and less needless predation on wildlife.

Are you considering a catio, but missed the Catio Tour? Not to worry — the Catio Tour Gallery is available online and it’s full of photos, descriptions, and other useful information. Find it, along with additional resources such as a catio image slideshow, at audubonportland.org/issues/hazards/cats/catio-resources.

Map created by Courtney Shannon and Joe Liebezeit, Audubon Society of Portland

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Educational Trips

These trips are popular. We recommend that you book early.
Trip deposit required to secure your place on the trip.

Southern California

February 16–22, 2015

The subtropical Mediterranean climate of Southern California makes for a perfect winter home for many wonderful species of birds. Based out of San Diego, this tour will take you through a variety of habitats from coastal lagoons to interior mountains and deserts, and to one of Southern California’s most popular birding destinations, the Salton Sea. We will also visit the world-famous San Diego Zoo Safari Park, known for its help with reintroducing the California Condor. Contact Eric Scheuering at escheuering@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119 for more information or to register.

Leader: Kirk Hardie, Audubon Trip Leader and Co-executive Director of the Tahoe Institute for Natural Science
Group size: Limited to 8–14 participants

Fee: $1205 members / $1485 non-members
Deposit: $600 required to secure your place

ALASKA: THE LAST FRONTIER

June 7–18, 2015

Alaska is a land of superlatives and a must-visit destination for anyone keen on the natural history of North America. This trip will introduce you to some of the best of Alaska at a fun and relaxed pace.

We’ll begin in Nome, surrounded by stunning scenery and incredible birding opportunities. Expect an exhilarating mix of the exotic and the familiar here: Blue-billed and Eastern Yellow Wagtail—Asian songbirds of the brushly tundra—bred next to White-crowned and Golden-crowned Sparrows, Harlequin Duck and Wandering Tattler share their riparian breeding grounds with Arctic Warbler. Waterfowl and shorebirds seen only in migration farther south are devoted to full-time breeding activities.

During our five days in south-central Alaska we follow the Denali Highway across a landscape recently emerged from the ice-age yet rich in bird life. White-winged Crossbill, Boreal Chickadee, and Northern Hawk Owl can be found in the spruce forests. Tundra ponds have nesting Common and Red-throated Loon, Trumpeter Swan, and ducks galore. Out on the low tundra we’ll look for Long-tailed Jaeger, Whimbrel and Smith’s Longspur. We’ll travel by bus deep into Denali National Park for excellent chances of observing Grizzly Bear, Dall’s Sheep, Caribou, and possibly even Gray Wolf.

The trip concludes in the rich maritime ecosystem of the Kenai Fjords National Park. On a full-day boat trip we’ll look for Red-faced Cormorant, Kittlitz’s Murrelet and Thick-billed Murre among the thousands of Black-legged Kittiwakes and Throated and Horned Puffins. Our boat will also have the chance to see Sea Otter, the totes of tidewater glaciers, and Humpback Whale and Orca. Contact Eric Scheuering at escheuering@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119.

Leaders: Eric Scheuering, Adult Education Programs Manager, and Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager
Fee: $1395* members / $1425* non-members
Deposit: $2000 required to secure your place

ALASKA: BARROW EXTENSION

June 18–21, 2015

Barrow, the farthest north municipality in the United States, is roughly 300 miles north of the Arctic Circle and 1200 miles from the North Pole. Between mid-May and early August it basks in 24 hours of daylight and our trip will conclude with the arrival of the summer solstice.

This time of year the tundra is alive and teeming with shorebirds, ducks, and geese busy beginning their nesting cycle. Red Phalaropes seem to occupy every melt-water pond and Buff-breasted Sandpipers stand on hummocks flashing their white underwings in the midnight sun. Pectoral Sandpipers cruise their territory perimeters booming an unearthly sound and Pomarine Jaegers streak across the tundra.

Searching the tundra we may find Common and King Eider as well as the very rare Spectacled and Steller’s Eider. We might turn up four species of Loon: Yellow-billed, Arctic, Pacific, and Red-throated. And with luck we’ll find Snowy Owls nesting near town. With constant daylight the pace of activity among the birds is frenetic and every day brings new possibilities. Contact Eric Scheuering at escheuering@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119.

Fee: $1195* members / $1355* non-members
Deposit: $800 required to secure your place

Ohio’s Magee Marsh

May 16–23, 2015

This trip will highlight Magee Marsh, a prime stopover for northbound migrants during spring. We’re likely to encounter thrushes, tanagers, and over 25 species of colorful eastern warblers. Contact Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105.

Leader: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator
Fee: $1895* members

Arizona

August 16–23, 2015

Enjoy spring-like weather in the peacefull mountainous forests of Arizona. This is the best season to find up to 15 species of hummingbirds and search for sought after birds such as Elegant Trogon and Varied Thrush. Contact Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105.

Leader: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator
Fee: TBD*

Sri Lanka

January 9–25, 2015

Sri Lanka, “The Resplendent Island,” is known world-wide for its breathtaking beaches, rolling hills and a culture steeped in ancient history. This island is home to a treasure trove of biodiversity, from leopards to elephants, and 27 species of endemic birds.

Our adventure begins in the Atlantic River Reserve, a paradise for birders. We’ll trek through the rainforest searching for Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Green-billed Coucal, Red-faced Malkoha, Yellow-fronted Barbet, and Orange-billed Babbler. Next we’ll explore Sandy, the cultural center of Sri Lanka, and visit the famous Sigirya Rock where the remains of an ancient fortress are on top of this impressive monolith.

We will continue our journey with a stop at the cloud forest and grasslands of the Horton Plains National Park where we hope to see the Sri Lankan Whistling Thrush, Sri Lanka Scimitar-Babbler and Sri Lanka White-eye. We will end up at the Yala National Park where we will spend two full days searching for Asian Elephant, Water Buffalo, Sambhar Deer, Golden Jackal and the elusive Leopard. We’ll also search for Barred Buttonquail, Woody-necked Stork, Great Thick-knee and Chestnut-headed Bee-eater. The Bandula National Park will reveal more exciting and exotic species such as Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Yellow Bittern, and Greater Flamingo.

And while at the Sinharaja Forest Reserve, one of the last tracts of endangered lowland rainforest, we hope to see the dramatically colorful Sri Lankan Blue Magpie.

We will wind down in Marissa, where light breezes blow through coconut palms along the seashore of the Indian Ocean, and take a trip to search for Blue Whales, Sperm Whales and Spinner Dolphins. We’ll end in Colombo with time to visit markets and museums, or just explore. Contact Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105.

Leader: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator
Fee: $3945* members / $4255* non-members
Deposit: $2000 required to secure your place

Birding Northeast Oregon

June 14–18, 2015

Explore northeastern Oregon in luxury from the beautiful and historic George Grand Hotel in Baker City. We’ll visit the Wallowa Mountains, Hells Canyon, the Blue Mountains and the Historic Oregon Trail. A few of the birds we may see include Callippe Hummingbird, Gray Catbird, Bobolink and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.

Contact Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105.

Leader: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator
Fee: $3195* members / $3555* non-members
Deposit: $600 required to secure your place

Southern Spain

September 13–23, 2015

Explore Andalucia and visit the wetlands of the Coto Doñana, the hills of Tarifa (where thousands of migrants pass over), the famous Rock of Gibraltar, the steppes near Ronda, and finally Granada where we will round off our trip with a visit to the Atlantic Ocean. We will see amazing birds such as White-headed and Marbled Ducks, Spanish Imperial Eagle and Greater Flamingo, as well as migrant raptors such as Black Kite, Short-toed Eagle and Honey Buzzard. Contact Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105.

Leaders: Dan van den Broek and Stefan Schlick
Fee: TBD*

Other Upcoming Trips

*Fee includes: Ground transportation, double-occupancy lodging, meals except dinner, entrance fees for planned activities and the services of your leaders.
Beginning Field Birding & Safari: Local Exploration
Saturday, Nov 1 & Dec 6: 8:30am-11:30am
Local Field Trips
Take this rewarding birding skills to the next level with Laura Whitmore. This class is designed for those wanting more time in the field practicing and improving their birding abilities. Three morning field trips to local sites provide you opportunities to practice your ID skills under Laura’s patient tutelage, and to learn of great places to go birding in the future. Fee: $60 members / $80 non-members Limited to 15 participants.

Pre-registration required — participants register for all 3 days.

Beginning Birding II
November 9, 16, & 23 (Sun), 8:30am-11:30am
Local Field Trips
Taken straight from the book called Audubon’s Wildlife Sanctuary, this class is designed for those wanting more time in the field practicing and improving their birding abilities. Three morning field trips to local sites provide you opportunities to practice your ID skills under Laura’s patient tutelage, and to learn of great places to go birding in the future. Fee: $60 members / $80 non-members Limited to 15 participants.

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The Art of Bird Observation for Beginning Birders
Monday, Nov 17 & Nov 24: 10am-4pm in Heron Hall FULL with Waitlist
Waterfowl: Ducks, Geese, and Swans
November 18 (Tue), 7pm-9pm: Class in Heron Hall

This great class with Larry Nehls, author of Familiar Birds of the Pacific Northwest, will familiarize you with the voice of the Rare Bird Alert. This should be an excellent evening program covering the wide variety of waterfowl that arrive in the Northwest in fall: wigeon, teal, geese, swans, and more! Learn the differences of these birds and how to pick them out in a crowd. Fee: $10 members / $15 non-members Free for active volunteers.

Waterfowl I.D. for Beginners: Mallards to Wood Ducks
Dec 4 (Thu), 7pm-9pm: Class in Heron Hall
Dec 5 & 14 (Sun), 9am-noon: Local morning Field Trips

The Willamette Valley is home to more than 25 species of waterfowl. Join Laura Whitmore, longtime bird and nature editor, and learn how to identify some of the more common and abundant waterfowl species using shape, plumage, habits, and habitat as guides. Then practice your skills at some of the best spots for finding these species in the Portland metro area. Experience the satisfaction of mastering identification of a notoriously difficult family of birds! Fee per person: $65 members / $80 non-members Limited to 14 participants.

Class with Field Trips, limited to 14 participants:
$45 members / $60 non-members
Class-only Option: $10 members / $15 non-members

Snowshoe Hares to Polar Bears
Grades: 1–2
Grades: 3–4
Grades: 5–8
Grades: 9–12

January 11: 10am–3pm class.
January 18: 10am–3pm class.

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Friends of a Feather… Jr. Raptor Road Trip
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American Goldfinch: Dazzling, Common — and Unusual

Even nonbirders are familiar with the American Goldfinch. Many know it as the “wild canary.” The bright yellow male with the black cap and black wings flashing white wingbars is quite conspicuous, but the dull “old-gold” colored female often goes unnoticed as being one of the “little brown jobs” of beginning birders. It is often described as a friendly, cheerful bird, and even its songs and calls are mild and musical.

As a member of the finch family, the American Goldfinch has some rather unusual traits. It is the only finch that has a distinct winter and summer plumage, and the only one that has a spring molt. It is also one of the latest North American species to begin nesting. The spring molt takes place in late May, by which time the bright males begin courting prospective mates. American Goldfinches regularly indulge in nuptial display flights with much singing and circling about. They also enjoy playful chases and display flights.

Goldfinches are seldom bothered by Brown-headed Cowbirds, as by the time they get around to nesting, the Cowbird breeding season is over. When a Cowbird does drop an egg in a goldfinch nest the adult will often bury it in the bottom of the nest or build another nest over it. If the egg hatches the Cowbird nesting seldom lives very long as it needs insects to survive.

Goldfinches gather into flocks immediately after fledging their young. Post-breeding dispersal often takes these flocks to higher elevation clearcuts and into open grasslands. When the thistles, dandelions, and other weeds go to seed during the fall, the goldfinches and Pine Siskins swarm over the meadows and pastures in very large numbers. Later, after the first fall rains, many move into cities and towns to visit bird feeders and neighborhood parks and yards.

The 2014 fall migration in the Portland area was spectacular. Along with a steady movement of the more regular species, there were strong pulses of several species. The mudflats about Sturgeon Lake on Sauvie Island and at Smith & Bybee Lakes in North Portland were especially outstanding.

On September 3 a Snowy Egret was spotted among 51 Great Egrets. Other good birds noted this fall included a Sanderling, a Sabine’s Gull, and a Golden-Plover.

On September 29 a major goose movement arrived September 17. Sandhill Cranes began arriving on Sauvie Island September 8. A golden-crowned Sparrow movement arrived September 17. Turkeys Vultures were noticed October 4.

2 Franklin’s Gulls, and an American Golden-Plover. On September 25 Cindy McCormack observed a winter plumaged Ish at Ridgefield NWR, and 5 Marbled Godwits were seen there the same day. On September 9 a Brewer’s Sparrow was on the refuge.

Volunteer of the Month: Carol McAllister

The squirrels brought Carol McAllister to Audubon in 1999. She was curious about caring for orphaned wildlife, and took a class on squirrel rehabilitation. That inspired her to gain a position from ODFW to do small mammal rehabilitation. She’s been here ever since! In her 15 years of service to Portland Audubon, she has contributed over 3,100 hours of volunteer time, and was a 2010 winner of the Mamar Campbell Award, Audubon’s highest honor for volunteers.

From 1999 to 2008, Carol was the Wildlife Care Center’s go-to person for homecare of baby mammals. Deb Sheaffer, WCC veterinarian, says Carol’s work was “amazing!” Deb explains that it is difficult to find people with the dedication and patience to do round-the-clock feeding and care of young chipmunks, bunnies, and ground squirrels. Carol, retired from a career as a nurse, took on that important role. A spare bedroom of her home became a nursery.

But after years of being an essential part of the WCC crew, in 2008 she had to step down after she was diagnosed with Takayasu’s Syndrome, an autoimmune disorder. The microbe-rich atmosphere in the Care Center was no longer appropriate for her. Carol still wanted to be involved with Audubon, and found that the Friday afternoon Nature Store shift had just opened up.

Carol emphasizes how much fun she has as a volunteer in the store. She enjoys the enjoyment of herbs and plants transplanted into upright and cheerful customer service. Her WCC background means that she can give excellent advice to customers regarding backyard birds. Also, she has taken charge of jewelry buying for the store, and keeps careful track of inventory and selection. Jewelry sales have steadily climbed since then!

Aside from her role at Portland Audubon, Carol is looking forward to a big family gathering this Christmas. She and her husband Mike have been married for 54 years and have three grown daughters, plus grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is enjoying the mental exercise of taking algebra, with the goal of calculus online.

Thank you, Carol!
New Books in the Nature Store!

The fall book season is ripe with wonderful new titles for both children and adults. Featured here are just a few of the wonderful assortment of recently published books in stock in the Nature Store. Please come by for some rainy-day browsing!

Portland Audubon encourages Portland residents to vote Yes on Measure 26-159, the ‘Fix Our Parks’ bond measure (see article on page 1). While you are considering the value of Portland parks in your lives, take a look back at the history of our park system as described by William J. Hawkins III in his new self-published book The Legacy of the Olmsted Brothers in Portland ($40.00). This is a well-researched combination of lots of historical material and many current photographs of the beauty of our parks.

Gardeners will want to add local landscaper Eileen Stark’s new book Real Gardens Grow Natives (Skiptone, $24.95) to their native plant libraries. Subtitled Design, Plant & Enjoy a Healthy Northwest Landscape, conservation, and adventure travel. A Port Orford river conservationist, Tim Palmer has written 23 books about rivers, the American landscape, conservation, and adventure travel. A Port Orford resident, he was named one of the 10 greatest river conservationists of our time by Paddler magazine. In 2011, the National Wildlife Federation presented him with the National Conservation Achievement Award (“Connie”) for communications.

Please join us for a celebration of the wet and wild! Contact the Nature Store at 503-292-9453 if you have questions or wish to reserve copy of the book.

Nature Store Highlights

Sanctuaries Happenings

River Expert Comes to Audubon

On Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00pm, please welcome photographer and river conservationist Tim Palmer as he presents his new book Field Guide to Oregon Rivers (Oregon State University Press, $24.95) in a free evening program in Portland Audubon’s Heron Hall. Paddling 120 waterways throughout the state, from the Aleo to the Williamson, it is both a natural history of Oregon’s rivers and a recreational guide to hiking, fishing, and exploring by canoe, kayak, and raft. Conveniently sized to keep in your pack or glove compartment, this will be a must-have reference for any Oregon outdoor enthusiast or nature lover.

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Storytime on November 15!

The Nature Store and Audubon volunteers present a free family fun afternoon storytelling event every Saturday. The November featured title is This Mouse Belongs to Me by author and illustrator Oliver Jeffers. Also the illustrator of The Day the Crayons Quit and author of The Hairy Book, among many others, Jeffers is known for humorous books for kids. This is no exception!

Learn about the wacky exploits of Wilfred the boy and Marcel the moose. Or is it really Marcel? There will also be some fun hand-on activities to go with the story, which is suitable for kids up to about age 7. We start at 12:30pm in the Audubon Interpretive Center, with a repeat performance at 1:30pm. Please join us!

Healing Lost Connections

by Tom Costello, Sanctuaries Director

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) recently released the latest in its Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines Series, this time looking at Urban Protected Areas. Intended as a resource for natural area managers, the most recent installment in the series is of particular interest to me and many of my colleagues who are working on restoring and protecting urban natural areas.

While the report acknowledges the numerous ecological benefits of urban natural areas, it highlights the crucial and unique role urban natural areas play in providing opportunities for large numbers of urban people to experience nature. In exploring why these urban natural areas are so crucial, the report highlights two key points: “Regular contact with nature is good for people; and urban people are crucial for nature conservation, nationally and globally.”

While none of this is really groundbreaking news, the report gets interesting as it starts to detail best practices for managing urban protected areas. Of course managing for invasive species, protecting native wildlife, and preserving ecological function are called out in the best practices, but much of the initial focus is on generating a mutually beneficial relationship between the natural resources and people and the role in the surrounding communities. Providing multi-modal access for the disabled, reaching out to diverse ethnic groups, and acknowledging the cultural, historical, and spiritual significance of natural areas are given top priority in the presentation of best practices.

This report parallels much of the conversation at The Intertwine’s recent Health and Nature Forum, an ongoing initiative among local stakeholders in the environmental conservation and health care fields exploring this connection between nature, access to nature, and health.

Eye out for the tracks of other critters. Steve Engel, former Audubon staff member and expert tracker, has written Tracks Count (Craigmore Creations, $17.99), a children’s book with illustrations by Alexandra Petersen. This is a unique counting guide for younger children, featuring some unusual animals and their specific footprints.

Remember, your member discount will take 10% off all the list prices shown above, and we are happy to take phone orders for these and any other book titles in our stock. Please call the Nature Store at 503-292-9453 with questions.

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Portland Audubon Participates in Willamette Week’s Give!Guide for the Fifth Year!

We are excited to announce our inclusion in Willamette Week’s 2014 Give!Guide. The Give!Guide is a holiday season fundraiser that generates donations for a number of Portland-area nonprofit organizations. Last year, the Give!Guide readers gave $2,452,333 to 129 local nonprofits!

The goals of the Give!Guide are to:
• Encourage people ages 18 to 35 to become involved in philanthropy.
• Attract new donors and volunteers to these causes.
• Provide publicity and exposure to local nonprofits.

Organizations included in the Give!Guide represent nonprofits in the following sectors: Animals, Arts, Community, Education, Environment, Social Action, Wellness, and Youth.

Donate, and you’ll be rewarded with goodwill and great incentives, such as discounts and gifts from local merchants — and, for donors 35 and under, the chance to win $1,000.

Check out the full list of incentives at www.giveguide.org.

We’re offering a calendar of unique events for folks who donate $35 or more. It may be even more compelling, our good friends at the Backyard Bistro Shop will match the first $1,000 in donations we receive!

Follow us on Facebook for announcements and incentives: facebook.com/portlandaudubon.

NEW this year, Portland Audubon is thrilled to partner with Adventures Without Limits in presenting two fun events:
• The 5Point Film Festival Portland, November 20 at Cinema 21, 7 p.m., featuring 12–15 adventure film shorts. Tickets go on sale at REI and our Nature Store on Wednesday, November 5 for $15, or $20 at the door. Proceeds will benefit Adventures Without Limits and Portland Audubon. For more information, visit http://5pointfilm.org/festival/films.
• GIG Holiday Happy Hour, December 18 at Base Camp Brewing Company, 4:30–7:30 p.m. Happy-hour specials on locally brewed beer and food from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Special guest speakers and a raffle for great goodies!

Adventures Without Limits helps people of all ages and abilities get outdoors to enjoy the incredible wildlife and wild places that the Audubon Society of Portland works to protect across Oregon.

Donations are accepted from Wednesday, November 5 (when the Give!Guide is first published) through midnight on Saturday, December 31. Make your contributions online at www.giveguide.org. Look for Audubon Society of Portland in the Environment category — and spread the word!

Calendar Gifts! Calendars Galore!

Our 2015 collection of wall, desk, and engagement calendars has arrived. Wouldn’t a 16-month calendar, including this fall, help you get organized right now? Sibley and Audubon both have wall and desk styles this year.

Our wonderful selection of other bird calendars is joined by a range of specialty themes featuring snakes, sloths, endangered species, and other wildlife. Sierra Club, Ansel Adams, and others offer inspiring landscapes, including exclusively Oregon images snapped by local photographer Nancy J. Smith.

Portland-themed wall and desk-style calendars keep the focus local, while others like Birdhouses of the World and Beautiful Mushrooms of the World take you farther afield.

A fun new calendar is Robert Pizzo’s Amazing Animals. The page titles are tongue twisters, and 150 stickers to mark your special days are included. There’s even a desk calendar for birders with the planning pages conveniently located on the left side. The Phases of the Moon calendar is now available in a decorative wall poster format and as a refrigerator magnet! So, by the day, week, month, or lunar phase, however you like to track your time, we’ve got you covered!

Attention Smartphone owners! Hook ‘em up, the clever folks who designed the popular $20 binocular/ cell phone adapter, has now introduced a Universal Smartphone Optics Adapter. This ingenious device can be attached to any sighting scope, binocular, telescope, or microscope. Now you can use your phone to snap highly magnified images of everything from birds to stars to microbes. The price is $89 (member price $80.10).

Membership Opportunities!

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, or sign up at the page titles are tongue twisters, and 150 stickers to mark your special days are included. There’s even a desk calendar for birders with the planning pages conveniently located on the left side. The Phases of the Moon calendar is now available in a decorative wall poster format and as a refrigerator magnet! So, by the day, week, month, or lunar phase, however you like to track your time, we’ve got you covered!

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Att
Wild Arts Festival

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6x6 Wild Art Project

Back again for its eighth year, the 6x6 Wild Art Project, a collection of “birdy” and affordable 6-inch square canvases rendered by an assemblage of wonderful community artists as well as some of the Festival headliners. This exhibit is a popular focus of the show.

On Sunday, something new has been added on the 6x6 stage. Throughout the day, seven large 6x6 artists will create unique pieces of art right before your eyes! The work of our “Artists in Flight” will be available for sale upon completion. Or with a larger contribution, you can secure your favorite artist’s masterpiece even before it is finished. Stop by and watch these artists in action!

Other Festival Highlights

We’re pleased to welcome Oregon College of Art and Craft back to WAF as our educational institute art booth. In the past we’ve worked with Sabin and Buckman and for Audubon’s mission in classrooms and at events. You’ll find information about constructing your own nest boxes.

Dining Options

Montgomery Park is home to a wonderful café called Food in Bloom. You can purchase their delicious soups, salads, sandwiches, and more on the second floor.

Special Thanks to our Sponsors

We are delighted this year to welcome a large group of dedicated sponsors — from our Presenting Sponsor, Backyard Bird Shop, to our grassroots supporters, the “40 Friends of Wild Arts.” Other large supporters: Selco Community Credit Union, Miller Nash LLP, NW Natural, Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield. Elk Cove Vineyards, The eBike Store, Grow Construction, McCoy Foats & Company PC, Morel Ink, New Seasons Market, and Sussman Shank LLP. A full list can be found on the Festival website.

Getting Involved

There are lots of ways to get involved with the Festival, including the following:

• Keep posted by visiting the Festival website at wildartsfestival.org.
•... or visit the Wild Arts Festival’s Facebook page for photos, links, and more updates. (Be sure to “Like” us)!
• The Wild Arts Festival is one of Audubon’s best volunteer opportunities. If you’re interested in being a volunteer, visit the volunteer page on the Festival website or check with our Festival volunteer coordinator, Roberta Lampert, at wafvolunteers@gmail.com.
• Consider sponsoring the Festival as one of the “40 Friends of Wild Arts.” Contact Development Director Ann Takamoto at attakamoto@audubonportland.org for more information.

And at the very least, be sure to mark your calendar and join us at Montgomery Park. We’ll see you at Wild Arts!