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November 18–19

Presented by Backyard Bird Shop

udubon Society of Portland's Wild Arts Festival the Northwest's premier art and book fair celebrating nature—is only a couple of weeks away! Now in its 37th year, the two-day Festival is a showcase of regionally and nationally known artists and authors and a signature fundraiser for Portland Audubon.

If you haven't bought your tickets yet, visit

wildartsfestival.org/tickets. You can also buy tickets at the door.

Held at Montgomery Park in Northwest Portland, the Festival is perfectly timed for holiday shopping—a great way to give gifts that support local artists and authors and help protect birds

and habitat across Oregon. Last

year's Festival raised \$180,000 for our conservation and education programs!

Wild Arts Festival

Nov 19 (Sun), 11am-5pm

More information at wildartsfestival.org

Montgomery Park 2701 NW Vaughn, Portland **\$8 admission** (14 and under free);

> You'll find a wide variety of nature-related books, including nature guides, children's

Oregon Adventures with the Kids. Nancy Tillman, the New York Times bestselling author of luminous and life-affirming children's books, joins us again. Susan Sokol Blosser, Oregon's pioneering winery owner and environmentalist, will be signing her new book, The Vineyard Years: A Memoir with Recipes. There will also be a tribute to our late, beloved Brian Doyle, whose "Last Prayer" will be

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The Festival also raises awareness of Portland Audubon. In 2016, 4,700 people attended the Wild Arts Festival and connected to

This year's Festival highlights include a Saturday Happy Hour with live entertainment, new display times for the popular 6x6 artwork, and an additional hour for the popular Children's Activity Area.

our mission through their own love of art and nature.

Artists

Art in a dazzling range of styles and media will be exhibited, including painting, photography, textiles, fiber arts, sculpture, jewelry, ceramics, wood, and glass.

We welcome 67 artists this year, and 16 are new to the Festival, including Graham Schodda (mixed media), Jeni Lee (painting), Suzy Williamson (jewelry), and Joshua

Rodine (glass). Many Festival favorites are also returning: **Amanda Houston** (painting), Shelly Fredenberg (ceramics), Daniel Elster (photography), **Babette Harvey** (sculpture), and Gunter Reimitz (metalwork).



See the full list of talented artists and get a sneak peek at their work by going to wildartsfestival.org/artists.

Authors

We have 38 impressive Northwest authors scheduled to appear, in a casual setting where you can chat with the authors while getting your books signed.

books, poetry, culinary arts, hiking guides, and fiction.

Grant McOmie returns this year with his newest book, available as a special broadside edition.

An Assault on the Health of our **Communities and Environment:**

Trump Administration Threatens to Roll **Back Portland Harbor Superfund Progress**

by Bob Sallinger, **Conservation Director**

n early October, the implications of the Trump Administration's efforts to roll back decades of Lenvironmental progress hit home in Portland. The State of Oregon released information revealing that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which has jurisdiction over the cleanup of the 10-mile long, 2,200acre Portland Harbor Superfund Site, had gone behind closed doors for the past several months with a group of anonymous harbor polluters and was about to sign an agreement that would set the harbor cleanup back 5 to 10 years.

The news is devastating for anybody who cares about the health of our communities and our river, but it is most devastating to people who may well be unaware of these machinations, underserved populations who depend on the river for sustenance, people who have may been exposed to toxic fish for decades and may now face many years of additional unnecessary exposure. How contaminated is our river? Today, health authorities recommend that healthy adults eat no more than 16 ounces of resident fish per month from Portland Harbor (the equivalent of about two decks of cards), and no amount of resident fish is considered safe for pregnant and nursing mothers, children, and people who are immunosuppressed. The river is contaminated with a toxic brew of PCBs, DDT, petroleum products, heavy metals, and other contaminants due to more than a century of industrial activity.

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Activists advocating for a strong cleanup plan in 2016. Photo by Bob Sallinger

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From our Executive Director

Honoring a Conservation Giant: Dave Marshall

by Nick Hardigg

ne of Oregon's great heroes of conservation, the late Dave Marshall, was honored recently at Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge. Together with our friends at Salem Audubon, the Friends of the Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, we dedicated the site of the future Dave Marshall Outdoor Education Classroom.

Ankeny is one of three national wildlife refuges that Dave nominated and championed for federal protection. Dave left us in 2011 after a long life so impactful and intertwined with Portland Audubon that it is our task—both in his honor and in responsibly serving our mission—to support and inspire future leaders like him.

At the dedication ceremony, Dave's longtime friend Tom McAllister recalled how Dave's campaign in the 1960s to protect these lands had been proceeding well until the Oregon Legislature passed a bill barring creation of any new wildlife refuge in Oregon without local consent. This new law would be a tremendous obstacle for Ankeny and other refuges in the Valley, as well as future refuges, if there were local opposition.

Undeterred, and armed with maps, photos, and scientific data demonstrating the importance of this land for migrating birds, Dave and a few board members from the Oregon Audubon Society (as we were then named) met with Governor Mark Hatfield to urge a veto. They succeeded, and the more than 11,000 acres of habitat now constituting the Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex are a testament to his skill and perseverance.

Dave didn't stop there. He elected for a transfer with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to serve in Washington DC, where he helped establish the agency's endangered species program after passage of the Endangered Species Act. Upon returning to Portland for his "retirement," he joined us as a contractor to research several species of concern, including the little understood Marbled Murrelet and its reliance on old-growth forests (first published here in the *Warbler*). Our subsequent petition to list the murrelet as a threatened species succeeded in Oregon, as well as in Washington and California, and provided protections for critical old-growth nesting habitat that we continue defending today in the Elliott State Forest and beyond.

Dave also wrote the first non-game management plan for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, pushing to shift the agency's attention to threatened species that aren't hunted or fished. As a career-capping achievement, he enlisted 100 experts to write *Birds of Oregon: A General Reference*, which set a new gold standard for state reference books.

What factors influenced this dynamo of conservation to emerge from our midst? Nature was a constant in his life. He was an avid birder, he joined Portland Audubon at age 12 (dues were fifty cents), and his extended family was active in Audubon as well. In the 1930s, he helped his uncle Norman dig the pond at our sanctuary, named after his great-great-grandmother, Norma Jane Seaman, using just a wheelbarrow and shovel. Dave even helped plant the giant sequoia gracing the entrance to our Wildlife Care Center, a tree now measuring 27 feet in circumference, which some visitors think must have stood for centuries.



Dave Marshall in 1947. Photo by Tom McAllister

These refuges, policies, ponds, books, and even our giant sequoia are clearly historic, but they are by no means ancient history. It's important to remember that, in conservation, we have the potential for historic gains, and losses, every day. Faced with that pressure, it's easy to lose sight of optimal strategy for long-term conservation. Dave Marshall and every advocate for conservation owe their start to finding an inspiring connection with nature. That's why Portland Audubon's efforts to inspire an increasing diversity of people to love and protect nature are essential for tomorrow's planet.

We cannot let up. We must also remember that tomorrow's "we" in conservation will someday not be "us." Few of us will ever lay claim to achievements like Dave's, but we all have a role to play in ensuring tomorrow's healthy Oregon. If you're interested in helping to advance our Strategic Plan priorities at Marmot Cabin and the Wildlife Care Center, and expanding community engagement with conservation, please contact **Donna Wiench** at **dwiench@audubonportland.org**. Thank you!

NATURE NIGHTS

Portland Audubon's 2017-2018 Nature Night Speakers Series is committed to presenting entertaining and expert talks on natural history, wildlife, and conservation issues. Nature Night is a chance for the community to engage with naturalists, authors, artists, enthusiasts, and activists about issues that affect the world around us. With topics ranging from hidden places of the Pacific Northwest, to diversity in the conservation movement, to bats, there is a talk for everyone. Our series takes place on the second Tuesday of the month, September through May (unless otherwise noted).

To RSVP to any or all of our Nature Nights and receive quick entry, go to **bit.ly/NATURENIGHT** (case sensitive).

If you have a suggestion for a Nature Night presentation or any feedback about a speaker, please contact Keia Booker at kbooker@audubonportland.org or 503-292-6855.

Birding Without Borders with Noah Strycker

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NOAH STRYCKER

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Tuesday, November 14
Montgomery Park
2701 NW Vaughn, Portland
Doors open and book signing at 6pm
Presentation at 7pm

In 2015, Noah set himself a lofty goal: to become the first person to see half the planet's birds in one year. For 365 days, with a backpack, binoculars, and a series of one-way tickets, he traveled across forty-one countries and all seven continents, eventually spotting 6,042." Join your Portland Audubon as we welcome **Noah Strycker** for his only Portland appearance about his Big Year and newest book, **Birding Without Borders**. Noah will arrive early and stay a little late to sign your copy, which will be for sale from our Nature Store at Montgomery Park.



Noah is not your traditional birder or speaker. "This is no travelogue or glorified checklist. Noah ventures deep into a world of blood-sucking leeches, chronic sleep deprivation, airline snafus, breakdowns, mudslides, floods, war zones, ecologic devastation, conservation triumphs, common and iconic species, and scores of passionate bird lovers

around the globe. By pursuing the freest creatures on the planet, he gains a unique perspective on the world they share with us—and offers a hopeful message that even as many birds face an uncertain future, more people than ever are working to protect them." —Courtesy of noahstrycker.com

Montgomery Park is located at 2701 NW Vaughn St. Easy access via TriMet bus lines 77 and 15.

Call 503-292-6855 for more details. EXPRESS ENTRY is available by going to bit.ly/NATURENIGHT (this is not an RSVP but gains you quick access to the event).

Audubon: John James Audubon and the Birds of America

Monday, December 1 I
Film Screening ONLY
Hollywood Theater, 4122 NE Sandy Blvd
Showtime 7pm

Check Hollywoodtheater.org for advance tickets and Audubonportland.org for information about pricing

e was one of the most remarkable men in America. A self-taught painter and ornithologist, he pursued a dream that made him famous in his lifetime and left a legacy in art and science that endures to this day. His portrait hangs in the White House and his statue stands over the entrance to the American Museum of Natural History. Yet the story of John James Audubon has never been told on movie screens."

John James Audubon was born in Haiti in 1785. After his family moved to France, Audubon "emigrated to the fledging United States." After his general stores "went bankrupt in the Panic of 1819, Audubon made a daring bet: to paint all the bird species of America, in life size. It was a project that would take him decades." Join Portland Audubon for a special screening focused on the person that inspired multitudes to honor these "feathered tribes" (John's affectionate term for birds).

The Hollywood Theater is located at 4122 NE Sandy Blvd. Easy access via public transportation is available on TriMet.

Call **(503)292-6855** for more details.







A New Way to Register for **Portland Audubon Outings**

Portland Audubon Outings

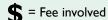
We are using a new, participant- and leader-friendly way to register for Portland Audubon Outings. Please sign up using Meetup, an online social networking website/mobile app that facilitates common-interest activities nationwide and around the world. Our Meetup group is Portland Audubon Outings. To join, go to meetup.com/Portland-Audubon-Outings and click Join Us. You will first need to sign in or create an account with Meetup to join the group.

Once you have joined, you can register for free Portland Audubon outings up to two people, including yourself, for a scheduled outing. If the maximum number of participants has been reached, you can join the waitlist to be notified when a slot opens. If you register but can't make it after all, please cancel your registration so that someone can take your place.

Bring binoculars and dress for the weather — beginners welcome!

= Mostly weekday excursions

= Sign-up needed



Nov 17 (Fri), 8am-11am **Fernhill Wetlands**

Join **Stefan Schlick** for a morning at Fernhill Wetlands in Forest Grove. The parking lot for the wetlands may be closed for construction, so let's meet at 8am at the intersection of Taylor Way and Fernhill Rd just northwest of the main parking lot. Park along Taylor Way. Fern Hill Road is a left turn off Hwy 47 just south of Hwy 8 in Forest Grove. Limit: 12. Questions: contact Stefan at greenfant@hotmail.com.

Nov 18 (Sat), 8am-12pm

Join **Ron Escano** for a waterfowl and winter sparrow adventure on Sauvie Island. Meet at 8am at the Eastside Check Station Parking Lot on the corner of Reeder and Rentenaar Roads. We will walk Rentenaar Road and back (1.6 miles round trip). Should be done by noon.

From the Sauvie Island Bridge take Sauvie Island Road 2 miles to the intersection with Reeder Road. Turn right on Reeder and continue north 9 miles to the Eastside Check Station and Rentenaar Road on the left (allow 25 minutes to drive from the bridge to the check station). Limit: 15. Call Ron (503-771-3454) with questions.

Dec 7 (Thu), 9am-I lam **Dawson Creek Park**

Join Richard Arnold for a walk through this manmade yet very lively group of ponds. This is an excellent time to see Acorn Woodpeckers on the back side of the park, as well as Wood Ducks, Common Mergansers, and other ducks up close. Meet at the north end of the parking lot of the Hillsboro Library at 2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy in Hillsboro. Limit: 12. Questions? Call Richard at 603-801-9598.

Dec 16 (Sat), 8am-11am **Vancouver Lake Park**

Join leader **Ron Escano** at Vancouver Lake Park. Scope the lake for waterbirds then explore the riparian woodland for winter passerines. Meet at **8am** at parking lot in front of middle bathrooms, and we should be done by 11am. Directions from I-5: take Exit 1-D (4th Plan Blvd), go west on 4th Plain through Vancouver onto SR-501 (Lower River Rd). After 3.5 miles on SR-501, continue straight for 0.6 miles to Vancouver Lake Park. Limit: 15. Call Ron (503-771-3454) with questions.



Common Merganser female. Photo by Tara Lemezis

Rentenaar Road, Sauvie Island

All vehicles will need a Sauvie Island parking permit.

Nature Night Speakers Series 2017-2018 Calendar

November

Birding Without Borders with Noah Strycker

Tuesday, November 14 • 7pm, Montgomery Park Book signing 6pm

December SPECIAL NIGHT! John James Audubon and the Birds of America Film Screening **Only**

Monday, December 11 • 7pm, Hollywood Theater

January TBA

February Capturing the Beauty of Our Public Lands

with Scott Carpenter

Tuesday, February 13 • 7pm, Montgomery Park

March Bats!

with Cris Heim of Bat Conservation International Tuesday, March 13 • 7pm, Montgomery Park

April

Wildlife Connectivity

with Quinn Read of Defenders of Wildlife Tuesday, April 10 • 7pm, Heron Hall

May **Hidden Oregon: Exploring the Obscure Gems** of the Pacific Northwest

with Ed Jahn of OPB's Oregon Field Guide Tuesday, May 8 7pm, Montgomery Park

Sign up for the 2017 **Christmas Bird Count**

by Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager, and Candace Larson, CBC Compiler

Join the 92nd annual Portland Christmas Bird Count (CBC) on Saturday, December 30, 2017! The nationwide CBC is the longest running community-science project in North America. The results have provided critical information on the status and changes in bird populations over the past 117 years. The Audubon Society of Portland conducted its first Christmas Count in 1926. Last year 221 field observers and 128 feeder watchers found 118 species. Those 349 participants made the Portland CBC the second largest in the United States!

The Portland CBC results are sent to the National Audubon Society and feed into a data set that encompasses over 1,000 CBC circles across North America and as far south as Brazil. The CBC is one of the longest running large-scale wildlife data sets in existence. Over 200 studies have been published using the data, and findings have been used to inform important management and conservation decisions that have helped bird protection efforts across their flyways.

A great way to participate in the CBC is as a Field **Observer**. It's the perfect opportunity for birders of all levels to enjoy a day outdoors and sharpen their birding skills. The Portland CBC circle is 15 miles in diameter and is broken down into 5 areas. Each area is broken down further into sub-areas. Take a look at the map of the Portland CBC circle and pick an area you would like to help cover: bit.ly/CBCMap. Contact the Area Leader, who will tell you where and what time to meet on December 30. Most teams go out for the whole day, 7am-5pm, but you can make arrangements if you need to stop earlier. If you have any questions, contact **Joe Liebezeit** (iliebezeit@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6121) or Candace Larson (clarson@audubonportland.org or 503-720-4010).

Area Leaders for Portland Count (Saturday, Dec 30, 2017)

Area 5 (Northwest Hills/ Forest Park)

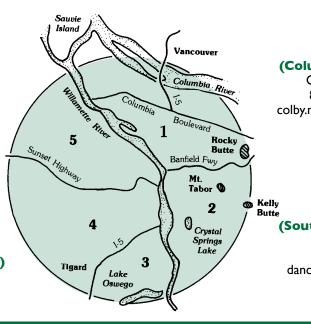
Joe Liebezeit 971-222-6121 or 503-329-6026 iliebezeit@audubonportland.org

Area 4 (Beaverton)

Lori Hennings 503-797-1940 or 503-329-5003 lori.hennings@oregonmetro.gov

> Area 3 (Lake Oswego) Lynn Herring

503-442-8973 lynnhe@outlook.com



Area I (Columbia Riparian)

Colby Neuman 801-598-4367 colby.neuman@gmail.com

Area 2 (Southeast Portland)

Dan Strong 971-413-2735 dancbcpdx@gmail.com

For up-to-date Christmas Bird Count info, see bit.ly/CBCPDX

A few of Oregon's Winter Residents



Green-winged Teal © Jim Cruce

Townsend's Warbler © Scott Carpenter



Great Blue Heron © Scott Carpenter



Red-tailed Hawk © Scott Carpenter

Another important way to participate is as a **Feeder Watcher**. Even if you can watch for only an hour, your observations will be helpful. If you want to be a Feeder Watcher, check your location first at **bit.ly/CBCMap** to be sure the feeder you'll watch is within the 15-mile-diameter CBC circle and download the Feeder Watcher checklist at audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc.

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.

Conservation

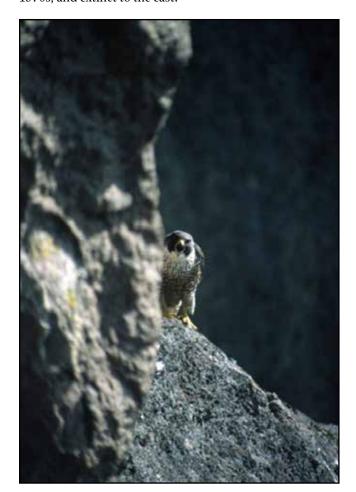
Finnegan, Portland Audubon's educational Peregrine Falcon, died in September of 2017. During his 17 years living at Portland Audubon, he educated thousands of people about this amazing species and its recovery from the effects of the pesticide DDT. Finnegan was an incredible ambassador for his species, and this month we thought we would share with you the story of how he came to live at Portland Audubon, as told by Peregrine biologist and longtime Portland Audubon collaborator Dr. Jeep Pagel, who found him in 2000.

Finnegan's Rescue

by Dr. Jeep Pagel

Then I first started to work on Peregrine Falcons (Falco peregrinus anatum) in 1983 for the Forest Service on the Klamath National Forest, there were only two known nest sites in Oregon: one at Crater Lake National Park, and one on the Umpqua National Forest. Peregrines at that time were literally an endangered species, with few in existence in other western states. My Pacific Northwest study area included mostly remote habitat along the coast and inland in northern California, Oregon, and Washington, requiring close collaboration with my friends at the Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group, multiple federal and state agencies, and Portland Audubon.

Then, and through to this day, part of my job (and passion) has been to enter Peregrine Falcon nest sites as part of a long-term collaborative research project with multiple agencies to gauge the population and eventual resurgence of the Peregrine Falcon in western states. It may be interesting to remember that 17 years ago Peregrine Falcons were still resurging in population, after having been mostly extirpated west of the Mississippi River in the 1960s and 1970s, and extinct to the east.



Adult male Peregrine Falcon defending his nest site in the Columbia River Gorge. Photo © Jeep Pagel

When I found Finnegan, we knew of several remote areas in the Pacific Northwest where eggshell thinning caused by DDT/DDE was still a problem. By the turn of the last century, Peregrine Falcons had been removed from the federal endangered species list but were still state listed in California, Oregon, and Washington, and also listed by the US Forest Service as a sensitive species under their Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive Species Program.

During my field season, I would often live out of my government pickup truck. With help from my colleagues, including my friend Bob Sallinger of Portland Audubon, we would determine where territorial Peregrines were nesting and evaluate their nesting chronology, which we discerned by watching the behavior of the adults. If the site did not fail due to eggshell breakage, I would enter the nest site when the chicks were between 14 and 24 days of age to collect additional important data intended to help us determine the health of the Pacific Northwest population. My goal with the quick nest entry on cliffs, bridges, and other structures—including the now gone Trojan Nuclear Power Plant cooling tower—was to collect eggshell fragments and prey remains, and evaluate the nest ledge (measurements, remove sharp rocks, etc.). If chicks were



Finnegan. Photo by Bob Sallinger

present, I would band the nestlings with US Geological Survey lock-on bands and black alphanumeric Visual Identification Bands.

Back to Finnegan. During the spring of his hatching, I had watched his parents' behavior at their nest in the Columbia River Gorge to obtain data on their nesting chronology and reproductive success; that is, determining when the adults copulated, laid a clutch of eggs, and the eggs hatched. I had a fairly good idea that there were probably about three young Peregrine chicks approximately 16 days of age in the nest. On June 3, 2000, I had slept next to my Forest Service truck near the nest site so I could have an early start in the morning. After hiking with a full backpack of climbing and banding gear up a slope to the top of the rimrock overlooking the gorge, I looked over the edge of the cliff to make sure I was in the right spot. Because there were no trees, large rocks, or even deeply rooted bushes for anchors, I pounded three rebar stakes into the sandy soil on flat ground above the nest ledge. I then attached my ropes to the rebar to use as an anchor for my approximately 100-foot rappel down the cliff.

I leaned over the cliff and saw where there were some splotches of whitewash and a single down feather lofting away from a spot near the ledge. When I was about ten feet down from the top, the adult female zipped past my head, banked, and came back for another pass. In her acrobatic dive, I could hear the wind ripping near my ears as she maneuvered, trying to kill me or make me go away. At the level of the nest ledge, I stopped, switched from my rappel device to my ascenders, and for the first time, took a good look at the chicks. My notes for that day indicated that there were 3 males and 1 female, and the nest ledge was 60 cm by 60 cm, with a small alcove in the back, where Finnegan was protected with his siblings.



Visual Identification Bands and USGS bands on a young Peregrine Falcon. Photo © Jeep Pagel

With the gentle gorge winds starting for the day, I found myself slightly swinging by my harness outside of the nest ledge, where I looked at a clump of fuzzy white down that was the four Peregrine Falcon chicks. Because of my knowledge of contaminants in Peregrine Falcons, I was very concerned when I picked up Finnegan to band him and saw his club foot. I remember thinking maybe it was a genetic issue, bad luck, or possibly a defect associated with high levels of contaminants. I didn't know for sure, but while I quickly banded Finnegan's siblings and gathered the data I had come for, I thought of his deformities and his potentially dismal future.



In the 1980s and early 1990s, many Peregrine Falcon nests in the Pacific Northwest had eggs that would break due to DDT/DDE-induced eggshell thinning. Photo © Jeep Pagel

I knew that if I left Finnegan in the nest, he would likely die soon after fledging as one of the 75 percent of Peregrine chicks that do not survive to their next year. As a scientist, I realized that if I left him, we would never know what caused the deformity of his feet. I also had the pang of being a father and a softhearted biologist, not the automaton scientist or disinterested government employee that people often think researchers may be.

In my hand he was warm, squirmy, scrappy, and alive, and just as feisty as his sister and brothers. He had good eye shine, full range of movement, lack of obvious ectoparasites, and was obviously well fed and healthy. He was a cute, fluffy, downy chick, and by all measures his mom was just as protective of him as his siblings

I remember making the decision to take him out of his nest site. I had been looking at him, and at his mom, who was still diving in an attempt to drive me away, and at his siblings. Though the site was a crappy cliff with lots of falling debris, I took off my helmet, put Finnegan in the protective concave base of my inverted helmet, covered him with a bandana, and put this vessel in my small backpack. I gathered the rest of my gear and made a quick ascent up my rope to the cliff top, where I quickly removed and stowed my gear in my larger backpack.

Though my day was to include entering another nest site, I carried my animate and inanimate load down to the base of the cliff, drove upriver to the first pay telephone I could find, gave my friends in the US Fish and Wildlife Service and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife a call to let them know what I had done, and asked them to help me plan for the next 24 hours. I then called Bob Sallinger and told him that I would be at the Portland Audubon Wildlife Care Center in a couple of hours.

I met Bob at the Care Center doors. We both were amazed when we looked at Finnegan's fused toes, his healthy appearance, and his feistiness as he looked at us with

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Finnegan's deformed foot on June 3, 2000, soon after he was removed from his nest site. The blood on his beak is from his recent meal of ground quail. Photo © Jeep Pagel

surprise and maybe a little bit of fear. We talked for a while; I could take Finnegan back to the nest the next day and put him back with his siblings so he could fly, but he would likely starve in the next couple of weeks. I didn't know what his chances as a wild Peregrine might be, as the hundreds of chicks I had banded had never expressed this ailment. Or, we posited, he could be cared for at Portland Audubon for the rest of his days, as an Oregon Peregrine Falcon Ambassador. More calls ensued to the USFWS and ODFW, and our final collective decision, since Portland Audubon has always been fantastic about wild bird care and outreach, was to keep Finnegan and allow him to represent his wild brethren.

Since then, on May 18, the day we agreed was Finnegan's "hatchday," Jennifer Parks of Portland Audubon would send me a picture. I would comment on his graying feathers, and occasionally, when I came to see Bob or give a presentation at Portland Audubon on something related to raptors, I would see Finnegan on his perch as he greeted people. I knew he had no idea who I was, but I always would reflect on that fateful day when we met.

Finnegan likely outlived his siblings. While we were guilty of impacting the natural order of that particular nest, I am still confident in our decision and happy that many people in the Pacific Northwest have been able to step close to look into a falcon's eye and experience the wildness emitted by a Peregrine Falcon. From my perspective, having seen thousands of wild falcons over the past 34 years, Finnegan was truly an amazing Peregrine Falcon Ambassador who I hope many of you met during the past 17 years.

Dr. Jeep Pagel is a raptor ecologist with the US Fish & Wildlife Service's National Raptor Program in New Mexico.

To make a gift in memory of Finnegan in support of our education animal program, please visit our website or mail a donation mentioning "gift in memory of Finnegan."

Trump Administration Threatens to Roll Back Portland Harbor Superfund Progress

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In December of 2016, the efforts to clean up Portland Harbor reached a critical milestone. Sixteen years after Portland Harbor was listed as a federal superfund site—a designation reserved for the worst, most dangerous contaminated sites in the country—the EPA released a final record of decision (ROD) for selecting a remedy (cleanup plan) for Portland Harbor. The ROD was the result of 16 years of study characterizing the contaminants in the river and the risks to people and wildlife. It was also the result of massive public input during 2016, more than 5,300 people sent in comments to the EPA, the vast majority of them supporting a strong cleanup plan. The expectation was that after 16 years of study and comment, the Portland Harbor Superfund Process would finally move toward implementation: cleanup of our river, a complex process that the EPA would take approximately 13 years to complete.

What happened during the summer of 2017? In June, the EPA released a draft plan to do baseline sampling of contaminants in Portland Harbor. The sampling plan was meant to fine-tune the design of the cleanup plan released in 2016 and provide a baseline for evaluating the effectiveness of the cleanup process going forward. It was never intended to revisit the 16 years of study and modeling that went into the cleanup plan. While facts remain somewhat murky due to confidentiality agreements between the EPA and polluters, the EPA began meeting with a small group of anonymous polluters during the summer of 2017—the "Pre-Remedial Design Group." Based on those secret meetings, the EPA veered off in a very different direction from its trajectory over the past two decades.

In early October of 2017, the EPA presented the State of Oregon and Tribes with an agreement it had forged with harbor polluters. The agreement substantially weakened the baseline sampling plan as well as the EPA's ability to enforce the cleanup plan. Most notably however, it stated that the baseline monitoring would be used to revisit the research, modeling, and assessments done since 2000 and to "reset achievable targets/remedies/actions." In short, the EPA was about to commit to revisiting the entire process to date, a veritable groundhog day for polluters who want to see the cleanup delayed and the cleanup goals weakened. Further, the EPA was bypassing a memorandum of agreement signed with the State and Tribes that would have allowed them to have input into any such agreement.

Thanks to a fast and massive outpouring of concern from the community, the State of Oregon, the Yakama Nation,



Fish consumption warning sign in Portland Harbor.
Photo by Bob Sallinger

and the City of Portland—including threats by the State and the Yakama to invoke formal dispute resolution agreements—Trump's EPA has agreed to back off the agreement. The signing of the agreement with polluters was delayed, and the State and Tribes were given two weeks to comment on the agreement, a comment period which ends in late October. The public is given no official avenue for input.

There is no way to know at this point whether this is merely a cursory exercise or whether the EPA will reverse course and restore the normal course of order to the Superfund process, one that would move us forward to implementation rather than backward to revisiting all the work done to date. There is also no assurance that there will not be further efforts to undermine the cleanup process going forward.

One thing is certain: the process will require vigilance every step of the way until our river is restored to health. There is much that we can do, including putting direct pressure on the Trump Administration; ensuring that our local, state, and federal representatives fight to hold the line; and holding polluters directly accountable for actions. On this last point, it is important to note that eventually the EPA will have to release the names of the small group of polluters that it worked with last summer. The community should hold them directly accountable for working to undermine the public process and attempting to put our community at extended risk. We should also demand that other responsible parties (there are approximately 150) step forward and tell us where they stand. Do they support moving forward with cleanup, or are they tacitly or explicitly endorsing delay and weakening tactics?

We need your help more than ever. We have great opportunities at the local and state level to advance conservation goals, and we have unprecedented battles ahead to prevent rollback of cornerstone environmental policies at the federal level. Your voice is critical! To become an **Audubon Activist**, please contact **Steph Taylor** at **staylor@audubonportland.org**.

Urge Oregon Officials to Fill a Huge Gap in Marbled Murrelet Protection Efforts

by Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager

There is a new opportunity to significantly increase protections for the imperiled Marbled Murrelet as Audubon Society of Portland and our partners work to raise the status of this species from "threatened" to "endangered" in Oregon's Endangered Species Act. This rare seabird, which nests in old-growth and mature coastal forests and forages at sea, has continued to head toward extinction in Oregon despite being listed as threatened for more than two decades under both the Oregon and Federal Endangered Species Acts. Continued habitat loss and fragmentation have reduced suitable murrelet nesting habitat to a fraction of historic levels, leading to steep declines in breeding productivity and rates far too low to sustain the population. In addition, the murrelet gene pool is dwindling and may face a bottleneck unless the population increases. Recent demographic population models indicate the Marbled Murrelet has a high probability of extinction in Oregon within the century. Conditions in their marine feeding grounds are also concerning. In recent years, the frequency of poor ocean productivity has increased, causing massive seabird die-offs and affecting Marbled Murrelets' ability to find the small forage fish they depend on for food.

Logging of murrelet nesting habitat on nonfederal lands (state and private) has occurred at an alarmingly high rate over the past 25 years, nearly six times that of federal lands. Yet remarkably, in Oregon there is no comprehensive murrelet conservation strategy on nonfederal lands. While the federal Endangered Species Act prohibits "take" of murrelets on these lands, surveys are not required on private lands, and this lack of oversight and enforcement has left a regulatory void threatening the recovery of this species. Uplisting murrelets from threatened to endangered in Oregon would set in motion survival guidelines for the species and a comprehensive recovery plan with real goals. State lands, including Elliott, Tillamook, and Clatsop state forests, contain over 23,000 acres of known occupied murrelet habitat, as well as extensive suitable unsurveyed habitat that is critical for the murrelet's survival. Without a roadmap for recovery on state lands, efforts to bring this species back from the brink will continue to fail. California and Washington have already listed the Marbled Murrelets as endangered. It is time for Oregon to do the same.

We are now coming to a critical time in the process to uplist this species. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife



Marbled Murrelet. Photo by Tom Hamer

(ODFW) recently completed a draft status review that affirms the dire prospects for this species. In February 2018, the ODFW Commission will receive the final status review and vote on whether to proceed with the uplisting. Until November 9 you have the opportunity to lend your voice and urge the ODFW Commission to follow the science and uplist the Marbled Murrelet to give this species a fighting chance. Visit **bit.ly/SaveTheMAMU** to provide your public comment.

There will be other opportunities to support the Marbled Murrelet uplisting effort in the coming year. To get involved in protecting Marbled Murrelets and other wildlife, please contact Micah Meskel at **mmeskel@** audubonportland.org

Educational Trips

Trips often sell out. We recommend booking early. Deposit required to reserve your place. To register, please visit audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult and follow the registration link.

For registration questions:

Erin Law, elaw@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119.

For more information about any of our trips:

Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105 or Erin Law at elaw@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119.

Fiji March 22-April 6, 2018

iji... tropical paradise of the South Pacific. Over ₹ 300 islands compose this tiny country, and together they provide an array of habitats that support a rich diversity of birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. Encircling the islands are vibrant coral reefs, an attractive bonus to any marine enthusiast. Yet best of all, the Fijian people are famously friendly and will greet us everywhere with a big smile and a hearty "Bula!" We'll experience a bit of the Fijian's magical culture first-hand when we participate in one of their age-old kava ceremonies, a tradition



Fiji Island. Photo by Ivan Phillipsen

that has gone unchanged for centuries. Among Fiji's birds are 28 species found nowhere else on earth. We'll have a good chance of seeing most of these endemics, including the charismatic Collared Lory and the elusive Silktail. With our Fijian guide, we'll bird the largest island, Viti Levu, in search of species like the Masked Shining Parrot, Barking Imperial Pigeon, and Fiji Parrotfinch. Then we'll visit two of the smaller islands, Kadavu and Taveuni, the former being home to the endemic **Crimson Shining** Parrot and Kadavu Fantail. It is here too, that we'll have wonderful opportunities to snorkel and/or scuba dive on the Great Astrolabe Reef. On the island of Taveuni, we'll look for the magnificent **Orange Dove** and the **Many-colored Fruit-dove**, while having time to enjoy more snorkeling and the island's beautiful beach.

Leaders: Dr. Ivan Phillipsen and local guides **Fee**: \$3,995 members / \$4,395 non-member **Deposit**: \$2,000 required to secure your place

Birding the Pacific Coast of Mexico: Sayulita and San Blas

December I-II, 2017

The tropical Sayulita Coast lies just north of Puerto Vallarta in western Mexico and the area's forests, fields, coast, and mountains provide habitat for a wonderful diversity of birds such as Pale-billed Woodpecker, Rufousbellied Chachalaca, Cinnamon Hummingbird, Orange-fronted Parakeet, Mexican Parrotlet, and **Ivory-billed Woodcreeper**. With the Pacific Ocean at your back, you can bird an unspoiled



Collared Lory. Photo by Dick Daniels

lagoon hosting Roseate Spoonbill, Bare-throated Tiger Heron, Northern Jacana, and Black-bellied Whistling-Duck. We'll spend five nights in San Pancho, allowing us to explore the best birding areas within a day's drive. A boat trip through the mangrove-lined estuary at San Blas will give us opportunities to see Limpkin, Common Black-Hawk, Snail Kite, and **Laughing Falcon**. We wrap up by heading inland to the historic village of San Sebastian del Oeste. The oak and pine forests above San Sebastian will provide a different offering of birds, including Magnificent Hummingbird, Crescent-chested Warbler, Slate-throated Redstart, and Red-headed Tanager.

Leader: Dr. Ivan Phillipsen

Fee: \$2,895 members / \$3,195 non-members Deposit: \$1,400 required to secure your place

Domestic & International Trips

More information available online at audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult International trip fee does not include airfare.

Belize and Tikal January 10-20, 2018

Leader: Patty Newland, local guides **Fee:** \$3,095 members / \$3,195 non-members **Deposit**: \$1,600 required to secure your place

The Sea of Cortez March 3-10, 2018

Leaders: Dr. Ivan Phillipsen, and Steve Engel, former Adult Program Manager for Portland Audubon **Fee:** \$2,895 members / \$3,195 non-members **Deposit**: \$1,400 required to secure your place

Southwest Florida April 6-13, 2018

Leader: Patty Newland

Fee: \$2,195 members / \$2,395 non-members **Deposit**: \$1,100 required to secure your place

Greece April 28-May 11, 2018

Leader: Stefan Schlick

Fee: \$3,795 members / \$4,195 non-members **Deposit**: \$1,800 required to secure your place

Eastern Alberta June 7-14, 2018

Leaders: Stefan Schlick, Dan van den Broek **Fee:** \$1,995 members / \$2,195 non-members **Deposit**: \$1,000 required to secure your place

Northeastern Spain in the Fall October 30-November 8, 2018

Leader: Stefan Schlick, local guide **Fee:** \$3,295 members / \$3,495 non-members **Deposit**: \$1,600 required to secure your place



Russet-throated Puffbird. Photo by Fernando Flores



Roseate Spoonbill. Photo by Jordan Walmsley

Yucatan December 2018 specific dates TBD

Leader: Dr. Ivan Phillipsen, local guides **Fee**: \$3,395 members / \$3,795 non-members **Deposit**: \$1,700 required to secure your place

Northwest Trips

More information available online at audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult

Skagit Valley

February 16-18, 2018

Leaders: Candace Larson and Dan van den Broek **Fee**: \$595* members / \$695* non-members **Deposit**: \$300 required to secure your place

Klamath Basin March 22-25, 2018

Leaders: Candace Larson and Mary Coolidge **Fee:** \$795* members / \$895* non-members **Deposit**: \$400 required to secure your place

Southwest Oregon May 10-13, 2018

Leader: Dr. Ivan Phillipsen

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Fee: \$795* members / \$895* non-members **Deposit**: \$400 required to secure your place

Malheur Foray June 2–6, 2018

Leader: Patty Newland

Fee: \$845* members / \$1,045* non-members **Deposit**: \$400 required to secure your place

Ice Age Floods September 23-29, 2018

Leader: Dr. Ivan Phillipsen

Fee: \$1,395 members / \$1,595 non-members **Deposit**: \$700 required to secure your place

John Day Fossil Beds October 5-7, 2018

Leader: Dr. Ivan Phillipsen

Fee: \$445* members / \$545* non-members **Deposit**: \$200 required to secure your place

Portland Audubon Birding Days

Once a month, active, fun!

\$60 unless mentioned otherwise Transportation provided; bring your own food Limited to 9 or 10 participants (1 van)

Bayocean Spit November 12, 2017 (6am-5pm)**Leader: Stefan Schlick**

Yaquina Bay January 14, 2018 (6am-7pm)**Leader: Stefan Schlick**

A portion of your fee is a tax-deductible donation to the Audubon Society of Portland.

Portland Audubon's International Tours now include a Carbon Offset contribution that will go directly for the stewardship of our I 50-acre Forest Park Nature Sanctuary. A flat fee of \$50 per person is included in the cost of these tours and will be used to maintain our trails, plant trees to help grow our native canopy, and sustain this special place for future generations. Thank you.

Portland Audubon tours are a lot of things, but one thing they are not are photographic tours.. so please, no lens over 400mm unless approved beforehand by trip leader

International trip fee does not include airfare.

*Fee includes: Ground transportation, double-occupancy lodging, meals except dinners, entrance fees for planned activities and the services of your leaders.

- I. Register and pay online: Visit class description at www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult and follow registration link.
- 2. Mail in your check: Make payable to Audubon Society of Portland. Include with payment: class name, your name(s) and, if this is your first class with us, your full contact information.
- 3. Register by phone: Call Erin Law (971-222-6119) to pay over phone. We accept VISA, Master Card, and Discover.

Contact Erin Law, Adult Education Coordinator, at elaw@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119.

Check our website for upcoming classes not listed here! audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes

For full descriptions, visit audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes

Orchard Mason Bee Nest and Cocoon Cleaning Class

Nov 6 (Mon), 7pm-9pm: Class in Heron Hall **Instructor: Mark Fitzsimons**

Fee: \$14

Bird Journals: Sketching and painting birds simply for pleasure

Nov 18 (Sat), 10am-3pm: Yes, You Can: Bird Markings and Suggesting

Class in Heron Hall **Instructor: Jude Siegel**

Fee: \$45 members / \$65 non-members for each class Limited to 16 participants

Crafting: Needle-Felted Hummingbird Ornaments

Nov 19 (Sun), 10:30am-1:30pm Class in Heron Hall **Instructor: Suzanne Moulton.**

Fee: \$25 (includes all materials)

Limited to 15 participants, ages 8-adult (Families welcome, but kids under 12 must have an adult with them in the class)

Waterfowl ID for Beginners: Mallards to Wood Ducks

Nov 29 (Wed), 7pm-9pm: Class in Heron Hall Dec 3 and 10 (Sun), 9am-12pm: Local Field Trips

Instructor: Laura Whittemore

Class with Field Trips, *limited to 14 participants*:

\$65 members / \$85 non-members **Class-only Option: \$14**

Understanding Molt

Jan II (Thu) 7pm-9pm: Class in Heron Hall Jan 13 (Sat) 8am-12pm: Field trip to Sauvie Island **Instructor: Stefan Schlick**

Class with Field Trips, *limited to 14 participants*:

\$50 members / \$65 non-members **Class-only Option: \$14**

Wallowa Winter Wonderland

Jan 29 (Mon) 7pm-9pm: Class in Heron Hall Feb 2-4, 2018: 3-day Field Trip (New Dates!)

Leader: Stefan Schlick

Fee: \$200* members / \$250* non-members

Deposit: Fee to be paid in full

Lodging, transportation, and food not included

Beginning Field Birding & Sauvie Island Exploration

Saturdays, 8am-12pm Feb 3, Mar 3, and Apr 7: Local Field Trips

Instructor: Greg Baker

Fee: \$80 members / \$100 non-members Participants register for all three days.

The Art of Bird Illustration

Feb 21, 28 & Mar 7, 14 (Wed), 6:30-9pm: Class in Heron Hall

Instructor: Stacey "Zebith" Thalden **Fee**: \$95 members / \$115 non-members

(includes \$15 for supplies)

Limited to 12 participants. 10 minimum.



Winter Break Camps 2017

Photo by

Register online at www.audubonportland.org — or call Marissa Duncan at 971-222-6131. All camps run 8:45am-4:15pm unless otherwise stated.

Grades: 1-3

Snowshoe Hares to Polar Bears Grades: 1-3

MONDAY, DEC. 18

Have you ever wondered how the smallest birds handle the winter weather? How about the largest bears? Come spend a day journeying within the Audubon Sanctuary, exploring the amazing and unique adaptations that animals use to cope with the harsh winter weather. We'll scour the woods for animal sign and end the day working with the Audubon specimens that can teach us the most about the wonderful world of winter animal survival. Fee \$65 member/ \$75 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off:Audubon House

Snow Shoe & Hot Cocoa Adventure Grades: 4-8

Join the Audubon Education Team on this adventure as we journey onto the snow-covered slopes of Mount Hood on snowshoes. We'll traverse the beautiful wilderness area of White River Canyon (weather dependent). We've been leading these snowshoe trips for over 14 years and cannot wait to guide another. Along the way, we'll nestle down under the trees and warm up with some hot cocoa. Fee includes snowshoe rental

Fee: \$80 member/ \$90 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off: Upper Macleay Park Time: 8:45am-5:00pm

MONDAY, DEC. 25 **NO CAMP DUE TO HOLIDAY**

TUESDAY, DEC. 26

Have you ever wondered how animals

survive harsh winters? How do they find food in the snow or stay warm when temperatures drop below freezing? How do they know where or when to migrate? Spend a day at Audubon getting all of your questions about animal winter survival answered as we play games, conduct science experiments, and create snow globes to explore the amazing world of animal survival. Fee: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member

Pick Up and Drop Off:Audubon House

TUESDAY, DEC. 19 **Expedition: Winter Gnomes**

Step into the world of the fabled Gnomes of the Pacific Northwest as we explore the mystery and folklore of these mythical creatures. Prepare yourself to scour the forest searching for the elusive woodland Gnomes, build homes to attract these little creatures, and make your very own Gnome hat. Equipped with magnifying glasses, campers will search Audubon's Sanctuary for any and all signs of Gnomes. Fee: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member

Pick Up & Drop Off:Audubon House

Jr. Raptor Rd. Trip Grades: 4-8

Grab your binoculars, we'll bring the scopes and treats!! Join us for a road trip across Sauvie Island as we trace the path of the annual Raptor Road Trip put on by Portland Audubon and other organizations. Our trip explores all of the Road Trip's sites in search of the magnificent Bald Eagles, hawks, and falcons that spend the winter in the Portland area. Learn the route and all the cool things that raptors have to teach us so you can lead your family on the official Raptor Road Trip in February! Fee: \$70 member/ \$80 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off:Audubon House

TUESDAY, DEC. 26

Gorge-ous Photography Grades: 4-8

Join Audubon educators on an adventure into the heart of the Columbia River Wild in the Winter Grades: 1–3 Gorge to capture images of some of the spectacular natural wonders that lie less than an hour away from Portland! Discuss the basics of composure, lighting, subject, and color as you sip hot cocoa and snap pictures of jaw-dropping panoramas, icy waterfalls, mossy canyons, delicate leaves, and much more. Be sure to bring a camera and get ready to tell a story in pictures! This one-day camp will cover just the basics of photography, but all skill levels are welcome to join! Fee: \$70 member/ \$80 non-member Pick Up and Drop Off:Audubon House

Winter Art Explorers Grades 1-3

Explore Audubon's forest trails searching for wildlife and signs of animals. Create colorful drawings and clay sculptures of animals and their habitats using your imagination, creativity, and some of your observations. We'll hike the Wildlife Sanctuary searching for inspiration that will guide our art projects. Fee: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off:Audubon House

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20

Wolves!

Grades: 4-8

Come experience the thrilling world of wolves as we travel as a pack to the Wolf Haven Sanctuary near Tenino, Washington. With a Portland Audubon Naturalist as your Alpha Wolf and journals in hand, you will learn about these majestic predators in an up-close and personal way. Fee: \$70 member/ \$80 non-member

Pick Up and Drop Off:Audubon House

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27

Birds of a Feather... Grades: I-3

...flock together! Learn how to identify and appreciate the wonderful, colorful birds that call Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuary home. Spend time learning how to use binoculars to search out our feathered friends and build your own bird feeder to take home and attract them to your own yard! Fee: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member Pick Up and Drop Off: Audubon House

THURSDAY, DEC. 21

Junior Wildlife Vet 102 Grades: 4-8

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 Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. Fee: \$70 member/ \$80 non-member Pick Up and Drop Off: Audubon House

Audubon's Winter Rangers

FRIDAY, DEC. 22

Grades: 1-3 Spend your day becoming a Winter Audubon Ranger! Learn to be a quiet presence in the forest. Venture deep into the Audubon Sanctuary to learn the secrets of local plants and animals. Come join the ranks of Audubon's Winter Rangers! Fee: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member

Cartooning Audubon Animals Grades: 4-8

Pick Up and Drop Off: Audubon House

Use your imagination, inventiveness, and observations of Audubon animals and habitat as you develop animal characters that talk, show emotions, and move through time and space. Hike our trails searching for animals to develop into cartoon characters, and observe forest, creek, and pond habitat to use as backgrounds in single-frame cartoons and multi-frame comic strips. Fee: \$65 member / \$75 non- member

Pick Up and Drop Off:Audubon House

THURSDAY, DEC. 28

Junior Wildlife Vet 101 Grades: 1-3 Grades: 1-3

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 Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. Fee: \$70 member/ \$80 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off:Audubon House

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Hoots There?

Investigate the amazing adaptations of owls as you handle talons, skulls, nests, wings, and feathers. Meet Julio, Audubon's resident Great Horned Owl. Listen to owl calls, dissect an owl pellet, and hike in owl habitat.

Fee: \$65 member / \$75 non- member Pick Up and Drop Off:Audubon House

Elk Extravaganza Grades: 4-8

lump on board for an old-fashioned hayride as we study the Roosevelt Elk at Jewell Meadows Wildlife Preserve. Learn to track as we follow Elk trails through the woods and meadows of the coast range. Participate in an Elk feeding program and safely see these marvelous mammals up close.

Fee: \$70 member/ \$80 non-member Pick Up and Drop Off:Audubon House

NO CAMP DUE TO HOLIDAY



Keeping kids in touch with nature!

Mountain Chickadee. Photo by Scott Carpenter

by Harry Nehls

Wildfire and Bird Populations

Tildfire is a natural component of the forest ecology and usually does more good than bad. The Columbia Gorge fire this spring will revise habitats and change resident bird populations in the area.

A 1995 report prepared by Rex Sallabanks titled *Effects of Wildfires on Breeding Bird Communities in Coniferous Forests of Northeastern Oregon* is again timely and appropriate for our area. The study was done on the Twin Lakes Fire, which burned approximately 22,000 acres on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest in 1994.

Generally he found that the Twin Lakes fire resulted in small declines in overall avian abundance and species richness. The foliage feeders and canopy nesters were less abundant after the fire. Aerial feeders increased in abundance. Ground nesters that prefer little or no understory also increased in abundance. Dark-eyed Junco showed a trend for higher numbers in the more intensely burned plots.

Response to the degree of burns was mixed. American Robins and Mountain Bluebirds increased. Goldencrowned Kinglets, Mountain Chickadees, Swainson's Thrushes, Townsend's Warblers, and Varied Thrushes decreased in abundance with increased degree of burn.

Sightings

On September 13 the first major goose migration arrived, mainly **Cackling** with a few **White-fronted** and **Snow Geese**. A couple of days later, flocks of **Sandhill Cranes** arrived on Sauvie Island. By September 17 a movement of sparrows arrived along with many **Varied**, **Hermit**, and **Swainson's Thrushes**. By late September large kettles of **Turkey Vultures** were migrating southward.

A number of interesting birds were reported this fall. On August 24 a **Marbled Godwit** was with many shorebirds on Racetrack Lake on Sauvie Island. Up to four **Sabine's Gulls** were observed during September along the Columbia River off Sauvie Island and North Portland. On September 21 Beverly Hallberg observed two **Avocets** and a **Ruff** at Mud Lake on Sauvie Island. The next day she noticed three **Common Terns** passing the island.



On September 2 Nick Mrvelj observed a **Snowy Egret** on Sauvie Island. Andy Frank noted one at Smith/Bybee Lakes August 9. Philip Kline reported a **Wilson's Phalarope** at Smith/ Bybee August 8.

Snowy Egret. Photo by Hayley Crews Red-breasted Nuthatches and Yellow-rumped Warblers appeared more common at intermediate burn levels.

Pine Siskins were the most abundant species in the study area and appeared to invade burned areas immediately after the fire. Other seed eaters such as Clark's Nutcrackers, Cassin's Finches, and Red Crossbills were more abundant in early post-fire habitat. As seed sources declined these birds would probably move to other areas.

Snag habitat is obviously more abundant following intense fire. However, as the snags decline and fall, replacement snags are not available, so cavity-dependent wildlife would decline over time.



Pine Siskin. Photo by Jim Cruce

Nick Mrvelj found a **White-Faced Ibis** September 21 at the Vanport Wetlands in North Portland. On September 22 Adrian Hinkle spotted a flyover **Bobolink** at nearby Force Lake.

On September 20 Wink Gross reported a **Black Swift** over Pittock Mansion in the West Hills. Adrian Hinkle saw one that day over Mt. Tabor. On September 23 Adrian reported a **Lapland Longspur** on Mt. Tabor. Tom McNamara saw a **Lewis's Woodpecker** flying over Mt. Tabor September 15. On September 5 Rick Tawney saw a **Great Gray Owl** on his farm in Colton.

On August 24 David Bell observed a **Long-tailed Jaeger** on the Columbia River near the mouth of Wind River. On September 13 Russ Namitz found one south of there on Timothy Lake. On September 20 Jay Withgott saw a **Parasitic Jaeger** and a flock of eight **Lapland Longspurs** at Broughton Beach. Andy Frank noted a **Pacific Golden-Plover** there September 25.

On August 13 Stefan Schlick reported a **Pacific Golden-Plover** at the Fernhill Wetlands. Khanh Tran reported a **Stilt Sandpiper** at Fernhill August 9. Craig Tumer noted a **Stilt Sandpiper** at the Tualatin River NWR August 10. Tom Love reported an **Ash-Throated Flycatcher** there August 23. On September 29 Nick Newberry observed a bright **Sharp-Tailed Sandpiper** within a dowitcher flock on the muddy edge of Force Lake in North Portland.



Our birds have evolved with fire ecology. Habitat changes favor certain species over others. Over time and area, however, habitat and the populations it supports will balance.

We gratefully acknowledge these special gifts:

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Volunteer of the Month: Barb Bryan

by Nancy Mattson, Nature Store Manager

Barb Bryan has been greeting visitors to the nature store on Wednesday mornings since 2012. She chose to volunteer with Portland Audubon because she appreciates our mission of nature conservation and care of wild animals. Through Portland Audubon's wide variety of volunteer opportunities, Barb has participated in the Wild Arts Festival, the Native Plant Sale, and Raptor Road Trip. Most recently, she assisted artist Suzanne Moulton, creator of the Birds of the Elliott State Forest exhibit, in Suzanne's recent needle-felting workshops.

Barb is a native Oregonian born in McMinnville. She enjoyed a career in elementary education as a teacher and school psychologist. She shared her love of learning as an instructor at both PSU and Lewis & Clark College (her alma mater). Her appreciation of good teachers extends to Laura Whittemore, who teaches Beginning Birding and Birding by Ear classes here at Portland Audubon. Barb intends to continue studying with Laura, but she cautions,

"You've really got to sign up for her classes early because they fill so fast!"

An active volunteer, Barb also puts time in as a long-term care ombudsman. She recently became involved with the Bloom Project, which crafts flowers donated by grocery stores into lovely bouquets that are then delivered to local hospices. When she isn't volunteering, she enjoys traveling with her husband, Mickey Bishop. They recently returned from a trip to France and Austria. Earlier this year they explored the American Southwest.

A favorite part of Barb's work for Portland Audubon is spending time in our beautiful nature sanctuary. It led her to a desire to know this area better. "I want to walk all the trails of Forest Park. Right now I'm about a third of the way to my goal!"



Barb Bryan. Photo by Tara Lemezis

As the store manager, I have such a great appreciation for Barb's abilities. I rely on her to assist with so many different tasks because she is so smart, well-organized, personable, and dependable. I definitely think of her as the perfect volunteer: she makes my job so much easier! **Thank you, Barb!**

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Members Receive a Discount at the Nature Store!

Here you'll find books, hiking & field guides, binoculars & spotting scopes, bird feeders & seed, plus gifts & toys for adults & children, all with a nature theme. Plus, Portland Audubon members receive a 10% discount off regular prices.



Holiday Open House

Save the date for our annual Holiday Open House on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3. We'll have all our holiday gifts, cards, wrapping paper, and ornaments on display. There will be complimentary hot cocoa and cider, cookies, and other seasonal treats. Join your Portland Audubon friends for a gathering of good cheer. Visit our Educational Birds and take an energizing stroll through the nature sanctuary. Bring your friends and family along. We'd love to celebrate the season with you!

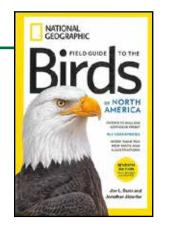


2018 Calendars

We now have our full selection of wall, engagement, pocket, and desktop page-a-day calendars on display in the Interpretive Center. We have longtime favorites from National Audubon, Sierra Club, and Greenpeace. Lovely PNW photographic works from Steve Terrill, Nancy J. Smith, and the Oregon Natural Desert Association. Plus a wide selection from popular nature and wildlife artists:

Charley Harper Rosaline Wise William Rice Kazuyuki Ohtsu Molly Hashimoto Lisa Houck Tony Fitzpatrick

Jeannine Chappell Inuit Artists of Cape Dorset Nikki McClure **Emily Carr**



New Custom Designed Fleece

Crisp fall days beg for cozy wraps. We recently found an apparel company that specializes in warm but light fleece jackets. Their creative crew of designers crafted an iconic great horned owl in flight for us, laser-etched the design across the full front of the jacket, and added our name. On page 8, you can see the women's jacket on our Volunteer of the Month, Barb Bryan. The women's version is teal, and the men's is a medium grey. Both sell for \$43 (member price \$38.70). These attractive contemporary jackets are breathable, high performance, machine washable, soft, and durable. Quick, grab one and go!

The Seventh Edition is Here!

On September 12, National Geographic released their eagerly awaited seventh edition of the *National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America*. The seventh edition includes 37 new species for a total of 1,023 species; 16 new pages with more than 300 fresh illustrations; 80 new maps; and 350 map revisions. The taxonomy was revised to reflect the radical new American Ornithological Society taxonomy established in 2016, standardized banding codes were added, and the text was completely vetted by birding experts. And, of course, they retained those thumb tabs we've all come to love! This new edition will top the list of birding field guides for years to come.

Portland Audubon Book Club

6pm-7:30pm • Interpretive Center at Audubon Society of Portland

Contact Pat Gorman at gormanp3@gmail.com

On Wednesday, November 15, we will meet to discuss *Land on Fire*, by Gary Ferguson. Award-winning nature writer Gary Ferguson brings to life the extraordinary efforts of those responsible for fighting wildfires, and deftly explains how nature reacts in the aftermath of flames. Dramatic photographs reveal the terror and beauty of fire, as well as the staggering effect it has on the landscape.



On Wednesday, December 13, we will meet to discuss Mozart's Starling, by Lyanda Lynn Haupt. The intertwined stories of Mozart's beloved pet and Haupt's own rescued starling provide an unexpected window into humananimal friendships, music, the secret world of starlings, and the nature of creative inspiration. A blend of natural history, biography, and memoir, Mozart's Starling is a

tour de force that awakens a surprising new awareness of our place in the world.

Buy your copy of selected books in the Nature Store and receive 20% off the list price!

Nikon's Season to Save **Promotion**

We hate to spoil the surprise so far in advance, but Nikon is giving us a little holiday gift. They are



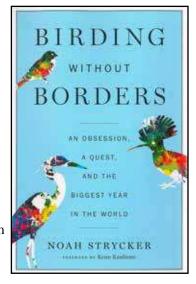
dropping the prices of the Nikon Monarch 5 (our most popular binocular) by \$50 with an instant rebate from November 22 to December 31, 2017. Well, maybe it's also a New Year's present! In any case, these binoculars are a great gift for anyone on your shopping list as well as deserving people such as yourself. The Monarch 5 binoculars are waterproof, fog-proof, light in weight, ergonomically designed, and they feature ED (Extra-low Dispersion) glass for crisp, bright, clear images in any light conditions. The rebate prices will be **\$249.95** for the 8x42 model (reg. member price \$299.95) and \$279.95 for the 10x42 model (reg. member price \$329.95). With these savings, I'm sure they will be our best-selling binocular again this holiday season!

Just Released! Birding Without Borders: An Obsession, a Quest,

and the Biggest Year in the World by Noah Strycker

n 2015, Noah Strycker, a young birder based in Oregon, became the first person to see more than half of the 10,000 bird species on planet Earth in just one year. Traveling to 41 countries on 7 continents with just a small backpack, a pair of binoculars, and a series of one-way tickets, Noah not only set a new world record, he also captured the hearts and imaginations of people all over the world. **Birding** *Without Borders* (Houghton, 2017) is more than nature writing and more than a travelogue; the trials, triumphs, and humor in this book will charm serious bird nerds and casual nature lovers alike. Pick your copy up now in the Nature Store (regular price \$27.00, member price \$24.30)

Noah Strycker will be our featured Nature Night presenter on November 14, 7:00pm at Montgomery Park (2701 NW Vaughn St, Portland, OR 97210). Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event.



Chickadee at nest box. Photo by Patrick Hannigan

Nature Store at the Wild Arts **Festival**



e sure to take the escalator up to the third floor, where, in addition to all the wonderful items available at our Silent Auction, you'll find the Nature Store booth! We will have a great selection of nest boxes designed to encourage wildlife to take up residency in your own backyard.

See you there!

Deanna Sawtelle Flies the Coop

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

olunteers are the heart and soul of Portland Audubon, and for the past decade Deanna Sawtelle has been an ever-present, effervescent force to ensure that this fact never strayed from the collective consciousness of the organization.

I recall a staff meeting several years back where staff were struggling with our Swift Watch Program at the Chapman School. The throngs of people coming to watch swifts in the September twilight had grown increasingly unruly, parking in front of driveways, peeing behind bushes, and leaving trash scattered about the landscape. The neighbors were complaining...loudly. A hapless staff person suggested that perhaps we could send volunteers down early in the morning to clean up the garbage. Deanna sat up in her chair, gazed around the room with a look of scorn perfected in her earlier life as a high school vice principal, and announced, "Our volunteers are not here...to...pick... up...(sneer)...garbage."

Undaunted, the hapless staffer continued. "It's not picking up garbage, it's helping birds."

Deanna peered over her glasses, ummmmed just long enough to let everybody think she might actually be considering this leap of logic, and then issued a withering "No...I don't think so."

Finally, somebody offered that staff would be picking up garbage as well. Deanna let forth a smile that really was not a smile. "Well, if staff are doing it too, then I might consider it."

During Deanna's tenure, Portland Audubon's volunteer program more than doubled—from 250 to over 500 volunteers. Today, volunteers contribute 51,580 hours annually to the Portland Audubon mission.

She created volunteer-driven events such as Halloween Night Flight, International Vulture Awareness Day, and because one can never appreciate vultures enough, she added an additional vulture-centric event, Welcome Back Vulture Day, for good measure. She created Portland Audubon's Volunteer Council to ensure that volunteers have a real voice in the management of the organization, and she supplied a steady flow of some of the worst candy on earth to ensure that our volunteers were always supercharged.

Deanna also managed our educational bird program, bringing to Portland Audubon a wealth of raptor-training skills learned during 18 years working at the Oregon Zoo's wildlife shows. Between her time at the Zoo and at Portland Audubon, she trained more than 300 volunteers to handle raptors. Working with volunteers and educational birds brings together two of Deanna's biggest passions in life, and it is here that her enthusiasm for her work burned brightest...except the raven...the raven was different story, so we will leave him out.

Portland Audubon is exceptionally fortunate to have so many amazing volunteers, and for the past ten years the organization and its volunteers have been incredibly fortunate to have such a strong and persistent advocate for volunteers. She leaves us with strong systems for engaging, advancing, and honoring volunteers, but most of all she leaves us with an ethic recognizing that the true power of a grassroots organization resides in the people who contribute their time and talent to support the cause. Whenever staff left Portland Audubon, Deanna would be there to hand them the accourrements needed for success in the next world: their volunteer nametag and T-shirt. We look forward to giving Deanna hers.



Welcome Erin Law, **Adult Education** Coordinator

₹ rin Law and her family have been enjoying ≺ Portland Audubon for 11 years. She became a volunteer in 2015 and joined the staff in October 2017. Her love of birds began when she was a young child growing up in the woods of Western New York. Then she completely fell in love with birding in college, while working at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

During her fieldwork years, she studied Moose mortality in Minnesota, African Lion distribution in the Ngorongoro Crater of Tanzania, Darwin's Fox territorial movement in central Chile, Red-throated Loon foraging behavior in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta of Alaska, Common Loon behavior and vocalizations in Wisconsin, and shorebird

migration at Grays Harbor, Washington. Erin then obtained a master of science degree in environmental policy and conservation from the University of Michigan. Her thesis work was on small mammal distribution and forest restoration in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.



In her spare moments, Erin enjoys playing and learning with her three kids, all things musical, hiking, camping, and birding! Advocating for social justice pervades every aspect of her life. She also serves as the treasurer for two environmental nonprofits, Cascadia Wild and the Sandy River Watershed Council, and is a Portland Neighborhood Emergency Team member.

Welcome Charles Milne, Development Director

ortland Audubon is pleased to welcome Development Director Charles Milne. Charles' fundraising knowledge and successful track record over a 15-year career started with his founding and leadership of the nonprofit LGBT Resource Center at the University of Utah. At Planned Parenthood of the Columbia Willamette, Charles was manager of a \$1.5 million annual giving program that included corporate gifts, major gifts, annual appeals, and special events. Most recently, Charles served as Director of Development for

Girls Inc. of the Pacific Northwest, where he developed and implemented an expansive development plan incorporating many of the investments and best practices



of fundraising, including expanded foundation support, and the use of data and metrics to improve effectiveness and accountability.

An avid hiker from Utah (born and raised just minutes away from major canyons in the Wasatch Range of the Rocky Mountains), Charles is passionate about improving the quality of life for all through connections with nature, and of Portland Audubon's desire to remove barriers and reach all communities. He is also an experienced advocate and public

speaker who has championed important causes in challenging environments. Charles also has a substantial background in and awareness of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Welcome Abby VanLeuven, **Environmental Educator**

fter a full summer leading Portland Audubon camps, Abby couldn't pass up the opportunity to spend every day working to inspire nature connections, and she joined the full-time staff as an Environmental Educator in mid-September. After graduating with a degree in geology from the College of Wooster, Abby spent the next three years working with both adults and children in the outdoors, teaching everything from fire ecology to landscape watercolors. Having taught in national parks, urban greenspaces, ski resorts, and school classrooms, she comes to Portland Audubon with a breadth of teaching experience. In addition to her education experience, she has conducted dendroclimatic research on trees in Alaska, completed soil surveys in Tanzania, and worked to register and educate young voters.

Abby grew up in Portland and is ecstatic to be back home working with Portland Audubon to share everything she knows and loves about this area and help young



people develop the same connection to and love for the environment that she gained as a child. When she is not at work, you can usually find Abby outside skiing, hiking, backpacking, biking, playing Frisbee, exploring all that the Pacific Northwest has to offer, and occasionally spending time indoors playing her cello or reading a book.

Thank You to:

- Elk Cove Vineyards for 4 cases of wine for Ecology & Architecture: Integrating Bird Safe Design Forum
- John Drain through Parrot Mountain Group for two sets of Penguin's Smile tote bags
- Vlasta Barber for tools and supplies for Nature Sanctuary
- Suzanne Moulton for materials and time to teach needle-felting classes
- Richalyn Muckridge for Wildlife Care Center supplies
- Boone Ogden for Catering Discount for Yachats, Oregon, Volunteer Event
- Dana Siegfried for 25 native wild strawberry plants

Our Wish List

For Administration: AED (automated external defibrillator) Auditory assistance devices Binoculars Scope and tripod

For Sanctuary: Loppers • Hand saws

Work gloves

Small leather work gloves Kevlar animal handling gloves

Bleach

Paper lunch bags

For Wildlife Care Center:

Dawn dishwashing detergent

Exam gloves (latex or latex-free)

Science Diet Kitten Growth

For Wild Arts Festival: Bubble wrap • Metal easels

If you can donate these items, please first contact Portland Audubon at 503-292-6855 ext. 102, Mon-Fri, to arrange a time for delivery/pick-up.

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The Joy of Giving **It's Party Time! Terri and David Cohen**

by Donna Wiench, **Donor Relations Manager**

₹ very summer, Terri and David Cohen throw a garden → party for Southwest Portland neighbors, family, and ✓ friends. Upwards of 100 people come by to admire their Backyard Habitat Certified garden and enjoy catching up and having fun. This year Terri and David knew they wanted to continue the tradition—but with a twist.

Terri and David love birds. The habitat they've created in their yard attracts birds to their feeders, and watching the birds gives them joy. "Birds are beautiful," Terry said, "and they're accessible. We don't get to see a lot of wild creatures, so birds are our connection."

With the increasing political polarization in our country, Terri, a nurse and midwife for nearly 40 years, found herself feeling discouraged and sometimes even hopeless. Her response was to draw birds. "I was doing it for fun and as a way to relax. It was a meditation, but before I knew it, I had more than 100 drawings."



What to do with 100 drawings?

How about a fundraiser? This year the Cohens decided to use their annual garden party as an occasion to sell some of Terri's paintings and raise money for the Audubon Society of Portland. Terri asked David (a professional artist for decades) to choose some of her work to display in the garden. Two Portland Audubon staffers, Backyard Habitat Program Manager Nikkie West and Membership Manager Tony Arnell, were on hand to answer questions about Portland Audubon's mission and programs. Checks were written, and by the time the last guests were heading home, more than \$750 had been collected for Portland Audubon.

> David and Terri are longtime Portland Audubon supporters and appreciate the organization's efforts and impact. Terri said, "I feel people don't really understand what we're doing to the planet and don't understand how our well-being and the planet's are so fundamentally tied.

"It's easy to feel like we can't make a difference, but it's a self-fulfilling attitude. When we're hopeless, we're apathetic,

Photo by Tony Arnell



Join Our Flock!

ecome a member of the Audubon Society of Portland and join a community of over 15,000 nature lovers helping protect birds, other wildlife, and their habitats across Oregon.

Your membership dollars help us run three sanctuaries, the largest and busiest wildlife rehabilitation facility in the region, an education program that reaches 12,000 kids and 3,000 adults each year, and a powerful conservation program that works across the state to protect, ocean, forest, urban, grassland, and desert habitats.

In fact, Oregon would look very different if not for the Audubon Society of Portland. For more than 100 years, Portland Audubon has played an instrumental role in shaping the beautiful lands we call home, from establishing our first wildlife refuges including Malheur, Klamath, and Three Arch Rocks, to helping make Portland one of the greenest cities in the country. Through advocacy,

Become a Member

Address

education, habitat restoration, and volunteerism, Portland Audubon works every day to inspire people to love and protect birds and the natural world, building a community dedicated to creating a sustainable future for all life.

As a member you will receive discounts on classes, camps, and trips as well as purchases in our Nature Store. We will send you our bi-monthly Warbler newsletter to keep you informed about upcoming events and the important issues affecting our region and state. And most importantly, when you become a Portland Audubon member, you get the satisfaction of knowing that 100 percent of your dues are put to work locally to build a sustainable future right here in Oregon.

Come on, now! Join us! Already a member? Consider a gift of membership for your birdloving friends!



but by doing something to help, we can break away from despair and actually make a difference."

The model of member fundraising that Terri and David implemented was effective for Portland Audubon, and we are very appreciative of their work on behalf of birds and other wildlife. Our development department is happy to coordinate with other members who want to host private parties, dinners, concerts, art shows, or other events to benefit Portland Audubon's work. Thanks to Terri and David for bringing this idea to their party!



Photo by Tony Arnell

Your Year-End Gift **Enables Us To Do Great Things!**

by Charles Milne, **Development Director**

onnecting children with nature so that what we love now will continue for future generations is something we hear over and over in conversations with our members and donors. We also hear how much advocacy resonates—that we work with all the tools in our toolbox to affect policies that impact Oregon's environmental health. It has been a busy year. As you've read in our *Warbler* newsletters, we are doing amazing things with your support, this year connecting 12,000 kids and 4,000 adults to nature through classes, camps, and trips; treating 3,000 animals in our Wildlife Care Center; working to protect the most important bird areas across Oregon; and striving to keep the Portland area the greenest region in the nation. As we enter another holiday season, and as you choose to make your charitable donations, we thank you for choosing to invest again in Portland Audubon. Your gift of any size helps! And if you have been considering deepening your investment, this is a good time to do so with the Leadership Giving Challenge.

Leadership Giving Challenge Raises the Bar Again

As mentioned in the last issue of the Warbler, two of Portland Audubon's board members are jointly contributing a total of \$50,000 this year to encourage and motivate major giving during the upcoming holiday giving season. The \$50,000 match will be applied to all first-time gifts of \$1,000 and above. Additionally, any major donor who increases their \$1,000 or more annual gift by at least \$500 will have their total amount matched.

If you've been thinking of increasing your support to the Great Blue Heron level of \$1,000, or if you are currently giving at a leadership level and want to increase your gift. your donation will be matched 100 percent, doubling your impact on environmental education and bird and habitat protection across Oregon. For more information about this challenge match, please contact me, Charles Milne, at 971-222-6117, cmilne@audubonportland.org, or Donna Wiench, Donor Relations Manager, at 971-222-6116, dwiench@audubonportland.org.

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. ☐ I want to become a member **Membership Levels:** Please renew my membership 345 Individual ☐ \$500 Owl ☐ \$60 Family \$1,000 Great Blue Heron Your Name _____ Address _____ \$2,500 Peregrine \$5,000 Osprey \$100 Goldfinch \$250 Warbler Email \$10,000 Eagle \$ per month Frequent Flyer Phone (first check or credit card number enclosed) $\hfill \square$ Sign me up for the monthly e-newsletter, The BirdWord. **Payment Method** My check, payable to Audubon Society of Portland, I want to give a Gift Membership to: is enclosed.

our 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,

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Wild Arts Festival

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This is just a taste of the many authors appearing. Find the complete signing schedule at wildartsfestival.org/authors.

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction will offer a captivating variety of items and experiences, including paintings, photography, jewelry, garden art, pottery, sculpture, metalwork, and birdhouses. You can bid on African photo safaris; stays at beach, mountain, and lake cabins; and kayak trips. Also available are Native American baskets, Pratt & Larson art tiles, and exceptional outdoor experiences such as "breakfast and birding" hosted by Portland Audubon board members, or a hike to littleknown areas in the Columbia Gorge. Many participating artists also donate their work to the Auction. Come up to the third floor of Montgomery Park and take a look—you may be one of the lucky bidders!

6x6 Wild Art Project

Going strong in its eleventh year, the 6x6 Wild Art Project will again showcase affordable and original art on 6-inchsquare canvases. These little gems, priced at just \$45, are donated by community artists. We are again grateful to Blick Art Materials for donating the 200 canvases and collecting the completed art.





Photo by Ali Berman

The 6x6s have proven so popular that they have even caused traffic jams on the show floor. This year, to give more people an opportunity to buy, we will display them in two Saturday showings. At 10 a.m., half of the work will be on display, with sales starting at 10:30 a.m. Sales will pause at 12:30 p.m. while the remaining artwork is added and then resume at 1 p.m. Watch for details on the website the week before the Festival.

Nature Store at Festival

Portland Audubon's Nature Store will also be there, offering

Especially for Children

Enjoy children's activities on Sunday from 12 p.m. to 3

New this year for guests is a **Saturday Happy Hour** from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wine, beer, and light fare will be available for purchase. Plus, enjoy the mesmerizing vocals of songbird **Stephanie Schneiderman** from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Audubon Society of Portland d'Arts Festival



November 18 & 19 2017 Saturday I0-6, Sunday II-5 Montgomery Park 2701 NW Vaughn www.wildartsfestival.org

Admission Admits two for the price of one



The café at Montgomery Park is now operated by Elephants Delicatessen and will be open throughout the Festival. Stop by for a light lunch or snack at their second-floor location.

There's Still Time to Get Involved!

Volunteer—be a part of the

fun! Check with our **Festival Volunteer Coordinator**

Jill Nelson-Debord at wafvolunteers@gmail.com for opportunities.

Join in as a sponsor at one of our many levels. Contact Development Director Charles Milne at cmilne@ audubonportland.org for more information.

And of course, Save the Date! Mark November 18 and 19 on your calendar and join us at Montgomery Park for the 2017 Wild Arts Festival!

BUSINESS ALLIANCE

Through their business practices and financial contributions, the following businesses are helping advance our mission and protect Oregon's birds, natural resources, and livability. If you would like to become a member of the Audubon Society of Portland Business Alliance, please contact our Development Director at 971-222-6116.











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natural cedar bird, bat, and mason bee nest boxes that are handcrafted or designed and made in the Pacific Northwest. Plus, they will have experts on hand with advice and instructions on encouraging native species to take up residence in your garden.

p.m., including storytelling, face-painting, and a visit from an **Education Bird**. Portland Audubon's Education Birds also will be "on the glove" frequently throughout the twoday show. Watch for them!

Entertainment and Dining

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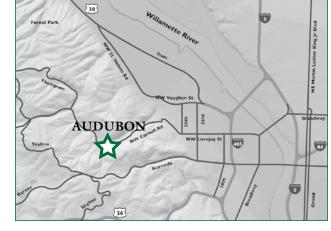
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