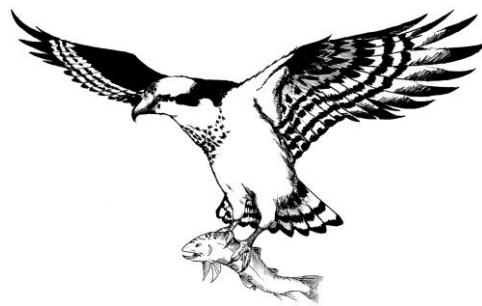


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This newsletter is dedicated to our friend and best birding buddy Roland Craft. see page 3

April Program

Date: April 11, Tuesday

Place: Lutheran Church of the Master
4800 N. Ramsey, CDA **Time:** 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Catherine Temple

Catherine is a wildlife artist and avid bird watcher from Clarkston, WA. She enjoys photographing, painting and writing about birds and shares her art and birding adventures on her website/blog www.catherinetemple.com. She also enjoys posting to the Inland Northwest Birders and is the editor of the Canyon Birders' newsletter in the L-C Valley. She recently won the 2017-2018 Delaware Duck Stamp contest, her first duck stamp win, with her entry depicting a Chesapeake Bay retriever and Canvasback ducks.

Program: "The Art in Birding"

Catherine will talk about how she got her start as an artist/birdwatcher, her inspiration and art process as well as photos and paintings of the birds she encounters.



President's Message

Earth Day, April 22. THE DAY that gives environmental concerns the front page and attention it deserves. April 22, 1970. Do you remember the First Earth Day? Americans were guzzling gas with V8 engines, industry belched smoke and pollution with little fear of legal consequences. Prosperity was thought to go hand-in-hand with pollution. In 1969 there was a massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California bringing pollution concerns to the media and, thereby, the minds of the American people. Gaylord Nelson, a US senator from Wisconsin, witnessed the devastation of the spill, and inspired by the energy seen in the anti-war movement, thought that perhaps he could infuse some of that energy into the emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution. He created a staff of 85 to promote the idea across the nation. April 22nd was selected as the date because it fell midway between Spring Break and Final Exams. Twenty million Americans rallied in auditoriums, streets, and parks to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable

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environment on that first Earth Day. By the end of that year the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was created and the Endangered Species Act, and the Clean Air and Clean Water Act were passed. In 1971, U.N. Secretary-General U Thant supported the initiative to celebrate this annually, and signed a proclamation that stated: "May there be only peaceful and cheerful Earth Days to come for our beautiful Spaceship Earth as it continues to spin and circle in frigid space with its warm and fragile cargo of animate life".(1)

In 1990 Denis Hayes, who had been the national coordinator of the original program, with help of environmental leaders of the time, organized a global Earth Day, seeing 200 million people in 141 countries rising in support of environmental issues. Earth Day 1990 led to recycling efforts worldwide and the 1992 United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

Earth Day 2010 found "climate change deniers, well-funded oil lobbyists, reticent politicians, a disinterested public, and a divided environmental community"(2). This sounds very familiar to the current

situation, doesn't it? Still supporters prevailed and the Earth Day Network as able to launch the project "A Billion Acts of Green" which grew into "The Canopy Project" encompassing 22,000 partner groups across 192 countries.

Earth Day 2017 will focus on climate literacy to educate citizens across the globe, giving them the knowledge to inspire action to protect the environment, as well as accelerating green technologies and jobs. In Washington, D.C. and in 300 other cities there will be rallies and marches to celebrate science and the role it plays every day within our lives, calling for evidence-based policies in the public's best interest. (3)

Join in the local Kootenai Environmental Alliance Earth Day observance, Saturday, April 22, noon to 4 p.m. at the Coeur d'Alene Library. There will be a Kid's Fun Run, Flash Mob Yoga, Live Music, Arts and Crafts, Birds of Prey, and a CDA Audubon booth. And even if you can't come to Earth Day at the library, celebrate your own Earth Day EVERY day, protecting and preserving precious nature.

Midge

(1)https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth_Day
 (2)The History of Earth Day.
www.earthday.org/about/the-history-of-earth-day/

(3)https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/March_for_Science.



In Memory of Roland Craft

When Roland was diagnosed with brain cancer, followed by surgery and chemo, we knew that his days were limited. We knew it was coming but it makes it no less sad that he has passed on. He was such a big part of our Audubon Chapter; it is hard to express how much he is missed. He was involved in all of our activities, field trips, bluebird trails, viewing platform care, Christmas Bird Counts, and monthly meetings. Roland moved to Post Falls after retiring from a career in forestry. Working in the out of doors, he naturally took to becoming a bird watcher and joined our chapter shortly after moving to here in 2000.

We have asked chapter members who knew him to share memories that they have of Roland.

Adela

I always looked forward to seeing Roland on the Audubon trips. I remember when I first started coming to Audubon and I didn't know anyone except Janet. Roland always made me feel welcome and was so generous with his knowledge. I remember especially his knowledge of trees. I remember Roland always having one of Pat's cookies to share, along with little chocolate candy bars that he seemed to always take along! He loved his sweets and he loved to share!

Ed and Kris

We will miss you, Candy Man! Roland was a BBB - Best Birding Buddy - always willing, always on time and totally reliable. He helped me with every type of bird count I ever did from Christmas Counts to all of the Breeding Bird Surveys and several of the

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Mid-winter Eagle Counts every January. He never faltered when we had to meet at 1:45 in the morning. He was wonderful company and always a willing scribe taking notes in his small, neat handwriting. Exploring back roads and finding the unexpected were a joy. I'll always remember the Barred Owl we found on the Avery BBS and the awe it inspired in us.

Roland was also our poker buddy and we enjoyed our time with him and Pat when we met at their house. The Crafts are terrific people! You will live on in our hearts!

Darlene

Thanks to one of the sweetest men I have ever met, I learned early on that "evergreen" is NOT a proper term for a conifer:)

Playing cards at his and Pat's home was always a great joy, as were card games on long field trips.

God Bless you and your family Roland.

Derek

Here are two photos Susan Lee took on one of our native plant hikes. The photo on page 1 was also taken by Susan.



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Dick

My interaction with Roland in recent years was mostly his bugging me to lead a mid-summer high country birding hike, which I was generally glad to do. I remember Shoshone Ridge with its overload of huckleberries where folks, including Roland, were too busy to return to the car; Striped Peak when Roland and I supervised a dog whose mistress had returned to the car without him; and Lone Lake on West Willow creek, above Mullan, where Roland held an extensive course in mountain biology - trees, bushes, flowers, as well as birds. And numerous other outings. I was always impressed

with his observations and his awareness of the natural world around us. And he always had small candy bars to hand out to everyone. I enjoyed those times with him.

Doug

Quiet, insightful, and absolutely hilarious. Will miss his humor and company, though know he is cracking up those around him in a better place now. Will miss him for sure.

Eula

Roland was always so helpful and cheerful about it too. I remember when I went to the Sandhill Crane Festival in Othello. Roland and Pat showed me all the "ropes"! It was a great time for me to be with them.

George

In many ways Roland was the kind of man I would like to be. His love for life and the natural world was infectious, his spirit ever generous, and his mind always at work. His was the kind of life that inspires us to do better.

Jan

I remember Roland's infinite patience in teaching us about the various tree species; the needle patterns, bark, location of where the trees were growing, different uses of the wood, all to help us identify trees correctly. He would almost bristle with indignation if someone referred to bushes and trees as "evergreens". He always laughed when he corrected us! He was a gentle soul, with such good humor. He was a regular on the Mica Bay surveys, always electing to be scribe.

He shall truly be missed.

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Mica Bay February 10, 2015

Janet

I think of Roland as my best birding buddy. In addition to the Spirit Lake Christmas Counts and being a field trip co-chair, Mica Bay surveys stand out. I could count on him to join me every month (unless he was gone fishing) and he recorded the sightings and drove part of the time so I could walk the route. I did the survey March 14 in the rain, the day he passed away. I dedicate that one to him.

Judy

So many good memories.... Roland had a great sense of humor, so was a perfect backpacking companion. On our three day hike along the Wenaha River he never once complained, laughed when things went awry, and drank with the best of us around the fire in the evenings.

Over the years Roland became legendary for attending every Audubon event; all field trips, meetings, board activities - we could count on Roland to be there. We hatched a plan to surprise him with a "perfect attendance"

certificate as a joke at the annual picnic, where members are recognized for special projects and service. The little joke was on us because something came up that prevented him from coming to the picnic! He really laughed over that one.

Of course, his fondness for candy was well known and he generally had a supply to share when we birded. You won't be soon forgotten Candy Man, goodhearted friend.



Boise Hawk Watch Field Trip
Oct 6-9, 2010
Hermiston Watermelons

Lisa

I loved Roland for his open-minded curiosity and child-like delight in the natural world. He always had an interesting question or observation to contribute. Every time I am facing into the cold winter wind with tears streaming down my face, I think of Roland asking, "Why? Why do our eyes and nose run when it's cold?" We were all enriched by his stimulating conversation and the warmth of his friendship. Roland, we will miss you.

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Roland Continued from page 5 Lynn

I was so sorry to hear of Roland's passing. He was such a nice fellow, who was always ready to help, especially with the Avondale Golf Course project. He brought new bird boxes and tools and I just rewarded him with a few chocolates.



Steptoe Butte Field Trip
May 11, 2013

Matt

It is with a sad and heavy heart that I learned of Roland's passing away. To me, he was always a consistent light, never wavering in his love of nature: trees and birds in particular. Perhaps in no preferential order.

Roland was a gentle soul, self-effacing with a warm humor that washed over you. Preferring it seemed, to laugh with you and never at you. He was always kind and sweet. This apart from the seemingly endless supply of candy he fished from deep pockets, when he realized that spirits were flagging or blood sugar fluctuations affected perceptions. Roland reminds me of a wise old owl. Observing and quietly knowing what many of us still have to learn. My earliest memory of Roland was the day I

attended my first Audubon excursion. A group of perhaps a dozen folk were walking in a single file on Karen Williams's property. Rain drizzled down on us, as we trooped tepidly to view the duck enclosure. I was at the back of the line and saw this gentleman suddenly stop and slowly and lovingly run his hands down a sapling. He seemed to embrace the wood as a grandfather embraced a child. With love and goodwill. My first thought was "my goodness, this man loves trees!".

Roland loved his family. He was a patriot, who loved his country. He was loyal and kind to all his friends, human and feathered.

My condolences to Pat and family. He will be missed.

Mike and Valerie

Dear Roland, he was always determined to get that white plastic bag that was stuck on a high tree limb at our highway clean-up. On field trips, he was always the scribe with chocolates ready at hand! We will miss your gentle smile.

Peggy

He was such a fun man to be around. Always in good humor. And he taught me to identify "White Plastic Bag Birds". We were both good at it! I'll miss him.

Rob and Nancy

Roland got us started with the blue bird trails and we truly love all the parts, cleaning, checking, repairing and sharing a beer after a day of blue birding. He always had a good story to go along with the day.

I also remember how he would accept a kiss and a hug from all us girls, (and most of us have not been girls for quite some time)!

Roland will be missed and remembered by many.

Love, Rob and Nancy
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Sheelagh and Jim Lynn

It didn't take us long to grow to love Roland. We so enjoyed our field trips with him, and were always offered that mini candy bar! He was a mentor for our bluebird trail, always encouraging us on....We will sorely miss Roland and his twinkle.



Shirley

My fondest memory of Roland is checking the boxes on our bluebird trails together. We both wore ourselves out on that project and had eventually stepped back from it. However, I will never forget Roland making sure that no wasps were lurking in the upper corners of our boxes. The wasps were not always happy about this but I don't remember Roland getting stung. He was instrumental in keeping our boxes in good repair and keeping records on nest success. He was a good friend to us all and he will always be with us in spirit.

Roland's card to his Audubon Friends mailed March 1, 2017



I thank you so much for all the cards you have sent. I havent made a smile so much.
I thank you so much.
Roland



Audubon Garage Sale

May 6, 2017 - 1392 W Ocean Ave.

Location: Janet Callen's garage.

Directions: Dalton Ave. between Ramsey Road and Highway 95. South on Isabella.

Deliver items: Tues. May 2-Wed. May 3.

Set up-price: Thurs. May 4-Fri. May 5.

Sale Time: Sat. May 6, 8 a.m. 3-4 p.m.

Clothing: Let's keep it to coats, jackets, and hooded sweatshirts. And, perhaps young children's clothing.

Tables will be needed. A vinyl open tent most useful.

Helpers needed, even if for a few hours.

Questions: call me at 664-1085 or e-mail goldfinch@roadrunner.com



International Migratory Bird Day

Date: May 20, Saturday

Leader: Carrie Hugo 661-9777

This year's theme is "Helping Birds Along the Way"-Stop Over Habitats.

Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Please let me know if you can help at any of the following:

- Registration/Check-In
- Hummingbird Feeder Station
- Pine Cone Feeder Station
- Bird Song DJ Station
- Migration Obstacle Course
- Nests and Eggs
- Scavenger Hunt/Bird Walk
- Sweet Tweet Cafe
- Bird Banding Station
- Fill the Bill Station
- Join the Flock Coloring Station
- Celebrate Birds Mural
- Sign and Station Set Up
- Sign and Station Take Down
- Advertising (posting and passing out flyers, newspaper articles, contacting schools and scouts)
- Providing Baked Goods

-Someone to fill and maintain hummingbird and seed feeders for 3 weeks prior to the event

I am going to send out a doodle poll to see when a meeting might work to start matching up people with the station or effort they want to help with. Please see the attached link and indicate ALL of the dates you could attend an organizational meeting. If all goes well, only one meeting will be required and the rest of the coordinating can be done by email. Here is the link to the poll:

<http://doodle.com/poll/cspwbma5frd4efmd>

Make sure to click on the accordion looking thing on the top row with the dates so it will expand to display all of the possible dates and times.



Field Trips 2017

Please Register: Watch the website or newsletter for updates to our field trip schedule. Additional field trips will be added if we have volunteers to lead them.

Please contact our field trip coordinators Janet Callen, 664-1085 or George Sayler, 667-2787 to suggest or volunteer to lead a trip. Participants should contact the trip leader at least 24 hours in advance of the field trip to find out if the meeting place/time or destination has been changed. Participants will share in a mileage reimbursement for the driver.

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Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge

Date: April 1, Saturday - date may change

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Meet: K-Mart parking lot, south side.

Leader: Judy Waring - 765-5378

Target Bird: Returning Trumpeter Swans

Highway 95 Cleanup

Date: April 8, Saturday

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Meet: Mica Grange-Highway 95

Dress for the weather; bring gloves; be prepared to devote about 3-1/2 hours.

Sign up (required) at the March meeting or

Contact: Mike or Valerie Zagar 819-5115

Mica Bay Survey

Date: April 11th, Tuesday (held 2nd

Tuesday of each month - times vary depending on month)

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Meet: Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

Leader: Janet Callen, 664-1085

Activity: We spend about 3 hours once a month counting birds at Mica Bay. Beginner birders are welcome to come and learn bird identification skills.

Gray's Harbor, Washington

Date: April 28-May 1

Time and Meet: To be determined

Leader: George Sayler 667-2787

Target Birds: Primarily migrating waterfowl and shorebirds plus the local birds. We will explore the various areas of this hotspot for spring migration.

Boundary County Spring Birding

Dates: May 11-13 (Thursday-Saturday)

Lodging: Selkirk House and Bonners Ferry Motels.

Time: Travel late Thursday aft. to Bonners Ferry. Dinner at Kootenai River Brewery.

Leaders: Kris Buchler 664-4739, Lisa Hardy 783-1262, Carrie Hugo 661-9771 Friday we will travel east along the south side of Kootenai River, to Two Tail Mountain, Boulder Creek and Boulder City Ghost Town. If time permits to Moyie River and Copper Falls. Saturday will include the upper reaches of Smith Creek searching for high elevation species, Boundary Creek Wildlife Management Area, and Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge.

Southeast Idaho-Gray's Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Dates: May 30 to June 3, 2017.

Time: To be determined

Leaders: Janet Callen 664-1085

Judy Waring 765-5378

Day One - Dillon, MT. on. Day two south on Highway 15 into Idaho and a visit to Camas Wildlife Refuge. Our revised plan now is for two overnight stays in Pocatello. We will explore Gray's Lake, Lava Hot Springs and Bear Lake from Pocatello. Day four will be a journey north to visit Craters of the Moon then Highway 93, passing Borah Peak, the tallest mountain in Idaho. We will overnight in Salmon, ID. www.fws.gov/refuges or in our Idaho Birding Trail Guide.

TEAM BIRDS

Century Count

Shoshone County

Date: early June

Time and Meet: To be determined



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