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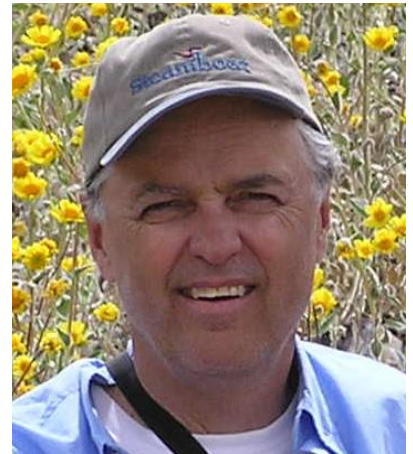
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## ASC General Meeting

### Yellowstone, Trophic Cascades, and an Apex Predator

May 18, 2023, 7:30 PM

Since 1974, Dr. Beschta has been a professor in the College of Forestry at Oregon State University where he has been involved in teaching, research, and extension programs related to the effects of land use practices upon forest streams and watersheds. In recent years, he has undertaken studies in various western national parks evaluating the potential role of large predators on riparian ecosystems. Much of this research occurred in Yellowstone National Park.



Bob Beschta's recent studies in Yellowstone National Park have focused on "trophic cascades." For example, if a top predator is hunted to extinction, what happens to their prey species, and in turn, how do population changes in those prey species affect their forage species?

Dr. Beschta has a BS degree in Forest Management from Colorado State University (1965), an MS degree in Forest Hydrology from Utah State University (1967), and a Ph.D. in Watershed Management from the University of Arizona (1974). The 2022-2023 Monthly Meetings will be held in person and on Zoom. Join us in the Oak Room of the [Corvallis Community Center](#) located at 2601 NW Tyler Ave. in Corvallis.

Doors open at 6:30 PM followed by a business meeting and raffle at 7:00 PM. The program begins at 7:30 PM and lasts about an hour.

ASC members who provided their email address with their membership dues will receive an invitation and instructions the day before the webinar. Links to program recordings are posted on the [ASC website](#) after the meeting. Meetings are open to the public, although space is limited. Email [audubon.corvallis@gmail.com](mailto:audubon.corvallis@gmail.com) for information about accessing the program.

Thanks to Eric Preston for guiding our Zoom meetings and Program Committee member Mai Kiigemagi for booking guest speakers. We need another volunteer or two to help with our program committee! Please contact us at the website noted above to help Mai and Eric!

View a recording of the April presentation featuring Don Boucher and Lisa Millbank [here](#).

*Mai and Eric, Program Committee*

## Nominations for 2022-2023 Officers and Board

The Board of Directors of the Audubon Society of Corvallis offers the following slate of candidates to serve in the 2023/2024 term, which begins at the summer board meeting. Members at the May General Meeting will elect the slate of board members.

### Co-Presidents:

**Dave Mellinger** has been a member of ASC since 2000 and a Board member most of that time. He's currently Co-President, was Vice President for four years, and has served intermittently as ASC Conservation Chair over the last two decades. He's also a professor at OSU, working in Corvallis and at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, where he studies the sounds of whales and other marine and terrestrial species.

**Karan Fairchild** has been involved with the Audubon Society of Corvallis for over 30 years. She's served in many capacities during that time, including Co-President, Member-at-Large, Secretary, and fundraising chairperson. She instigated the successful Birdathon fundraisers, and has served on the bylaws, nominations, Homer Campbell Award, and Hesthavn committees, and in several other functions. Past duties also include bluebird trail, sales table, fair booths, and publicity. She and her husband Jim have done a local Christmas bird count for over 35 years and a Breeding Bird Survey in the Coast Range for over 25 years.

### Vice President

As nobody has stepped up to take the full vice president role, we are improvising, with Co-President Dave Mellinger hosting meetings, and a committee of volunteers helping to find and book speakers for the 9 monthly member meetings. Thanks to Mai Kiigemagi for setting up speakers for the programs and Eric Preston for providing Zoom expertise for the meetings!

### Secretary

Rachel Handy is new to ASC and Oregon, however, she has been an active Audubon member for many years, mostly in her home state of Ohio. She has her Master's in Fisheries and Wildlife Administration and has long been involved in

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bird conservation initiatives through hands-on research, helping to educate the public about their importance, wildlife rehabilitation, and various other collaboration opportunities. She and her husband are both avid birders and their favorite birding spots include Magee Marsh, Costa Rica, and Finley Wildlife Refuge.

### **Treasurer**

Carolyn Peterson is completing her third year as ASC Treasurer with rave reviews. After raising two sons, Carolyn retired after nearly two decades as a CPA. She moved to Corvallis from Sherwood, Oregon with her husband Curt about eight years ago. Relocating to Corvallis was a return to her stomping grounds of the early 80s when she was a Geology graduate student at OSU. Although not a “lister,” Carolyn has enjoyed observing birds since childhood. She is also a key part of the team returning weekend field trips to ASC.

## **Board-members-at-large**

**Marge Popp** has lived in Corvallis since 2006 and has been an ASC member for much of that time. She has loved birding ever since 2000 when a friend in AZ showed her a bird through binoculars. She especially enjoys the congenial nature of birding. She participates in several local community-building activities and advocates for local news, responsible local government, and accountable corporate presence. She has attended many field trips over the years and is a big fan of the community cohesion that the ASC fosters. She has an MBA from UC Berkeley and spent much of her fifty-year career in Information Technology. She has enjoyed becoming more involved with ASC initiatives. She is active on the committee to reinstate weekend field trips.

**Phyllis Bailey** has lived in Corvallis for almost 24 years and has been a member of ASC since 2000. She is a nearly life-long birdwatcher with a deep appreciation for the natural world and is a retired teacher. She has served on the ASC Education Team for the past ten years, participating in Winter Wildlife Field Days, Girl Scout Day Camps, and education events at various schools and in the field, and has served on ASC's board for the past two years. She looks forward to continuing to spread the Audubon message of protecting, promoting, and preserving wildlife through her Audubon activities.

**Dodie Wilson** has served in many positions for ASC over the years. She has volunteered for the Corvallis Schools Naturalist-in-Residence program where she co-taught a program on birds. In 2001 Dodie received a Master's in wildlife science from OSU and has worked in several temporary positions doing bird, amphibian, and small mammal surveys. With her daughters off to college, Dodie has become more involved with the education and conservation efforts of ASC. Dodie and Meika Vingelen are the Co-chairs of our very active Education program.

**Bev Clark** has been an active member of the Audubon Society of Corvallis for many years and has served in many capacities. She is an avid birder and a pilot. She currently co-chairs the Corvallis Christmas Bird Count and is active on the committee to reinstate ASC weekend field trips. She will be leading the field trip to Summer Lake in June.

**Mark Baldwin** has lived in Corvallis since 1987. He has been an active member of ASC since retiring in 2013, as a Member-at-Large, and Vice President. An avid birder, he has participated in many ASC field trips including a month with Fred's team in Australia. He also enjoys traveling and birding with his wife, Carla. For 25 years, he taught Applied Tech (woodworking to pre-engineering) at Crescent Valley High School and was co-founder of the school's FIRST Robotics team. Photographing birds and other wildlife, and time with kids and grandkids highlight his life now. He is active with the committee to reinstate weekend field trips and is a co-leader of the Malheur field trip coming up in May.



**Suzanne Ortiz** has been a member of Audubon chapters in the San Francisco Bay Area, New York City, and Corvallis. She served as the ASC membership chair from 2012-2019 and is the current ASC liaison to the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition. She participated in the Corvallis and Airlie/Albany Christmas Bird Counts and volunteered at Winter Wildlife Field Days at Finley NWR and Hesthavn Nature Center. She is active on the committee to reinstate weekend field trips and is the co-organizer of the April trip to Rogue Valley. She is currently serving on the committee for diversity, equity, and inclusion.

*Karan Fairchild, Co-President*

## ASC Website/Social Media

### Should Oregon's State Bird Be Unique?

In 1927 more than 75,000 Oregon schoolchildren voted to select the State Bird of Oregon. The Western Meadowlark was the clear winner with more than half the votes. The robin-sized bird with the bright yellow breast and dark necklace is found on grassy plains, and its melodious songs are distinctive.

However, five mid-western states also selected the Western Meadowlark as their mascot. It's not unusual for multiple states to share the same state bird. In fact, only 20 species make up all the state birds in the U.S.

As a "fun thought experiment," the [Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology](#), world-renowned for avian research and education, has tried to come up with a unique bird species to represent each state.

The Cornell Lab is also a leader in citizen science and developed [eBird](#) in 2002, a tool to save birding lists, share sightings, and find "hotspots." Sightings are evaluated for accuracy, and the result is valuable information about bird abundance, location, and migration.

Cornell Lab's nominee for the new state bird is the Hermit Warbler for Oregon because 53% of its global population is found in the state. Cornell Lab recognizes that a change like this could be very controversial, but it might also spark more interest in local birds.

Find more Birding Resources (plus mammals, plants, butterflies, and more) on the [ASC website](#).

*Sue Powell, ASC Website*

### Corvallis Audubon Facebook

Keep up-to-date and be inspired by joining our ASC Facebook page. Just "like" us for the latest news and pictures of wildlife that affect our local area. Feel free to post about what is happening in your neighborhood, street, and backyard. Let's stay connected. Join us on Facebook at [CorvallisAudubon](#).

*Nancy Demasi, ASC Facebook*

### Audubon Corvallis Instagram

Follow the [ASC Instagram account](#) and submit your photos to us by tagging @auduboncorvallis in your post.

*Nikki Cross, Instagram Coordinator*



*Western Meadowlark.  
Photo by Sue Powell.*



*Hermit Warbler. Photo by Matt Lee.*

# Conservation News

## Informed Government results in Good Governance – Your Voice towards Our Future

Through my years doing environmental conservation work, protections are won through efforts to supply true information to decision-makers. Be they municipal, county, state or federal politicians or bureaucrats, wins are delivered by scientific evidence that is delivered by informed people. Failures occur when such information is not sought, not delivered, suppressed, or allowed to be set aside in favor of misinformation.

Neighboring Lincoln City Audubon and partners with the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition brought an important win for Rocky Shores Habitat within two marine conservation areas our members surely visit—Cape Foulweather and Cape Lookout. Other Oregon shorelines from Blacklock to Ecola Point also gained this designation at the April meeting of the Land Conservation and Development Commission. Look for updated information on the [Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition website](#). Congratulations to the many people who made this reality.

Closer to home, a larger land use decision looms large for Benton County, whose leaders have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars avoiding choosing to plan for its solid waste future. The ever-expanding mountain of waste at Coffin Butte, and the immediate revenue that returns, appears preferable to recognizing that piling regional waste here is the poorer choice that will outlive us and all our progeny. Direct your comments to the public [survey found here](#). Question #17 allows for open comments. Learn more about the impacts of the [landfill expansion here](#).

On a related note, Corvallis continues to accept dozens of truckloads of landfill leachate daily that passes through its wastewater treatment plant into the Willamette River. Not designed to treat its many contaminants, other treatment plants upstream of the main drinking water supply for Corvallis can't assure residents that many similar contaminants and pharmaceuticals not regulated by EPA aren't in their drinking water. A minor portion of the Corvallis water supply does come from its municipal watershed on Marys Peak, but without adequate protection yet from continued logging, herbicide control of vegetation, and roading that continues, Corvallis is also losing an increasingly valuable drinking water source. This winter's significant snowpack on the eastern flank revealed vertical stripes where heavy uniform thinning by the Siuslaw National Forest has continued. For more information, visit the Friends of the [Corvallis Watershed website here](#). City planning documents and comments [can be found here](#).

Lastly, a public comment period will soon be opened on a favorite community recreation area, the MacDonald-Dunn Research Forest, after the first forestry modeling exercise is completed. Without metrics for recreation, forest carbon, water, or cultural values, this modeling will answer what major management directions would be feasible—remember the College of Forestry intends to make money here. Please visit the McDonald-Dunn Forest Planning website here, where you can contribute questions, comments, and view other comments.

*Happy Summer!*

*Jim Fairchild, Conservation Chair*

# Sustainability News

## Hesthavn Open House During Natural Areas Celebration Week

ASC will be opening Hesthavn Nature Center to the public from Mon-Fri, May 8-12 from Noon-2 PM, as part of Natural Areas Celebration Week. Visitors are invited to view the museum and the Western Bluebird display that honors the work spearheaded by Elsie Eltzroth and the team of volunteers to revive the Western Bluebird population in the Willamette Valley. Enjoy walks along the Oak Creek riparian trail and in the open meadow where wildflowers bloom in the springtime. ASC Education Team volunteers will be on hand during the Open House.

NACW is sponsored by the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition Natural Areas Action Team. Events are scheduled from May 6-14. Click to see [full list of events](#).

*Suzanne Ortiz, liaison to the CSC*

## 2023 Corvallis Sustainability Fair



*OSU women's basketball team alums, Mikayla Pivec & Jovana Subasic visit the ASC table at the 2023 Sustainability Fair.*

The 2023 Corvallis Sustainability Fair was held on March 9 and attracted over 400 visitors for its first live event in 3 years. The Fair featured approximately 45 displays and vendors. Participants enjoyed the opportunity to network with community members who share an interest in championing sustainable actions.

Inspired by recent news articles that discussed “the surprising health benefits of birdwatching” and the positive ways that nature can impact our well-being, the ASC table posed a question to community members asking them to write down what they most loved to do in nature. The activity, called “That’s My [Nature] Jam!”, got responses from 74 people.

The most popular entries were from people who love to hike and walk (often with their dogs), followed by birdwatching and bird feeding, bike riding, running, and looking for wildflowers.

The variety of activities was breathtaking: people love to ski, kayak, canoe, water raft, rock climb, swim, camp, backpack, snorkel, geocache, star gaze/cloud gaze, meditate, hunt ducks, forage for mushrooms, do taxidermy, care for bees, photograph and draw nature, and pick up trash.

Some are happiest when they share nature with a loved one.

Gardeners described the pleasure of their blueberry and tomato harvests (Gazpacho!), and how they like to smell the soil and water their plants. One person wrote: “I ground myself by putting my fingers in the dirt and my head in the fresh air. In the garden, I never feel tired, grumpy, isolated, or creaky, only happy and hungry!”

If there was one constant, it was the number of exclamation marks that punctuated the various activities.

Audubon Society of Corvallis Education Team & Sustainability members Bev Clark, Carla Olson & Suzanne Ortiz volunteered at the Fair.

*Suzanne Ortiz, liaison to the CSC*

## Hesthavn News

### Volunteering at Hesthavn

It takes a village to maintain a nature center. Lately, I have been having weekly work parties where I pick the day of the work party on Monday based on what day has the nicest-looking weather forecast. The problem with this is that the day changes from week to week, so it’s a little more difficult for a potential volunteer to know when to show up. I do have a volunteer email list and you can contact me at [raydrapek@gmail.com](mailto:raydrapek@gmail.com) to get on it. Alternatively, we can be reached at our Hesthavn Facebook page here. You might also check the ASC website or the ASC Instagram site. If you get on my email list, I will send you an email every Monday saying what day we will meet and what we might be working on.

If you’re not into group work parties but would still like to contribute, I have assembled a list of possible tasks that you could come in on your own time and do. These include:

Keep the bird feeders filled – a nice easy job. It would be nice if someone could do this at least once a week.

Mow and trim lawn – time of year this is a weekly job, but I would be happy to have someone come in less frequently if they would just send me a note to let me know the job is done.



Weed Ray's trail – Ray's Trail does tend to get overgrown with weeds if no one removes them. Hopefully if or when we get the funding, we will be able to convert it to a concrete wheelchair-accessible trail, which will have the added benefit that weeding will no longer be necessary.

Check mouse traps – OK. Now we're starting to get into the less-fun jobs, but I thought I would include it. Yes, this does mean disposing of dead little mousies and yes it means setting nasty snap-traps.

Service composting toilet – I don't imagine that the queue for people signing up for this job will be very long, but on the off chance that I can find a willing volunteer, I'll put it out there. This does mean cleaning the inside of the bathroom, including making sure that there is toilet paper and hand sanitizer. Also, this is a composting toilet which means that someone needs to occasionally stir the ... um ... compost. If compost-stirring is a bridge too far, but you are willing to keep the human side of the toilet clean ... talk to me. I'll take whatever help I can get.

There are more jobs that I could have people consider, but for now, I'll leave it with this list. Contact me!!

*Ray Drapek, Hesthavn Chair*

## Field Trips

### Second Saturday Field Trip

**May 13 (8 AM Noon)**

We will meet at the shelter in Willamette Park (east end of SE Goodnight Ave.) and tour the park. This four-hour excursion is free and geared toward people with an interest in learning more about birds that can be found in the Corvallis area. All levels of expertise are welcome. Bring suitable hats, shoes, and rain gear, as well as water and snacks! Free and open to the public, but registration is required. Sign up at:

CorvallisAudubonSecondSaturday@gmail.com. Led by Duncan Evered and Caryn Stoess. The weather may alter plans.

*Duncan Evered and Caryn Stoess*

### Multi-Day Field Trips

#### ASC Field Trips Update

The field trip to Rogue Valley has one space available. The trips to Malheur in May, Summer Lake in June, and Bandon in September still have room. Contact trip leaders if you are interested in going or want to know more.

ASC field trips are led by experienced birders with rented vans. We stay in comfortable motels/dorms and enjoy meals at local restaurants. Sign-up sheets are available at general membership meetings. To hold your place on a trip, your deposit of \$75 needs to be received within a week of signing up, otherwise, the spot may go to another.

**Malheur Wildlife Refuge:** 4 days: May 18-21; Leaders: Bruce Kelpsas, Mark Baldwin, and Carla Olson

Email address: [malheur2023@gmail.com](mailto:malheur2023@gmail.com)

Trip Description:

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge was created in 1908 by President Theodore Roosevelt to protect "breeding ground for native birds." The refuge and surrounding areas are one of the most important stopover spots for migratory birds on the western flyway. The timing of this trip should coincide with the arrival of many songbirds including warblers and a multitude of other species. There are also many well-known "migrant traps" that attract a wide variety of vagrant



*Burrowing Owl.  
Photo by Matt Lee.*

species. We should also see many waterfowl and shorebirds, though it will be at the latter part of that migration so the large flocks may have moved on.

Since the 2020 and 2021 trips were canceled, I believe this will be the 51st! We expect to retain the basic outline of previous Malheur trips. On Thursday we will make several stops as we make our way to Malheur Field Station where we will stay in one of their dorms. The itinerary for the next two days will depend on where birds are being seen. We will spend one day exploring the northern part of the refuge. We will look for Burrowing Owls, Golden Eagles, and an assortment of passerines, shorebirds, and waterfowl. The second day will take us south to P Ranch to look for Bobolink, Page Springs for orioles and Ash-throated Flycatcher, as well as Frenchglen and the Diamond area. An early morning visit to the HQ is likely both mornings. On the last day, we will check out the area near Burns for remaining Snow Geese, Long-billed Curlews, and more Sandhill Cranes. Lunch will be at Sage Hen Hill and will include a short hike that will bring us Mountain Bluebirds and possibly Gray Flycatcher. We should be home between 7 and 8 PM. 4 vans max.



*Common Nighthawk. Photo by Matt Lee.*

**Summer Lake:** 3 days: June 12-14; Leader: Bev Clark. Email address: [clark.bev9@gmail.com](mailto:clark.bev9@gmail.com)

Trip Description:

Here is a possibility for a rare Oregon swift trifecta: Black (Salt Creek Falls), White-throated (Fort Rock), and Vaux's Swifts. Add Snowy Plover, Common Poorwill, American Bittern, Gray-crowned Rosy Finch, and Yellow Rail and you understand that this is a special tour. This mid-week trip offers a good chance of having Crater Lake National Park open on our return. 2 vans max.

**Bandon:** 3 days: September 18-20; Leader: Tom Penpraze

Email address: md.fieldtrips.[corvallisaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:corvallisaudubon@gmail.com)

Trip Description:

The Bandon field trip features sea ducks (with a chance of Long-tailed Duck), alcids (including Marbled Murrelet), raptors, such as Red-shouldered Hawks and White-tailed Kites, many other birds, and some hefty mammals Steller's and California Sea Lions and Elephant Seals. Here is a look at the route: Day 1: Yaquina Head, Newport south jetty, Sea Lion Caves (?), Jesse Honeyman State Park, Winchester Bay, Coos Bay north sandspit, Coquille, Myrtle Point, and Bandon. Day 2: Bandon Rocks, Bandon Marsh NWR, Bullards Beach State Park, New River, Port Orford, Cape Blanco, and back to Bandon. Day 3: Bandon Marsh NWR, Cape Arago and Simpson Reef, Charleston, Fossil Point, Siuslaw River south jetty, and Corvallis at about 7 PM. 2 vans max.

*Marge Popp, for the Fieldtrip Team*

## Community Notes

### Corvallis-Benton Co. Public Library

Corvallis-Benton Co. Public Library & Benton Co. Master Gardeners Program

Thursday, May 4, 6 PM -7 PM; Seed Library – Growing Lecture; Thinning, weeding and succession planting; Emily Herb. Main Reading Room, CBCPL, 645 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis.



Corvallis-Benton Co. Public Library & Benton Co. Master Gardeners Program

Thursday, May 10, 6 PM -7 PM; Weather Wise Gardening: Understanding local microclimate, using weather forecasts and historical climate data in garden planning and decision-making; Mark Luterra, Wild Garden Seed. Main Reading Room, CBCPL, 645 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis.

*Suzanne Ortiz*

## Corvallis Sustainability Coalition

Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, City of Corvallis, The Arts Center, Corvallis and Albany Farmers' Markets  
Sunday, May 7, 10 AM – 4 PM; Corvallis Spring Garden Festival; Arts Center Plaza/Madison Ave., between 7th & 8th St. [Click for info](#)

2023 Sustainability Town Hall Update: The video and photo gallery from the 2023 Corvallis Sustainability Coalition are now available for online viewing. [Click to view video](#)

## Marys Peak Group of The Sierra Club

Marys Peak Group of the Sierra Club & Corvallis-Benton Co Public Library  
Wednesday, May 17, 7 PM -8:30 PM; Liz and Bob Frenkel Spring Environmental and Hiking Series; Owens Farm/Jackson-Frazier Wetland Complex. Webinar presentation by Jessica McDonald, Greenbelt Land Trust; Jesse Ott, Benton Co. Natural Areas; Meredith Petit, Corvallis Parks & Recreation Dept. & Ellen Tappon, Alliance for Recreation & Natural Areas (AFRANA). [Click to register](#)

## Native Plant Society Of Corvallis

Native Plant Society of Corvallis  
Monday, May 8, 7:30-8:30pm, George Poinar will present a program on Amber Insects and Plants. In-person, Cordley Hall, Rm 2062, OSU Campus, 2701 SW Campus Way, Corvallis.  
To register for the Zoom meeting [click here](#).

## Oregon State University

OSU Diversity & Cultural Engagement, OSU Program Council, Ettihad Cultural Center (ECC)  
Sunday, May 7, 4 PM – 7 PM, Ettihad Cultural Festival: Celebrate community, diversity, and culture in one of the largest cultural celebrations on campus with regional food, music, clothes and cultural performances. OSU Memorial Union Quad, 2501 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis.

OSU College of Liberal Arts, School of History, Philosophy & Religion, Spring Creek Project,  
Thu, May 18, 5 PM; The Seeds of Peace: A Special Preview of a Hiroshima Peace Tree Documentary; David-Paul Hedberg will discuss work-in-progress on his film about the 51 Peace Trees planted across Oregon. The trees are descended from Hiroshima Survivor Trees and Oregon is the home to the largest number of these trees. Asian and Pacific Cultural Center, 2695 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis. ([For more info](#))

OSU, Wed, May 31, 12 noon; Annual Native American Style Flute Circle; Student Experience Center Plaza (SEC Plaza)

*Suzanne Ortiz*

# Board Meeting Summary

**March 9, 2023, 7:00 PM**

## **Presidents' Report – Karan Fairchild and Dave Mellinger**

Unfortunately, the Willamette Valley Refuge internship is canceled this year due to staffing issues. The Spring Meeting of the Oregon Audubon Society will be April 27th.

## **VP/Program – Mai Kiigemagi**

Presenters for monthly meetings are being scheduled. There are still some openings for presenters. Send suggestions to the Program Chairperson.

## **Secretary – Rachel Handy**

A hard drive to store digital media has been purchased for the Legacy Committee.

Treasurer – Carolyn Peterson

The budget for the fiscal year 2024 was presented and adopted.

## **Committees:**

### **Education – Dodie Wilson**

Natural Areas Celebration Week is May 6 – 14 Hesthavn will hold an open house from 12 PM -2 PM May 8 – 12. The Education Team will host three Elementary classes from Adams Elementary School at Hesthavn on May 24 and 25.

### **Chat editor – Jake Keen**

Updated guidelines for article submissions will go out each month with the deadline reminder email.

### **Conservation – Jim Fairchild**

Benton County accepting public comments for the landfill expansion in the form of an open question on a survey. Draft report does not acknowledge existing wetlands in the area.

Feasibility tests modeling various scenarios have begun for the McDonald-Dunn Research Forest. Models will not consider unquantifiable variables like recreation and carbon capture.

### **Publicity**

Nothing to report.

### **Hesthavn**

Integrative Biology Club has signed on to participate in an upcoming Work Party.

### **Field trips**

Some leaders ask that masks be worn in vans during travel. A meeting will be held soon to discuss future field trip planning.

### **Sustainability**

The Sustainability Fair was a success with over 400 participants and 45 displays.

### **Diversity**

Other sources of funding are sought for paving the trail at Hesthavn.

### **Legacy**

ASC Leaders will receive an email with instructions on how to send files to Nikki. Jump drives are available to borrow for file transfers.

### **Old Business**

Specimen permits are being renewed.

### **New Business**

ASC is sponsoring a Co-Ed softball team. A committee is being formed to survey members about a name change.

*Rachel Handy, Secretary*

## Open Board Meetings

ASC Board of Directors meetings are open to all ASC members, and the Board encourages you to come and see what we do. Our monthly Board meeting is on Thursday, one week before the General Meeting. See the Board meeting minutes or the ASC website for the location and time.

## Membership Corner

### Welcome New Members!

Erich Cutler  
Theo Rockwell

## General Membership Renewal Information

For membership renewal online go to the ASC website

(<https://auduboncorvallis.org/membership/>) and renew via PayPal. To renew by USPS, mail a check to ASC, PO Box 148, Corvallis, OR 97339.

## Email Notifications/Meeting Cancellations

We encourage members to join the ASC listserv to receive emergency email notifications about meeting cancellations related to weather conditions, updated information about ASC events, field trip locations, volunteer work parties, as well as Zoom links. Send an email to the administrator Karan Fairchild at [alderspr@peak.org](mailto:alderspr@peak.org) and request to be added.

## Have You Changed Your Contact Info?

If you have moved recently or changed your email/mail addresses, please update your information by emailing it to [adamus7@comcast.net](mailto:adamus7@comcast.net).

Thank you for your generosity and support!

*Paul Adamus, Membership Chair*

## Chat Articles

The Chat Editors welcome articles from all members of the Audubon Society of Corvallis. Please submit articles to the Chat Editor by the fourth Monday of the month, unless another date is indicated in the Chat calendar the previous month. Submit text and photos to: [chateditors@gmail.com](mailto:chateditors@gmail.com).

## Calendar

May 8-12: Hesthavn Open House Noon – 2 PM, part of Natural Areas Celebration Week

May 13: Second Saturday Field Trip at 8:00 AM, meet at Willamette Park shelter (end of SE Goodnight Ave.)

May 15-18: Leavenworth (WA) Bird Festival

May 18: Monthly Meeting, Bob Beschta “Trophic Cascades & Yellowstone”

June 3: Get Outdoors Day: Returning to the Forest, Peavy Arboretum 10 AM -3 PM



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