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## A Message from Our Co-President

This was a busy year for the Audubon Society of Corvallis, as many activities resumed that had been curtailed during the pandemic. These included in-person general meetings, the return of multi-day field trips, and many education and outreach events.

General meetings were held monthly from September to May at the Corvallis Community Center. Speaker topics ranged from the effects of wind energy generation to a Mongolian travelogue to an in-depth look at the Belted Kingfisher. Average attendance was 35-40 in person, with another 15-20 on Zoom. Next fall we will meet in the much larger Chandler Ballroom, which will give us plenty of room to spread out. For many years Sally Shaw coordinated the book and raffle table, a feature of the general meetings. She has now stepped down, and her position is open. Eric Preston and Dave Mellinger are coordinating the presentation technology, and Becky Garrett, Lena Proebsting, and their team provide refreshments.

A committee was formed to organize the multi-day field trips, which were led for many years (50!) by Fred Ramsey. Very successful trips with 12-16 participants occurred in the spring and early summer, to Rogue Valley (led by Suzanne Ortiz and Ray Drapek), Malheur Wildlife Refuge (Mark Baldwin, Carla Olson, and Bruce Kelpas), and Summer Lake (Bev Clark). Still to come is a September outing to Bandon (Tom Prenpraze). Carolyn Peterson and Marge Popp were active in arranging logistics and promoting the trips to the membership.

New members stepped up to fill open leadership positions: Rachel Handy, secretary; and Jake Keen, newsletter editor.

Suzanne Ortiz of the Sustainability Team and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion task force spearheaded several collaborative outreach events: the MLK Day bird walk, the Sustainability Fair table, and the Hesthavn Open House, held in conjunction with Natural Areas Celebration Week. ASC also provided financial support as a sponsor of the Sustainability Town Hall. Education Team members and other volunteers assisted with these activities.

The Education Team, led by Dodie Wilson, had a very full year, with these activities:

Oct 5, 2022-Bird walk at Woodpecker Loop in celebration of Fall Migratory Bird Week

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Jan 16, 2023-MLK Day Nature Walk at MLK Park  
 Jan 19, 2023-Franklin School Science Night  
 Jan 21, 2023-table at Willamette Valley Bird Symposium  
 Feb 16-hosted homeschool group for 2 hours  
 March-Winter Wildlife Field Days-3 bird walks (3 hrs each) at various parks (Starker Arts Park, MLK Park, and Village Green Park) throughout Corvallis  
 March 9-participated in the Sustainability Fair  
 April 25-presentation at the Lebanon Library about Bird Watching  
 May 8-12 Natural Areas Celebration Week-Hesthavn Open House from 12 PM-2 PM  
 May 24 & 25-60 students and their teachers came from Adams Elementary School. We did 4 stations with them; macroinvertebrates, native plants, native animals, and web of life.

June 3- Get Outdoors Day at Peavy Arboretum

June 7-PEGA preschool to Hesthavn

Conservation: Jim Fairchild, chair of the conservation committee, has kept busy with many issues this year. Please see his article in this Chat for details.

Ray Drapek continues to devote his spare time to managing the Hesthavn Nature Center. Thirty-three work parties were held, with mowing and control of invasive plants being the top activities. There were five Youth Volunteer Corps work parties (6-8 kids), and more will occur this summer. Ray applied for a grant from Oregon Parks and Recreation to develop a wheelchair-accessible trail. This would have included volunteer labor from a company called NV5 Geospatial that Ray has connected with. The grant application was declined, but Ray plans to reapply next year.

Sue Powell maintains a vibrant ASC web page, covering all the latest happenings. The page receives over 1000 visitors per month. This July the website will be four years old! ASC's social media profile took a jump when Nikki Cross took over the ASC Instagram account, adding over 100 followers for a total of 645! We have an active Facebook page, coordinated by Nancy DeMasi.

The Bluebird Trail, coordinated by Matt Lee, reports 382 nest boxes and 31 volunteer monitors. Nesting data can be found on the website on the Bluebird Trail page.

The 60th Annual Christmas Bird Count involved 33 field observers and 21 feeder watchers. 83,976 birds of 121 species were counted. The most abundant species were Cackling Goose, European Starling, American Robin, Green-winged Teal, Mallard, and Canada Goose. The most surprising sight was of a Blackburnian Warbler, not previously seen in Benton County.

## A Call for Volunteers

The Audubon Society of Corvallis is recruiting volunteers for open positions. Our other leaders are happy to provide training, so it is ok if you are not an expert. Consider if you may be a good fit for one of our open positions:

**Membership Chair** - This leader maintains our current member list, welcomes new members, and ensures registration and billing are correct.

**Conservation Chair** - This leader educates and informs our group about conservation news and participates in current state and national legislation related to wildlife conservation.

**Assistant Tech Coordinator** - Help with running our monthly membership meeting Zoom webinar.

**Facebook Coordinator** - This person posts on our Facebook page daily to publicize upcoming events and educate our community.

**Field trip lead Coordinator** - This person doesn't lead individual trips but coordinates the annual field trip scheduling and financials.

**Volunteers for Hesthavn Nature Center and Grounds** - Includes outdoor work such as mowing, invasive species removal, and other repair/maintenance projects.

**Education Team Volunteers** - Activities may include leading bird walks, teaching kids about birds and nature, making presentations, and staffing a table at events.

Contact us at [audubon.corvallis@gmail.com](mailto:audubon.corvallis@gmail.com) for general inquiries about how to get involved!

*Nikki Cross*

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<https://auduboncorvallis.org/>



<https://www.facebook.com/CorvallisAudubon/>



<https://www.instagram.com/auduboncorvallis/>

ASC collaborates with many other organizations. In the summer of 2022, ASC donated \$6500 to help support an intern at the Willamette Valley Wildlife Refuge Complex, primarily Baskett Slough and Finley. Samantha Muñoz, who had just graduated from Oregon State University with a major in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences, was hired and lived in refuge housing for the summer. Her primary job was monitoring streaked horned lark nesting efforts, and many nests were found!

Membership Chair Paul Adamus (retiring at the end of 2023) provided this information:

Number of members: 354

New members since July 1, 2022: 62

Total number of donations since July: 45

Total amount of donations: \$16,807

Amount received during Annual Appeal: \$2315

Many many thanks to all our wonderful volunteers!!

*Mai Kiigemagi and Karan Fairchild*

## Conservation News

### Conservation in the Heart of the Valley

There's no question that all of our Chapter activities focus on the things we love best—being out in nature enjoying its vastness and the unending intricacies of the web of life. We love learning more about those relationships and sharing our understanding with others. From the education programs our volunteers put together for learners of all ages, field trips near and far, monitoring nest boxes, sharing observations to eBird and iNaturalist, to seeking to influence decision-making, we are all doing the work of our Chapter because we care. And ASC is just one of the conservation groups of the mid-Willamette Valley.

The tougher part of conservation work is influencing decision-makers to choose a better path than they envision. Writing letters and attending meetings is always more effective with a larger, not louder, voice. I can speak with a larger voice thanks to our Chapter regarding the Coffin Butte landfill expansion, the MacDonald-Dunn Forest Plan revision, management planning for the Corvallis municipal watershed, and even Siuslaw National Forest, because of the support I have from our Board and membership. For that support, I am most grateful!

That voice becomes even stronger when we endorse and join with others' efforts. Here are some examples from this year's joint work:

- Expansion of Oregon Marine Reserves and Rocky Shores Habitat
- Support for the reduction of light pollution through the Oregon Transportation Plan



- Endorsement of Habitat Conservation Plan development for the Elliott State Research Forest and the Western Oregon State Forests Management Plans
  - Support state and federal legislation to develop protections for Salines Lakes in the Great Basin
  - Support the prioritization of conservation on Bureau of Land Management lands
  - Support for Klamath Basin Wildlife Refuges and funding through Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act
  - Opposition to legislation side-stepping Oregon Land Use laws that would fast-track development in Oregon's 5 deep-water ports
  - Support to reduce the number of areas under study for floating offshore wind development planning
  - Endorsement of rules to specifically limit or otherwise prohibit drone use in Oregon State Parks
- Our combined voices and influence have an impact!

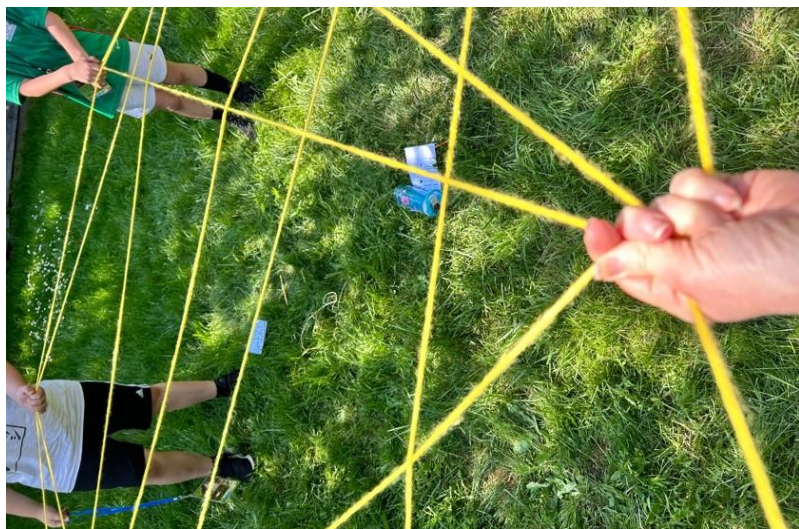
*Jim Fairchild, Conservation Chair*

## Education News

### Time to be Outdoors

ASC Education has been busy! In the space of 3 weeks, we hosted or attended 3 separate events.

On May 24 and 25 we had 60 Adams Elementary School 4th-grade students come out to Hesthavn Nature Center for a couple of hours. We had 4 activities that they rotated through each day; a native plant walk where they used a dichotomous key to identify native plants along Ray's Trail and how some of those plants were used by the Kalapuya; a macroinvertebrate station on Oak Creek where they used dip nets to catch macroinvertebrates which they put in a holding container to then identify; a web of life game where they learned how plants and animals are connected and how something that affects one component in the web can eventually affect the whole; and a native animal id activity where they learned some of the Kalapuyan names for local fauna. The students seemed to enjoy the activities, especially the macroinvertebrate station. One determined student even caught a fish! One of the teachers said it went so well that he hopes to return next year. Thanks to our volunteers, Karl Hartzell, Mai Kiigemagi, Tricia Bowlby, Liz Hogan, Maynard Freemole, Meika Vingelen, and Dodie Wilson.



*Photo by Dodie Wilson.*

On June 3rd ASC Education attended Get Outdoors Day at Peavy Arboretum from 10 AM-3 PM. ASC was one of over 20 different organizations that attended. We brought our Fill the Bill activity which teaches kids about how birds adapt to their environment and the foods they eat through differences in their bill shape and size. There was a good



turnout and the children seemed to enjoy this activity. Thanks to volunteers Tricia Bowlby, Maynard Freemole, Katja Erringer, Meika Vingelen, and Karl Hartzell for making this event a success!



*Photo by Dodie Wilson.*

And finally, on June 7th, 8 students, their parents, and teachers from PEGA preschool class visited Hesthavn. We took them “bird watching” along Ray’s Trail where we had placed several plastic cutouts of local birds. The children had fun trying to find all the birds. Next, we went indoors and saw some of our local birds up close. We displayed several local bird specimens showing the children how birds vary in size, shape, and color. The children also crafted birds replete with colorful feathers, beaks, pipe cleaner legs, and googly eyes. And lastly, we read a story about all the different animals that lay eggs. The children were very engaged with all the activities and seemed to have a good time. It was a pleasure having them visit. Thanks to volunteers Tricia Bowlby and Dodie Wilson.



*Photo by Dodie Wilson.*

*Dodie Wilson, Education Chairperson*



# Sustainability News

## Natural Areas Celebration Week

ASC participated in Natural Areas Celebration Week (May 6-14) by opening Hesthavn Nature Center to visitors from M-F for two hours each day. NACW is sponsored by The Natural Areas Action Team of the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition. Over 16 events were hosted by CSC's partner organizations to encourage community members to visit Corvallis' open spaces and to learn about the healing effects of being in nature and the many conservation efforts that have protected these beautiful wildlife spaces.

Over 25 people visited Hesthavn throughout the week and our volunteers enjoyed the chance to converse with them about ASC's Bluebird program, the Barn's ecological design features and collections, and the new Oak Creek watershed informational sign provided by the CSC that was subsequently installed near the bridge.

ASC received a lot of positive feedback and appreciation for its role as steward of the Nature Center and grounds, not only from neighbors who had never visited the Barn, but also from guests who were recent arrivals from out-of-state.

The sunny weather conditions prompted visitors to explore the trails and they were thrilled to experience the blue larkspur display in the riparian area along Oak Creek and the bird songs and calls, including House Wrens, Warbling Vireos, Wilson's Warblers, and Red-shouldered Hawks.

Many thanks to the NACW volunteers from the Education, Hesthavn and Sustainability Teams: Phyllis Bailey, Ann Brodie, Bev Clark, Elizabeth Dickey, Ray Drapek, Teri Engbring, Marge Popp, Suzanne Ortiz, Sue Powell, Tracy Robinson, and Dodie Wilson.



*Photo by Suzanne Ortiz.*



*Photo by Suzanne Ortiz.*

*Suzanne Ortiz*

## Hesthavn News

### Hesthavn Welcomes Young Families on Wednesdays

While working on an interpretive sign project at Hesthavn, Mark Baldwin, Matt Lee, and Sue Powell were joined by a large group of parents with children from ages two to five years. The group sat in a circle on the grass near the picnic tables, sang songs, walked along Ray's Trail, and enjoyed the sunny weather.

The group's leaders said they meet at area parks every Wednesday morning in good weather. They added that Hesthavn is their favorite place because it is peaceful and has lots of things to explore.

The mixing and pouring of concrete for the sign's foundation drew the attention of the children, who were tempted to dip their hands in. Then the remains of a gopher snake were



*Nonvenomous gopher snake becomes a teaching moment.*

*Photo by Sue Powell.*

discovered on Paula's Trail, draped over a stick, and carried back to the circle. Courageous kids held the stick while their parents snapped photos. It was a good day for all of us!

*Sue Powell*

## New Sign at Hesthavn Introduces Oak Creek Watershed

Dave Eckert, the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition Water Action Team leader, donated a beautiful interpretive sign about the Oak Creek watershed to ASC. Oak Creek originates in the McDonald Forest, flows through Hesthavn, and joins the Marys River, which flows into the Willamette River in Corvallis. The sign explains what a watershed is and stresses the importance of keeping its entire stretch healthy.

The Water Action Team donation meets their goals of improving water quality, abundance, and native diversity of our waterways and groundwater as well as increasing public appreciation of our water resources.

In early May, Mark Baldwin, Matt Lee, and Sue Powell began installation of the sign at Hesthavn. They poured 360 pounds of concrete as a foundation and, after allowing it to harden for three weeks, attached the sign with tamper-resistant screws. Thanks to all, including Jim Fairchild for helping to identify the best location for the sign given that a trail improvement project is in the works, and Ray Drapek, who says he always appreciates new interpretive materials at Hesthavn.



*New watershed sign at the east end of the Oak Creek bridge. Photo by Matt Lee.*

*Sue Powell*

## Volunteering at Hesthavn

Summer is here and many activities in Corvallis are taking a break, but I intend to continue with work parties at Hesthavn every week, except for those weeks when I will be out of town. There is much to be done there and I can't afford to take a break. Nowadays I am flexible from week to week in scheduling work parties to avoid bad weather. In the winter that means cold rainy days, in the summer that means extremely hot days. So every week the decision of when the work party will be is made on Monday. The upshot of this is if you would like to participate in work parties (please do!), contact me ([raydrapek@gmail.com](mailto:raydrapek@gmail.com)) and I will put you on my volunteer email list and let you know when the work parties are. Or alternatively, you could check the "Hesthavn Nature Center" Facebook page I post work parties as events on that page. I also let our Audubon Society of Corvallis web page coordinator know about work parties, so you probably can find them there as well.

I will be having Youth Volunteer Corps kids come out to Hesthavn on 4 Wednesdays this summer: June 21, July 5, July 26, and August 16. These YVC work parties will go from 10 AM to noon. There generally are Parks and Rec people there to help me coordinate kids, but any additional help I can get from Audubon folks would be greatly appreciated. It can be pandemonium out there when we have a large group of energetic kids!

*Ray Drapek, Hesthavn Chair*

## Field Trips

### Second Saturday Field Trip

#### 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](mailto:CorvallisAudubonSecondSaturday@gmail.com). Led by Duncan Evered and Caryn Stoess. The weather may alter plans.

*Duncan Evered and Caryn Stoess*

## Multi-Day Field Trips

The multi-day ASC field trip program was put on hold in 2020 with the onset of the Covid pandemic. Discussions about reviving the program began in the summer of 2022 and a committee of ASC members met to plan the 2023 schedule. Four trips were scheduled for 2023 with different leaders and organizers.

### Rogue Valley Field Trip Update

The first field trip of the 2023 “Revival Tour” traveled to the Rogue Valley in late April. The group of 16 participants saw a total of 106 birds, 5 mammals, 2 reptiles, 8 butterflies, 1 dragonfly, and a performance of “Rent” at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

A highlight of the Rogue Valley trip was the hike to Upper Table Rock where our bird sightings included Cassin’s Finch, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Rufous Hummingbird, Rock Wren, Lark Sparrow, California Towhee. Our wildflower sightings included Scarlet Fritillaries (*Fritillaria recurve*), Blue-eyed Mary, Camas, bare-stemmed Lomatium and slender Goldfields.

Our group was joined by Lee French, from the Rogue Valley Audubon Society, who took us to higher elevation on a hunt to spot the Great Gray Owls that are known to be nesting on private property. The owls remained elusive, but we enjoyed seeing Mountain Chickadees flying in the nearby pines. Our thanks to Lee, and to group participant, Tom Stevens, who made the arrangements to have Lee join us.

Before departing the Rogue Valley, we birded at Bear Creek near Medford, where we saw colorful Bullock’s Orioles and saw the new trees and shrubs that have emerged following the severe wildfire in the fall of 2020.

We want to thank Fred Ramsey, for providing his birding and nature expertise, and our skilled van drivers, Tom Penpraze and Jim Faulkner.



*Birders pose at Table Rock. Photo by Suzanne Ortiz.*

*Suzanne Ortiz and Ray Drapek*

## Upcoming Field Trip

ASC field trips are led by experienced birders using 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.



### From Summer Lake

*We saw a black bear up on the ridge. Doug Brodie said it was about three years old and weighed about 200 lbs at this point. Not a bird but exciting to see.*

*-Beverly Clark*

*Photo by Bev Clark.*



*Wandering Tattler photo by Matt Lee*



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

Email address: [md.fieldtrips.corvallisaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:md.fieldtrips.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 (?), Jessie M. 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

### Audubon Society of Lincoln City

Interested in a birding walk while you're at the Coast this summer? Three walks are scheduled for 7/7 from 9-11 at Nesika City Park; 7/8 from 9-11am at Yaquina Head; and 8/12 from 9-11am at Alder Island. [Click here for info on birding outings](#)

Sponsored by Explore Lincoln City & LC Parks & Recreation

### Benton County Historical Society

Benton County Historical Society, Corvallis Museum

May 17-July 16, 2023; Letitia Carson: An Enduring Spirit of Hope and Freedom, Ann & Ron Marek Gallery, Corvallis Museum, 411 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Corvallis; [Click here for more info](#)

### Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

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

Thursday, July 13, 6-7pm; Seed Library – Growing Lecture; Harvesting & Preserving Crops, and Fall Season Planting; Emily Herb. Main Reading Room, CBCPL, 645 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis.

### OSU Extension Service

OSU Extension Service, Linn Benton County Master Gardeners & 4-H

Saturday, July 29, 10-12, Food Preservation Workshop – Freezing & Dehydrating; Philomath Community Church, 145 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St, Philomath. Free. [Click here for info & to register](#)

OSU Extension Service, Linn Benton County Master Gardeners & 4-H

Saturday, August 19, 10-12, Food Preservation Workshop – Water Bath & Steam Canning; Philomath Community Church, 145 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St, Philomath. Free. [Click here for info & to register](#)

OSU Extension Service, Linn Benton County Master Gardeners & 4-H

Saturday, August 26, 10-12, Food Preservation Workshop – Pressure Canning; Philomath Community Church, 145 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St, Philomath. Free. [Click here for info & to register](#)

*Suzanne Ortiz*

# Board Meeting Summary

**May 11, 2023, 7:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Karan Fairchild at 7:05 PM. Present: Dodie Wilson, Phyllis Bailey, Carolyn Peterson, Suzanne Ortiz, Bev Clark, Jake Keen, Nikki Cross, Jim and Karan Fairchild, Ray Drapek, Mark Baldwin, Mai Kiigemagi.

Approval of April minutes was moved by Bev, and seconded by Suzanne. Approved.

**President's report:** At the May general meeting we will vote on the slate of candidates for next year's officers and board members. Zoom attendees will vote via the polling feature.

**Program Committee:** Our Tech Coordinator Eric Preston could use an assistant. In September we will be moving into the Chandler Ballroom, and the technology set up will be somewhat different. Carl Lucker from C3 will give us an orientation to the room's technology Thursday, May 18, at 5 PM, before the general meeting. Anyone who is interested may attend. There was discussion of using the Zoom Webinar platform. The difference in cost: \$990 vs \$149 for regular Zoom. (Thanks Carolyn)

**Treasurer:** ASC is named as a beneficiary of the estate of May Dasch. The amount is unknown currently.

**Education:** Next big event is two groups of fourth graders from Adams School, on May 24 and 25. ASC will participate in Get Outdoors Day June 3 at Peavy Arboretum. Ray noted that since he has a PhD in Entomology, he could be a resource in future school group visits.

**Chat:** Jake is planning to do some feature articles, to change the format and increase reader interest. The summer issue of the Chat will come out sometime in July. Deadline for articles TBD.

**Conservation:** Jim updated the group on the Coffin Butte Landfill, Corvallis Watershed, McDonald-Dunn Forest, and other conservation issues. He announced he will be retiring from his role as conservation chair at the end of the calendar year.

**Social Media:** Nikki is planning a big push on social media to recruit people for a variety of roles: Facebook coordinator, Membership chair, Conservation chair, field trip leaders, assistant to tech coordinator, and many tasks to be completed at Hesthavn.

**Hesthavn:** Lots to do including some repair or replacement of signs. The Youth Volunteer Corps will be coming out four times over the summer. They can help with spreading gravel on trails and bark chips under the picnic tables.

**Field trips:** 16 people participated in the Rogue Valley field trip (2 vans). Two vans are going to Malheur May 18. Summer Lake has three spots open (2 vans). Bandon will have one van and is mostly full (waiting on deposits). A new field trip coordinator is needed.

**Sustainability, Diversity:** Suzanne sent out a report prior to the meeting.

**Renaming:** Nikki is gathering info on what other chapters are doing.

Summer Board meeting date is July 20, 5:30 PM at Hesthavn.

Ray moved to adjourn; Carolyn seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

*Mai Kiigemagi, Acting 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!

Stephanie Cyr  
Elliot Drake-Maurer  
Jennifer Johnson and Becky Legrande  
Mark Yeager

## 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

### General Meeting Speaker Schedule

Sept. 21: Aaron Growth, The Importance of Fire in Ecosystem Restoration  
Oct. 19: Dave Kollen, Gardening for Bees and Birds  
Nov. 15: Alan Contreras, A History of Oregon Ornithology  
Dec. 21: Member Slide Show  
Jan. 18: Dr. Stewart Janes, The Secret Life of Feathers  
Feb. 15: Dana Ross, Threatened and Endangered Butterflies  
Mar. 21: Ann Eissinger, Great Blue Herons  
Apr. 18: Nikki Cross, Birding in the Digital Age  
May 16: Carina Kusaka, Tufted Puffins

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### Interested in volunteering?

Please let us know:

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