

SILENT AUCTION OF PAINTINGS

FROM THE COLLECTION OF REV. DR. JOHN IRVINE, JR.

Jed Irvine, Rev. Irvine's son has generously offered these paintings to the Audubon Society of Corvallis. They will be offered in a silent auction at the November 21 meeting.

Rev. Dr. John M. Irvine Jr. was a passionate life-long birder and meticulous list-keeper. Born in 1928, his childhood best friend was his birding buddy, and he began keeping lists at 13. As an adult, he relished opportunities to go birding with "crackerjack" birders such as Ted Parker and Pete Dunne. Based on the east coast (NJ, NC, KY, VA), every trip west was a major thrill. In the 1970s, he fell in love with hawkwatching, frequenting Hawk Mountain, Cape May, and other watches within driving range of northeast NJ. He helped run the count at Hook Mountain, NY for many years (overlooking the Hudson river in Nyack), and in retirement, helped run the count at Rockfish Gap in the Shenandoah Valley of VA. If memory serves, he was president of HMANA (Hawk Migration Assoc. of North America) at one point. A committed pacifist, he loved poetry - imagine his delight at spending the afternoon with Wendell Berry atop Rockfish Gap one day. Yet John's Scottish warrior blood would burn hot when he saw a raptor in a stoop or taking its prey. Hence his cherished raptor paintings.



Golden Eagles Diane Pierce
34.5" x 28.5"



Chickadees, Et al Roy Hamm
22.5" x 26.5"



Snowy Egrets 29" x 37"
Roger Tory Peterson



Bald Eagles Michael Sieve
31" x 25.75"



Parrots Pam Mack
30" x 24"