



The Golden Eagle

Newsletter of the Golden Eagle Audubon Society

Winter 2020

Winter brings avian visitors and a lesson in foiling squirrels

By *Crista Videriksen Worthy*

This month I have news about an effective way to foil squirrels—finally!—plus some interesting birds visiting for the winter.

But first, a follow-up to our last column. Last time, I asked the question, “Why don’t any birds have teeth?” Scientists now know that the types of dinosaurs that eventually evolved into birds lost their teeth around 100 million years ago. Still, right up until an asteroid hit Earth 66 million years ago, miniraptorans (small bird-like relatives of velociraptors) were plentiful, and they all had teeth. The asteroid caused a giant firestorm, followed by darkness and freezing temperatures, that wiped out most life on earth, including the toothed miniraptors and other dinosaurs, but not all the ancestors to birds.

Many scientists now believe that’s because these ancestral birds, equipped with beaks instead of teeth, ate seeds, while other dinosaurs ate meat or plants. Seeds might have sustained ancestral birds through the nuclear winter that followed the asteroid impact.

When plants and animals died out and dinosaurs ran out of food, the only resource that might have been reliable and available would have been seeds.

Speaking of seeds, I finally found a way to stop squirrels and deer from eating all my birdseed. I love to watch the deer here in the foothills, but a deer can empty a birdfeeder in just a few minutes. One doe had developed the habit of raiding my feeders at least once a day. To make things worse, my neighbor built a large platform behind his house a couple of years ago and keeps it filled with peanuts and sunflower seeds. I never saw a squirrel in my yard until then. First there were two squirrels, then six, then, well, you know how that goes. Pretty soon I was chasing them off my feeders many times a day.

A couple of months ago, Zamzows discontinued the hulled sunflower chips I use. In desperation, I drove 45 minutes out to Wild Birds Unlimited in Meridian to see if they had any. There I discovered “Sunfire Chips,” sunflower chips coated with cayenne pepper. Why didn’t I think of that? Of course! Birds are immune

to capsaicin, the active component of chili peppers. For mammals like deer, squirrels, and humans, capsaicin will set your mouth on fire, make you sneeze, and irritate your eyes if you rub them after cutting a chili pepper. The bag cost over \$30 for 8 pounds, too expensive for me on a permanent basis. But then the helpful clerk told me about another product, “Cole’s Flaming Squirrel Seed Sauce.” I bought one bag of seed to tide me over, and a \$10 bottle of seed sauce as well.

At home, I watched the doe saunter up to my feeders as usual.

She began to lick the spicy seeds up and immediately drew her head back, shook it, sniffed the feeder again, and turned away. That was the last time I saw any deer at my feeders. The squirrels were similarly deterred. Hanging upside down on the feeder, they sampled the spicy stuff, snorted, and climbed back down. Problem solved!

I have since discovered that Wal-Mart sells Pennington sunflower chips in 5.5-lb bags for \$6.22 a bag, and they carry the flaming seed

sauce as well (online) if you’re too far away from the Wild Birds Unlimited store. In our garage, I have a large tub that holds 60 pounds of seed, so I put in one bag at a time, two tablespoons of the sauce, mix it up with a sturdy melamine spoon, pour in the next bag of seed, more sauce, and so on, to fill the tub. Try it if you have a squirrel or deer problem!

Finally, we’ve had some interesting visitors this winter. We’ve got lots of chickadees this year, in addition to the usual American and lesser goldfinches, juncos, and white-crowned sparrows. A larger feeder I put out is now hosting red-breasted nuthatches and flocks of evening grosbeaks. A week ago, the neighborhood fruit trees were filled with bohemian waxwings, rather than the usual robins. And the super-family of quail I feed numbers about 140 this winter—plus one ring-necked pheasant rooster. All, of course, bedeviled by a bevy of Cooper’s and sharp-shinned hawks. Still, it’s been a mostly mild and easy winter so far here in the Foothills. Happy New Year!



Evening grosbeak

Photo by Tim Harding

President's Message

By Liz Urban

Happy holidays! I am writing this note to you on my little girl's first birthday and it's a day of reflecting on what a great year it's been. My family life has been joyfully full with our two children, Gavin and Nora, and it is such a blessing that they are happy and healthy. It has been a productive year for GEAS as well, though I have not been able to dedicate as much time and brainpower to our chapter as in previous years. Thank goodness GEAS is run by an amazing group of dedicated leaders and volunteers!

A few moments that stand out as I look back over 2019 at GEAS would have to include hosting the sixth annual New Roots Program (NRP). This effort has delivered more than 5,000 hours in nature for underserved youth in the refugee and immigrant communities over the years. I am thankful that I have gotten to know so many amazing people through the NRP and this year we saw our first cohort of student's start their college careers.

All that the collaborative Native Plant Network (NPN) has accomplished also amazes me. With Sean Finn's leadership more than 13,000 native plants have been grown for restoration while simultaneously engaging more than 120 volunteers and a dozen classrooms. What an amazing impact in our community!

The year 2019 also marked the re-launch of an Advocacy Committee and our first ever advocate training workshop. It was great to see all the people in our community who are interested in learning about how to use our voices for birds, habitat, and more. I look forward to GEAS joining the Idaho Wildlife Federation's 'Camo at the Capitol' effort in February and what this new committee of interested volunteers can accomplish together!

I wish I was able to attend more field trips, but the passionate group of birders who give their time to offer more than 80 public opportunities to bird each year are incredible. Thank you to everyone who has put their time and energy into this core piece of GEAS! I am so astounded by everyone's dedication and creativity. The Field Trip Committee has a few new ideas that will launch this year to make birding even more inclusive – introducing new styles and lengths of trips that will encourage all ages and abilities to participate.

Our chapter has had a great year and I am inspired by all that we have accomplished together!

Happy birding and wishing you a wonderful new year,

Liz Urban



GEAS volunteers created and donated this "For the Love of Birds" tree to the St. Al's Festival of Trees in November. Hopefully some of the thousands of people who viewed the tree were inspired by the "7 simple conservation actions" theme!

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Volunteer News

Thank you to our field trip leaders for leading engaging birding trips around the Treasure Valley and beyond this fall. Thanks to Jim James, Lucian Davis, Jay Carlisle, Heidi Ware Carlisle, RL Rowland, Alan Crockett, Kathy Barker McCoy and Louisa Evers. Thank you to Dondi Black for coordinating these trips and creating the Winter Bird Challenge!

Thank you to Liz Urban, Julie Heath and Libby Burtner for reviewing small grant applications.

We appreciate all of the work that went into making the Advocacy workshop a success and the team that made it possible. Thank you to Libby Burtner, Liz Urban, Terra Falconer, Dondi Black, Patti Guicheteau, Louisa Evers, Mat Erpelding, Eric Oliver, Michelle Crist, Alexander Sapiens, Daly Edmonds and Fred Abt.

Huge thanks to all that were involved with the native plant network this fall! There were over 100 volunteers that came together to plant native plants at the IBO river site in the rain. We appreciate your help in making the day possible. We especially want to thank the project coordinators Heidi Ware Carlisle, Sean Finn, Greg Kaltenecker, Dusty Perkins, Gretel Care, Mike Gindling, Aaron Connolly, Kim Bahruth, Jared Arp, Adra Lobdell, Libby Burtner, Alexander Sapeins, Dondi Black, Jeff Black, Zack Szymczycha, Echo Barline, Rosie Dominique, Otis Willis, Alan Crockett, and Alice Crockett.

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We appreciate all of the work put into planting native plants at Hyatt Hidden Lakes this fall. Thank you to Liz Paul, Jon Roundy, Bruce Rust, Marc Lehman, Marie Baldwin, Michael Stauffer, Ladd Williamson, Doug Smith, Annette Hanson, Madison Skinner, Louisa Evers, Ben Rippey, Tanya Kutterer, Deborah Wiggins, Lisa Reed, Shawn Dunnagan and Sean Finn.

It was great fun educating students about habitat out at Blacks Creek. Thanks to Lousia Evers, RL Rowland, Randy Langseth, Sean Finn and Colleen Moulton for leading groups.

Thank you to everyone that attended our first volunteer orientation and to everyone that made it possible. Thanks to Sean Finn, Adra Lobdell, Kristin Gnojewski, Libby Burtner, Terra Falconer, Matt McCoy and Dondi Black.

A huge shout out to the volunteers who attended the Crafting with a Cause event and that helped to set up the Festival of Trees 'For the Love of Birds' tree. Liz Urban, Megan Jones, Dondi Black, Kate Smith, Adra Lobdell, Gretel Care, Lisa Reed, Brent Cheffings and Jen Cheffings.

We can't say enough about all of the volunteers that came out for various Christmas Bird Counts around the valley. We are grateful to the many coordinators that made these counts possible: Robert McGill, Jay Carlisle, David Potter, Shauna Arnold, Cheryl Huizinga, Matt Dresser,

Adra Lobdell, and Joe Weldon.

We are so grateful to have amazing speakers each month for our monthly meetings. Thank you to Alexander Sapiens, Ariana Dickson, Terry Rich, and Sean Finn.

We were thrilled to have so many people attend the Blacks Creek/Kuna Mora road clean up. Thanks to Alex Takasugi, Alan and Alice Crockett, Jim James, Berit Kuykendall, Amy Silver, Sean Finn, Debbie Erwin and Chris Dresden, Gretel Care, RL Rowland, Bill and Ingrid Brudenell, Patti Guicheteau, Patti Guicheteau, Marian Herz, and the Richmond family.

Last, but not least we thank our newsletter team and editor, Niels Nokkentved.

Tillamook Bay Field Trip

Monday March 23 through Friday March 27, (5 days, 4 nights)

- Day 1 – Drive to Hood River and bird The Hook on the Columbia River. Spend the night in Hood River.
 - Day 2-3 – Drive to Tillamook and bird Bayocean Spit and the local area. Spend two nights in Tillamook.
 - Day 4 – Drive to Gresham/Troutdale birding Fernhill Wetlands. Spend the night in the Gresham/Troutdale area.
 - Day 5 – return to Boise
- The limit is 12 participants. Carpooling is mandatory. Indicate interest by February 15. A pre-trip meeting will be scheduled. Contact Louisa Evers at elouisa603@gmail.com with any questions.

Volunteer Spotlight: Megan Jones

Each summer, refugee and immigrant students from around the valley pack their bags, hop on a bus, and go on meaningful adventures to outdoor places through our New Roots Program (NRP). Now in the 6th year of the program, the NRP continues to connect students from around the world to the flora and fauna of their new home here in Southwest Idaho. We are tremendously proud of the difference that NRP has made in our community and the work that has made it possible. The dedication of passionate volunteers has truly brought this program to life. One such volunteer is Megan Jones, co-founder of the NRP.

Megan is a retired public school teacher who spent years working with students with limited English proficiency. Back in the early 90's, Megan had a dream to one day create an environmental summer camp for underserved students. She held on to that dream for many years, and in 2012, she mentioned this dream to a friend of hers, Caroline Volk. Caroline said that she knew of someone *else* who had a similar dream, Liz Urban, GEAS Chapter President. The two were introduced and the rest is history. As co-founders of the NRP, Megan and Liz complimented each other with Megan's background in education and Liz's background in environmental science. The two quickly connected to make their combined dream a reality and in the summer of 2013, they launched the pilot program of the NRP. Since then, they have collectively spent more than 5,000 hours studying nature with refugee and immigrant youth in southwest Idaho.

What Megan enjoys most about the NRP is that it creates a relationship to the land for people that may have grown up in an entirely different ecosystem outside of Idaho. She saw a need to connect refugee students with the landscape of their new home, and firmly believes that if you live in place that you care about, you will be more active in preserving it. Originally from Long Island, when Megan first moved to Boise she looked up at the foothills and did not fully appreciate the beauty. She saw only brown hills, but as she spent time hiking in the foothills and enjoying the outdoors, she started to appreciate the unique beauty and importance of the ecosystem. Megan hopes to create opportunities for others to spend time outside so that they, too, can build an appreciation for the natural world around them.

When asked about a favorite memory as a volunteer, Megan recalled two moments that stuck out to her. The first was with a student that she least expected. After arriving in Yellowstone, this student said to her, "This is it. If I could just stay here looking out at this scenery forever, I would." He was truly connecting

with his surroundings. He may have not been the person that she expected to connect deeply with nature, but on the bus ride home, he started to plan out the next 8 years with the NRP! He made plans to go from participant to Junior Leader, to Alumni, and eventually becoming an adult leader in the program.

Another memory that Megan fondly remembers was when the entire group of NRP students were asked to hike up a hill. As with most teens, she expected some of the students to gripe about the hike or stay back, but when she mentioned they were going to visit a wolf den and asked who wanted to hold the bear spray, *every* student enthusiastically hiked that hill. Each opportunity for these students to spend time outside, is an opportunity to make a difference in their lives.

We thank Megan for her tremendous commitment in making Golden Eagle Audubon Society's New Roots Program possible. As a volunteer she has stepped up to help with whatever the program needs from connecting students with local scientists, to organizing schedules and developing curriculum, she has made a huge impact on the program. Thank you for all you do, Megan Jones.



Megan Jones from a New Roots Program student's perspective.

2019 Christmas Bird Count Results

With six counts, there was no shortage of citizen scientist opportunities during the 2019 southwest Idaho CBC season. Counts have been conducted nationwide since 1900 and in southwest Idaho since 1963. Almost 200 volunteers participated in the six counts, some helped on multiple counts. Once again, Nampa had the most species with 108, and Boise a close second with 106. Area highlights are as follows:

Boise: 106 species, 27,033 birds, 77 participants, 53rd count. Counters enjoyed mild weather while setting records for most species seen, most participants, and most miles walked uphill.

Count firsts included ruffed grouse, pileated woodpecker, ovenbird, common yellowthroat, and bushtit. Other birds of note included pine grosbeak, evening grosbeak, northern mockingbird, American tree and Lincoln's sparrows, barred and northern pygmy owls, and Say's phoebe.

Bruneau: 95 species, 30 participants, 32nd count. Highlights included northern goshawk, Pacific loon, Say's phoebe, a 400 flock of gray-crowned rosy finches, and a rare vesper sparrow. The end of the count day was celebrated watching thousands of goldeneyes arrive for the night at CJ Strike Reservoir.

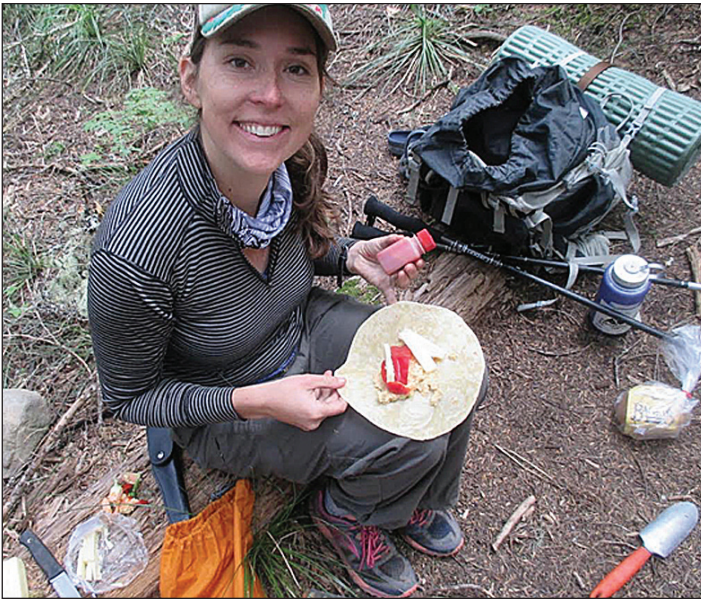
Cascade: 48 species, 641 birds, 13 participants, 8th count. The weather was mild with highs from the continued on Page 6

Education and Community Engagement Specialist

You may have met Adra Lobdell, Golden Eagle Audubon's newest member of the team at a 'bird walk in the park' or at an outreach event this year. We were excited to hire Adra this past October as a way to expand our educational programming, connect with more people, and build on community partnerships.

Adra is excited to join GEAS as the new Education & Community Engagement Specialist. She is a graduate of the McCall Outdoor Science School graduate program and has spent the past 10 years teaching environmental education and coordinating conservation projects. She looks forward to supporting and expanding the educational programs GEAS offers throughout the Treasure Valley!

Make sure to say hi and introduce yourself, the next time you see her. Welcome Adra!



Adra enjoys quality time outdoors.

Winter Small Grant Award Announced

Congratulations to Bogus Basin Environmental Education Department who was awarded \$374.00 to develop birding in their various programs. Dirk Anderson, Environmental Education & Stewardship Coordinator of Bogus Basin stated: "With the use of field guides and the Southwest Idaho Bird Checklist, birding will be introduced in, but not limited to the following programs: Snow School, Summer Camps, Nature Preschool, weekend/evening events, Bogus Basin Outdoor Science Experience (overnight science program for sixth-graders)."

He expects to engage more than 3,000 individuals annually in the act of birding through the programs listed above. Specific activities will be created to teach individuals how to use the field guides.

GEAS looks forward to these new programming ideas around birds and birding. Thanks to Julie Heath and Liz Urban who helped Libby Burtner review the grant applications.

The next awards will be in the Spring. Deadline will be May 1st, 2020. See www.goldeneagleaudubon.org/Small-Grants-Program on our website for more information on how to apply.

Join the Treasure Valley Catio Tour

As part of our efforts to encourage the community to #BringBirdsBack, GEAS is working on creating new education materials and partnerships to promote keeping beloved pet cats indoors. This is one of the "7 simple actions" recognized by The Cornell Lab of Ornithology and other national conservation organizations that will truly make a difference in helping bird numbers recover.

Toward that end, we are excited to announce the first Treasure Valley Catio Tour. GEAS has partnered with Operation Community Cats to showcase local ideas and solutions that help cats safely enjoy the outdoors, and also protect our wildlife. Catio tours are appearing all over the country and have been a popular way to inspire and educate pet owners to take action at home. We hope you'll join us!

GEAS plans this event from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2. If you, or someone you know, might be willing to show off your prized catio creation, we would love to hear from you! This event will be a self-guided tour in which individuals who sign up will briefly visit your location to view your catio. To learn more, or apply to host, please visit the GEAS homepage at www.goldeneagleaudubon.org to link to the online form.

Native Plant Network Environmental Educator Intern

In partnership with the Land Trust of the Treasure Valley, we are pleased to announce that Madison Skinner will be the first ever intern for the Treasure Valley Native Plant Network!

Madison grew up along the Wasatch Front and graduated from the University of Utah. She moved to Boise after graduation for an internship studying sagebrush ecosystems and fell in love. Her passion for the environment and how we interact with it led her to her position as an environmental educator with the Land Trust of the Treasure Valley; where she is helping nurture and expand the native plant network, educating youth and community, leading restoration projects, and aiding local nonprofits in their adventure to tackle conservation and stewardship. She is excited to transition from her life of learning to one where she gets to share knowledge and help people interact with ecosystems around this place they call home.

Welcome Madison!



Madison helps plant native plants at Hyatt Hidden Lakes where she led a group of volunteers on Veterans Day with BREN.

GEAS monthly meeting presentations:

Tuesday, January 28

Raptors of the World by Chris McClure
Sagebrush Room, Cole/Ustick Library
Time: 7 p.m.

Raptors are important, charismatic, and often declining species; yet scientists disagree on exactly which groups of birds are raptors and how many species exist. Chris McClure will review The Peregrine Fund's recent work to define raptors as a group and to determine the number of species. He will review the conservation status of raptors and the threats they face across the globe.

Chris McClure was born and raised in Columbus, GA. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia, a Ph.D. from Auburn University, and conducted postdoctoral research at BSU. His research focuses on developing methods to monitor, study, and manage birds better. He has published nearly 70 scientific articles and is currently the director of Global Conservation Science at The Peregrine Fund, where he oversees all of the research and monitoring conducted by the organization.

Tuesday, February 25

Birds of India, by Marian Herz
Sagebrush Room, Cole/Ustick Library
Time: 7 p.m.

Join Marian Herz on a trip through many of India's national parks. Start in Khichan in northwestern India, where Demoiselle cranes winter. View masses of cranes just before they leave on migration to Mongolia and Russia, as well as other birds. Then head to Bera, which is off the beaten path in western India. Bera's wetlands are home to many water birds. Then on to Little Rann of Kutch, also in western India, to see eagles, owls and some endemic species of birds; as well as additional water birds. Rann also is home to the endemic Wild Ass. From there we go west to Sasan Gir, which is primarily dry woods. We'll find different bird species there, as well as lions. The trip continues to Satpura Park in central India which is also a wooded area. In addition to birds, this is where we had the best look at Bengal tigers. We conclude the journey in Bandhavgarh National Park, which has both wooded and open areas

with water features. Find some new birds as well as tigers. Also included are images from Kanha National Park in central India and Kaziranga National Park in the far northeast corner of India.

Marian Herz is a retired product development and management professional who now spends most of her time traveling the world taking photographs. She has won international photographic competitions, including three best-in-the-world nature print awards in the Kodak International Salon, an honorable mention in the Raptors at Risk contest and several ribbons at the Western Idaho Fair. One of her images will be in the 2020 World Center for Birds of Prey calendar. Marian won an award in the Ocean Conservancy 2016 contest, and five of her images were included in the 2019 and 2018 Ocean Conservancy calendars. Her images have also been published in National Wildlife magazine, National Wildlife 2020 Calendar, National Gardening magazine, Florida Wildlife magazine, Mensa magazine and on the World Wildlife Fund web site.

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20s to upper 40s, mostly cloudy skies and about a foot of snow. Numbers for forest-dwelling species such as woodpeckers, chickadees, nuthatches, and finches were near average, most of the wintering mixed-flocks were found close to feeders. Notable species this year included a female northern shoveler and killdeer. We had high counts of 30 bohemian waxwing with a flock, including a few cedar waxwings, taking advantage of a mid-day insect hatch on the Payette River.

Garden Valley: 55 species, 22 participants, 12th count. This midweek count was somewhat typical for mountain counts; numbers weren't high, but enthusiasm was. Because the river was unfrozen waterbirds were dispersed and harder to find. A white-throated sparrow showed up at a feeder as we watched.

McCall: 53 species, 939 birds, 22 participants, 6th count. Count day conditions were very nice—high-20s to mid-40s, under mostly sunny skies. Notable species this year included a Virginia rail and five ruddy ducks. Despite a total of fewer than 1,000 birds, we had count records for northern goshawk, great

blue heron, great-horned owl, Steller's jay, and American dipper. A relatively high count of nine rough-legged hawks, the likely result of low snow depths. Six-year low counts included downy and hairy woodpeckers, Clark's nutcracker, black-capped and mountain chickadees, and red crossbill. Perhaps this reflects the lack of food compared to 2017 when we tallied 287 red-breasted nuthatches alone, compared to 22 this year.

Nampa: 108 species, 33 participants, 67th count. Unusual birds included American white pelican, least sandpiper, and Nashville warbler.

Idaho and North America Trends: Of the 119 species typically found in Idaho during the winter, 29 species show declines, and 90 species show increases. Largest yearly declines include evening grosbeak, 5.8%; Brewer's blackbird, 2.9%; and western meadowlark, 1.9%.

Largest yearly increases include Eurasian collared dove, 103.9%; California quail, 9.2%; American pelican, 9%; yellow-rumped warbler, 7.7%; and

American robin, 7.1%.

Most readers are aware of the alarming decline of adult breeding bird numbers in North America (<https://abcbirds.org/3-billion-birds/>). Though that study looked at breeding season data, our state CBC trends generally reflect that study's findings. Native resident species were one of only two groups whose breeding populations increased since 1970.

Following breeding bird trends, Idaho CBC trends increased for ducks and geese, hawks and eagles, and turkeys and grouse. Unlike overall breeding bird trends, crows and ravens, blackbirds, robins and thrushes also increased in Idaho CBC counts. While that's good news for winter populations, overall trends are still very disconcerting.



Rio, Bruneau's youngest counter, helps Kathy McCoy document a golden eagle sighting.

Golden Eagle Audubon Society Annual Banquet and Auction

Saturday, 6 p.m., March 21, 2020

The Riverside Hotel, 2900 Chinden Boulevard, Garden City

\$60 Per Person



Lauren McGough will present her program titled, “Life as a Mongolian Eagle Hunter and the Role of Falconry in Eagle Conservation.”

McGough has been a licensed and practicing falconer since age 14. She has been particularly enamored with golden eagles as hunting partners, a unique branch of falconry that has only a handful of practitioners in the United States. After spending nearly two years as an exchange student in the United Kingdom and learning the strong European tradition of eagle falconry, she graduated from the University of Oklahoma with dual degrees in zoology and international studies.

In 2009, as a Fulbright Scholar to Mongolia, she apprenticed herself to local eagle masters and trained eagles for hunting foxes on horseback. She loved Kazakh eagle culture so much that she earned a doctorate in social anthropology from the University of St Andrews in Scotland.

Most of all, McGough has enjoyed bringing the eagle training techniques she’s learned abroad back to her home country, where she teaches golden eagles in need of rehabilitation how to hunt on the great plains. The past two years she has also been using this technique to rehabilitate eagles in South Africa.

Please join us for this annual event, which raises funds for GEAS projects: New Roots, and Blacks Creek Bird Reserve, to name a few. In addition to our dynamic speaker, we will have a silent auction, raffle and dessert sales (\$5) during the social hour, starting at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

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To donate a homemade dessert, contact Danette Henderson: danette444@gmail.com or 208-631-6602.

To preserve the sanity of the auction committee, all donations (except desserts) must be received by February 28.

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