



Wenatchee Naturalist's mission is to cultivate awareness, understanding, and stewardship of the Wenatchee River region by developing an active corps of well-informed community volunteers.



March, 2016

A NOTE FROM SUSAN:

Thanks in advance for emailing me your volunteer hours. Why is it important? What you do inspires others, helps non-profits compete for grants, and allows our conservation community to celebrate citizen

contributions. Plus, you'll get a neat pin at our April 17th social, 4-6 PM, at the PUD Auditorium in Wenatchee.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

■ Citizen Science Projects

Start honing your ebird and bird identification expertise by attending Susan's CDLT skills-building outings on 2nd & 4th Wednesday mornings, 7:30-9:45 at Walla Walla Park. Stay as long as fits your schedule! No pre-registration needed. Starting in April, CDLT is launching 2 ebird routes on Horse Lake & at Mountain Home.

<http://www.cdlandtrust.org/whats-new/bird-id-skills-building-1>

■ Education

Next month's enews will have dates for a variety of outdoor education programs that serve our local school children.

FESTIVALS:

Now is the time to plan to attend a regional bird festival. These are run by local volunteers who are excited to show visitors the best of their area's bird life. Beginner birders are especially welcomed. Usually require registration for trips. <http://www.olympicbirdfest.org/> Olympic Peninsula BirdFest April 15-17 Sequim, WA
<http://www.othellosandhillcranefestival.org/> March 18-20, Othello, WA
<http://www.migratorybirdfestival.com/> April 8-10, Burns, OR
<http://www.shorebirdfestival.com/> May 6-7 Hoquim
<http://www.leavenworthspringbirdfest.com/> May 19-22, Leavenworth, WA

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS:

Saturday March 12, 10am-3:30pm. *Springtime Stirrings* Photography class with John Marshall, Thinking your way Through Taking Great Pictures! Beginners through advanced learn to master digital camera skills, how to distill the best shot from the chaos, and capturing the natural world with greater confidence! \$80

members/ \$100 nonmembers. Sign up with a friend and receive an additional \$20 off. Register <http://wenatcheeriverinstitute.org/events/spingtime-stirrings-photography-workshop-john-marshall>

can do to help migratory songbirds <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/7-things-you-can-do-to-help-songbirds-if-youve-just-watched-the-messenger/>

ebird 101: Tuesday March 29 (6-8pm at CDLT office) or Wednesday March 30 (9-11am at WRI Barn) Learn to use eBird citizen scientist introductory workshop with Wendy Connelly, WDFW Citizen Science Coordinator. Free. RSVP appreciated to Hillary@cdlandstrust.org or Brook at bhinton@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org

PROGRAMS & FILMS:

Thursday, March 10 7PM *Lichens: More than Meets the Eye* with Richard Droker, Photographer and Lichenologist. Offered by Wenatchee Chapter, Washington Native Plant Society at the museum, 127 N. Mission Street. Free and open to the public.

Friday March 11, 7PM Wenatchee River Institute's Red Barn Event with Joan Qazi's discussion of Farm to School. Learn how we can expand economic opportunity for local farmers while fostering the connection between food, farming, health and the environment for students and their families. Admission by donation.

Monday March 14th, 7PM Wenatchee River Institute Red Barn Event with Dave Showalter co sponsored by the NCW Audubon, 'Sage Spirit' examines the fragile beauty of sagebrush habitat through a collection of stunning photographs and essays. Admission by donation.

Tuesday March 15 at 7PM Film *The Messenger* at Environmental Film Series, Wenatchee Valley Museum, co-sponsored by local Audubon chapter. A thrill ode to the beauty of songbirds, & what they have to tell us. \$5 donation

NEW RESOURCES:

Actions to take after seeing the film The Messenger. Want to Help Songbirds? You don't have to be a scientist. Every one of us can make a big difference. Learn seven easy things that you



At right: Pin awarded to honor 20+ conservation service hours completed after taking the course.

Below: Pins awarded for exceptional volunteerism within two years of course completion: Silver-50+ hrs. and Gold-100+ hrs.

Keep an eye out for first leaves of perennials, like Sagebrush buttercup, Prairie star, and Upland larkspur



