



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.



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WENATCHEE NATURALIST NEWS & VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Did you miss a field trip during your Wenatchee Naturalist course? [Email me](#) to sign up to come along on this fall's trips: Sept. 29-White River, Oct.13-Entiat River, Nov. 17-Lower Wenatchee/Icicle, and Dec. 1, ½-day on the Columbia. Check the [syllabus](#) to find an evening class session you may have missed.

Mon. Oct. 1, 9am-5pm Field Trip to Chelan Ridge's Hawkwatch site with Susan Ballinger. USFS Biologist, Janet Millard, will host our group on site to show us bird banding. This is the best place in WA to see migrating hawks. We will carpool from Wenatchee. All past and current Wenatchee Naturalists (and a companion) are invited to sign up by emailing Susan at skylinebal@gmail.com.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

The Wenatchee Naturalist fall 50-hour course. We depend upon word-of-mouth to fill the class. Please encourage your neighbors and friends to register at [Wenatchee Valley College Continuing Education](#). Classes held on Wed. evenings.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Community Science Project**
Explore [CDLT's Community Science program](#) offerings here and sign up to join Susan Ballinger on [monthly eBird surveys](#) at Horse Lake (9/21, 10/11, 11/8 and Mountain Home (8/30, 9/27, 10/18, 11/15).

- **Community Science Project**
Mon. & Wed., 6-8pm, Oct. 15-Nov. 7, Birds of a Feather Stay Together Join

the new fun of learning how to prepare bird study skins with Biologist Dan Stephens, at Wenatchee Valley College. No past experience needed. A fascination with anatomy and a steady hand with a scalpel helps, and seamstress' can apply sewing skills. Register with [Wenatchee Valley College Continuing Education](#) (\$89). Pictured here is Dan Stevens, instructing Wenatchee Naturalist, Jane Zanol (left) and Maggie McManus, during a 2017 training.

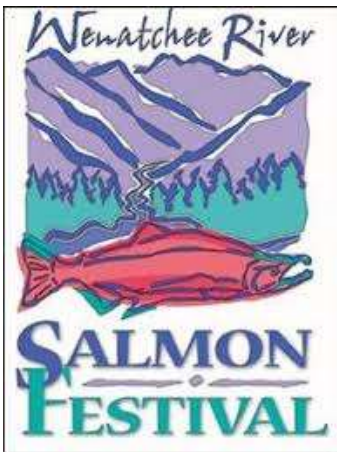


■ Education

Thurs. Sept. 6 (10am-noon) Fall Field Day Volunteer Training. [Wenatchee River Institute](http://www.wenatcheeriverinstitute.org) offers an optional 2-hour training for new and experienced Fall Field Day volunteers. Many volunteer spots open for this fall. Also, training is offered prior to students arrival. Contact Will Crowley, Youth Program Manager (509.548.0181 x3 or wcrowley@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org)

■ Education

Sept. 20-22, Wenatchee River Salmon Festival at Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery. Volunteers needed to assist with the Rolling Rivers Watershed Model. Learn more at <http://www.salmonfest.org/>



Sept. 25-27, Kids in the Creek at Entiat National Fish Hatchery. Assist at education stations or with setup/takedown/time-keepers/waders. Contact Amanda Newell at Cascadia (509.436.1601 or email the organizer, AmandaL@cascadiacd.org, <http://www.kidsinthecreek.com/>)

■ Education

Fall Thursdays, 3:30-5:00pm. Assist with after-school activities with Wenatchee River Institute's teacher Rachel Bishop serving Wenatchee School District children. Dates

include Oct. 11, Nov. 1, 15, 19, Dec. 6, &13. Help at one or more sessions. Contact rbishop@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org .

OUTINGS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS:

Sept. 28th deadline to Register for the 2018 Chelan Master Gardeners

training. Have you always wanted to learn more about gardening, meet new people and make a difference in the community? The first step in becoming a WSU Master Gardener is taking Basic Training, which is a horticulture series offered as a combination of online and in class training sessions. The online portion is done from a computer The in class sessions are held once a week and are meant to solidify what you learn online, while allowing time for you to become accustomed to the program's projects and volunteers. Learn more at <http://extension.wu.edu/chelan-douglas/gardening/mg/mgtraining/>.

Sat. Oct. 6, (9am-5pm) Ice Age Flooding and Glaciation in the Columbia River Valley Geology Bus Tour with geologist Brent Cunderla and Jim O'Connor of the U.S. Geological Survey. Register with the [Wenatchee Valley Museum](http://www.wenatcheevalleymuseum.org). \$45.

Sat. Oct. 13, (9am-5pm) Yakima River Canyon Geology Bus Tour. Explore the Yakima River Canyon and Ginko Petrified Forest with local geologists. Register with the [Wenatchee Valley Museum](http://www.wenatcheevalleymuseum.org). \$45.

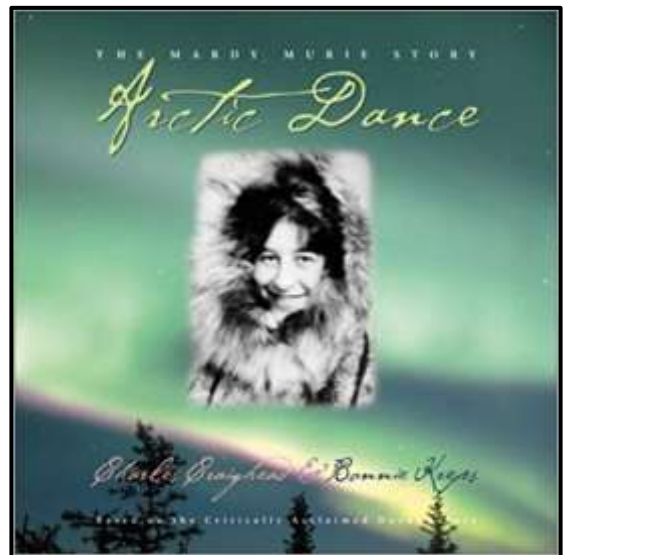
PROGRAMS & FILMS:

Weds. Sept. 12 (6:30-8:30pm). Paddling With Spirits: A Solo Kayak Journey, 2018 Nautilus Book Awardee, Irene Skyriver. Irene celebrated her 40th year with a solo kayak voyage from Alaska to Washington. Admission by donation for Wenatchee River Institute Red Barn Speaker Events

Tues. Sept. 18, 7pm *Mountain Music & Pine Needle Basketry*. Award-winning fiber artist Lauralee Northcott's presentation includes performance of original and classic western songs along with poetry inspired by her time in the wilderness. Wenatchee Valley Environmental Film Series

<http://www.wenatcheevalleymuseum.org/event/mountain-music-pine-needle-basketry/> at the Wenatchee Museum. \$5 donation suggested.

Tues. Sept. 25, 7pm *Arctic Dance: The Mardy Murie Story*. As a naturalist, author, and conservationist, Mardy Murie was an ordinary American who was an exceptional advocate for wilderness and now known as the Mother of the American Conservation movement. She and her husband, Olaus, worked as advocates for wilderness conservation and were instrumental in the establishment of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Following the documentary, [FUSE](#) will provide a voter registration training as part of [National Voter Registration Day](#). Wenatchee Valley Environmental Film Series



<http://www.wenatcheevalleymuseum.org/event/mountain-music-pine-needle-basketry/> at the Wenatchee Museum. \$5 donation suggested. This event is co-sponsored by the Wenatchee Naturalist program hoping to inspire women and girls to engage with local voter registration outreach.

Tues. Oct. 9, 7pm *Geology of Antarctica* [Wenatchee Valley Erratics Chapter, Ice Age Floods Institute](#) at Wenatchee Valley Museum. Dr. John Buchanan, Professor of Geology at Eastern WA University will talk about the geology of Antarctica. Free

Weds. Oct. 10, 6:30-8:30pm, *Pacific NW Butterflies* by Dr. David G. James, Dept. of Entomology, WSU, Prosser-WA. Recently he published 'Book of Caterpillars' a pictorial guide to 600 caterpillars from around the world. A number of signed copies of his book "Life Histories of Cascadia Butterflies" will be available at \$30 each. Admission by donation for [Wenatchee River Institute Red Barn Speaker Events](#)

Thurs. Oct. 11, 7pm, *Seed Banking: An Age-old Art Used for a New Purpose*. [Wenatchee Valley Chapter Washington Native Plant Society](#) at Wenatchee Valley Museum by Wendy Gibble, Assoc. Director, UW Botanic Gardens talk and Director of the [Rare Care Program](#). Free

FESTIVALS:

Thurs-Sat. Sept. 13-15. *Visit with Raptors- 9th Annual Chelan Ridge Hawk Migration Festival* Join the Chelan/Entiat Ranger District, North Central Washington Audubon Society and [HawkWatch International](#) for this free family event that combines **Saturday** educational drop-in activities at Memorial Park in Pateros, including a morning field trip to the Wells Wildlife Area and carpool trips to Chelan Ridge HawkWatch site. On **Thursday** in Chelan and **Friday** in Pateros, there is an evening workshop (7-9pm) by Dr. Dave Oleyar from HawkWatch International. Register in advance for the field trips and workshop at ncwaudubon.org. Sign up for all events by emailing Wenatchee Naturalist, Richard Scranton (rscran4250@yahoo.com). The Wenatchee Naturalist program provides the popular owl-pellet dissection activity at Hawkfest, pictured:



This festival coincides with the peak of southbound migration of raptors at Chelan Ridge — the best place in Washington to view fall migrating raptors. Past festivals have brought several hundred people to see hawks up close.

eNEWS RESOURCES:

Sign up for the [Outdoor Alliance](#) monthly enews. Outdoor Alliance is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that works to protect the human-powered outdoor recreation experience and to conserve America's public lands. Their vision is that all Americans have meaningful access to enjoyable, quality outdoor experiences.

Sign up for *Science You Can Use (in 5 minutes)*, a product of the U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station. The [August issue](#) is about new research helping to predict probability of high-severity fires using mapping.

To receive this bulletin via

email: <http://tinyurl.com/RMRSsciencebulletin>

Sign up for [Tree Link News](#), a newsletter by the Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program, Washington Dept. of Natural Resources. The most recent issue includes [Timely Tree Tips](#) and ways you can help your trees minimize water stress. Also subscribe to [Foreststewardshipnotes](#). The current issue includes a fun article, Playing the License Plate game with Native Trees along WA's Route 2.

Sign up for [National Audubon Society's Conservation enews](#). A recent story, [6 Other Birds That Will Benefit from Sagebrush Conservation](#) highlight's our region.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD:

Late August is the time that conifer cones ripen. On Aug. 21, I joined USFS staff near Winthrop at Freezeout Ridge (elev. 7500 ft.) to survey the health of whitebark pine. As we worked, two noisy Clark's Nutcrackers flew back and forth overhead, busy with their harvesting work to pry open the whitebark cones and dig out the big seeds. The seeds are transported in a pouch under their tongue and then cached for future use. Some caches on open subalpine slopes are not utilized, and this makes possible new tree seedlings to sprout.

