



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.



December 2018

Celebrate Volunteers

Looking for a bit of inspiration, encouragement, and hope for the future? Check out the [slideshow](#) featuring the amazing stories of 14 Wenatchee Naturalist volunteers who were awarded service pins at the annual social.

People who earned their 20+ hour service pins include: **Robin Lee, Thomas Rowe, Mara Bohman, Dave Jaecks, John Taylor, Marjie Lodwick, Barbara & James Brink, Susan Douglas, Chelsea Evans, Jan-Meredith Evans, Mabel Bodell, and Tom Ross.**

Individuals who earned their 50+ hour service pins include: **Jaana Hatton, Ariaahna Jones, John Taylor, Barbara & James Brink, Susan Douglas, Mabel Bodell, Tom Ross.**

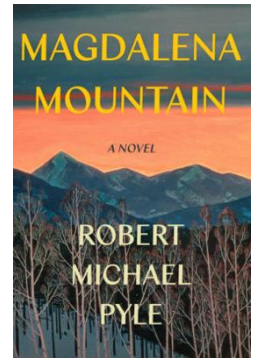
Mara Bohman earned a 100+ hour service pin.



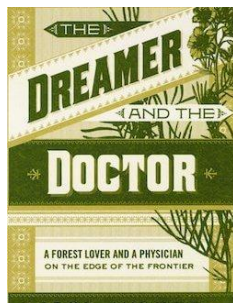
TALKS, PROGRAMS & FILMS:

This month, give yourself a gift of natural history education – invite a friend and attend some of these high quality and free local talks. Mark your calendars now!

Tues. Dec. 4, 6:30-7:30pm Wenatchee Library Periodical Room. **Meet the Author: Robert Michael Pyle.** Pyle grew up and learned his butterflies in Colorado, where he fell in love with the Magdalena Alpine and its high-country habitat. He took his Ph.D. in butterfly ecology at Yale University, worked as a conservation biologist in Papua New Guinea, Oregon, and Cambridge, and has written full-time for many years. His twenty-two books include *Wintergreen* (John Burroughs Medal), *Where Bigfoot Walks* (Guggenheim Fellowship), and *Sky Time in Gray's River* (National Outdoor Book Award). He lives in rural southwest Washington State and still studies butterflies.

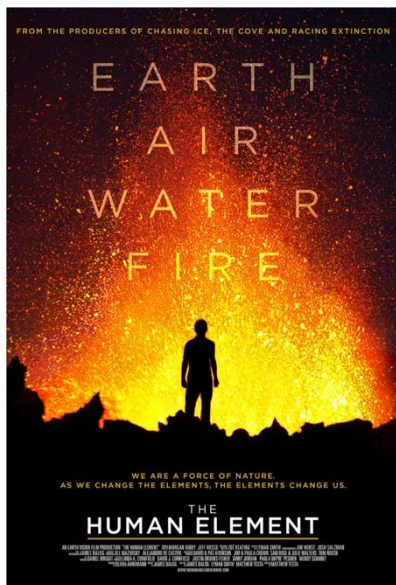


Thurs. Dec. 6, 6:30-7:30pm
 Wenatchee Library. Meet the **Author: Jack Nesbit** featuring his newest book, *The Dreamer and the Doctor*. In turn-of-the-twentieth-century Northwest, the lives and passions of an American physician and her Swedish naturalist husband helped share a territory on the cusp of change. Spokane-based Nesbit is the author of several collections of essays and books that explore the human and natural history of the Northwest.



Wed. Dec. 5, 5-7:00pm at Leavenworth's [A Book For All Seasons](#) is featuring both **Pyle** and **Nesbit** at their Holiday Party. Come to meet the authors!

Sun. Dec. 9, 1-3:00pm Film screening *Earth, Air, Water, Fire*, hosted by [350Wenatchee.org](#) at the Social Hall of Wenatchee Community Center, 504 Chelan. The film tells an urgent story while giving inspiration for a more balanced relationship between humanity and nature. Renowned photographer James Balog reveals how environmental change is affecting the lives of everyday Americans. No charge, but donations accepted.



Tues. Dec. 11, 7-8:30pm [Wenatchee Valley Erratics Chapter](#) of Ice Age Floods Institute Program is titled, *Story Map: Washington's Ice*

Age. At Wenatchee Valley Museum. Open to the public and free.

Dec. 18, 6pm Twisp Public Library
Dec. 19, 7pm Wenatchee River Institute
Dec. 20, 7pm Wenatchee Valley Museum
A Galapagos and Ecuador Natural History Photo Travelogue

[Dr. John Winnie Jr.](#) is a professor in the Ecology Dept. at Montana State University in Bozeman. In the summer, he leads photo/bird tours in the Galapagos and the Andean Highland of Ecuador. He will use his own stunning professional photos to introduce natural history, birds and other wildlife of these biodiversity hot-spot regions.

Wenatchee Valley Museum
 Thursday, December 20th, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
 A presentation in the Environmental Film Series. \$5 donation

A Galapagos and Ecuador Natural History Photo Travelogue

Take a break from winter and join wildlife ecologist and photographer, John Winnie Jr. for an hour of exotic birds, wildlife and wild places. We'll take a virtual natural history of Galapagos National Park above and below the water, then we'll head up into Ecuador's Andean Highlands, a region known worldwide for its incredible birding and bird photography opportunities.

John Winnie Jr. is an award winning wildlife and landscape photographer, and a conservation ecologist at Montana State University in Bozeman.

Note: John is Susan Ballinger's brother-in-law.

Thurs. Jan 10, 7:00-8:30pm. the **Wenatchee Valley Chapter WA Native Plant Society**, Program is titled *Chelan County Noxious Weed Program* with guest botanist, Julie Sanderson. Open to the public and free.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Citizen Science Projects

Sign up to be part of seven local Christmas Bird Count team through North Central Washington Audubon Society. Newcomers welcome!



December 14, Bridgeport.

Meet at the Brewster McDonalds at 7:30 am. At the end of the day, there will be a dinner at Mike and Leslie's place in Bridgeport with the usual door prize! This is a dinner and a prize opportunity not to be missed! For more information, contact Meredith Spencer at 686-7551 or merdave@homenetnw.net.

December 15, Leavenworth. Teams of birders will meet independently and survey routes during daylight hours. The group will meet at 5 pm at the National Fish Hatchery to discuss results. Joe Ververka is the new compiler. Contact him for team assignments at 928-304-1615 or joe_ververka@yahoo.com.

December 28, Chelan. Meet at the Apple Cup Café at 7:00 am and then at the Chelan Methodist Church at 4:15 pm for hot chili and to share the results. Stephen Easley is the compiler and can be reached at 682-2318 or seasley@nwi.net.

December 29, Wenatchee. Dan Stephens is the compiler. Contact him for team assignments at 682-6752 or 679-4706 or dstephens@wvc.edu.

December 29, Oliver/Osoyoos, BC. Dick Cannings is the compiler for this cross-border CBC. Contact Heather Findley at 429-8167 or heather@eaglesun.net for details

December 30, Okanogan/Omak. Meet at Heather's house at 7 am. Contact Heather Findley at 429-8167 or heather@eaglesun.net for more information.

December 30, Twisp. Meet at Cinnamon Twisp at 6:30 am. Potluck will be at Rudholm's at 5 pm. Contact Kent Woodruff for more information at kentwoodruff@gmail.com or 846-3304.

NEW WEBSITES & APPS

Raptor ID-

Developed by national experts with [Hawkwatch International](http://HawkwatchInternational.com), it covers 34 day-active raptors with photos, text, and maps. Free, for Android and Apple!



The CaliforniaHerps.com has added a [Pacific Northwest guide to all reptiles and amphibians](http://PacificNorthwestguide.com).

You can see photos and listen to calls for all of Washington's native frogs, salamanders, lizards, and snakes.

[University of Washington's Burke Museum](http://UniversityofWashingtonBurkeMuseum.com) has



expanded their "herp" page to include many videos of live animals. Consider pulling up a video of a [Northern Pacific Rattlesnake](http://NorthernPacificRattlesnake.com) to liven up a holiday event- and to spread the word that native snakes are important parts of our ecosystems and need our protection.

The Burke Museum's Herbarium Image Collection has an easy-to-use online [Winter Twig Identification Key](http://WinterTwigIdentificationKey.com) that covers over 200 of Washington's deciduous trees, shrubs, and vines.

