

Island Wings

— to enjoy, learn about & preserve the diverse natural habitat of these islands & beyond

The Owl and the Woodpecker with Paul Bannick

Submitted by Laura Bienen

On Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., Vashon Audubon is fortunate to welcome award winning photographer Paul Bannick who will discuss his recently published book, *The Owl and the Woodpecker, Encounters with North America's Most Iconic Birds*. Those of you who were lucky enough to catch Paul Bannick's visit to Vashon Audubon three years ago know to expect an evening of spectacular photographs of North American owls and woodpeckers. Few individuals have the energy and stamina to patiently observe for hours, to detect the potential for an amazing photograph, and then to augment the quiet waiting with tremendously skilled camera wielding in order to fully realize the potential for a beautiful and intimate view of an elusive wild bird.



Judith Pearce



Paul Bannick

The Owl and the Woodpecker, Encounters with North America's Most Iconic Birds is the culmination of thousands of hours in the field and features 41 species of birds in eleven key North American habitats. Paul Bannick writes "My goal ... with this book is to increase awareness of these birds and their habitats, which in many cases are at risk. I hope the images and narrative presented in this book will inspire appreciation for the diversity of North America's owls and woodpeckers and for the extent to which they depend upon one another and the other animals and plants of each habitat."

Paul Bannick is the Director of Development for the environmental non-profit organization Conservation Northwest. He has been photographing birds since he was twelve years old. Paul will be available to sign his book after the slide show. The program will be held at Land Trust Building located at 10014 SW Bank Road.



Paul Bannick

Countdown to Beauty

By Brenda Neth

Alone in your garden, or roving as a team, your efforts during the North American Butterfly Association's annual count on Vashon Island (Saturday, July 11, starting at 9:30am) will help create the big picture for the island's 12 alluring species. People on the roving team will meet at the Park 'N' Ride by Country Store as in past years, and pay \$3 apiece to defray NABA's count analysis costs.



Western Swallowtails, pale tiger swallowtails, and painted ladies have been noted in past years, amidst the splendor of native plants, dragonflies, birds, and amphibians. If you're a

lover on the team, you'll need prep time, since binoculars, glass jars, nets, snacks, and layered clothing should be collected for sightings held over the course of time at various places. Loners need only time, since leisurely sightings can be made throughout the afternoons in backyard gardens and neighborhoods.



For more details on counting in your back yard and bad weather backup plans, please contact Rayna Holtz at 463-3153. *Be on the look out for Beauty!*

This is also our Audubon chapter's annual meeting. Please see enclosed ballot and 1) bring this to Annual Meeting or 2) clip and mail completed ballot before Thursday, July 17, 2009 to: Vashon Audubon, P.O. Box 838, Vashon, WA 98070

Calendar of Events

July/August 2009

Official Annual "4th of July" Butterfly Count

Saturday, July 11, 9:30 am to dark
Park 'n' Ride next to Country Store
Contact Rayna Holtz 463-3153.

Island Audubon Field Trip

Saturday, July 11th, 8:00 -10:00 am
(Monthly 2nd Saturday)
Meet at Ober Park & Ride.
Bring binoculars/scope if you have
them. Contact Alan Huggins at
alanhugs@comcast.net.

Vashon Audubon Program

Wednesday, July 15, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Land Trust Building, 10014 SW Bank Rd
Author and Photographer Peter Bannick

presents *The Owl and the Woodpecker*.
FREE. Contact Laura Bienen 567-4613 or
tlbiengers@earthlink.net.

Audubon Booth at the 100th Annual Strawberry Festival

Saturday & Sunday, July 18 & 19,
10:00 am – 5:00 pm.
Volunteers needed to staff booth.
Contact Laura Bienen 567-4613 or
tlbiengers@earthlink.net.

Island Audubon Field Trip

Saturday, Aug 8th, 8:00 -10:00 am
(Monthly 2nd Saturday)
Meet at Ober Park & Ride.
Bring binoculars/scope if you have
them. Contact Alan Huggins at

alanhugs@comcast.net

Looking Ahead — Mark Your Calendars!

Enjoyment of Birds Class series begin-
ning on Wednesday, September 9th,
7:00 – 9:00 pm and continuing on 2nd
Wednesday nights monthly through
May at Land Trust Bldg. Contact Alan
Huggins for additional information at
alanhugs@comcast.net.

Visit the VMIAS website, vashonaudubon.
org, to learn more about programs, field
trips and volunteer opportunities or
submit your own birding stories, tips and
photos. Contact Mary Ann McCarty at
mannmcc@hotmail.com.



Cody Turner was selected to receive Audubon's annual scholarship award based on his interest and commitment to the environment. As an Eagle Scout, Cody constructed the rest of the loop trail around Fisher Pond, showing hard work, organization and the ability to mobilize others to help in a community service project that demonstrates environmental and citizen/community awareness. Steve Caldwell presents the award to him on behalf of Vashon Audubon.

"Ed Swan's Notable Sightings" can now be found on
the VMIAS website at www.vashonaudubon.org.

Support Vashon's Audubon Society *RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP* at
http://www.vashonaudubon.org/media/VMIAS_membership.pdf

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Staff Audubon Booth during
Strawberry Festival, Sat. & Sun., July
18 & 19. Two hour shifts between
10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Contact: Laura Bienen 567-4613 or
tlbiengers@earthlink.net.

VMIAS at the Farmers Market,
Saturday, September 12. Help staff
Audubon table between 9:00 -11:30
am or 11:30 am -2:00 pm.
Contact Katherine True at 567-5389
or ktrue@centurytel.net.

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