

Island Wings

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

Marlin Greene on Photographing Birds

Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 pm

Submitted by Laura Bienen

Vashon Audubon welcomes Marlin Greene to present some of his Northwest bird photos and an introduction on how to photograph birds. In conjunction with our Audubon presentation, Marlin will show some of his amazing still photos at the Hardware Store Art Gallery in the month of March. Check them out, and then come to the Audubon program to meet the man and learn how he captures these eloquent images.



Marlin Greene introduces himself as follows: “My intent is to capture glimpses of Nature’s perfection that I am fortunate enough to witness, and to share these moments with a wider audience. By doing so I hope to create a deeper awareness of, and appreciation for, the miraculous world we live in, and to stimulate greater concern for its wild creatures.

I draw upon my experience as a designer to make decisions about light, color and composition which will best record what I have witnessed. The recording of a scene is relatively easy, but the choice of what to record is still an important one. This begins with where to point the lens and when to push the shutter, and continues with the use of technologies now available in the digital darkroom.

I think of my camera as a light recorder and the computer as a playback device. When I use computer software to enhance an image, it is to reproduce the mood and quality of the original scene - not to create a synthetic image. That is just a personal priority. Just as “wet process” printing in a darkroom employs color and exposure correction, burning and dodging, and other basic methods for improving an image, so does the computer allow adjustments to improve an image in the digital darkroom. I do not hesitate to use any digital tool available if it will improve my image. At the same time, many of my images are “finished” just as they were recorded by the camera, without any digital manipulation at all.” Finally, Marlin adds, “Honor the Earth - All else is speculation.”

The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at the Vashon Maury Island Land Trust building, 10014 SW Bank Rd. All are welcome and the program is FREE.

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteer for 4th Grade Birding Program • March 17 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. ~ Help the 4th graders on their KVI Beach birding field trip. Morning, afternoon or all day volunteers needed. Contact Richard Rogers at richard@rogers-graphics.com.

Volunteers are needed for two hour shifts at the **McMurray Middle School Science Fair Audubon booth** on **Sat., April 16 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.** We will show visitors bird skins and answer birding questions. Contact Richard Rogers at richard@rogers-graphics.com.

Volunteers are needed at the **Low Tide Celebration** on **Sat., July 2, between 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Pt. Robinson.** Help greet people at the registration booth, pass out maps, get signatures on Best Beach Behavior pledges and help with setup and cleanup. Contact Rayna Holtz, 463-3153.

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Calender of Events

March/April 2011

see www.vashonaudubon.org for details on events listed below

Island Audubon Field Trips (* NOTE: Winter Hours 9:00-11:00 am) *Sat., March 12, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.*

Drop in, no charge and no experience necessary. Meet at Ober Park & Ride. Bring binoculars or scope if you have them.
Contact: Alan Huggins at alanhugs@comcast.net.

Vashon Audubon Program *Wed., March 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m.,*

Marlin Greene on Photographing Birds. FREE, at Land Trust Bldg., 10014 SW Bank Rd.

Enjoyment of Birds of Spring - Classes for Beginners *Thurs., March 31 and Thurs., April 7, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.*

at the Land Trust Bldg., 10014 SW Bank Rd. This 2-session class for beginners will be an introduction to the most common birds seen in Spring on Vashon. Will include field trips on the Sat. following each class session (April 2 & April 9, 9-11 am). Fee is \$30 for Audubon members and \$45 for non-members which includes \$15 for an introductory membership. Contact Alan Huggins at alanhugs@comcast.net with questions or to pre-register.

Vashon Beach Naturalists – First class of the 2011 series *Wed., April 6, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.*

at Vashon College. This is the first of 6 free classes and 6 free field trips spread throughout April, May & June. In return for the free classes teaching about the animals and plants of the Vashon shoreline, you will be asked to volunteer to help guide public shoreline programs this year and next. For more info or to register, call Rayna (463-3153) or Erin (463-0303).

Island Audubon Field Trips (*NOTE: Spring/Summer Hours 8:00-10:00 am) *Sat., April 9, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.*

Drop in, no charge and no experience necessary. Meet at Ober Park & Ride. Bring binoculars or scope if you have them.
Contact: Alan Huggins at alanhugs@comcast.net.

Enjoyment of Bird Song Classes (Birding by Ear) *Thurs., April 21 and Thurs., June 2, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.*

This 2-session class for advanced beginners and intermediate birders will be an introduction to the bird songs of Spring. (Field trip dates to be arranged) Fee is \$30 for Audubon members and \$45 for non-members which includes \$15 for an introductory membership. Contact Alan Huggins at alanhugs@comcast.net with questions or to pre-register.

Vashon's Audubon Chapter Needs You!

VMIAS needs a merchandising manager to organize book and t-shirt sales at Strawberry Festival and a few other annual events.

Consider becoming a VMIAS Board member. Help ensure the success of your local Audubon chapter by leading some activities and by regularly volunteering to help out during the year.

For details, see the Vashon Audubon website (www.vashonaudubon.org) or contact Randy Smith, Board President, at: cousythecat@centurytel.net or call 567-5333.

Do you have graphic design skills? VMIAS need a volunteer to help with the production of our bi-monthly newsletter. Contact Island Wings editor at: maryannmccarty@gmail.com.