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## PLEASE RENEW YOUR FAS MEMBERSHIP!

To date, only 51 members are enrolled for the coming year. If you are a local member (of which we had 200 last year) and are not a member of National Audubon, this will be **your last issue** of *The Pileated Post*. We have budgeted for 200 local members and really need your support. Thank you for re-joining!



## JACK & RUTH WHITE REMEMBERED

By Susannah Casey



When Dan and I first started attending Flathead Audubon meetings in winter of 1983, they were held in Bigfork. At those meetings, we were fortunate to meet and know Jack and Ruth White along with other long-time members of the Bigfork Bird Club Jack & Ursula Whitney, Stan Bones, Jean Robocker, Betty Rose, Rick and Nancy Trembath, and Tommie Clark (among others). Our Audubon chapter has been instrumental in Flathead County conservation activism for more than 25 years. Jack and Ruth White were an important pair of those conservation activists.



Daily InterLake

Jack had attended the University of Montana, graduating with a degree in Forestry and later attending Yale University. He began his work for the Forest Service in Michigan, where he met Ruth. They were married in 1935 and celebrated more than 60 years together. After Jack had worked for the Forest Service for 10 years, he worked for the U.S. Conservation Service for over 25 years. Jack

was also a member of the Montana Legacy Legislature.

Everyone who attended Audubon meetings from 1983 until Jack and Ruth moved into Buffalo Hill Terrace in the late 90's was fully aware of Ruth's wonderful weavings – she brought one or more of them to nearly every Audubon meeting for the raffles and silent

auctions. Ruth, like me, was a scavenger. She took great pride in making weavings out of items found by the roadside, combined with items from nature. It was one of her great ways of recycling.

I intend to bring to the October Flathead Audubon meeting the Ruth White weavings that Dan and I have. If anyone else would like to bring other Ruth White weavings to share with the "newer" Audubon members, please do so. Those who were lucky enough to know Jack and Ruth remember them with great affection. It is important to honor their memory and thank them for the gifts they gave to all of us while they were living, and also to thank them for the gift they left Audubon in their Will.

## OCTOBER FLATHEAD AUDUBON CALENDAR

**Monday, October 13, 2008: General Membership Meeting.** 7 PM, The Summit, Conference Room 3. Program on Climate Change. Details on page 3.

**Monday, October 6, 2008: Flathead Audubon Board of Directors Meeting.** 6 PM at 295 Third Ave. E.N. All are welcome.

**FALL FIELD TRIPS! See Page 4**

# BIRD OF THE MONTH

By Gail Cleveland

## THE VIRGINIA RAIL

Virginia Rails are solitary, seldom-seen birds of the marsh, but if you ever see them in a group, they will probably be in migration or out in the open because of flooding in their home range. If you are lucky enough to see them in a group, you will have seen a reel of rails. Wow! A Scottish dance of wetland creatures. Personally, I have rarely seen a solitary Virginia Rail, but each experience has been a memorable one.

Their closest, more visible relative in our area is the American Coot, who is often seen in large numbers swimming in summer ponds; another elusive relative is the Sora who, like the Virginia Rail, inhabits our wetlands along ponds and streams. All three have feet similar to a chicken, although the Coot has lobbed feet, but none are webbed like ducks, in spite of their watery habitat. Small stubby tails are indicative of all members of this family which has 140 species worldwide, 10 of which are now extinct.

My first view of a rail was early in the "birding experience" years for my husband Bruce and me. We had stopped at the Bowdoin Wildlife Refuge in Eastern Montana near Malta. On one of our walks, we heard a most unusual descending whinny coming from the reeds in front of us. After searching our field guide, we were quite sure that we were near a Sora. Rails and their close relatives, like the Sora, are very vocal, although secretive. After listening and waiting quietly, we caught sight of a small, gray bird with a short tail racing soundlessly through the reeds ahead of us. One glimpse---that is the usual view one gets of a rail. The Sibley guide says that Virginia Rails and Soras sometimes walk and feed in full view. This is rare in my experience.

My first sight of a Virginia Rail was in full view; however, the circumstances were not the norm. Bruce



and I had heard one at a lower Flathead Valley pond. The call is as distinctive as the Sora's. It can be described as a piglike grunting, both descending and accelerating. Frustrated by our inability

to see the secretive bird, we returned with tape recorder in hand, hoping to persuade one into view. We played the tape of its call; Mr. Rail responded. As we looked out the car window, frustration set in again. No movement; no more calls. I happened to look down for a moment. There he was, right next to the car, and he was beautiful! Long red bill, rich reddish breast with striped black and white flanks. What a treat! He had followed the call to its origin.

And then he was gone, melting into the marsh vegetation. Audubon wrote of his relative the Clapper Rail in his *Birds of America* (1842): "On the least appearance of danger, they lower the head, stretch out the neck, and move off with incomparable speed, always in perfect silence . . . they have the power of compressing their body to such a degree as frequently to force a passage between two stems so close that one could hardly believe it possible for them to squeeze themselves through." Thin as a Rail!

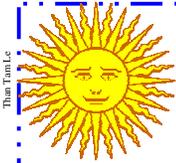
Virginia Rails dine on snails, earthworms, insects and occasionally fish. Although Virginia Rails have short wings and rarely are seen in flight, they do migrate long distances to the southern United States and Mexico. They can swim to get away from predators, but prefer walking on land to flying or swimming.

In their home range, the male will put on quite a display for the female during the breeding season. With his short wings open and raised above his body, he runs before the female twitching his tail quickly. At each pass, he rises to full height, bows and the female bows in return. Courtship feeding and mutual preening ensues. Their nests are a pile of matted reeds and other vegetation and often concealed with a reed or sedge canopy. Their young are black fluffs that can swim immediately after hatching and are fed by the adults for two or three weeks.

So, when you tire of the visible, easy to see, brightly colored warblers, tanagers, and hummingbirds, take to the marshes and, hopefully, catch a glimpse of a Sora or a Virginia Rail, two northwestern Montana species of this unique wetland family of birds, the *Rallidae*.

### Flathead Audubon Local Bird Song CD

Last spring Bruce Tannehill offered a local bird song CD as a fund raiser for FAS. Because the recording project is still in progress the CD was offered at \$10, with the understanding that it would be replaced with the updated version. The 2.0 version with almost twice as many species is now available. If you purchased your CD last spring, it will be replaced at no charge. Just bring your old CD in for an exchange. If you would like to purchase the new CD, it is \$12. Help support FAS and this long term recording project.



### October 2008 Program

## GLOBAL WARMING IN MONTANA: BIRDS, WILDLIFE AND US

At our October program, we will reflect upon the future of climate change on Montana species. Amy Cilimburg of Montana Audubon will help us consider the possibilities as she presents a slide show in which she describes the effects of climate change on Montana's birds and other wildlife, considering both what we are seeing now and where we might be headed if we continue with "business-as-usual." Amy will quickly move from the science to solutions and provide a range of ideas needed to move us toward a more sustainable future. Discussion is welcome. Amy will also briefly highlight Montana Audubon's latest bird conservation efforts and activities.

Amy Cilimburg is Montana Audubon's Director of Bird Conservation and Global Warming Outreach Coordinator. Through her global warming work, she hopes to educate and inspire action around issues related to climate change, wildlife, and energy, both here in Montana and nationally. She began as Director of Bird Conservation this past July, after over five years as Assistant Director of the University of Montana's Avian Science Center. She received a M.S. in Wildlife Biology from the University of Montana in 2001. Amy lives and strives to reduce her carbon footprint in Missoula with her husband and young daughter.

Let's give Amy a big FAS welcome at 7 PM on Monday, October 13, in the Community Room of The Summit, 205 Sunnyview Lane in Kalispell.



### Sunflower Seed Sale Alert!

#### FAS partners with Western Building Centers

It's time for Flathead Audubon's annual bird seed sale. We have once again partnered with WBC (Western Building Centers), a locally owned and operated business in the Flathead Valley. WBC's general manager, Doug Shanks, has generously agreed to donate a portion of the profit on every bag of sunflower seed purchased by FAS members, family, friends, neighbors and visitors, in other words, everyone who purchases seed from WBC. The Sunflower Seed Sale will start **October 1<sup>st</sup>** and continue through **December 31<sup>st</sup>**. This is Flathead Audubon Society's major fundraiser for the year and your support is critical. Please shop in any one of WBC's four locations.



Kalispell – 1745 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East  
Whitefish – 6130 Highway 93 South

Evergreen – 1019 East Idaho Street  
Columbia Falls – 1550 9<sup>th</sup> Street West

## Flathead Land & Water Conservation Bond

By Ben Long

On Election Day, Flathead County voters will be asked to endorse one of the most exciting conservation measures in decades: a \$10 million bond to protect our clean water, access to the outdoors and family farms and timberland.

The people of Flathead County enjoy a unique way of life, supported by our world-class rivers, lakes and wildlife habitat, and the freedom to enjoy them by hunting, fishing, hiking and horseback riding. Family farms and timberlands help make up our spectacular setting. These natural features are also important to our economy and family-wage jobs. Economists and business people agree that our natural setting is the "golden goose" of our economy.

Flathead County is one of the fastest growing counties in Montana and includes the three fastest-growing cities in Montana.

Our challenge — and our responsibility — is to grow in a way that protects our clean water, our freedom to enjoy the outdoors and traditional land uses. We want to embrace growth without discarding the very things that make the Flathead special.

The Land & Water Conservation Bond is a

powerful tool to help us achieve that goal. It is a locally driven measure that allows us to invest in our own valley. Community leaders, business owners, sportsmen and conservationists support the bond.

Based on current market conditions, the bond would cost an owner of a \$200,000 home about \$18 a year — about the cost of a cup of coffee a month. But the payoff is extraordinary.

Using tools such as voluntary conservation agreements, the money would go to protect lands that protect clean water, such as wetlands and streambanks. Money would also help conserve and even enhance access to recreational lands, lakes and rivers and trails. This is a wonderful investment for our kids and grandkids.

Transparency and accountability are built in to this process through independent public audits. Final authority on the spending rests with the county commission, guided by a steering committee.

To contribute to the campaign, please send checks to Committee for Clean Water and Open Land, PO Box 3368, Kalispell MT 59903. For more details, call the Committee at 752-8293 or 270-0603.



# SEIZE THE DAY!

## Fall Field Trips



Birding around smythlake.com

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25: BIRDING AROUND SMITH LAKE** Join Linda Winnie for a morning of bird watching! This expedition to the Smith Lake Waterfowl Production Area should put trip participants close to a wide variety of waterfowl stopping at the lake during migration. We may also see bald eagles, Marsh Harriers, or possibly an Osprey soaring in the sky or perched on prominent trees by Smith Lake. Meet at the Kila Post Office parking lot at 9:00AM.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19: LOWER MCDONALD CREEK.** Join Jim and Sue Swab for a late fall field trip along Lower McDonald Creek in Glacier Park. We will stroll from the Apgar Visitor's Center to the Ox Bow area and possibly to the Quarter Circle Bridge. Weather conditions will determine the mode of transportation--hiking boots, snowshoes or skis. RSVP after October 13 for time and additional information, 387-4299 or [jsswab@montanasky.net](mailto:jsswab@montanasky.net).

### Fall Field Trip for Kids!

Ansley Ford, third grade teacher, is leading a Fall Birding Fieldtrip for kids ages 6 and up. We will walk the historical Rails to Trails path in Somers, scouting out the sloughs for migrating waterfowl and searching the skies and trees for fall's feathered friends. We will practice using binoculars and field guides, and even take home some beautiful bird coloring pages. Dress warmly and be prepared for a fun morning!

**Who:** Kids ages 6 and up  
(Parents are welcome to stay, run ahead for exercise, or even go for a hot breakfast at the café in Somers!)

**What:** Fall Birding Fieldtrip

**Where:** Meet at the Rails to Trails trailhead in Somers (across from Del's Bar)

**When:** Saturday, November 1, 9:00 AM—10:30 AM

**Why:** Fall Birding Fun!



### Birding in South Africa

January 3-16, 2009

14 day subtropical South Africa  
Birding Adventure

This two-week subtropical tour provides a representative sample of the very best African birding can offer. Apart from yielding hundreds of bird species, this dream African experience also provides the possibility of seeing lions, cheetahs, leopards, elephants, rhinos, crocodiles, hippos, giraffes, antelope, plus many other mammal species, as well as breathtaking scenery.

If you are interested in reading the daily itinerary or in signing up for this trip, call or e-mail Mary Fay @ 406-431-9761 or [mary.fay@bresnan.net](mailto:mary.fay@bresnan.net).

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks in Kalispell announces a full time, permanent position for a Park Ranger at Lone Pine State Park. Duties include park operation, maintenance, significant interaction with the public, administrative and supervisory work, etc. Position requires frequent evening and weekend work. For full details, contact the Kalispell Fish, Wildlife & Parks office at 752-5501. Closes 10/13/2008.



### "Little Green Places" Contest

We want to see your photo, drawing, or video of a Little Green Place that's good for birds. Have you noticed a spot that birds like because it provides shelter, food, or water? It could be an ivy-covered wall, flowers next to the steps, a window box, a container garden on a balcony, your school garden, or the potted plants by your library entryway.

**Send a photo, drawing, or link to your video** to [urbanbirds@cornell.edu](mailto:urbanbirds@cornell.edu). We'll send the first fifty entries a copy of the new "Celebrate Little Green Places" poster and there will be other great prizes, including a \$100 gift certificate from Johnny's Selected Seeds. **The deadline is October 31.**

Information about the Little Green Places contest can be found at <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/celebration/temporary/little-green-places-photo-video-contest>

**We can't wait to see your Little Green Places!**  
Karen Purcell, Cornell University



# JOIN OUR LOCAL CHAPTER!!



Our memberships now all renew in October. All memberships except those made after April 2008 must be renewed now. Without renewal, October will be the last month you receive *The Pileated Post*. We really need support this year because we have doubled our budget for education activities. Thank You for renewing promptly!

***Please include your e-mail address so we can contact you when special events come up, especially during the summer.***



### Flathead Audubon Society Membership Form

I would like to join the Flathead Audubon Society.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Send \$15 (check payable to "Flathead Audubon") along with this form to:



Flathead Audubon Society Membership  
380 Tally Lake Rd., Whitefish, MT 59937



When you use this form, your personal information will NOT be shared with other organizations.



**RECYCLING, YES!** Flathead Valley Community College is once again collecting recyclables from 6:30-7:00 PM prior to each Audubon meeting. Just drive past the trailer at the west end of the Summit's north parking lot and hand Roger your "goods!"





### Song Birds and the Forest, Part II



Last May, I wrote a Science Tidbit about the value of birds to timber production. In it, I referred to a study by Kailen A. Mooney published in **ECOLOGY** 88:2005-2014 that stated that the reduction of insects by feeding birds caused an increase in wood growth. Even though the study is restricted to ponderosa pine in Colorado, it is interesting to think of the monetary value of birds to the forest. To quote the article, "The effect of this is that trees without the help of birds have 34 percent less wood growth." At that time I proposed a formula to calculate the value of birds on an acre of forest land. Recently I asked Forest Service people to give me estimates that would allow me to solve my equation. If you go back to the May issue, you will notice changes in my approach. I propose the following formula.

**Dollar per year of all the insect eating birds on an acre of forest land = (price of wood/board feet)\*(average decrease of bf per acre in a year caused by exclusion of birds)**

The silviculturist I talked to said that a good estimate of tree growth in the Flathead is 120 - 150 bf/acre and that timber in the last two years has sold for 20 - 40 cents/bf. Using the average figures,

**Dollar per year of all the insect eating birds on an acre of forest land = \$13.77 per acre.**

This may not sound like much but the Flathead forest is 2,300,000 acres. For the whole forest:

**Increased value of timber per year in Flathead NF due to birds = \$13.77 per acre x 2,300,000 acre = \$31,370,000.**

I think that the bird union should negotiate for increased wages and early retirement with health insurance.

Bruce Tannehill



## PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS

Weekend before last, Jill and I attended the Montana Audubon board retreat and meeting at Boulder Hot Springs. The meeting persuaded me that there is a bit of a disconnect between Montana Audubon and the Montana local chapters. For the 8 years I have been on the FAS board, the main attention paid to Montana Audubon was during a struggle occurring between Montana Audubon and National Audubon. Our own Bob Lopp was central to reaching an equitable solution for all parties in that dispute. Other than this, I really knew nothing of Montana Audubon's activities except for Janet Ellis' legislative activities, and her help with Owen Sowerwine, and Paul Belanger's education work. Since Steve Hoffman has been executive director I have learned a bit more. I suspect most FAS members know even less than I do. I don't think this is a good arrangement.

Montana Audubon was created so the state chapters would have a joint presence in Helena. It has moved a bit beyond this narrow mission and is now an organization with a budget of nearly half a million dollars per year (of which the chapters contribute only \$9000) and a full time staff of 5 talented people. To some extent, the chapters have been left behind, although Steve has organized Chapter sessions at the last two bird festivals. The information below is a beginning attempt to inform our chapter of some of Montana Audubon's activities.

Some of the significant recent accomplishments of Montana Audubon follow:

! **Janet Ellis** has produced a planning guide for handling wetlands which is becoming the standard used by state and county planning offices. She has also just finished a three part series of "Scientific Recommendations on the Size of Stream Vegetated Buffers Needed to Protect Water Quality." The importance of this kind of work in protecting bird habitat cannot be overstated. Janet is also one of the most respected lobbyists in the state because she tells the truth.

! **Paul Belanger** has been working full time developing The Audubon Conservation Education Center in Billings. A building is being constructed, education programs are being developed and presented and staffing of the center is underway.

! **Amy Climburg** has been in charge of global warming education. She has been active in educating Audubon members, as well as state and national politicians. She works closely with other conservation groups including National Audubon. Amy is a full time employee and the other half her time is Director of Bird Conservation.

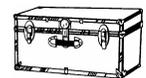
! **Steve Hoffman**, as executive director pulls everything together and is very involved in raising the funds necessary for the organization to continue. He is an avid birder who arose at 6 AM to bird in the rain prior to a 7 AM breakfast and an 8 AM meeting.

! **Loreene Reid** is the full-time Administrative Officer for MT Audubon. She has just assumed the job but, based upon her contributions to the board meeting, she will prove to be invaluable.

This is but a skeletal description of what Montana Audubon does. You will learn much more at their web site: <http://mtaudubon.org>. Montana Audubon has been instrumental in two of the major projects of FAS: Owen Sowerwine and Education. We need to work much more closely together in the future in order to maximize our joint accomplishments.

Mike Fanning, FAS President

## Local Educators Explore Education Trunks



Flathead Audubon participated and displayed Trunks at an Educational Trunk Workshop sponsored by the Flathead Community of Resource Educators (CORE). The workshop was held on August 18 at the new Flathead National Forest Office in Kalispell, in their first-rate Conference Room. A diversity of educators attended, fifteen in total, from Pre-school to High School, Girl Scouts, Home Schools and Non-profits. The Workshop was rated 9.4 out of 10 and garnered comments such as, "Presentations were particularly helpful to me. I realized that there was more in the trunks than met the eye," "This format is a great introduction to trunks

available in the NW part of MT" and "I think it was very informative and I learned a lot about several different areas of things available throughout the Flathead. I hope to take these resources into the classroom." Flathead Audubon, Flathead Conservation District, Flathead National Forest, Glacier Institute, Glacier National Park, Hockaday Museum of Art, MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks, NW MT Educational Cooperative, Swan Ecosystem Center and Women in Timber displayed trunks. The workshop, planned as an annual event, was offered during the NW MT Educational Cooperative's Summer Institute.

From Nancy Zapotocki

NaturalKamas.org



## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL RAPTOR DAY IN MEMORY OF ROD ASH



Raptorrehab.missouri.edu

On September 13, 2008, the community gathered for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Raptor Day in Memory of Rod Ash. The event commemorated Rod Ash's life and contributions to conservation and education. It was also a day of celebration of birds found in northwestern Montana, with a special emphasis on raptors, as Rod was a long-time member of Flathead Audubon. And what a beautiful day it was! The festivities began with an "Early-risers" Bird Walk at 8 am lead by Steve Hoffman from Montana Audubon, followed by a Family Bird Walk and Scavenger Hunt by Ansley Ford. Thirty one adults and children explored nearby trails in search of birds and bird signs. Educational Booths from Flathead Audubon, Lone Pine State Park, Flathead Conservation District, US Forest Service and The Grounded Eagle Foundation displayed information for adults and activities for children. The GEF once again brought their magnificent Golden Eagle. Children (and adults!) were making "raptor buddy" hats, origami animals, bald eagle paper bag puppets and coloring raptor drawings. All the while, children were "flying" around in the colorful Flathead Audubon bird ID costume.

Bob Lopp opened the afternoon presentations by introducing June Ash and saying a few words in memory of Rod Ash. Rod passed away in 2006, but left a legacy that will impact Montana's wildlife, forests and land for many years to come. In 1999 Rod Ash was presented the "Conservationist of the Year Award" by Montana Audubon, in recognition of his life long commitment to conservation. Rod was thoughtful and considerate, an excellent com-

municator, effective conservationist and a natural-born teacher. In 2000 June and Rod Ash received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from Montana Audubon. In her opening comments for Raptor Day this year, June quoted her and Rod's 4 B's: "Be Interested, Be Aware, Be Involved, and Be Responsible." Wonderful words to guide one's life.

The afternoon presentations were well attended. Bruce Tannehill offered an interesting workshop on "Recording and Analyzing Bird Songs," sharing his knowledge of bird songs and the technical equipment used in field to record and inside on a computer to analyze. He also has a CD available for sale through Flathead Audubon, which he recorded, of the local common bird songs! Dan Casey from the American Bird Conservancy followed with a presentation on "Flathead Valley Birds of Prey: ID, Seasons and a Local Migration Hot Spot." Very informative! Dan is organizing volunteers to count birds at the raptor migration site in the Jewel Basin. Steve Hoffman from Montana Audubon and Lynn Vaught from Wildlife Return ended the day with a talk on the "Hazards of Migration" and "Raptor Rehabilitation." Lynn brought two of her birds, a Great Horned Owl and Barred Owl, much to the delight of the audience.

Sponsored by Lone Pine State Park and Flathead Audubon and funded in part by Art Ortenberg, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Raptor Day in memory of Rod Ash, was quite a success with 180 attendees. The day was a community event, with guests of all ages enjoying the variety of activities celebrating birds and honoring Rod's conservation legacy. *Thanks to all who participated!!*  
By Nancy Zapotocki

Our dear friends Sonja Hartman and her husband Steve Prather will move to Southern Utah at the end of September. We know that our loss will be Escalante's gain, but we will miss them in this valley. Sonja has worn so many hats in our conservation education community and has primarily initiated the robust education program which has become such a strong FAS tradition. She has done all this with perennial good humor and humility. Though she is such a kid, she has been active in FAS longer than Linda deKort has, and so Linda was inspired to write the following ODE:

### Everything I know I learned from Sonja Hartman

If the day is gray, make sunshine.

If you want to inspire students to think like a bird, design and build them a costume.

If hands-on materials are needed to teach about local birds, get an enthusiastic group of Audubon members to build the materials, then encourage them to teach the students.

If it is cold, cut some wood. .. or visit Hawaii!

If you want your team to work together, don't let your ego get in the way.

If foreign plants invade, encourage the natives.

If a burden is too heavy, share it with good humor.

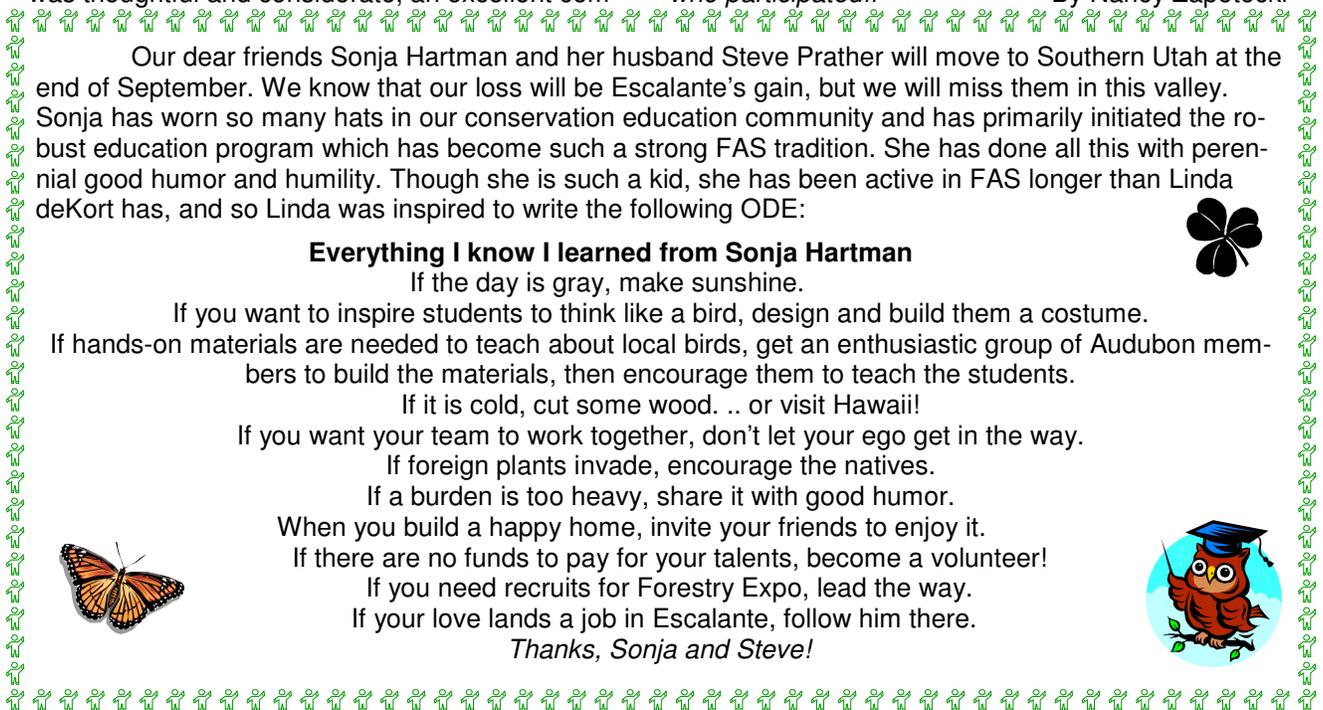
When you build a happy home, invite your friends to enjoy it.

If there are no funds to pay for your talents, become a volunteer!

If you need recruits for Forestry Expo, lead the way.

If your love lands a job in Escalante, follow him there.

*Thanks, Sonja and Steve!*





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The Flathead Audubon Society is affiliated with Montana Audubon and the National Audubon Society. Flathead Audubon meets on the second Monday of each month from September through May. Meetings start at 7:00PM and include a featured guest who presents a conservation or nature program. The Board of Directors meet the Monday preceding the general meeting, at 6PM at 295 3rd Ave. EN, in Kalispell. Both meetings are open to all those interested.

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