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SNOW GOOSE FESTIVAL

of the Pacific Highway

Welcome to the 14th Annual Snow Goose Festival

Celebrating the abundant local and migratory waterfowl of the Northern Sacramento Valley, this is one of the premier winter birding festivals in California. Sign up for any of the more than 60 field trips, exploring the natural wonders of Butte and the surrounding 6-county area. Workshops, presentations, and free activities cater to bird and nature enthusiasts of all ages and levels of interest.

- **Snow Goose Festival Welcome Center**

Chico Creek Nature Center, 1968 E. 8th Street
Wednesday - Friday, Jan. 23-25, 11am - 4pm

- **Snow Goose Festival Headquarters**

Chico Masonic Family Center, 1110 W. East Ave.
Saturday-Sunday, January 26-27, 6am - 5pm

- Free Events and Activities for the Whole Family

- More than 60 Field Trips

- 15 Workshops & Presentations

- Pacific Flyway Art Exhibit & Reception

- 'Gathering of Wings' Banquet and Silent Auction
with Keynote Speakers Roger Lederer & Carol Burr



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DIRECTIONS TO LOCATIONS

(AFU) All Fired Up! Ceramic Art Center

830 Broadway, Chico, CA 95928 (530) 894-5227 Between W 8th & W 9th Street, downtown Chico

(A9) Avenue 9 Gallery & Art Guild

180 E. 9th Ave., Chico, (530) 879-1821 There is ample free parking on the corner of 9th Avenue and Oleander for the Friday January 29 Art Reception.

(BMU) Bell Memorial Union, CSU, Chico

Corner of 2nd and Chestnut Street, Chico, (530) 898-4636. Directions: From U.S. Hwy 99, take the East First Avenue Exit. Proceed west on East First Avenue following signs to the campus. After approximately 1.5 miles, turn left on Esplanade and drive into downtown Chico. Turn right at 2nd Street, then three blocks to the corner of 2nd Street and Chestnut Street. If coming from Nord Avenue on Hwy 32, turn east at the W. 2nd Street stoplight. The BMU is on the left, six blocks on the corner of 2nd and Chestnut Street. Free Parking on weekends at Chico State's parking structures and on lots across the street from the BMU.

(CCNaC) Chico Creek Nature Center 1968 E. 8th Street, Chico, (530) 891-4671. Take Hwy 99 exit #385 toward Chester/Orland. Continue to follow Hwy 32 East and immediately

take the first left (Fir Street). Cross street over to E. 8th St., travel 0.8 mi, CCNC will be on the left.

(CMFC) Chico Masonic Family Center

1110 W. East Avenue, Chico, (530) 342-7143 Directions from Chico: From Hwy 99, take the East Ave exit. (This is two exits north of the East 1st Ave exit.) Turn west on East Ave. The CMFC is approx 1.5 miles from the Hwy 99 exit, on the right (north) side of East Ave. If coming from Nord Ave on Hwy 32, turn east at the W. East Ave stoplight. CMFC is on the left, approx 2 miles from the Hwy 32 and East Ave intersection.

(CSUC) Holt Hall

Rm #235, Mansion Ave. Chico State behind Bidwell Mansion SHP, Chico

(CSUC) CSU, Chico Vertebrate Museum

525 Esplanade, Chico. From Hwy 99 North or South: Take 1st Ave. exit (Bidwell Mansion), turn west on E. 1st Ave. At the Esplanade, turn left. At Memorial Way, turn right into the Bidwell Mansion parking lot (525 Esplanade). Continue through lot to the right of the Interpretive building and behind the Gateway Natural History Museum. This University lot is not monitored on weekends. On foot follow signs to Holt Hall. A greeter will lead you to the Vertebrate Museum for the Raptor identification workshop.

(GMCDo) Gridley McDonalds

1513 State Hwy 99, Gridley, (530) 846-3222 Directions from Chico: Take Hwy 99 South to Gridley McDonalds is in a shopping center on the west side of Hwy 99 in Gridley. Driving time and distance from Chico: 35 minutes, 29 miles.

Lema Ranch The McConnell Foundation

800 Shasta View Drive, Redding, CA, (530) 226-6200

(SNWR) Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge

752 County Road 99W, Willows, (530) 934-2801 Directions: Located south of Willows off I-5. Please call the Refuge or the festival office for further details.

(SRDC) Sacramento River Discovery Center

1000 Sale Lane, Red Bluff, (530) 527-1196 Directions: South on Interstate 5, take Antelope Blvd. exit and turn east. then turn right on Sale Lane and continue down the road where you will see the center.

(WSLO) Waffle Shop Live Oak

10432 State Hwy 99 (Live Oak Blvd), Live Oak, (530) 695-1303. Directions from Chico: Take Hwy 99 South to Live Oak. WSLO is on west side of Hwy 99 at north end of town. Driving time/distance from Chico: 45 minutes, 38 miles.

AVENUE 9 GALLERY & Art Guild
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Welcome Reception
Friday, January 25, 5-8

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14TH ANNUAL SNOW GOOSE FESTIVAL

January 24–27, 2013

FIELD TRIPS & WORKSHOPS

'Gathering of Wings'

Banquet & Silent Auction

Saturday, January 26, 2013, 5:30 pm – 10 pm
Bell Memorial Union Auditorium, CSU, Chico
Corner of W. 2nd and Chestnut streets, Chico

Cost per Person:
\$36 Adult, \$20 Youth
(17 years and younger)
and students with ID
Beer & Wine (No Host)

Featured Speakers:
Roger Lederer &
Carol Burr— Authors,
Naturalists, Illustrators,
& Educators

"Chico's Own" husband and wife team, Roger and Carol, who have birded throughout the world, will present "The Amazing in the Familiar: Surprising Facts about Common Birds" at the **Gathering of Wings Banquet** on Saturday night. Their keynote presentation will give you some insight into the individual stories of common birds, such as how Cedar Waxwings tell each other apart, why birds migrate with one eye, what Shakespeare had to do with our avian fauna, and why Ravens talk to wolves.

Special book signing by Roger and Carol will be from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm prior to the dinner and after keynote address.



Roger Lederer, PhD
& Carol Burr, PhD

SILENT AUCTION Begins at 5:30 pm

The vibrant Silent Auction tables will beckon us while we dine at the BMU. The Silent Auction will include a variety of exquisite items including works of art, wine, and services. Your financial participation directly affects our ability to ensure that the Snow Goose Festival remains the North State's premier birding event, so enjoy the evening bidding for an event or item that you love. You won't be disappointed!

LEGEND:

The following rating system for field trips will give you an idea for the rigors involved.

- 1 mostly birding by car and/or easy walking
- 2 walking, could involve distance but largely flat
- 3 more vigorous hiking, some elevation gain/loss
- 4 a true adventure trip, lots of driving and hiking



Wheelchair Accessible

A\$ = Adult Price Y\$ = Youth Price

Thursday, Jan. 24 FIELD TRIPS

MARATHON BIG DAY BIRDING TEHAMA COUNTY **NEW**

Thu 6:30 am - 5:00 pm

Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

See the maximum number of northern California bird species in Tehama County. Start on the plains north of Chico for Mountain Bluebird, Loggerhead Shrike, Ferruginous and Rough-legged Hawks, and Lewis's Woodpecker and continue towards the snowline nearing Mt. Lassen for montane species. Expect more than 100 species on this fun, fast-paced adventure! Bring lunch, water, and binoculars. A\$25 Level 4

Leader: Scott Huber

RANCHO ESQUON

Thu 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

Bordering Rancho Esquon, multitudes of Snow Geese, Greater White-fronted Geese, and Sandhill Cranes can usually be seen right from your vehicle! We will visit the viewing platform which offers a spectacular view of the surrounding wetlands. We will also be visiting the egg hatching facility. This trip is also offered on Sunday. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 2

Leaders: Shane Romain, Rick Wulbern, & Herman Gray

GRAY LODGE & CORDI WINERY **NEW**

Thu 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

Gray Lodge is one of the premier winter birding areas in Sacramento Valley. Viewing the million plus ducks, Snow & Ross's Geese, and raptors will be spectacular! The on to Cordi Winery, nestled at the base of the Sutter Buttes for some wine tasting. Bring snacks, lunch, water, a field guide, and binoculars. Bruce will have a large selection of Swarovski optics on loan for this trip. Dress for the winter weather and wear hiking boots. A\$30 Level 2

Leaders: Mary Muchowski & Bruce Webb, Swarovski Optik

SACRAMENTO REFUGE FLY-OFF

Thu 12:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

Stop and look for geese, swans, and cranes on our way to the Sacramento NWR. We will arrive at the refuge in time to witness thousands of birds silhouetted against the sunset sky as they leave the refuge all at once in their spectacular 'fly-off'. Dress warmly. Photographers are welcome and encouraged to bring their equipment. This trip is also offered on Friday. A\$25 - Y\$8 Level 2

Leader: Steve Emmons

HISTORIC LLANO SECO RANCHO

Thu 2:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

This is a "behind the gates" visit to the historic Llano Seco Rancho where thousands of acres of wildlife habitat attract wintering waterfowl, Sandhill Cranes, a variety of raptors. Crane biologist Gary gives the latest information on cranes too. Dress warmly, bring a warm beverage, and your binoculars -- we may see hundreds of wintering ducks, geese, and Sandhill Cranes! A\$25 - Y\$8 Level 2

Leaders: Joe Silveira and Gary Ivey

OWL BANDING & SURVEY/ BIG CHICO CREEK RESERVE **(SOLD OUT)**

Thu 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

OWL BANDING & SURVEY/ BUTTE CREEK PRESERVE **(SOLD OUT)**

Thu 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

Friday, Jan. 25 FIELD TRIPS/ WORKSHOPS

MARATHON BIG DAY BIRDING **(SOLD OUT)**

Fri 6:30 am - 5:00 pm

Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

REDDING'S HOT SPOTS

Fri 7:00 am - 2:00 pm

Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center at 7:00 am

Meet at Lema Ranch at 8:30 am

Lema Ranch highlights include Green Heron, Common Gallinule, and a variety of wintering birds and waterfowl. Travel to Kutras Lake for Red-breasted and Hooded Merganser, Barrow's Goldeneye, and gulls. Then drive to Turtle Bay Exploratorium to see Redding's famous Bald Eagle. This trip is designed for the intermediate birder. Bring your binoculars, spotting scope, water, and lunch. A\$25 - Y\$8 Level 3

Leader: Frank Sanderson

DISCOVER eBIRD WORKSHOP/ FIELD TRIP **NEW**

Fri 7:30 am - 12:30 pm

Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

Spend a couple of hours in the field at the Red Bluff Recreation Area and Dog Island Park compiling lists of birds, and then learn how to enter them into eBird. Learn why some records get flagged as unusual, and what to do when they do. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 2

Leader: Bruce Deuel

SUTTER BUTTES HIKE - DEAN RANCH

Fri 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Meet at Waffle Shop Live Oak

Enjoy a 3-mile walk to visit the 100 year old Dean Place Cattle Ranch. This trip will focus primarily on birding with hopes of seeing Golden Eagles, Phainopeplas, and Rufous-crowned Sparrows, so bring binoculars along with lunch and water. No early departures on this trip. Limit 15 people. A\$45 - Y\$30 Level 3

Leader: Peter Sands

BIDWELL PARK BIRD WALK

Fri 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

Enjoy a bird walk through Bidwell Park with ornithologist and author of Birds of Bidwell Park, Roger and his wife, Carol. Learn amazing facts about the birds of the park and how to identify them. It is excellent birding for both the beginner and expert. This trip is also offered on Saturday. A\$12 - Y\$5 Level 2

Leaders: Roger Lederer and Carol Burr

DIGISCOPING WS/FT

Fri 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

The marriage of a spotting scope and a digital camera to document wildlife sightings is one of the hottest topics in the birding world. Topics include: choosing the best camera mounting options, shooting tips, techniques in the field, and using a Digital SLR behind the scope eyepiece. Participants are encouraged to bring their spotting scopes and cameras. Optional: travel to Llano Seco to practice our



new digiscoping skills. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 1

Leader: Bruce Webb, Swarovski Optik

PASKENTA'S C & R RANCH **(SOLD OUT)**

Fri 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

SUTTER BUTTES HIKE— STATE PARK'S PEACE VALLEY

Fri 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

Explore California State Park's Peace Valley in the Sutter Buttes. It will be like stepping back in time as you learn about the natural and cultural history. We will visit a Native American site used for grinding acorns. As we traverse this incredible valley, learn the interesting geological processes that formed it. Bring a sack lunch and hiking boots. No early departures on this trip. This trip is also offered on Saturday. A\$45 - Y\$30 Level 3

Leaders: Ranger Zack Chambers and Tim Davis

BASIC NATURE & WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Fri 8:30 am - 11:00 am

Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

An introduction to nature and wildlife photography, particularly bird photography. Topics include discussions on exposure, lighting, composition, and the ethics of nature photography. Some equipment will be on display including film, digital cameras, photography blinds, camera support devices, flash projection setups, and remote control units. This workshop complements the Photography Field Trip at the Sacramento Refuge on Sunday. A\$15 - Y\$8

Presenter: Steve Emmons

SANDHILL CRANES & TRUMPETER SWANS WS/FT **(SOLD OUT)**

Fri 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

COLUSA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Fri 8:30 am - 2:00 pm



Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

Wildlife, wintering waterfowl, and nature photography are exceptional at Colusa National Wildlife Refuge. With 4500 acres of wetlands, seasonal marshes, and uplands, the refuge supports wintering populations of more than 200,000 ducks and 100,000 geese. Spectacular flights of Snow Geese and Ross' Geese along with thousands of Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Mallard, Gadwall, and more can be seen. A\$25 - Y\$8 Level 2

Leader: Mike Peters

DYE CREEK PRESERVE

Fri 8:45 am - 2:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Hike the rugged Dye Creek Preserve. Expect to see birds common to oak woodlands such as the Lewis's Woodpecker, Acorn Woodpecker, Oak Titmouse, and California Quail. Ferruginous Hawk, Bald Eagle and Golden Eagle may also be seen at the Preserve. Bring lunch and drink. A\$25 - Y\$8 Level 3

Leader: Jack Alderson

BIRDS & RICE GROWERS

Fri 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

Travel to Richvale where Butte County Rice Growers Association will provide a tour of the drying operations and the plant. Richvale is not only rich in rice farming history but also rich in wintering waterfowl on the

flooded rice fields. Visible from the gravel roads, we'll see Snow Geese, Tundra Swans, ducks, and maybe even a Bald Eagle. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 2
Leader: Leroy Hord

ART, RIVER, & BIRDS
Fri 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
Take a trip to Orland Art Center and the Sacramento River to see birds. The birds at the Orland Art Center are by acclaimed artists Sherrie Russell Meline and Steele Roberts-Ross. Their stunning works will be part of the of the Wildlife Wonders II showing during the month of January. You'll also take a guided bird walk to the newly opened Capay Unit south of Hamilton City. Bring lunch, water, and binoculars. A\$25 - Y\$8 Level 3
Leader: Mauricio Schrader

BIRD CARVING SEMINAR FOR BEGINNERS
Fri 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

Join master carvers from Pacific Flyway Decoy Association for a five hour carving seminar. Necessary materials will be provided. Short lectures with lots of hands-on carving will enable you to complete a nuthatch or chickadee. Topics include where to get supplies, wood selection, how to use reference material and tools. This workshop's fee includes a one-year membership in the PFDA. Must be fifteen years or older. \$30 Presenters: Jim Burcio and Bob Solari

SACRAMENTO REFUGE FLY-OFF
Fri 12:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center
This trip is also offered on Thursday. See Thursday's trip description. A\$25 - Y\$8 Level 2
Leader: Steve Emmons

GEESE OF THE PACIFIC FLYWAY
Fri 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Meet at CSUC Holt Hall Rm #235
Workshop will include a PowerPoint slide introduction to the classification, distribution, and identification of Pacific Flyway geese. Then we'll move into the Vertebrate Museum in order to examine museum study skins and wings of the various goose species and subspecies. Participants will be able to practice their identification techniques on fresh, unlabeled goose wings. A\$15 - Y\$8
Presenter: Jay Bogiatto

FAMILY OWL PROWL
Fri 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center
This family-oriented field trip offers a unique glimpse into the amazing nocturnal world of owls. The Prowl, a leisurely hike into Bidwell Park, will start and end at the Chico Creek Nature Center. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. A\$12 - Y\$5 Level 1
Leader: Scott Toricelli

Green-winged Teal PHOTO BY MIKE PETERS



Saturday, Jan. 26
FIELD TRIPS

VALLEY WETLANDS & WINTERING WATERBIRDS
Sat 6:30 am - 4:30 pm
Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
Travel back roads of Chico to visit the Llano Seco Viewing Platform, Sacramento River NWR, and the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area. Along with Snow Geese, we hope to see a variety of waterfowl, raptors, and other wetland species. This trip is appropriate for intermediate to advanced birders. Bring lunch, water, binoculars, and a field guide. A\$25 Level 4
Leader: Jay Bogiatto

BIRDING IN RED BLUFF
Sat 7:00 am - 3:00 pm
Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center, 7:00 am
Meet at Sacramento River Discovery Center, 8:00 am
The Sacramento River Discovery Center and surrounding areas will be visited for this exciting birding adventure. Target birds for this trip are the Lewis's Woodpecker and Golden Eagle. A\$25 - Y\$8 Level 3
Leader: David Dahnke

REFUGE TO REFUGE
Sat 7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
Visit two premier wildlife refuges, Sacramento NWR, and Gray Lodge Wildlife Area. See huge flocks of Snow Geese and waterfowl along with cranes, ibis, and a variety of raptors. Dress in layers and bring a sack lunch. A\$25 - Y\$8 Level 2
Leader: Skip Augur

BIDWELL PARK BIRD WALK
Sat 8:00 am - 10:00 am
Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center
This trip is also offered on Friday. See Friday's trip description. A\$12 - Y\$5 Level 2
Leaders: Roger Lederer and Carol Burr

LLANO SECO VIEWING PLATFORM
Sat 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
The Llano Seco Unit of SNWR offers sensational views from an elevated viewing platform. This is an ideal spot for viewing a large number of geese and ducks in one location! Other often-seen species include Sandhill Cranes, raptors (last year several Bald Eagles were seen), herons, and egrets. This is a birding hot spot and a good trip for the beginning birder. This trip is also offered on Sunday. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 2
Leader: Shelly Kim

TUNDRA SWAN VIEWING (INCLUDES LUNCH)
Sat 8:00 am - 1:30 pm
Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
Drive from Chico to Marysville's District 10, where traditionally hundreds of large Tundra Swans can be seen. Swan viewing will be mainly from the sides of backcountry roads. We will stop at the home of the Mathews Family who will offer us lunch and a presentation on the benefits of rice farming for wildlife. Bring binoculars and spotting scopes if you have them. A\$25 - Y\$8 Level 1
Leaders: Dale Whitmore and Charlie Mathews

LASSEN VNP SNOWSHOE HIKE
Sat 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
Here is an opportunity to learn about the wildlife and birds at Lassen Volcanic National Park in winter! We will casually explore the park's beautiful Red Fir forest on snowshoes. Participants must be 8 years or older and able to withstand moderate physical exertion at an elevation of 7,000 feet. Snowshoes will be provided. No experience necessary! Dress warmly, wear boots, and bring lunch and water. A\$25 - Y\$8 Level 4
Leader: Steve Zachery

SUTTER BUTTES HIKE - DEAN RANCH
Sat 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Meet at Waffle Shop Live Oak
A three-mile gentle hillside walk will take us around the 100 year old Dean Place Cattle Ranch. Hopefully, see such gems as the Mountain Bluebird, Varied Thrush, Golden Eagle, and Ferruginous Hawk, along with the usual winter sparrows, and with luck, geese and swans flying high over the Buttes. Be sure to bring binoculars, lunch, water, and sturdy

FIELD TRIPS/WORKSHOPS continued on next page

FREE Events and Activities
for the Entire Family
Saturday/Sunday January 26-27
Chico Masonic Family Center • 1110 W. East Ave., Chico

The Maze of Maps
Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sun 9:00am - 3:00pm
This year we will feature an eclectic assortment of interesting maps from around the North Valley and beyond. Get the bird's eye view of our local landscape features. Stroll through maps in the CMFC hallway and let your curiosity take you on a tour.

Exhibits Galore & Vendors!
Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sun 9:00am - 3:00pm
Displays by State, Federal, and Non-profit organizations. Plus vendors selling everything from binoculars to bird books.

Federal Junior Duck Stamp Display
Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sun 9:00am - 3:00pm
All 100 California winners from nearly 2,000 entries will be on display. Don't forget to see the Chico winners.

Meet Smokey Bear & Blue Goose
Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sun 9:00am - 3:00pm
Smokey the Bear and the National Wildlife Refuge's Blue Goose will be visiting at various times courtesy of the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge. Also be sure to visit the US Fish & Wildlife Service fire safety exhibit booth.

Junior Naturalist Activities
Sat 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Sun 10:00 am - 3:00pm
Along with the Live Raptor Presentation, Meet Smokey Bear and Blue Goose, Junior Duck Stamp Display, children may earn a Junior Naturalist Certificate by participating in a few activities designed just for children. There will be nature crafts, opportunities to build bird feeders, make a bird call and much, much more!

Raising Kid Colt: A Story of a Young Sandhill Crane (Video)
Sat 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Sun 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Experience up close the intimate world of a Sandhill Crane's family life, including seldom-seen perspectives of raising crane colts, and a progression of colt development over the summer. The video transports you to their personal world, leaving you with new insights of these iconic birds.

For many years, Sandhill Cranes have been visiting Inspiration Ridge Preserve in Homer, Alaska, where Nina and her husband, Edgar Bailey, co-founders of Kachemak Crane Watch, have lived since 1998. Two years ago, a pair of Lesser Sandhill Cranes claimed a breeding territory at the Preserve. When it became clear that this pair was not going away, Nina, an amateur videographer, started filming them almost daily during the summer. She captured feather painting,

pair bonding, dancing, mating, and more. When the pair returned in 2011, she captured daily life as they raised their family. Presenter: Gary Ivey

Raptors and Rehab
Sat 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Meet "Checkers" a Great Horned Owl as Marilyn shares some fascinating facts, unique habits, and curious myths about these beautiful birds of prey. Learn about wildlife rehabilitation and what you can do to help native wildlife. A surprise visit by other raptors is sure to delight all ages. Presenter: Marilyn Gamette

All About Bats
Sat 9:00 pm - 10:30 pm
One of the most beneficial, yet most misunderstood animals in the world. Learn habits, habitats, and species of bats that reside within the unique ecosystems of California's valleys and forests. Presenter: Linda Angerer

Optics Demo
Sun 9:30 am - 10:30 am
Learn the basics about Binoculars and Spotting Scopes for bird watching! What do the numbers mean? Isn't higher power always better? This will be a "show and tell" discussion about the differences in size, quality, and construction of optics so that you can make a good choice for your needs and budget. Sample optics available from numerous manufacturers to illustrate. Presenter: Marilyn Rose from Out of This World Discount Binoculars

Volcanoes of Lassen Volcanic National Park
Sun 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
This workshop is a great opportunity for educators, adults, and children ages ten and older to learn about some of the world's most exciting active earth processes. Learn about the unique geologic features of this national park and how to identify the four major types of volcanoes using a variety of fun and creative techniques. Educational props, volcanic rocks, visual display, and other resources will be used to enhance this presentation. Presenter: Ranger Steve Zachery



Sandhill Cranes PHOTO BY MIKE PETERS

Special Activity: Wildlife Painting on Pottery at All Fired Up!

Thursday-Sunday, January 24-27
(No registration required-drop in during open hours)
Regardless of your age or ability level, everyone can have a fun time painting your favorite bird or animal on a mug, bowl, plate or tile. We'll provide you with stencils and transfer paper and tips so that even "non-artistic" people can feel successful. Feel free to bring a photo copy of an image you like (sized for your project which can be from a 4" square tile to a large platter). Simple, line drawings are easier to work with than photographs. We will have images available for you to use too.
Cost: \$15 and up per person, depending on the piece

you choose. Each attendee must plan on painting a project. (We do not charge a studio fee for painters)



Location & Hours:
830 Broadway Street, Chico
(Open Tues-Thurs 10 am - 6 pm, Fri/Sat/Sun noon-5 pm, closed Mon.)
Projects will be kiln fired and ready to be picked up in 7 days. Shipping can be arranged for an extra fee.

boots/shoes. No early departures on this trip.
A\$45 - Y\$30 Level 3

Leader: Laura Lush

SUTTER BUTTES HIKE - STATE PARK'S PEACE VALLEY

Sat 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

This trip is also offered on Friday. See Friday's trip description. A\$45 - Y\$30 Level 3

Leaders: Ranger Zack Chambers and Tim Davis

BIDWELL PARK - BIRD & ECOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Sat 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Join Dan, Park Manager for the City of Chico, as you explore the diverse habitats of Bidwell Park. We will learn the factors that influence the vegetation of Blue Oak, grassland, and riparian areas, and create a list of birds from each area. We will also get a first-hand view of some of the restoration and management efforts in the Park. Participants should plan for wet weather, and hiking uneven terrain. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 3

Leader: Dan Ejsceff

FEATHER RIVER REGION & NATURE TRAIL

Sat 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Car caravan to the Old Bath House Nature Center near the Table Mountain Bridge. Here we will begin with a nice leisurely hike along the banks of the Feather River. We will keep a keen eye out for some of the area's abundant wildlife, which includes mergansers, goldeneyes, Bufflehead, Osprey, eagles, River Otter and even lingering salmon. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 2

Leader: Rex Burruss

BIRDS & TREES OF BUTTE CREEK NEW

Sat 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Hike Butte Creek and explore the native plants, trees, and birds on a 93-acre preserve. Joseph will help with tree identification, sharing what bugs, fruits, and flowers are found on certain species and what birds are attracted to each. Sightings of Western Bluebird, Oak Titmouse, Rudy-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, Bushitit, White-breasted Nuthatch, Nuttall's and Acorn Woodpeckers, and Red-tailed Hawk are common. Wear comfortable hiking shoes or boots, and bring water. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 3

Leader: Joseph O'Neil

VINA PLAINS TO PINE CREEK & THE RIVER

Sat 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Visit The Nature Conservancy's Vina Plains Preserve and observe winter plants and animals of vernal pool ecosystems. Then on to Pine Creek Unit of Sacramento River

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

ONLINE REGISTRATION:
Closes at 5:00pm, Wed. Jan. 23

WALK-IN REGISTRATION:
May be available for some events Thurs-Fri. at the **Snow Goose Festival Welcome Center** and Sat - Sun at the **Chico Masonic Family Center**, but cannot be guaranteed. For further information on registration please call 530-345-1865

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NWR to see a riparian habitat restoration project and learn why it is critical for the survival of Chinook Salmon, migratory songbirds, and endangered species. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 3

Leaders: Joe Silveira and Ryan Luster

BIRDING & BRUNCH IN PARADISE! (SOLD OUT)

Sat 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

FAMILY HIKE AT VERBENA FIELDS NEW

Sat 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

In the heart of Chico, a wildflower meadow overlooks a creek meandering past willows and cottonwoods, while overhead a Red-shouldered Hawk surveys the ground for its next meal. Lesser-known Verbena Fields is a 21 acre open space that is an active restoration site along Lindo Channel where native plants and animals are making a comeback. Join the Kids and Creeks staff for a light-hearted, activity-filled exploration of this urban gem. A\$12 - Y\$5 Level 2

Leader: Kurt Geiger

WINGS & WINE TASTING IN VINA

Sat 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Join Mauricio as he takes you to where history, a monastery, wine, and birds will create a unique and memorable trip. The winery has a beautiful tasting room in a historic brick building that once was the wine cellars of Leland Stanford. You'll also bird surrounding areas looking for resident and wintering birds such as woodpeckers, raptors, thrushes, sparrows, bluebirds, plus much more. Bring a lunch, water, and binoculars. A\$25 Level 2

Leader: Mauricio Schrader

RAPTOR RUN

Sat 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

The Sacramento Valley hosts a large assortment of raptors during our relatively mild, wet winters. January is one of

the best months for raptor viewing in Butte County. Target species include Bald and Golden Eagles, Ferruginous Hawk, Burrowing Owl, Merlin, and Prairie Falcon. Dress for potentially cold, wet weather; bring a scope if you have one; and binoculars are a MUST! A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 2

Leader: Ken Sobon

BIRDS & NATIVE PLANTS IN UPPER BIDWELL PARK

Sat 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

We are going to search for wintering birds as well as learn about the native plants found in Upper Bidwell Park. Then we will hike about a mile up the Yahi Trail along Big Chico Creek. This area has some of the best winter bird watching in Bidwell Park. The plant life is abundant in the park year round as well. Don't forget those binoculars! A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 3

Leaders: Margery McNairn, Steve King and Raina King

BUTTE COLLEGE WILDLIFE REFUGE & NATURAL AREA NEW

Sat 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Explore the Butte College Wildlife Refuge. This hidden gem on campus encompasses a streamside forest, wetlands, oak woodlands, and grasslands that offer a chance to observe Belted Kingfisher, woodpeckers, kinglets, towhees, nuthatches and many other bird species. If time permits we will bird into the canyons of upper campus in blue oak woodlands adjoining Tuscan Formation cliff faces. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 2

Leader: Mike Williams

LUNDBERG FAMILY FARMS

Sat 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Tour the farm famous for its specialty rice products and for attracting wildlife to its organic fields. Witness first-hand how valley farm practices, and ecological farming in particular, can benefit migratory and non-migratory bird populations of the Pacific Flyway. Then we'll visit their Visitors Center, where a store is stocked full of Lundberg goodies! This trip is also offered on Sunday. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 1

Leader: Lundberg Family Farms Staff

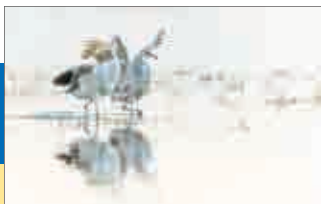
THERMALITO AFTERBAY & SURROUNDING GRASSLANDS

Sat 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

This hike along the north side of the Afterbay reservoir offers a great mix of habitat including open water, rice fields, short grass plains, back-bays, and marsh. We hope to see waterfowl including Canvasback, goldeneyes, and grebes; raptors such as Prairie Falcon, Ferruginous Hawk, and Bald Eagle; and Burrowing and Short-eared Owls. Lots of open sky views. Bring food, good hiking gear, and all-weather clothing. A\$25 - Y\$8. Level 3

Leader: Phil Johnson



Sandhill Promenade by Leslie Morris

Pacific Flyway Art Exhibit & Reception

Art Exhibit & Reception Friday, January 25, 2013

5:00 - 8:00 pm, free to the public
Avenue 9 Gallery & Art Guild, Chico
There is ample free parking at the corner of 9th Avenue and Oleander, courtesy of Chico Nut Company.

Celebrate the opening of the festival's weekend and see wonderful works of art by many talented wildlife and landscape artists. Enjoy refreshments, live music, and a no-host bar. Bring a friend and meet the artists, along with fellow festival participants, presenters, and field trip leaders.

Ongoing Exhibit: Pacific Flyway Art

Friday, Jan. 18 to Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013
Avenue 9 Gallery & Art Guild, Chico
Hours: Wednesday - Sunday: 12 - 5pm

Feast your eyes on wonderful art by artists whose subjects include wildlife and habitat along the Pacific Flyway. This exhibit will feature artwork in a variety of media, including sculpture, clay, oils, fiber arts, watercolor, acrylics, mixed media, glass, and photography. Thirty-five guest artists are joining Avenue 9 Gallery's 18 Guild Members this year. In alphabetical order: Mary Allport, Curtis Auld, Juanita Baldwin,

Patty Bambauer, Sharon Barker, Paula Beehner, Sandra Ciolino, Phyllis Cullen, Henk Dehoop, Norm Dillinger, Joanne Evers, Karma Ganzler, Joan Goodreau, Sue Graue, Ruth Hall, Doug Herr, Abram House, Pam House, Molly Kars, Karen Laslo, Jim Lawrence, Ann Baldwin May, Leslie Morris, Waif Mullins, Naty Osa & Javier Dura, Barbara Ramsey, Doug Ridgway, Shawn Rippner, John Seid, Jon Shult, Michael Simpson, Susan Strawn, Charlotte Sweetland, Richard Verkuyll, Janet Weidel, Marianne Werner, and Mary Wurllitzer.

Saturday, Jan. 26 PRESENTATIONS/ WORKSHOPS

DISCOVER SOUNDSCAPES!

Sat 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Close your eyes and enjoy an audio tour of diverse and fascinating soundscapes. Learn about the importance of soundscape preservation while you enjoy a selection of stereo and surround-sound recordings from parks and wildlife preserves. Greg will discuss what nature recording equipment is used, and he'll also be giving you some practice in ear training. A\$8 - Y\$5

Presenter: Greg Weddig

ALL THOSE WHITE GEESE! SNOW GOOSE WORKSHOP

Sat 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Snow Geese, Ross's Geese, and Blue Morphs. Come learn how to tell the difference between all these white geese. Through exquisite pictures and lively narration, you can become much more knowledgeable about our Mascot of the Festival. A\$8 - Y\$5

Presenter: Mike Peters

LESS LAWN, MORE WILDLIFE

Sat 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

In this workshop John will discuss the nuts and bolts of converting a lawn to a wildlife friendly garden. We will cover methods to kill the lawn, with an emphasis on sheet mulching; how to change over the irrigation; design considerations; and plant choices. A\$8 - Y\$5

Presenter: John Whittlesey

THE ELUSIVE WOOD DUCK

Sat 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Come learn about the life cycle of the Wood Duck; one of our shyest and most difficult ducks to observe in the wild. Why do Wood Ducks nest in trees? What are their favorite foods? What is "dump nesting"? Richly illustrated with many beautiful photos, we will take a journey through the annual cycle of the Wood Duck. A\$8 - Y\$5

Presenter: Mike Peters

SANDHILL CRANES OF THE PACIFIC FLYWAY NEW

Sat 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Have you been enchanted by the chorles of flocks of Sandhill Cranes wheeling overhead and wanted to learn more about these special visitors? Gary will talk about the natural history, communication, breeding, migration, and habitat management of these graceful birds. A\$8 - Y\$5

Presenter: Gary Ivey

PHOTOGRAPHY "JUST FOR FUN"

Sat 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

After 35 years, pro travel and wildlife photographers, Ron and Nancy Sanford, are working more and more with less and less photo gear. Ron promises to 'show and tell' how new technology has elevated small, inexpensive PHD cameras. He promises a lively visual adventure. Warning: If you just dropped a couple grand on a camera/lens package ... this may not be your best program choice. A\$10 - Y\$5

Presenter: Ron & Nancy Sanford

THE NATURAL HISTORY OF THE PLAYGROUND & LAWN NEW

Sat 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Naturalist & teacher Jeremy will share ideas and activities of nature and science exploration that can take place in what may on the surface seem to be the most un-wild of habitats, the urban lawn and asphalt playground. String, hand lenses, and some creativity can make even these locations come alive with wonder. Workshop targets parents and teachers of students grades K - 6. A\$10

Presenter: Jeremy Miller

SECRETS OF THE SUTTER BUTTES

Sat 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Here's an opportunity for glimpses into the mysterious Sutter Buttes. Travel through the Buttes without ever leaving your chair as you enjoy this fascinating slide presentation on the many facets and wonders of the remarkable landscape that makes up the Sutter Buttes. A\$8 - Y\$5

Presenter: Mike Hubbart

PHOTOGRAPHING BIRDS & NATURE - WHERE TO GO IN CALIFORNIA

Sat 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

This program is an introduction to some of the locations in California and Oregon that provide excellent opportunities to photograph nature, particularly birds and scenic views. Photography opportunities on the refuges of the Sacramento Refuge Complex will be discussed in addition to recommended methods of photographing at the other locations covered in the presentation. A\$15 - Y\$8

Presenter: Steve Emmons



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Sunday, Jan. 27 FIELD TRIPS

ALL ABOUT RAPTORS WS/FT (SOLD OUT)

Sun 7:00 am - 1:00 pm

Meet at CSU Chico Vertebrate Museum

OXIDATION PONDS & INDIAN FISHERY

Sun 7:30 am - 12:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Explore the Oxidation Ponds Wildlife Sanctuary and spend a couple of hours walking the levees where we hope to find many species of migrating waterfowl, resident birds and mammals. We'll then head over to the Indian Fishery part of Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park where woodpeckers abound along with many other woodland and aquatic birds. If we are lucky we may also see River Otter, Beaver, and Pond Turtles. A\$25 - Y\$8 Level 2

Leaders: Mike Fisher and Nancy Nelson

BIRD THE SHORES OF BLACK BUTTE LAKE

Sun 7:30 am - 3:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Come explore the backwaters and woodlands this lake has to offer and see Pied-billed Grebes, Clark's and Western Grebes, Belted Kingfisher, Bonaparte's Gulls, and goldeneyes. Stop along the roads and see Wild Turkeys, Mountain Bluebirds, Red-tailed Hawks, and Turkey Vultures. Lewis's Woodpeckers, Golden Eagles, and Bald Eagles winter in this area too. Bring a lunch and drink. A\$25 - Y\$8 Level 3

Leader: Andy Tomaselli

SUTTER BUTTES HIKE MID-MOUNTAIN

Sun 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Meet at Gridley McDonalds

On this 5-mile hike into the Sutter Buttes, we'll visit secluded locations revealing the Buttes' geologic formation, Native American presence, old pioneer home sites, and ecology typical of California's past. This hike is moderately brisk. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, dress in layers, and bring lunch and water. No early departures on this trip. A\$45 - Y\$30 Level 3

Leaders: Marty Steidlemyer and Mike Hubbartt

SUTTER BUTTES HIKE- SUMMIT ASCENT

Sun 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Meet at Gridley McDonalds

This hike traverses essentially the same terrain as the Mid-Mountain Hike but adds an additional half-mile 1000 ft. elevation gain. The last half mile-is quite strenuous. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, dress in layers, and bring lunch and water. No early departures on this trip. A\$45 - Y\$30 Level 4

Leaders: Marty Steidlemyer and Mike Hubbartt

PHOTOGRAPHY AT SAC REFUGE

Sun 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meet at Sacramento Nat. Wildlife Refuge

Come to Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge for a morning of photography. Although concentrating on photographing birds, be prepared to take scenic and close-up photos. Topics such as where to photograph on the refuge, lighting considerations, using long lenses, and composing photographs will be discussed.

Participants should bring a film or digital camera, wide angle and telephoto (minimum 200mm with 1.4X tele-converter) lenses, and tripod. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 2

Leader: Steve Emmons

WINTER BIRDS OF BIG CHICO CREEK CANYON NEW

Sun 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Big Chico Creek Canyon is protected by Bidwell Park and the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve (BCCER). Join Scott Huber, on a birdy walk through this protected 4000 acre property, listening and watching for the many species that make it their winter home. Learn also about the natural and cultural history of the property. Participants may choose to bring a lunch to enjoy at the historic barn. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 3

Leader: Scott Huber

RIO VISTA, WOODSON BRIDGE & OLIVE TOUR

Sun 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Join Dave as he takes you to the Rio Vista Unit and the Woodson Bridge SRA to search for the winter birds along the Sacramento River. These places are a winter haven to Bald Eagles, woodpeckers, thrushes, sparrows, wrens, finches, and owls. Take the trip into Corning to the Lucero Olive Oil's tasting room. You will be given a mill tour and have the opportunity to taste several of their award-winning olive oils and their unique olive oil ice cream sundaes. Wear good walking/hiking shoes, and bring lunch, water, and binoculars. A\$25 - Y\$8 Level 2

Leaders: Dave Tinker and David O'Keefe

LLANO SECO VIEWING PLATFORM

Sun 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

This trip is also offered on Saturday. See Saturday's trip description. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 2

Leader: Shelly Kirm

RANCHO ESQUON

Sun 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

This trip is also offered on Thursday. See Thursday's trip description. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 2

Leader: Shane Romain

FALCONS & FALCONRY

Sun 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

On this field trip, you will have the opportunity to see falconry in action. Falconry is a traditional method of

hunting with trained birds of prey. Falconry as a field sport will be discussed and equipment of this ancient art form will be displayed, along with live raptors. The trip will culminate with a live flying raptor display.

A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 2

Leaders: Andy Wahl and Art Tawatari

FEATHER RIVER & BEDROCK PARK NEW

Sun 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Enjoy an easy stroll along the Feather River from Bedrock Park to the Oroville Fish Hatchery. It is one of Roger's favorite places to bird. Phainopepla, goldeneyes, Black-crowned Night-Heron, and other unusual sightings are possible. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 2

Leader: Roger Lederer

BEGINNING BIRDING BY EAR

Sun 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Join avid ear-birder Mauricio for a morning of listening to and learning some audio clues for IDing bird songs and calls in the field. Some listening and recording equipment used in Greg Weddig's Soundscapes workshop will be along on this trip. Participants may wish to take Greg's Discover Soundscapes! Workshop on Saturday, January 26, at 9am-10:30am at the Chico Masonic Family Center that compliments this field trip. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 2

Field Trip Leaders: Mauricio Schrader and Greg Weddig

BIRDING & BRUNCH IN PARADISE!

Sun 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

This trip is also offered on Saturday. See Saturday's trip description. A\$30 - Y\$10 Level 2

Leaders: Gaylord Grams and Rick Wulbern

FARM SANCTUARY BIRD TOUR

Sun 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Visit the Farm Sanctuary which provides sanctuary for 350+ rescued farm animals. Then see many species of native birds at their ponds and surrounding areas, including Great Blue Heron, Western Bluebird, Osprey, winter raptors, Western Meadowlark, Yellow-billed Magpie, and perhaps Loggerhead Shrike and Lewis's Woodpecker. Bring binoculars, warm clothes, drinks, cameras and lunch. A\$25 - Y\$8 Level 2

Leaders: Dawn Garcia and Jo Anna Arroyo and Sophia Rivers

HIDDEN WETLANDS & "WORLD OF TREES"

Sun 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Bring the family and explore these hidden wetlands on a discovery hike through one of Chico's best-kept secrets, Teichert Ponds. These ponds host Wood Ducks, Osprey, herons, egrets, and more. Then head over to Chico's original forestry station, the "World of Trees" trail in nearby Bidwell Park, and bird the rich riparian habitat. Wear

long pants and shoes appropriate for mud.

A\$12 - Y\$5 Level 2

Leaders: Jon Aull and Dick Cory

LUNDBERG FAMILY FARMS

Sun 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

This trip is also offered on Saturday. Please see Saturday's trip description. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 1

Leader: Lundberg Family Farms Staff

WING-IT TO THE SACRAMENTO NWR

Sun 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

The "winging-it" part of this trip is where the fun starts! We'll veer off the beaten path as we bird along our way to the refuge. Then we are off to a leisurely adventure around the auto tour loop to possibly see thousands of birds. You can expect to see Snow Geese, Northern Pintail, Cinnamon Teal, Ring-necked Duck, wigeon, raptors, and possibly a Bald Eagle. A\$20 - Y\$8 Level 2

Leader: Michael Denega

THE PRIVATE LIVES OF SANDHILL CRANES (SOLD OUT)

Sun 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Sunday, Jan. 27 PRESENTATIONS/ WORKSHOPS

BEGINNING BIRDING FOR KIDS

Sun 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

Introduce kids to the wonderful world of birds! This workshop/field trip will focus on the basics of birding including bird anatomy and basic identification techniques. Each youth will get a close-up view of some of the park's avian residents. We will then venture into Bidwell Park to practice our new skills on the wild birds of the park. Bring field guides and binoculars if you have them. Binoculars will be available to loan if needed. Ages 7-12. Y\$5

Presenter: Jon Aull

Sandhill Cranes PHOTO BY MIKE PETERS



BREAKING THE SILENCE

Sun 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Join Zen master Lin in a talk and reading on restoring the ancient conversation with the earth. It is Lin's contention that not only birds, dogs, and such, but stones, sticks, cabbages, clumps of desert sage, any and all elements of non-human nature have been speaking to us all along. A few realize this, but most don't because they haven't bothered to listen. From the clouds overhead to the dirt under our feet, nature speaks to us by the very proximity of whatever natural thing is most nearly at hand. A\$8 - Y\$5

Presenter: Lin Jensen

SKETCHING IN NATURE

Sun 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Welcome to all beginners who love nature and long to form a closer relationship through sketching. Emphasis will be on simple composition, quick drawing techniques, and light & dark values. The class will work from projected slides and, if the weather allows, some outdoor sketches. Bring a #2 pencil, fine black marker, and a sketch pad. A\$8 - Y\$5

Presenter: Marvey Mueller

CREATE A NEEDLE FELTED BIRD NEW

Sun 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Many have fallen in love with Lupe's felted birds that are on display in her store, Blue Door Art & Antiques in Chico. In this workshop Lupe will provide all the guidance you need to create your own needle-felted bird. The workshop includes a kit with all the materials you need to create your little feltie. Adult & Youth 10 & up A\$20 - Y\$20

Presenter: Lupe Jones

CHICO BACKYARD BIRDS

Sun 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Join Mac, who will give you tips on identifying some of Northern California's birds that visit your backyard and explain why many of them seem to seasonally disappear. In addition, he will make suggestions regarding reference material to help you become a better backyard "birder." A\$8 - Y\$5

Presenter: John "Mac" McCormick



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