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President's Report – October 2016 – Evergreen Audubon

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Fall is finally here; with it comes lots of wonderful changes. The Evergreen Nature Center's season has come to an end, but Colleen hopes to be starting up some after-school nature programs later this fall in our new environmental education center! We have not finalized the lease on this space yet, but we hope to soon. We will continue to lease the warming hut from EPRD to house The Evergreen Nature Center. This *new* space, which is in an un-used church that borders Alderfer/Three Sisters Open Space, will be used for school programs, scout programs, summer day camps and our chapter meetings. More details about this exciting growth opportunity will follow in the coming months.

August was a busy month for Evergreen Audubon. **Thank you to all that supported our Annual Bash and Benefit. With your help we raised just over \$12,000 from ticket sales, silent auctions bids, paddle raises and sponsors.**

A special thanks to Ann Dodson, Colleen Kulesza and the Evergreen Audubon board members for all the behind the scene work that goes into the Bash. We also raised about \$2,000 from

the Norton Estate Sale. Thank you Irma Wolfe for making this such a success. She recruited 35+ volunteers who put in close to 200 hours. Thank you to all those who help during the sale and another special thanks to those that help before and after with the setup and cleanup! And of course we can't forget the Dam Ducky Derby. Again Ann Dodson and Colleen Kulesza really stepped up along with duck sellers Tori Hurst, Shawn & Jenna Audlin, Brad Andres, Ed Dodson and Heather Johnson (sorry if I missed anyone). We raised \$800 from duck sales, but more importantly, we raised community awareness.

Speaking of community awareness. The Science & Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) once again recognized our contribution to Jefferson County by awarding us with just over \$15,000 at their check giving ceremony in mid-October.

Don't forget to vote YES on the 2016 Ballot Initiative to continue the dedicated sales tax of one cent on every \$10. For more information on the initiative, visit:

<http://www.yesonscfd.com/>

There are just over two months left to see or hear your 100 species for the 2016 Bear Creek Birding Challenge! Get out there and ExploreMore!

-Kathy