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## President's Report – September 2017 – Evergreen Audubon

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Last night we celebrated the Nature Center at our Annual Bash and Benefit. What a wonderful evening, giving us all a chance to catch up and support our gem of a resource. Thank you to those that attended and who gave generously to the cause. During the paddle raises, some folks were so anxious to give they wouldn't even let Brad finish describing what we needed before getting their bidder number up! We received funds to preserve (i.e. taxidermy) many wonderful mountain species, including a Saw-whet Owl, Red-tail Hawk and Broad-tailed Hummingbird. We also dedicated funds to after-school programming, education center improvements and a roving naturalist station for educating visitors to Evergreen Lake. The Bash wouldn't have been a success without all of you, our board members and especially Ann Dodson for ALL the behind the scenes work she did to make the night special. Though the Bash was a success, I would love your input on alternative ways we might use next year to raise the funds to keep the Nature Center going and expanding.

Please send me your thoughts at

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If you haven't heard yet, we might be closing the Nature Center

early this year due to the repairs of the bridge leading into the parking lot. CDOT has informed EPRD that they should begin work in early in September. It's not clear how long the project will take and whether it will even happen as planned. Labor Day, Monday, September 4 will be our last day for the season. The early closing will give us plenty of time to plan for next season where we will kick it off with an anniversary party! I can't believe this year was our 10<sup>th</sup> season, making the start of our 11<sup>th</sup> season our 10 year anniversary!

With the evenings getting cooler, I'm sure many have noticed the Rufous Hummingbirds have mostly moved on, giving the Broad-tails some peace and quiet for the next month. Fall also begins the start of other migrating species including shore birds; maybe the Red-necked Phalaropes will visit the lake again like they did this spring. At any rate, there will be lots more opportunities to increase your species count for the birding challenge, so get out and enjoy!

-Kathy