

National Audubon Photography Show Recap

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Evergreen Audubon, in partnership with the Center for the Arts Evergreen and the Evergreen Camera Club, completed a highly successful month-long tribute to the Year of the Bird. From the Opening Reception on June 7 to the National Audubon Photography Exhibition's closing on June 27, we introduced Evergreen residents and those from farther afield to the activities sponsored by our members. I hope you were able to join us!

On June 9, Marilyn Rhodes and Dave Masters hosted 19 enthusiasts for bird walk and photo op through Buchanan Park, featuring a look at the owls nesting under the bridge at Buchanan. [add one of Marilyn's photos]

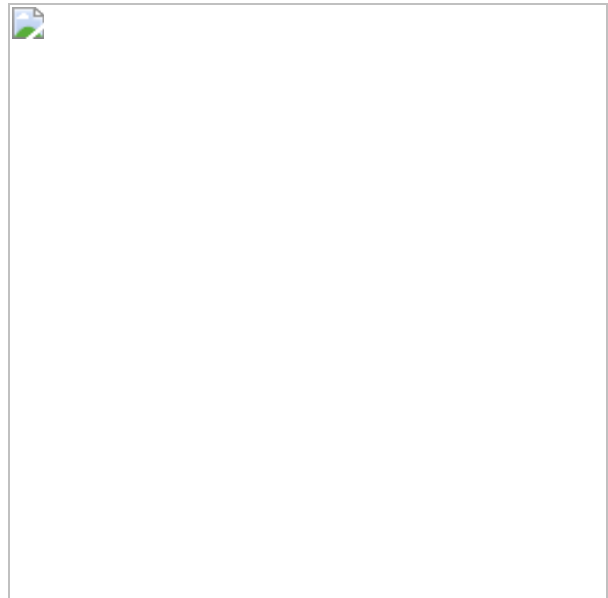
For youngsters and the grandmothers, Ruthann Fisher directed a flight of origami birds at the Evergreen Nature Center on June 12. We began with a Swan but the kids' favorite was clearly the magnificent "cup."

John Ellis joined Marilyn Rhodes on June 14 for a walk at Evergreen Lake and a tour of the Nature Center. John recounted the history of the lake and educated the participants about the fish dwelling in the depths.

Evergreen professional photographer, Jackie Crivello, hosted six photo enthusiasts on June 16 at the Art Center and Alderfer/Three Sisters, featuring a Bald Eagle and a Harris's Hawk from the folks at HawkQuest.

Thirty-seven members joined JoAnn Hackos at the Art Center on June 19 to learn about John James Audubon's career as a bird naturalist and accomplished artist. We were amazed to learn that Audubon is regarded as one of the greatest American watercolorists for his monumental work on the Birds of America, published between 1827 and 1838 and containing 435 life-size watercolors of North American birds.

Six Audubon enthusiasts gathered again at the Nature Center to learn the art of sketching birds from renowned Evergreen artists, Lynne Milliken. Lynn taught the group to start with circles and cones to get the basics down before the subject takes flight. Luckily we had stuffed examples that weren't so flighty to work from. Lynne was successful in helping the erstwhile sketchers to produce pictures that actually looked like the intended subjects.



We ended the month's activities on June 23 with a photo workshop led by Evergreen professional photographer, Ellen Nelson, and four experts from the Evergreen Camera Club. Twelve camera novices learned about ISO and aperture and more and took much better photographs by the end of the workshop than at the beginning, a genuine accomplishment!

Many Evergreen Audubon members, along with family members and friends, had a first-rate experience at one or more of the events. We learned more than we knew before about Audubon himself, about the photography winner of the 2017 National Audubon Photo Competition, and about the techniques we need to take into the field with us.

Evergreen Audubon members greatly appreciate the wonderful press coverage given the events by Serenity and the Canyon Courier and all the local merchants who displayed our poster for their customers.

