

From the Director

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Thank you to all who came out on Nesting Day last week! With 14 volunteers and nearly as many trucks and SUVs, the migration from our wintering grounds to Evergreen Nature Center went quickly and efficiently. In less than 3 hours the Warming Hut was swept clean, windows were washed and most of the exhibits requiring tools were successfully assembled. Over the next week, I'll be refining the lay-out, attaching signage and getting ready for the season opening on Saturday, May 4.

Opening weekend promises to be a fun-filled 2 days. We'll get started bright and early on the 4th with our annual Dawn Chorus! Doors open at 6:30 am. Dress for the weather, bring your binoculars and bring easily eaten breakfast treats to share. We will set out to crisscross the Lake area, a corner of Dedisse Park, the wetlands, the golf course, the lake shore and Wilmot Creek to see how many species we can spy. After an hour or so, we'll return to the Nature Center for hot coffee or tea, treats and to consolidate the tally. This year our Opening Day and Dawn Chorus are the same weekend as International Dawn Chorus Day (Sunday of May 5, but we are celebrating on Saturday May 4) and the Cornell Lab Global Big Day (Saturday, May 4). The Nature Center will feature both of these events in new exhibits and hopes to encourage our visitors to participate in these and other fun Citizen Science projects throughout the season.



David Wald installs the Nature Center sign for the season.



On Sunday, May 5, from 9:00 am until 11:00 am, we will have the first of a series of Volunteer Workshops at the Nature Center. Whether you are an old pro who knows everything; have some experience but want to brush up a bit; or are a newcomer who wants to check us out, we'd love to see you there. Another workshop will be on Wednesday morning, May 8th, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. These short workshops are designed to be informative and FUN! Please let me know if you are coming by registering online via these link: [May 5th session](#) or [May 8th session](#), or emailing me at ENCDirector@EvergreenAudubon.org or by

calling me at 303-330-0389.

One last thing I'd like to share with everyone is that the Nature Center has NEW HOURS this year. During May, and in September until we close in October, we will be open weekends from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm. In June, July and August our hours will be Wednesdays through Sundays, 11:00 until 5:00 pm (Closed July 4th).

I am excited to get the 2019 season at Evergreen Nature Center started. See you soon!

Dina