

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNUAL
John Scharff Migratory Bird Festival & Art Show
April 1-3, 2011, Burns, Oregon

Spend an amazing weekend witnessing the spectacular spring migration in the Harney Basin of Southeast Oregon. View thousands of migratory birds as they rest and feed in the wide open spaces of Oregon's high desert. From waterfowl to shorebirds, cranes to raptors, wading birds to songbirds, you'll see them all! The festival offers non-stop birding activities as well as historical and cultural information sure to entertain you and your family. So whether you're a beginner or a life-long wildlife enthusiast, the festival has something for everyone. Don't miss this extraordinary weekend.

ART SHOW & SALE

The Art Show and Sale offers high-quality work from local and regional artists. *Located in the Burns High School gymnasium* throughout the weekend. This is a wonderful opportunity to view and purchase original pieces of art, including wildlife paintings, photographs, sculpture, jewelry and much more.

Friday- 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday- 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday- 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Free

THURSDAY FESTIVAL KICK OFF CELEBRATION

Spend a relaxing evening socializing as we celebrate our 30th Anniversary. Sit back and listen to a fascinating presentation about "*Trumpeter Swan Restoration in Oregon.*" Gary Ivey, former Malheur Refuge Biologist and President of Malheur Wildlife Associates, will speak about the history of the majestic trumpeter swan in the West and describe ongoing efforts to restore populations to their former range. His presentation will highlight recent efforts to build a healthy flock in Oregon through a partnership with The Trumpeter Swan Society, the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Summer Lake Wildlife Area and Malheur Refuge with an ultimate goal of connecting the Oregon birds to other flocks in the West.

Wine and beer will be available for purchase at a No Host Bar. Hors d'œuvres will be provided in part by the Malheur Wildlife Associates, Friends of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. See you there!

Thursday - 7:00 pm at the Harney County Community Center, 484 North Broadway, Burns.

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Trish Nixon, Raptor Specialist for the Peregrine Fund's [World Center for Birds of Prey](#) in Boise, Idaho will present "*Falcons: Flights of Fancy*" a discussion of three very different members of the Falcon family. What makes a falcon a falcon? Are falcons small? How are they different from Hawks? Which falcons are rare or endangered, and why? Topics will include the similarities and differences in the falcons, and discuss topics such as trends in populations of Gyrfalcons in the circumpolar habitats in which they live, why the African Teita Falcons are so rare, and the status of the American Kestrel, including a new project The Peregrine Fund is launching which focuses on this, the smallest of the falcons in the United States. She will have three live falcons with her; a Gyrfalcon, a rare Teita Falcon, and an American Kestrel. Trish will be available after her talk to answer all of your questions about birds of prey.

FAMILY FUN!

Friday - 7:00 p.m. in the Burns High School Cafetorium. NO FEE

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Spend Saturday evening at the *Harney County Fairgrounds Memorial Building* with fellow birders, a catered meal, no-host beer and wine and a fantastic presentation by wildlife photographer [Paul Bannick](#). Coupling his love of the outdoors with his skill as a photographer, he creates images that foster the intimacy between viewer and subject, inspiring education and conservation. Paul's presentation *Owls and Woodpeckers of the West: A Visual Feat*, based on his bestselling book, *The Owl and The Woodpecker*, takes you on a visual and auditory exploration of habitats of the West through the owls and woodpeckers that most define and enrich these places. This riveting presentation celebrates the ways the lives of these two iconic birds are intertwined with one another and with their habitats. Paul will be selling and signing copies of his book after the banquet.

Saturday - 5:30 p.m. social hour; 6:00 to 7:00 dinner and raffle; 7:00 presentation. Tickets for the meal and presentation are \$25.00 per person. Pre-purchase is strongly encouraged. Tickets to attend the banquet without dinner are \$15.00. The banquet RAFFLE is not to be missed!

REGISTRATION

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY FEE ACTIVITIES. Festival registration is \$20.00. See specific tours and activities listed below, with fees noted as necessary.

REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 7, 2011 ONLINE at www.migratorybirdfestival.com or by calling the Harney County Chamber of Commerce at (541) 573-2636. Mastercard and Visa accepted. Full Payment is required with registration. **Full refunds February 7 – March 25. No refunds after March 25.**


2011 TOURS

Tours take place Friday through Sunday and depart from the Burns High School. Please arrive early as tours depart at the scheduled time. Tour guides make every effort to provide a quality experience. Please note there may be long stretches between rest stops. **Be sure to dress in layers and wear comfortable shoes that will keep your feet warm and dry.** Participants with limited mobility should contact the Harney County Chamber of Commerce prior to booking tours. As many of the tours travel to remote areas, we suggest that participants bring snacks, lunch or water.


Most of the vehicles used for the Festival's tours are generously provided by the following: Bureau of Land Management, Eastern Oregon Agriculture Research Center, Harney County, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Emery & Sons Construction of Stayton, Oregon.

Pre-registration is REQUIRED for the following tours. Must be 10 years or older to participate in the tours unless otherwise noted in the description.


Birding intensity of tours is as follows:

 - Basic bird watching skills, photo opportunities and learn about the area


 - Ability to sight and identify birds on your own is a plus

 - Fast paced, advanced bird watching


Aquatic Health it's for the Birds [NEW TOUR]: Refuge Fisheries Biologist Linda Beck will offer insight into the impacts of invasive common carp on refuge aquatic bird habitats. This tour will begin with a presentation at Refuge Headquarters about the influence of carp on wetlands, as well as current research projects. You will then venture into closed areas of the refuge and view birds and other wildlife using the river and adjacent wetlands, as you explore with Linda the impacts of carp on refuge wetlands. Bring snacks, drinks and lunch.

Friday – 11:00 – 5:00, 6 hours. Fee \$60 

Birding British Style: One of our most popular tours! Join Oxford-trained ornithologist Duncan Evered for an insightful 8-hour field trip where we will make our subject the bird--its behavior, ecology, migrations, digestion and, well, you get the picture. Not just the name of the bird! Having lived at the Malheur Field Station for ten years, this Brit offers a unique perspective on birds and "The Meaning of Birding." With a bit of luck, we'll learn that identifying birds need not be the end of the pursuit, but rather the beginning of a wonderfully fulfilling experience. Come hone your observational skills while having a jolly good time! Bring binoculars and the walk of your choice. Bring lunch and water.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday - 9:00 to 5:00; 8 hours. Fee: \$60 

Birding - Sunrise to Sunset: The goal of this tour is to view 100 plus species across the Harney Basin. Friday tour participants will have the added bonus of an evening multi-media review of species, including photo highlights of the day during dinner. Travel plans include visiting habitats of ponderosa pine, western juniper, sagebrush, agricultural fields, wetlands, sewage ponds and backyards from Idlewild Campground through the Silvies River floodplain, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge and Frenchglen. Everyone gets a window seat on this tour! Rick Vetter and Joan Suther, local biologists will serve as your tour guides for this jam packed day of birding. Bring snacks, drinks and lunch.

Friday - 6:00 to 6:00; 12 hours. Fee: \$85
Saturday - 6:00 to 3:00; 9 hours. Fee: \$75
Sunday - 7:00 to 1:00; 6 hours. Fee: \$60 

Birding the Neighborhood: Join Ducks Unlimited field biologist Mike Shannon for a personalized birding tour in the Harney Basin. This is a great way to view wildlife and find out where the birding "hot spots" are located. Mike can answer all your waterfowl questions and provide insight into the habitat needs of many of our spring visiting birds. Don't miss this insightful and bird viewing packed tour.

Friday - 11:45 to 1:45; Sunday - 9:00 to 11:00; 2 hours. Fee \$20 

Birds of Prey: Come soar with the eagles and search for raptors! View Bald Eagles exiting roosts, then drive along agriculture fields observing eagles and raptors hunting for prey. If weather and road conditions permit, the trip will extend into the Malheur National Forest to search for forest raptors. Local Forest Service biologist Roy Sutcliff will teach raptor identification and explain forest management practices that protect habitat for specific raptors. Bring snacks or lunch, and water.

Friday and Sunday - 6:00 to 1:00, 7 hours.

Fee: \$60



Brunch with the Birds [\[BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND\]](#):

Join members of the Malheur Wildlife Associates, the Refuge's Friends Group, on a birding tour on the Refuge. The tour begins with a bit of birding on the Silvies floodplain as you travel to the Refuge; search for grebes and shorebirds at the Narrows pullout between Malheur and Mud Lakes; then travel into a closed area of the Refuge to view the great blue herons and cormorants nesting at the historic Sod House Ranch; end the journey with a delightful brunch at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters while you look for warblers and other songbirds. Brunch is included.

Friday - 7:00 to 12:00. 5 hours. Fee: \$50



Digital Photography for Beginners: This popular tour is led by local photographer and wildlife enthusiast Kainan Jordan who will introduce you to the basics of combining bird watching with photography. The tour will begin with a classroom session covering the basics. Then travel to the field for photo opportunities, tips from Kainan on composition and answers to your questions. After a couple of hours in the field you will return to the classroom to download your photos to a computer, learn how to enhance and crop your photos, and then print your final photos. You must bring your own digital camera and your camera's USB download cable – auto focus cameras are just fine for this tour. Materials to print the photos are included in the fee. Bring water and lunch.

Saturday - 8:00 to 12:00; 4 hours. Fee \$45



Discover Malheur National Wildlife Refuge: Learn about the Refuge as you travel through it on a birding tour with staff biologist Jim Dastyck. Along the way you will stop at several birding and interpretative areas. The tour will then travel into closed areas of the Refuge, including a visit to the colonial nesting birds at the historic Sod House Ranch, wildlife viewing and lunch on the Blitzen River near the historic P Ranch, and then a leisurely return through the Refuge to Burns. Bring your own lunch and water. Wear warm clothes.

Friday - 7:30 to 4:00; 8.5 hours. Fee: \$70



Harney Basin Rock Art: Join local archaeologists for a rock art tour that focuses on the center of the basin and explore different types of rock art made in ancient times by the first people to live in southeastern Oregon. Visit pictograph sites where the rocks were painted in different color pigments and have survived for millennia. Petroglyph sites, where the designs were made by grinding or pecking the boulders with hammer stones, will be viewed as well. The tour will be a loop from near Harney Lake to Diamond and then back to Burns through New Princeton and Crane. There will be a short stop to visit the Round Barn Visitor Center and, if time permits, a brief look at the historic Peter French Round Barn. Bring rain gear, wear sturdy shoes or boots, bring water and snacks and you will be back at Bird Central in time for afternoon activities.

Friday – 8:00 to 12:00, 4 hours. Fee \$40



Harney Basin Working Llama Ranch: Visit the Burns Llama Trailblazers' working llama ranch. We invite you and your family to experience a hands-on session that will provide you with detailed information concerning the breeding, health maintenance and herd management of performance animals. This is our females' ranch, set amid the meadowlands along the Silvies River, where snow geese gather and hawks soar. The mama llamas will be patiently awaiting the arrival of their babies or nursing their new little ones. In just three hours you will learn about the history of llama-human relations, llama health and maintenance needs, birthing, training, packing, and much more. Each participant will have the opportunity to comb, lead and work with a llama. If you like, you may walk them through the obstacle course and take a short hike through the fields. This is great birding country too. Geese, ducks, shorebirds, and raptors are common, while eagles are an occasional treat. This is an opportunity to find out what llamas are really like in a lovely setting close to town. Come join us for a morning of views, education and companionship.

Sunday - 9:00 to 12:00; 3 hours. Fee: \$35.




Harney County Cattlewomen's Working Ranch:

Travel to a working cattle ranch (this year's destination will be within a few miles of Burns) with members of the Harney County Cattlewomen as your hosts. You will be introduced to the ranch owners -- multi-generation, family ranchers. They will explain ranch management techniques that are sustainable and support wildlife, especially migratory birds, in the Harney Basin. Local range scientists from the Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center will provide a presentation on the work they are conducting and the benefits it provides to wildlife.


Coffee, water and cookies are provided at the ranch. A beef tri-tip lunch (BBQ tri-tip, salad, cowboy beans, bread and beverage) is put on by the HC Cattlewomen at the EOARC and is included with the tour.

Saturday -- 7:30 to 2:30; 7 hours. Fee: \$35




If Llamas Could Fly... Once again Malheur National Wildlife Refuge will open Boca Lake to the llamas and you. Located on the east side of the Blitzen Valley and tucked in a small secluded basin surrounded by rimrock, this area is closed to public entry except for our tour. The solitude of our trek will be broken only by the calls of birds using the lake. Let Burns Llama Trailblazers' hard-working pack llamas carry your gear and escort you along the water's edge. Each birder will be assigned a llama companion who will stay close to your side as we wander along a rustic two-track road bordered by sagebrush. Depending on the animal, llamas carry between 50 and 75 pounds, small folding camp chairs are acceptable. Cameras, collapsible tripods and scopes must be packed in a way that protects them from jostling. Do not bring fragile equipment that cannot withstand the rigors of field use. Bring snacks, lunch and water and warm clothes. 

Friday & Saturday - 8:00 to 4:00; 8 hours. Fee: \$75.

Leisurely Birding: Join local wildlife biologists for a slower paced, but bird observation packed tour of the local area. Your tour guides are familiar with the habits of the basin's spring migrants and can offer insight about where to find some of the illusive birds on your list. This tour will take you to the local hotspots to see large flocks of geese, Sandhill Cranes, shorebirds and raptors. 

*Friday - 1:00 to 4:00; Saturday, 9:00 to 12:00;
Sunday - 8:00 to 11:00; 3 hours. Fee: \$30*

~~**Malheur Refuge Manager's Tour [CANCELLED]:** Tour Malheur Refuge with Manager Tim Bodeen. This behind the scenes tour into closed areas of the refuge will offer tour participants the opportunity to view wildlife while learning about the management challenges and successes on the Refuge. Tim will use examples in the field to illustrate a number of issues (invasive carp, water management, etc.) facing the refuge and how refuge staff plan to face these challenges. Bring your own lunch, snacks and water. Wear warm clothes. ~~

Friday - 8:00 to 4:00; 8 hours. Fee \$60

HELPFUL HINTS FOR YOUR VISIT


*All tours leave from the Burns High School.
Please arrive early as tours will depart on time.*

Weather changes occur quickly, "Fowl" weather gear and sturdy shoes or boots are advised.


Due to limitations on the type of vehicles used for our tours, participants with limited mobility should contact the Harney County Chamber of Commerce before booking tours.

Restroom stops are limited on most of our tours due to the remote areas traveled during the tour.


Participants on the longer tours should bring water and snacks.

Paradise Birding - Birding the Silvies River Flood Plain: Join us for a half-day birding tour of the Silvies River floodplain, where the snowmelt from the Blue Mountains provides expansive water bird habitat before it reaches Malheur Lake. This region is characterized by miles of privately owned grasslands and open pasture, with some sagebrush uplands scattered throughout. The start of irrigation season means these fields are filled with water which draws an abundance of water birds. We will search for more than eight species of raptors and up to 20 different waterfowl, including thousands of Snow and Ross's Geese. We can also expect early arriving shorebirds and songbirds, plus large flocks of sandhill cranes. We offer patient and enthusiastic bird identification training for birders of all skill and ability levels. We will discuss natural history and habitat conservation for birds inhabiting the Harney Basin. 

Friday - 12:00 to 5:00; Saturday - 7:00 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 5:00; and Sunday - 7:00 to 12:00; 5 hours. Fee: \$50


Paradise Birding - Blue Mountains Woodpecker Tour: Join Paradise Birding as we head for the hills in search of resident woodpeckers of the Blue Mountains. Our primary goal will be to find White-headed Woodpecker, but we will also search for Hairy, Downy, and Pileated Woodpecker, plus Northern Flicker and possible wintering sapsuckers. In addition, we will enjoy many other resident forest birds of the region, including nuthatches, chickadees, finches, jays and more. Forest raptors may include Northern Pygmy-Owl or Northern Goshawk. We will plan multiple stops in varied forest habitats for maximum species diversity. Dress warmly for the mountain weather. 


Friday 12:00 to 5:00, Saturday 7:00 to 12:00 & 12:30 to 5:00, and Sunday 7:00 to 12:00, 5 hours. Fee: \$50


Sage Grouse "Strutting" Early Bird: Join biologists from the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife for dawn viewing of the sage grouse mating rituals on their lek. This is your opportunity to view these elusive birds in their natural habitat as they greet the beginning of spring with their competitive struts and calls. Bring water and snacks. ***This tour is weather dependent. Refunds will be issued if the tour cancels.*** 


Early Friday - 5:30 to 9:30 am; 4 hours. Fee: \$35

***Be sure to pre-order your
Commemorative T-shirt
with registration***

Sandhill Crane Discovery: Discover the world of Sandhill Cranes with our Thursday Night Speaker Gary Ivey of the International Crane Foundation. This tour will focus on finding sandhill cranes and learning about their biology and their migration. Gary will also demonstrate how wildlife biologists track cranes with radio telemetry. Gary is the Foundation's Crane Conservation Manager for western North America and works on research, monitoring, environmental education, and habitat conservation projects for the sake of crane conservation. For more information about cranes around the world, visit www.savingcranes.org. Bring water and snacks. *Friday and Saturday - 8:00 to 11:00; 3 hours.* *Fee: \$30* 

Steens Mountain/Alvord Desert: Tour the "loop" from Burns through Crane, down the east side of Steens Mountain along the Alvord Desert, into Catlow Valley, then up Highway 205 bordering Malheur National Wildlife Refuge and finally, back to Burns. Join expert guides from the Burns District Bureau of Land Management and learn the history and geology of this great area. Be on the lookout for wild horses, mule deer, bighorn sheep, and maybe even a cattle drive! A few birding opportunities may also transpire. Brings snacks, water and pack your own lunch or eat at the Fields Cafe (not included in tour fee). *Saturday - 7:00 to 4:00; 10 hours. Fee \$70.* 

Waterfowl Identification in the Field: Learn some great tips from the experts on how to identify waterfowl in their natural habitats! Local biologists will take you to some of the hotspots in the area and answer all of your questions. *Friday - 9:00 to 11:00; Saturday - 1:00 to 3:00; 2 hours.* *Fee: \$20* 

White Geese: Is it snow or Snow Geese? Join Kelly Hazen, who has 10 years of experience reading arctic white geese neck bands, for a unique experience scanning the agricultural fields surrounding Burns. This 4 hour tour will introduce you to the exciting challenge of scanning large flocks of Ross's Geese and Snow Geese for colorful neck bands. After finding the bands, you will learn where the bird was banded and perhaps the bird's life history. Bring binoculars, and if you have one, a spotting scope, window mount, and tripod. By the end of the tour you will have a new set of birding skills and an appreciation of these magnificent white migrants. Bring water and snacks. *Friday - 8:00 to 12:00; 4 hours. Fee \$40* 

COMMEMORATIVE POSTER

All registered participants receive a commemorative poster!



April 1-3, 2011

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Tours!
Art Show & Sale!
Live Bird Presentations!
Kids Fun Fair & Birdhouse Building!
Wine and Food Kick-Off Celebration!
Book Signing and Dinner Banquet with
Keynote Speaker, Paul Barneck!

Information:
(541) 573-2636
migratorybirdfestival.com

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John Scharff Migratory Bird Festival

ACTIVITIES, WORKSHOPS & PRESENTATIONS

Festival activities, workshops and presentations are open to all ages. Most are free, with only two requiring a small fee. All are first come, first serve, with class size limited on some occasions/locations. Listed in alphabetical order:

Among Penguins [A NEW PRESENTATION WE JUST ADDED]: Join Noah Strycker, Associate Editor of Birding magazine, and columnist for Wild Bird magazine, for a slide presentation about penguins in Antarctica. Ice, penguins, and the cold comforts of living and working in Antarctica will be featured in "Among Penguins" a lively slide. Noah will talk about his experiences while conducting research among a quarter-million Adélie penguins in Antarctica. For three months, Noah slept in a tent in below-freezing temperatures, endured howling blizzards, and spent his days in the 24-hour sunshine watching loud, active, and smelly two-foot-tall penguins go about their business nesting, fighting, incubating, waddling, feeding, napping, sliding, diving, and swimming. Noah's adventures on the coldest, windiest, driest, least populated, and highest continent are recounted in his new book, *Among Penguins: A Bird Man in Antarctica* which will be available for purchase and signing at the Book Parlor booth in the Art Show at 4:00 following his talk.

FAMILY FUN!

Friday – 3:00 to 4:00. NO FEE

Bird Photography - Challenges in the Field [NEW PRESENTATION]: Join Banquet Speaker and photographer Paul Bannick for an insightful presentation about the challenges of photographing birds in a wide range of habitats. Paul will use recent photos of great gray owls, Northern pygmy owls, white-tailed ptarmigan and others to illustrate the challenges of capturing compelling images of wildlife in their natural habitat. He will examine how to find subjects; anticipate behavior; and make the right choices in terms of equipment and technical trade-offs. Paul will also look at different focal lengths and speeds of lenses, shutter speed, depth of field and ISO considerations that helped make Paul one of the most acclaimed bird photographers in the country.



Saturday – 4:00 to 5:00. Fee: \$10 fee, pre-registration required.

Building Bird Houses: Presented by the Burns Lions Club and Martinak Ventures, this workshop is geared for youngsters, but all ages are invited to join in the fun. Instructors will be available to help participants build a basic bird house. Materials and tools provided.

FAMILY FUN!

Location: Burns High School Woodshop

Saturday, 12:00 until materials run out. NO FEE

Creative Quilting: This class lets you add your own personal flair to a pair of pillowcases or make a table runner. Open to beginners and experienced alike. You will make 2 pillowcases or a table runner from a wide variety of provided fabrics. Sewing machines and thread are also furnished. If you prefer to bring your own machine or serger, feel free.

Location: Country Lane Quilts in downtown Burns. Class size limited to first 8 participants.

Friday and Saturday, 10:00 to 11:00 and 1:00 to 2:00; 1 hour. Fee: \$30 for materials, collected at the workshop

Harney Basin Heritage and Nature Fun Fair: Learn about the prehistory, history, culture and wildlife of the area. There will be wildlife art projects, heritage activities, heritage exhibits and much more. There will be Crafts and activities for all ages. *Location: Burns High School Cafetorium.*

FAMILY FUN!

Saturday, 12:00 to 3:00; 3 Hours. NO FEE

Raptor Identification [EXPANDED FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT]: This interactive presentation will help youth and beginning birders learn to identify several raptor species by color, size, flight patterns, voice/calls, and wing shape. Class participants, age's 4 – adult, will learn some important differences between eagles, buteos, accipiters, vultures, Osprey, falcons, and owls. Discussions will be based from sketches of various raptors in a coloring book format, which will be provided to all participants to color and take notes to improve their raptor identification skills. Coloring pencils and crayons provided. Workshop may include a live bird demonstration! Christine Bates.

This workshop is limited to the first 30 participants, so get there early!

Location: Burns High School classroom (specifics available at Festival Registration desk).

Friday - 11:00 to 12:00. NO FEE

FAMILY FUN!

OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES AROUND THE COUNTY

Charm Trail

The Charm Trail allows you to explore stores and businesses of Harney County as you create your own one-of-a-kind charm bracelet. First purchase your bracelet and signature charm for \$5 at the Chamber office or at the Chamber booth at the High School. Grab your Charm Trail map and choose which charms you'd like to purchase for \$1 each at participating stores and businesses. Have fun and enjoy building your souvenir bracelet from Harney County!



Self-Guided Downtown Burns History Walking Tour and Harney County Historical Society Museum

Enjoy a chance to stretch your legs between birding tours and learn more about Burns history. This walking tour covers 14 blocks in the downtown area of Burns and focuses on many of the 100+ year old buildings still in use. You will visit and get a brief historical sketch about each building on your path. Finish your tour with a visit to the Harney County Historical Society Museum, open Friday and Saturday from 10 to 4. The Historical Society Museum will be selling a fun themed charm to add to your charm bracelet.

Self-guided brochures are available for free at the Festival Registration desk at Burns High School.

Malheur Refuge Museum and Auto-Tour

Located 35 miles south of Burns on Highway 205, the museum at Refuge Headquarters has an extensive display of all the birds you are likely to see in the area and other interpretive exhibits. The museum is open from dawn to dusk each day. The Refuge's Visitor Center will be open during the festival and has bird lists, brochures for the area, bird books and other refuge merchandise. Volunteers staffing the center can direct you to the best bird viewing areas on the refuge. Ask at the Festival Registration desk for directions to Refuge Headquarters.

Pete French Round Barn:

The Pete French Round Barn is the centerpiece of a state heritage site 14 miles south of New Princeton, which is 37 miles southeast of Burns on Highway 78. Built by frontier cattle baron Pete French around 1880, the barn was used to train large teams of horses that pulled freight wagons over a nearby wagon route. The structure, which is 100 feet in diameter, has a circular 60-foot inner corral surrounded by a 20-foot track used for the horse training. Juniper posts and an umbrella-shaped center truss-like structure rise from inside the corral to support the roof. The Round Barn Visitor Center located just ½ mile from the barn has public restrooms, snacks, gifts, local history books and a small museum. Ask at the Festival Registration desk for directions to this historic site.

FEATURED ARTIST – DAVE BARTHOLET

Dave is a self-taught artist who grew up in the wilds of Wyoming where he discovered his love of wildlife. Dave began his journey as a professional artist in 1971 selling to galleries and private collectors. Dave began participating in juried art shows in the Western United States in the early 1980's. His loose style of watercolors has proven to be very popular with collectors, as he estimates his works are in nearly 100,000 households, and have been sold in hundreds of galleries worldwide. Besides being a spokesman for wildlife awareness issues, he avidly supports wildlife conservation groups throughout the country. It is his belief that he was born to paint and that he doesn't just do it because he can but because he must.

Dave lives in Seaside, Oregon with his wife Penny. Dave is the co-owner/operator of the [Gilbert District Gallery](#) situated in the Historic Gilbert District of Seaside.



COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRTS

In celebration of our 30th Anniversary we will be offering Commemorative long sleeved and short sleeved cotton t-shirts for sale with registration and at the Festival. Our anniversary logo, see below, will be silk-screened on the front of the t-shirt on the upper left where a shirt pocket would be located.

We recommend pre-purchase of your commemorative t-shirt with registration as quantities will be limited at the Festival.



COMMEMORATIVE PICTORAL POSTMARK FOR OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The US Postal Service is joining with the Bird Festival as we celebrate 30 years of Spring Bird Watching in the Harney Basin by offering a commemorative pictorial postmark at the festival. A temporary Post Office will be set up Friday evening and Saturday in the Art Show where you can obtain this commemorative postmark. Bring a stamped envelope or postcard to the event and have your piece of mail to obtain this special postmark. The temporary Post Office will also be selling First-Class Mail stamps, postcard stamps and the Federal Duck (\$15) stamp for your convenience. Festival postcards will also be available at no charge if you would like to use one of these for your postmark. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate our anniversary with this special commemorative postmark.

Commemorative postmarks can be obtained for 30 days after the Festival. Details will be available at the temporary Post Office during the Festival.

Friday – 5:00 to 9:00 pm and Saturday – 9:00 to 2:00 in the high school gym

CHILDREN'S ART SHOW CONTEST

Enjoy viewing local children's artwork as they offer a view of wildlife in Harney County and a glimpse into the hearts of the children. This year's first, second and third place winning art pieces will be on display at the Festival Art Show at the high school and the remaining entries will be on display in downtown businesses. This year's First Place winners will be used for next year's festival poster!

*Children's Art Contest Entries on display at downtown business Thursday, Friday and Saturday – 10:00 to 5:00
Children's Art Contest Winners on display at the Festival Art Show Friday – 5:00 to 9:00 pm,
Saturday – 9:00 to 5:00, and Sunday – 9:00 to 2:00.*

FAMILY FUN!

2011 John Scharff Migratory Bird Festival
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

9:00 am to 7:00 pm **Festival Registration** (*Harney County Chamber of Commerce, 484 N Broadway, Burns*). **Remember registration closes at 7:00 so Chamber Staff can enjoy the Festival Kick Off Celebration!**

10:00 to 5:00 **Children's Art Contest Entries** – Displayed in downtown Burns businesses

7:00 pm **Festival Kick Off Celebration** and a fascinating presentation about Trumpeter Swan Restoration in Oregon by Gary Ivey – (*Harney County Community Center 484 N Broadway, Burns*)

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

5:00 am to 6:00 pm **Festival Registration** (*Burns High School, 1100 Oregon Ave.*)

5:30 to 9:30 Sage Grouse Strutting Tour *

6:00 to 6:00 Birding – Sunrise to Sunset (dinner follows tour) *

6:00 to 1:00 Birds of Prey Tour *

7:00 to 12:00 Brunch with the Birds Tour [[BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND](#)] *

7:30 to 4:00 Discover Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Tour *

8:00 to 11:00 Sandhill Crane Discovery Tour *

8:00 to 12:00 White Geese Tour *

8:00 to 12:00 Harney Basin Rock Art Tour [[BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND](#)] *

8:00 to 4:00 If Llamas Could Fly Tour - Boca Lake *

~~8:00 to 4:00 Malheur Refuge Manager's Tour [[NEW TOUR](#)]*~~ **CANCELLED**

9:00 to 11:00 Waterfowl Identification in the Field Tour *

9:00 to 5:00 Birding British Style Tour *

10:00 to 11:00 **Creative Quilting Workshop** – at Country Lane Quilts in downtown Burns

10:00 to 5:00 **Children's Art Contest Entries** – Displayed in downtown Burns businesses

11:00 to 12:00 **Raptor Identification** – Interactive Presentation at Burns High School

11:00 to 5:00 Aquatic Health it's for the Birds [[NEW TOUR](#)]*

11:45 to 1:45 Birding the Neighborhood Tour *

12:00 to 5:00 Paradise Birding – Silvies River Floodplain Tour *

12:00 to 5:00 Paradise Birding - Blue Mountains Woodpecker Tour *

1:00 to 2:00 **Creative Quilting Workshop** – at Country Lane Quilts in downtown Burns

1:00 to 4:00 Leisurely Birding Tour *

3:00 to 4:00 **Among Penguins** – presentation by Noah Strycker – **NEW Addition**

~~4:00 to 4:00 **E-Tour of Harney County History & Archaeology** – interactive presentation at Burns High School (Cafetorium) **CANCELLED**~~

5:00 to 9:00 pm **Festival Art Show and Sale** – at Burns High School Gym

5:00 to 9:00 pm **Commemorative Pictorial Postmarks** – at Burns High School Gym

5:00 to 9:00 pm **Children's Art Contest Winners** displayed at the Art Show

7:00 pm **Friday Night Presentation** – at Burns High School (Cafetorium)
"Falcons: Flights of Fancy" with Trish Nixon, Raptor Specialist with the Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey.

* **Pre-Registration required**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Continued)

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

5:30 am to 5:00 pm **Festival Registration** (*Burns High School, 1100 Oregon Ave.*)

6:00 to 3:00 Birding – Sunrise to Sunset Tour *

7:00 to 4:00 Steens Mountain/Alvord Desert Tour *

7:00 to 12:00 Paradise Birding – Silvies River Floodplain Tour *

7:00 to 12:00 Paradise Birding - Blue Mountains Woodpecker Tour *

7:30 to 2:30 Harney County Cattlewomen's Working Ranch *

8:00 to 11:00 Sandhill Crane Discovery Tour *

8:00 to 12:00 Digital Photography for Beginners Tour *

8:00 to 4:00 If Llamas Could Fly Tour - Boca Lake *

9:00 to 12:00 Leisurely Birding Tour *

9:00 to 2:00 **Commemorative Pictorial Postmarks** – at Burns High School Gym

9:00 to 5:00 Birding British Style Tour *

9:00 to 5:00 **Festival Art Show and Sale** – at Burns High School Gym

9:00 to 5:00 **Children's Art Contest Winners** displayed in the Art Show

10:00 to 11:00 **Creative Quilting Workshop** – at Country Lane Quilts in downtown Burns

10:00 to 5:00 **Children's Art Contest Entries** – Displayed in downtown Burns businesses

12:00 to 3:00 **Harney Basin Heritage and Nature Fun Fair** – at Burns High School

12:00 to 3:00 **Building Bird Houses** – at Burns High School (Woodshop)

12:30 to 5:00 Paradise Birding – Silvies River Floodplain Tour *

12:30 to 5:00 Paradise Birding - Blue Mountains Woodpecker Tour *

1:00 to 2:00 **Creative Quilting Workshop** – at Country Lane Quilts in downtown Burns

1:00 to 3:00 Waterfowl Identification In the Field *

4:00 to 5:00 **Bird Photography - Challenges in the Field** [[NEW PRESENTATION](#)]*

5:30 to 9:00 pm **BANQUET AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER** – at Fair Grounds Memorial Building

5:30 Social Hour

6:00 - 7:00 Dinner and Raffles

7:00 Paul Bannick - *Owls and Woodpeckers of the West: A Visual Feast*

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

5:30 am to 12:00 pm **Festival Registration** (*Burns High School, 1100 Oregon Ave.*)

6:00 to 1:00 Birds of Prey Tour *

7:00 to 1:00 Birding – Sunrise to 1pm Tour *

7:00 to 12:00 Paradise Birding – Silvies River Floodplain Tour *

7:00 to 12:00 Paradise Birding - Blue Mountains Woodpecker Tour *

8:00 to 11:00 Leisurely Birding Tour *

9:00 to 11:00 Birding the Neighborhood Tour *

9:00 to 12:00 Harney Basin Working Llama Ranch Tour *

9:00 to 5:00 Birding British Style Tour *

9:00 to 2:00 pm **Festival Art Show and Sale** – at Burns High School Gym

9:00 to 2:00 pm **Children's Art Contest Winners** displayed in the Art Show

2:00 pm **Festival Ends**

* **Pre-Registration required**