

CELEBRATING THE 31ST ANNUAL

John Scharff Migratory Bird Festival & Art Show

April 12-15, 2012, 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

Sit back and listen to a fascinating presentation by author Renée Thompson. Renée writes about wildlife, her love of birds, and the people who inhabit the American West. Her novel, *The Plume Hunter* is a moving story of conflict, friendship, and love, and follows the life of Fin McFaddin, a late-nineteenth century Oregon outdoorsman who takes to plume hunting. In 1885, more than five million birds were killed in the United States for the millinery industry, prompting the formation of the Audubon Society. Renée's novel brings to life an era of our country's natural history seldom explored in fiction.

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 Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. See you there!

Thursday - 6:00 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 "Truth or Consequences...facts revealed about raptors". There are so many myths and untruths about raptors, some of which have actually contributed to their decline in numbers. Trish will be accompanied by a live bird and will be available to answer all of your questions.



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. Jen Hajj, Education Director for [HawkWatch International](#) will speak about the role of birds in today's conservation ethic. Jen Hajj joined HawkWatch International in the summer of 2005, coming from the Zoo Education field. Through her work at HWI, she performs between 200 and 400 live bird programs per year, mostly for school children. Her most recent work has been with High School students, teaching the concepts of statistics using data sets from migration monitoring projects. Jen's interest in participatory science education in the world community has taken her to faraway places, and she has worked with scientists, students and teachers in Trinidad, Costa Rica, Belize and Argentina, as an instructor for Miami University's Project Dragonfly. Jen is also an award winning singer/songwriter. Her presentation will be accompanied by selections from her [two CDs](#). You don't want to miss this insightful and entertaining presentation.

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 ACTIVITY. Festival registration is **\$20.00**. See specific tours and activities listed below, with fees noted as necessary.

REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 1, 2012 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 will be from February 1 – March 30. No refunds after March 30.**

2012 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.


PRIVATE VEHICLES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO FOLLOW TOUR VEHICLES

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

Banded White Geese: Is it a Ross; Goose or a Snow Goose? Thousands of white geese use the floodplain around Burns as a spot over before moving northward to Arctic and subarctic breeding areas. This tour will introduce you to the exciting challenge of scanning large flocks of Ross's Geese and Snow Geese for colorful neck bands. Join Kelly Hazen, who has 10 years of experience reading arctic white geese neck bands, for a unique experience scanning the thousands of geese on agricultural fields surrounding Burns. After finding the bands, you will learn where the bird was banded and perhaps the bird's life history. By the end of this tour you will have a new set of birding skills and an appreciation of these magnificent white migrants.

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



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 and worked at the Malheur Field Station for fifteen years, this Brit offers a unique perspective on the local birds and a pythonesque take on "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. Participants must at least pretend to like Elgar's music and, after signing the liability waiver, everyone will sample Marmite done right. Come hone your observational skills while having a jolly good time! Bring binoculars, lunch and water, and the walk of your choice...

Friday, Saturday and Sunday - 8:00 to 4:00;
8 hours. Fee: \$80



Birding the Hot Spots [NEW TOUR]: If you're new to the area or just want someone else to do the driving - this is the tour for you! Join local wildlife biologists for a personalized tour of Harney Basin birding hot spots. They will answer all of your birding questions and provide insight into the habitat needs of many of our spring migratory birds. Don't miss out on this opportunity to quiz an expert and discover the best birding spots in the Basin.

Friday – 1:00 to 4:00

Saturday – 9:00 to 12:00

Sunday – 8:00 to 11:00

3 hours; Fee: \$30



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: \$70



Extreme Birding [Formerly 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 a no host 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! 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: \$95

Saturday - 6:00 to 4:00; 9 hours. Fee: \$80



Discover the Double-O [NEW TOUR]: A little visited area of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge will be the venue for this tour. Located northwest of Harney Lake this tour will explore alkali playas, dunes, wet meadows, wetlands and ponds in an area of the refuge closed to public access. You will see waterfowl, cranes, shorebirds and passerines as you drive along willow lined dikes. Bring water, snacks and lunch.

Sunday – 8:00 to 2:00; 6 hours.

Fee \$60



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. You are invited 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.

Sunday - 9:00 to 12:00; 3 hours. Fee: \$30.

FAMILY FUN!

Harney County Cattlewomen's Working Ranch:


Travel to a working cattle ranch 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...[NEW LOCATION]: Once again Malheur National Wildlife Refuge will open a special area especially for you and the llamas. This year the tour will take place in the Double-O unit of the refuge. The birding is varied and always interesting. Let Burns Llama Trailblazers' hard-working pack llamas carry your gear and escort you from the cliff tops to the water's edge. Each birder will be assigned a llama companion. You may groom, saddle, and sneak treats to your companion if you wish. He will stay close to your side as we wander quietly through the vastness of the Great Basin. Our three mile hike follows a two-track road past playas and wet meadows, through dunes, and beside wetlands and ponds. 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. **Participants will travel 40 miles one-way from Burns in their own vehicles to begin this tour.**

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


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 


Paradise Birding – Boca Lake Hiking [New Tour]:

Enjoy a leisurely 5-mile birding hike to one of the hidden gems of Malheur Refuge! Oregon naturalist Steve Shunk will guide you through this beautiful sub-basin of the Blitzen River Valley, exploring the wetlands and surrounding habitats of 600-acre Boca Lake. We can expect an abundance of waterbirds and plenty of upland species as we walk the road that circumnavigates the lake. Note that this area is normally closed to the public. Be prepared to be out of the vehicle for up to 6 hours; waterproof footwear and outerwear are recommended. Bring water and a bag lunch.


Saturday & Sunday - 6:30 am - 4:00 pm; 9.5 hours. 
Fee: \$95

Paradise Birding – Desert Birds of the Harney Basin

[New Tour]: By mid-April, a few hardy songbird species have arrived in the uplands of the Harney Basin, and they begin singing across the sagebrush. On this unique exploration of the region's desert habitats, we will be surrounded by Brewer's Blackbirds and Western Meadowlarks, but our goal will be to get good looks at specialty desert songbirds such as Say's Phoebe, Horned Lark, Loggerhead Shrike, Sage Thrasher, and Sage Sparrow. Weather permitting; we will spend as much time as possible out of the vehicle enjoying the early spring chorus.


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: \$40

Sandhill Crane Discovery: Discover the world of Sandhill Cranes with crane biologist 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 – 1:00 to 3:00; 2 hours 

Saturday - 8:00 to 10:00; 2 hours.

Sunday – 8:00 to 10:00; 2 hours.

Fee: \$25

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 \$90. 

Waterfowl of Malheur Lake [NEW TOUR]: Join expert bird watcher and Ducks Unlimited Field Biologist Mike Shannon for a tour to excellent waterfowl viewing locations on the north side of Malheur Lake. Mike will not only share tricks about identifying the waterfowl visiting the Basin, but will help you understand the life cycle needs of the birds you are seeing, and why they are visiting the area. High water levels on Malheur Lake have created excellent waterfowl habitat. You don't want to miss this opportunity to bird watch with an expert! Bring water and snacks.


Friday - 7:00 to 12:00

Sunday - 7:00 to 12:00

5 Hours. Fee: \$50 

WORKSHOPS

Burrowing Owl Habitat Workshop [New Workshop]: Local wildlife biologist Christine Bates will introduce you to the fascinating life of burrowing owls. A species of concern in western states within its range, burrowing owl populations have been declining significantly - probably because of human impacts and loss of nesting habitat. Burrowing owls in Harney County are a popular sight for visiting birders and several pair nest on Christine's property outside of Burns. In addition to learning about the life of these ground nesting owls, workshop participants will build several artificial burrows during the workshop and then will travel to Christine's ranch to assist with installation of the burrows. Bring water and lunch.

Friday - 10:00 to 3:00. 5 Hours. Fee \$40 

MALHEUR REFUGE TOURS


These tours begin at Malheur Refuge Headquarters – 35 miles south of Burns

Behind the Gates Refuge Tour [New Tour]: Join refuge volunteers/staff for a tour of areas in the Blitzen Valley unit of the refuge closed to public access. Participants will have the opportunity to journey through the refuge with an expert while bird watching in a variety of habitats. This tour will also include a visit to the heron and cormorant nesting colony at historic Sod House Ranch ~ *this is the only tour accessing the colony this year!* The first tour begins on Tuesday, April 10 if you are arriving before the festival begins and the last tour will be held on Saturday. The tour will travel through the refuge in a refuge provided vehicle. Bring snacks and water.

Tuesday through Saturday – 1:00 to 5:00 
No Fee.

Call (541) 493-2612 before March 30th to reserve your place on this tour.

Introduction to Malheur Refuge [New Self-Guided Tour]: Join refuge volunteers/staff for a 30 minute media introduction to Malheur Refuge before venturing along the Refuge's Auto-Tour Route with our new audio CD guide. The audio guide is sponsored by the Refuge's Friends Group – the Malheur Wildlife Associates – and participants of this tour will receive a free copy of this brand new CD. Presentations begin on the hour at Refuge Headquarters between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm beginning on Monday, April 9th and concluding on Sunday, April 15. Begin your tour of the refuge with an enlightening presentation at headquarters and then spend as much time as you would like exploring the Auto-Tour Route.

Tuesday through Sunday – 8:00 to 3:00 
No Fee

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.

COMMEMORATIVE POSTER

All registered participants receive a commemorative poster!



ACTIVITIES & 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:

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.

Location: Burns High School Woodshop

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

FAMILY FUN!

E-Tour of Harney County History & Archaeology [BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND]: Join BLM Archaeologist Scott Thomas for PowerPoint presentations about 1) the evidence of Clovis Culture in southeastern Oregon, 2) Edible Spring Plants in the Harney Basin, 3) a World War II B24 Crash in the Pueblo Mountains, and 4) the Gap Ranch Civilian Conservation Corps Camp. These interesting and detailed discussions give listeners a visual opportunity to experience the history, archaeology and cultural botany in the Harney Basin. The relaxed atmosphere of this presentation will allow for plenty of question/answer time and casual stretch breaks. Come and go as you please!

Location: Burns High School Cafetorium.

Friday, 1:00 to 4:00; 3 hours. NO FEE

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

Saturday, 12:00 to 3:00; 3 Hours. 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. New charms have been added since last year, so be sure to check the new brochure for new charms and locations. Have fun and enjoy building your souvenir bracelet from Harney County!

FAMILY FUN!

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.

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.

YOUTH ART SHOW CONTEST

Enjoy viewing local youth artwork as they offer a view of wildlife in Harney County and a glimpse into the hearts of the youth. Last year's winners are featured on this year's poster, postcard and on banners along Main Street. Be sure to take a stroll down Main Street in Burns to view all of the first place winners from 2011 on the Festival Banners.

Youth Art Contest Entries on display at downtown business Thursday, Friday and Saturday – 10:00 to 5:00

Youth 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!

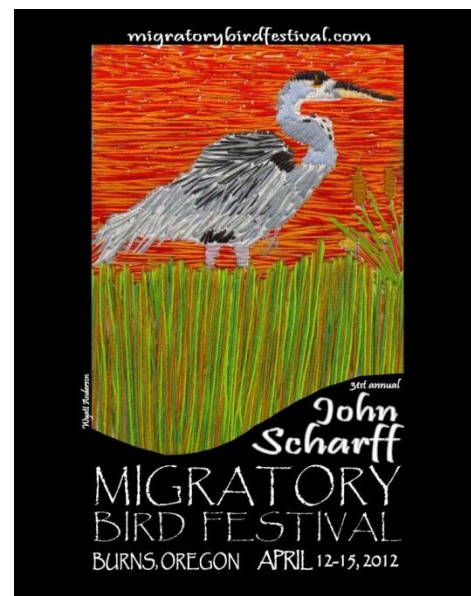
FEATURED ARTIST – NANCI MILLER

Fused glass artist and jeweler Nanci Miller is a long-time participant in the Bird Festival Art Show and Sale. Fused glass is a new addition to her repertoire and is popular with festival visitors.

FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS

We will be offering long sleeved and short sleeved cotton t-shirts for sale with registration and at the Festival. This year's t-shirt features the Youth Art Contest Grand Prize Great Blue Heron artwork of local student Wyatt Anderson from Suntext School in Riley, Oregon.

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



2012 John Scharff Migratory Bird Festival Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, April 12

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 **Youth Art Contest Entries** – Displayed in downtown Burns businesses

1:00 to 5:00 Behind the Gates Refuge Tour **[NEW TOUR]** *

6:00 pm **Festival Kick Off Celebration** A fascinating presentation about Plume Hunting by novelist Renee Thompson – (*Harney County Community Center 484 N Broadway, Burns*).

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

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

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

6:00 to 6:00 Extreme Birding Tour *

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

7:00 to 12:00 Waterfowl of Malheur Lake **[NEW TOUR]** *

8:00 to 12:00 Banded White Geese Tour *

8:00 to 12:00 Harney Basin Rock Art Tour *

8:00 to 4:00 If Llamas Could Fly Tour - Double-O *

8:00 to 4:00 Birding British Style Tour *

10:00 to 3:00 Burrowing Owl Habitat Workshop **[NEW WORKSHOP]**

10:00 to 5:00 **Youth Art Contest Entries** – Displayed in downtown Burns businesses

12:00 to 5:00 Paradise Birding – Silvie's River Floodplain Tour *

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

1:00 to 3:00 Sandhill Crane Discovery Tour *

1:00 to 4:00 Birding Hot Spots **[NEW TOUR]** *

1:00 to 4:00 **E-Tour of Harney County History & Archaeology** – interactive presentation at Burns High School Cafeteria

1:00 to 5:00 Behind the Gates Refuge Tour **[NEW TOUR]** *

5:00 to 9:00 pm **Festival Art Show and Sale** – 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)
"Truth or Consequences...facts revealed about raptors" 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 14

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

6:00 to 3:00 Extreme Birding *

6:30 to 4:00 Paradise Birding – Boca Lake Hiking **[NEW 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 *

7:00 to 12:00 Paradise Birding – Desert Birds of the Harney Basin Tour **[NEW TOUR]** *

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

8:00 to 10:00 Sandhill Crane Discovery Tour *

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 - Double-O *

8:00 to 4:00 Birding British Style Tour *

9:00 to 12:00 Birding the Hot Spots **[NEW TOUR]**

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

9:00 to 5:00 **Youth Art Contest Winners** displayed in the Art Show

10:00 to 5:00 **Youth Art Contest Entries** – Displayed in downtown Burns businesses

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

12:00 **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 *

12:30 to 5:00 Paradise Birding – Desert Birds of the Harney Basin Tour **[NEW TOUR]** *

1:00 to 5:00 Behind the Gates Refuge Tour **[NEW TOUR]** *

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 Jen Hajj of HawkWatch International

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

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

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

6:30 to 4:00 Paradise Birding – Boca Lake Hiking **[NEW TOUR]** *

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

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

7:00 to 12:00 Paradise Birding – Desert Birds of the Harney Basin Tour **[NEW TOUR]** *

7:00 to 12:00 Waterfowl of Malheur Lake **[NEW TOUR]** *

8:00 to 10:00 Sandhill Crane Discovery Tour *

8:00 to 11:00 Birding the Hot Spots **[NEW TOUR]** *

8:00 to 2:00 Discover the Double-O Tour **[NEW TOUR]** *

8:00 to 4:00 Birding British Style Tour *

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

1:00 to 5:00 Behind the Gates Refuge Tour **[NEW 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**