

Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory's
15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
AND BENEFIT AUCTION



Friday evening, March 14, 2003
Denver, Turnverein, 1570 Clarkson Street
Emcees: Scott & David Menough, Wild Birds Unlimited
Auctioneer: Gary Corbett
Entertainment: Colorado Swing Dance Club
6:00p.m. Silent Auction, Hors d'oeuvres & Libations
7:00p.m. Swing Dance (optional lessons)
8:30p.m. Live Auction

Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory

Mission: To conserve Rocky Mountain and Great Plains birds and their habitats through research, monitoring, education, and outreach.

In 15 years we have grown from a staff of one in a mobile home to a staff of 17 in three offices, working in nine western states and Mexico. We have filled a unique and indispensable niche in regional wildlife conservation. Your support over the years and tonight ensure that we continue to do outstanding work as highlighted below.

- RMBO's experiential education programs reach over 7,000 students annually, including: state-wide Education and Bird Banding Stations, an international letter exchange program (Birds Beyond Borders), a "girls only" science mentoring program (Women Afield), and a residential summer camp (On The Wing).
- RMBO's bird monitoring programs track population trends for birds in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wyoming.
- Our Prairie Partners program works with ranchers to conserve prairie birds and their habitat. We have had personal conversations with over 400 landowners to thank them for the habitat they provide and encourage management practices that benefit bird conservation.
- At our bird banding stations, over 42,000 birds of 250 species have received bird bands, contributing to the body of knowledge about bird longevity, life histories, and migration patterns.

Our staff have received numerous awards including the Partners In Flight National Award for Outstanding Contribution to Bird Conservation – Public Awareness, and the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education Award for Outstanding Non-profit Organization.

We appreciate your attendance tonight and your continued support of Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory.

Birding Trips

Trip to Virginia, including apartment, 2 round-trip airline tickets, and car rental – Fly into Baltimore, then enjoy a beautiful drive down the VA coast to VA Beach, VA where you will spend 4 days/3 nights in a furnished apartment. A trip across the bay bridge will take you to the Kiptopeke birding festival, where you will participate in bird banding, raptor banding, and raptor migration counts.

donor Oakwood Corporation & Frontier Airlines

Owl banding in April or May ½ day trip for up to 6 people. Visit the nest sites of Long-eared Owls and/or Western Screech-Owls (depending on availability) and see young owls close up.

donor Rich Levad & Glenn Giroir

Northern Saw-whet Owl banding (Oct./Nov.) trip – 1 night – up to 6 people. Join RMBO researchers for an evening adventure capturing and banding Saw-whet Owls.

donor Rich Levad & Glenn Giroir

Raptor banding trip – 1 day tour of the eastern plains of Colorado with former RMBO staffer and Hawk-trapper extraordinaire Scott Hutchings. Pick the season you would like to go based on the birds you would like to catch, and Scott will guarantee a catch, or he'll take you out again! Up to 4 people.

donor Scott Hutchings

Two-day, two-night getaway for two in Canadian, Texas. Includes lodging at the Arrington Ranch Guest House Lodge, historic home of famous Texas Ranger legend Captain George Washington Arrington and filming location of the movie "Castaway". Also included, dinner for two at The Cattle Exchange and dinner for two at Our Fillin' Station, tickets for two to the historic Palace Theatre, and a sundae for two at City Drug Soda Fountain. Also included, guided bird tours, wildlife watching in the Panhandle, and a wildlife photography workshop working one-on-one with a professional wildlife photographer.

donor Remelle Farrar and Arrington Ranch Guest House

One-night stay for two at Box Canyon Lodge, Ouray, CO. Enjoy the fall colors for which Colorado is famous and see a huge diversity of fall migrant birds. Finish your day taking in the 360-degree view of the mountains from the outdoor redwood hot spring pool.

donor Box Canyon Lodge



L **Gunnison's Sage-grouse Grouse lek trip** led by the biologist whose work established this bird as a separate species. Including 1 night lodging for 1-2 people.

donor Jessica Young & Best Western

L Come to **watch the Black Swifts** in the red rock cliffs of Ouray, CO. Learn about perhaps the best-studied colony in the state from Colony Watcher Sue Hirshman. ½ Day trip.

donor Sue Hirshman

L Rocky's Ten Most Wanted – **6 hour birding trip with Scott Roederer** in Rocky Mountain National Park; Scott will customize trip to the winning bidder's target bird list; maximum 6 people, June-September. Scott's book, *Birding Rocky Mountain National Park*, is also included!

donor Scott Roederer

L **Greater Prairie Chicken Viewing Tour for 2** on March 29-30, 2003. Visit Wray, Colorado and see the Greater Prairie-Chicken dancing and booming on the prairie. Enjoy a steak dinner and presentation by the Division of Wildlife on Saturday night and a ranch-style breakfast and transportation to and from the lek on Sunday. Be one of the lucky few who gets to enjoy this rare opportunity on a private ranch from a special viewing blind! Overnight lodging not included.

donor Colorado Division of Wildlife and Wray Chamber of Commerce

L **Trip to assist hummingbird banders** Steve and Deb Bouricius at their Palisade, CO, hummingbird-banding station. Two nights' stay at a private home in Grand Junction is also provided.

donor Steve Bouricius & Mike Henwood

L Two night stay for 2 and birding trip with RMBO's Doug Faulkner. **Relax and enjoy the rustic lodge and over 30,000 acres of rangeland** in the Wind River Mountain Foothills. Enjoy healthy meals including organic beef and locally grown foods. Also, take time to check out the petroglyphs and native artifacts along with the abundant wildlife.

donor Twin Creek Ranch

L **Trip to southeast CO to observe Piping plovers and Least Terns**; Limited only to 2 cars, so pack in the people!

donor Duane Nelson



Other Trips

Join RMBO board member Ann Ruggles as she tracks the rare **Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse**. This three-inch long mighty mouse, unique to Colorado and southeastern Wyoming, is able to leap three feet in a single bound, and hibernates for an astonishing seven months each year. Spend a ½ (starting at 6am) day in the field, investigating the hibernation ecology of Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse, an endangered species of Front Range riparian areas. We will be live-trapping, marking and attaching radio collars to Prebles along South Boulder Creek in Boulder.

Maximum = 2

donor Anne Ruggles

One day **raft trip through Ruby and Horse Thief Canyons** with local bird, reptile, and geology guru, Coen Dexter.

donor Coen Dexter

½ day **fly fishing lesson for 2**. Spend half the day with Ken Morgan, CDOW wildlife biologist and former fly fishing guide. Lesson will occur in Northern CO on the Big Thompson or Cache La Poudre Rivers and includes basic fly-casting, fly assortment and tying-on, and basic stream entomology. All equipment, except waders, provided.

donor Ken Morgan

Two-day, one night stay for two at Rancho Largo. Dates in April or May. Accommodations are in a turn of the century, hand-built adobe house with two bedrooms and kitchen facilities. Visitors can bring and prepare their own food. The 14,000 acre Rancho Largo ranch sits in pinyon and juniper foothills terrain east of the Spanish Peaks and Sangre de Cristo mountains in south west Colorado. Visitors can expect to observe a variety of wildlife including bighorn sheep, bobcat, antelope, deer, badgers, a variety of birds including birds of prey, and an occasional bear or mountain lion. Visitors can also partake in ranch work. In the spring, this may include calving or branding. Visitors will be exposed to a ranch management philosophy emphasizing the maintenance of a diverse ecosystem that utilizes cattle as the primary grazing herbivore.

donor Grady Grissom



One night stay for 2 in the Prairie House at West Pawnee Ranch, located 4 miles from Pawnee National Grasslands in northeastern CO. This bed and breakfast has a private living area as well as bed and bath that look out over the prairie. Enjoy panoramic views of the Chalk Bluffs while birding and hiking on over 7,000 acres of grassland. Over 250 different species of birds can be found here and be sure to check out tepee rings left by the Cheyenne Indians and share stories of the Native Americans!

donor Grady Grissom

Two night/ 1 day stay for 4 in the Casita at Chico Basin Ranch. Enjoy exploring 83,000 acres of grasslands, shrublands, and wetlands. Wildlife abounds with over 200 species of birds. Enjoy fishing, swimming, birding, and hiking. For the adventurous, join us for ranch work. The Casita is fully furnished, though visitors must bring and prepare their own food. Join us before May or after August.

donor Chico Basin Ranch

Escape to the Southwest! Enjoy a **furnished apartment in Tucson, NM for 3 nights/4 days** and Car rental from Enterprise. Also included is the New Mexico Bird Finding Guide – just in case you want to check out the local birds!

donor Oakwood Corporation & Enterprise Rent-A-Car

One night stay, including dinner at The View Restaurant, at the Historic Craggs Lodge in Estes Park. The Lodge offers breathtaking views of the Continental Divide to the West and a bird's-eye view of Estes Park to the east. Craggs Lodge was founded by Enos Mills, known as "The Father of Rocky Mountain National Park".

donor The Historic Craggs Lodge & The View Restaurant



Two-night stay at the **cabin or yurt of your choice in Golden Gate Canyon State Park**, located only 30 miles from Denver. Stay includes park entrance fee and is valid until 9/30/03.

donor Colorado State Parks

Two weeknight **stay at Steamboat/Pearl yurts** (Sunday through Thursday) between December '03 and March '04. Great winter get-away for cross country skiers and snowshoers!

donor Colorado State Parks

Raft six miles of the Cache La Poudre with A Wanderlust Adventure rafting company! ½ day trip for one.

donor A Wanderlust Adventure

Services

4-30 min. sessions with life coach; Georgia provides results oriented coaching to goal-oriented individuals, helps clients explore different choices and perspectives that stretches their thinking; and explore where they stop at reaching their goals and discover ways to push through those barriers. Ms. Pappas has a Masters' degree in management from Regis University and trained as a coach with the Coaches Training Institute.

donor Georgia Pappas

Three, 1-hour massages – Denver Injury Evaluation & Treatment Center.

donor Judd Herring

Half-day spa package at Hands and Tans Day Spa, Fort Collins. Enjoy an hour Swedish massage, 45 minute facial, and 10 minute whirlpool soak!

donor Lynnwood Fiedler

One day of general handyman work by an RMBO board member who is also an accomplished handyman.

donor Paul Slingsby

36 visits for tai-bo or kickboxing classes at Tran's Tai Kwan Do; located in Fort Collins, CO.

donor Tran's Tai Kwan Do



Optics

- L** Eagle Optics Rangers 8 x 42 **binoculars**.
donor Eagle Optics
- L** Zeiss Diafun 8 x 30 **binoculars**.
donor Zeiss
- L** Eagle Optics Triumph **spotting scope with mini tripod and carrying case**.
donor Wild Birds Unlimited, Denver

Artwork

- L** “Chaps – Western Bluebird” This numbered, limited-edition print, signed by the artist, showcases a Western Bluebird in a decidedly western scene. Robert Bateman is an internationally recognized wildlife artist.
donor Mill Pond Press & Robert Bateman
- L** Two framed and **matted limited edition prints of Mourning Doves and Canvasbacks** by artist Danny O’ Driscoll. Dimensions: 20 x 25”
donor Bartlett Ranch, LLC
- L** **Two framed antique prints of a Martin and Goldeneye** from the 1870 collection “A History of British Birds” by the Reverend F.O. Morris. Dimensions: 18 x 18”
donor Imagemaker
- L** **Wooden Black-capped chickadee**, hand-carved by former RMBO board president Jack Whiting
donor Jack Whiting
- L** “Balancing Act”, limited edition, 8 x 10” framed photo print by Nebraska wildlife photographer Michael Forsberg.
donor Michael Forsberg
- L** “Pygmy Nuthatch” 16 x 20” matted watercolor print by Evergreen artist Laura Mehmert.
donor Laura Mehmert



L **"Mountain Chickadee"** 16 x 20" matted watercolor print by Evergreen artist Laura Mehmert. donor Laura Mehmert

L **"Trumeter Swan"** 24 x 30" matted giclee print by Evergreen artist Laura Mehmert. donor Laura Mehmert

Miscellaneous

L **Case of Homebrew** brewed by RMBO founder, Mike Carter. donor Mike Carter

L **Gourmet dinner for 4** in the home of gourmet chefs Reed and Desnise Brannon; Greeley, CO. Enjoy cocktails and light appetizers, salad, Cajun shrimp and grilled beef tenderloins, fresh vegetables, and wine. Finish off this wonderful meal with coffee and dessert! donor Reed & Desnise Brannon

L Throw a party every month with a **case of your choice of New Belgium beer each month for a year.** donor New Belgium Brewing Company

Events

S 12 tickets for admission to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science and Phipps IMAX Theater ; Denver, CO. donor Denver Museum of Nature and Science
S 12 tickets for admission to the Denver Botanic Gardens ; Denver, CO. donor Denver Botanic Gardens
S Tickets to The Stage Theatre to see "Scapin" or "The Con Artist" during the week of 5/8/03. donor Denver Center Theatre Co. & Denver Center Attractions
S Four tickets for admission to Colorado's Ocean Journey ; Denver, CO. donor Colorado's Ocean Journey
S Fox Theatre tickets:
3/17 Listen 5 pair
3/20 John Browns' Body 2 pair
3/21 Melissa Ferrick 2 pair
3/23 Switchfoot 2 pair
3/24 SubDudes/John Cowan 2 pair
3/26 Ozomatli 1 pair
4/5 Cheap Trick 1 pair
donor Fox Theatre



Services

- S** **Chiropractor service**, including a consultation, exam, x-rays, and first correction from Colorado Spinal Care in Fort Collins, CO.
donor Dr. Joe Hassler, D.C.
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- S** **Two, 3-hour sessions of on-site business PC consulting** within metro Denver and Boulder County. Must be used by 6/30/03.
donor Micro Experts Consulting
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- S** **10 visits to The Yoga Center**, located in The Pulse in Fort Collins. Choose from Beginner, Advanced, and Yin yoga classes.
donor The Yoga Center at The Pulse
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- S** **One bicycle tune-up**. One complete road or mountain bicycle lubrication, adjustment, and repair (parts extra).
donor Paul Slingsby
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- S** **Outdoor equipment rental** at Eastern Mountain Sports in Fort Collins – gear for two for a weekend – skiing, snowshoeing, mountaineering, or camping.
donor Eastern Mountain Sports
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- S** **Round of golf for 4 at Keystone Ranch Golf Course**. Package also includes golf cart rental and driving range access. Package valid for play from 5/17 – 6/19 and 9/22 – 10/12.
donor Keystone Resort
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- S** **Four lift tickets** to Monarch Ski and Snowboard Park and a one night stay for up to 4 people at the Monarch Mountain Lodge in Salida, CO. Valid until 4/6/03.
donor Monarch Mountain Lodge, Monarch Ski and Snowboard Park
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- S** **Unlimited Tai-bo classes for 1 month** at Tran's Tai Kwan Do, located in Fort Collins, CO.
donor Tran's Tai Kwan Do



Annual membership in the Colorado Native Plant Society – a non-profit organization dedicated to the appreciation and conservation of the Colorado native flora. The society sponsors field trips, workshops, and other activities through local chapters and statewide. Package also includes CNPS hat, tote bag, matted 25th Anniversary poster, and book on Colorado’s native flora.

donor Colorado Native Plant Society and Jerry’s Artarama

Annual membership in the American Birding Association - the organization of North American birders, whose mission is to bring all the excitement, challenge, and wonder of birds and birding to you. (2 memberships available).

donor American Birding Association

Items for wildlife

Hanging tube feeder and 85 lbs of seed - feed your feathered friends for almost a year!

donor Wild Bird Center, Boulder & Fort Collins, CO

Glass and copper globe hummingbird feeder.

donor Wild Bird Unlimited, Boulder, CO

Small bird house – ideal for wrens or chickadees!
(3 available separately)

donor Ron Beason

Small Owl Nest Box – This wooden nest box is suitable for screech owls and should be placed in an area with abundant cottonwoods.

donor Jason Beason

Wood Duck Nest Box – promotes Wood Duck nesting near your wetlands.

donor Explorer Post 123



Bat House (4 available separately); By putting up a bat house you are helping bats find a home. You will also benefit from having fewer yard and garden pests and will enjoy learning about bats and sharing your knowledge with friends and family. Also included with each house is a complementary year membership to the Colorado Bat Society, a local organization dedicated to fostering educational information about bats and to provide for the conservation of bats and their habitats in Colorado.

donor Jason Beason & Colorado Bat Society

Clay pottery birdhouse, designed for outdoor use.

donor Emily

Native Prairie Restoration Kit – Restore the beauty of the shortgrass prairie in your own backyard. Includes 2 lbs. of native short-grass prairie wildflower and grass seed mix. Covers approximately 1000 square feet.

donor Western Native Seed

Gift Items

Handmade Fly Tying Station: A solid red oak fly tying station features room inside for materials, adjustable vise station, and plenty of room on the removable top for thread and accessories.

donor Reed & Denise Brannon

Decorative birdhouse.

donor Fort Collins Nursery

Decorative copper birdhouse.

donor Frank's Sheet Metal

Celestron 8 x 42 binoculars.

donor Jax Outdoor Gear, Inc.

Birds of Prey plush singing bird set - a collection of original realistic plush beanbag birds with authentic sounds. A gentle squeeze is all you need to brighten your day with their songs.

donor Wild Republic

Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory Merchandise set – show your support of RMBO when you wear the official cap and polo shirt or carry the RMBO tote bag. Annual membership to RMBO also included.

donor RMBO



- Ⓢ **Caps and/or t-shirts** from 10 North American bird observatories, including Beaverhill, Cape May, Long Point, Klamath, Idaho, Gulf Coast, Alaska, Rogue River, Thunder Cape, and Lesser Slave Lake Bird Observatories.
donor Various
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- Ⓢ **Dried flower** arrangement.
donor Brenda Martin
-
- Ⓢ Patagonia Synchilla **fleece jacket** – Men’s Large, color gray.
donor Patagonia, Denver
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- Ⓢ **Better Birdwatching**, Mountain West edition CD-ROM – your guide to finding and identifying birds in the Mountain West.
donor Joe LaFleur
-
- Ⓢ **The Cornell Lab of Ornithology’s Guide to Birds** of North America CD-ROM – features over 2,675 color photographs and 1200 songs and calls.
donor Thayer’s Birding Software
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- Ⓢ **Glass globe oil candle set** with lamp oil.
donor Tammy Vercauteren
-
- Ⓢ Forest-friendly **kitchen set** –includes shade-grown coffee and bamboo cutting board.
donor The Cupboard
-
- Ⓢ Hand-turned **Banded Onyx vase**.
donor Nature’s Own
-
- Ⓢ Hand-made **bird kites**. (2 available)
donor Sun Oak Kites
-
- Ⓢ A **coffee set** from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, including one bag of shade grown coffee, a coffee mug, and a medium coffee T-shirt.
donor International Migratory Bird Day/National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
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- Ⓢ Tattered Cover **book token**.
donor Tattered Cover
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- Ⓢ **Gift certificate** to the Tattered Cover – can be used at most U.S. independent bookstores and at the 4th Story Restaurant, located in the Cherry Creek Tattered Cover
donor Jack Whiting



- Ⓢ **Celestial Seasonings tea** and tea accessory gift basket.
donor Celestial Seasonings
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- Ⓢ Floral and butterfly design **mouse pad**.
donor Jackie Bruggers
-
- Ⓢ **Heritage lace wall-hangings**; beautiful rustic and wildlife – themed decorative hangings. (2 available)
donor Bay Shore Oak
-
- Ⓢ **Tree of Life rug**, Navajo-style.
donor South By SouthWest
-
- Ⓢ Wildlife **motif fleece throw**.
donor Tammy & Kurt Vercauteren
-
- Ⓢ **Easter gift basket**, includes holiday soaps, tea towels, candles, and blank invitations.
donor Pam Meier
-
- Ⓢ Large basket with **decorative home items**.
donor Pam Meier
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- Ⓢ **Appliqué sweatshirts** with wildlife and holiday themes.
donor Pam Meier
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- Ⓢ Wooden **decorative bird houses**, set of 3.
donor Pam Meier
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- Ⓢ Wooden **doll and decorative country pictures**.
donor Pam Meier

Food and Beverage

- Ⓢ Dinner for two at **Trios Grille and Wine Bar**; Boulder, CO.
donor Trios Grille and Wine Bar
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- Ⓢ Gift Certificate for \$40 of delicious food at **Avogadro's Number** in Fort Collins, CO.
donor Avogadro's Number
-
- Ⓢ Gift Certificate to **Walnut Brewery/Rock Bottom Brewery**; \$25.
donor Walnut Brewery



Dinner for two at **Jax Fish House**; Boulder, CO.

donor **Jax Fish House**



Case of **Tommyknocker's beer**.

donor **Tommyknocker's Brewery**



Cheese sampler gift basket and tour of award-winning Haystack Mountain Goat Dairy, located in Niwot, CO. "Come visit the new "kids" and goats and pick up a beautiful basket of the freshest possible goat cheese!"

donor **Haystack Mountain Goat Dairy**



Chocolates gift basket – assorted chocolates from the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory.

donor **Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory**



Art Prints

"Baby Blue Bird" 8 x 10" matted watercolor print by Evergreen artist Laura Mehmert.

donor **Laura Mehmert**



"Claycolored Sparrow" 11 x 14" matted watercolor print by Evergreen artist Laura Mehmert.

donor **Laura Mehmert**



"Indigo Bunting" 11 x 14" matted watercolor print by Evergreen artist Laura Mehmert.

donor **Laura Mehmert**



"Carolina Wren" 11 x 14" matted watercolor print by Evergreen artist Laura Mehmert.

donor **Laura Mehmert**



"Snow Goose" 11 x 14" matted watercolor print by Evergreen artist Laura Mehmert.

donor **Laura Mehmert**



John O'Neil **Yellow-billed Cuckoo print**.

donor **Gulf Coast Bird Observatory**



- S** "Hummingbirds Among the Gilia" Beautifully framed and matted limited edition print. Dimension: 20 x 22"

donor Jackie Bruggers

- S** Original **water color of a Baltimore Oriole.**

donor Jeanine Lackey

- S** **Whooping Crane** – a colorful unframed print from the Endangered Species collection of local artist Jessica Bernstein.

donor Blue Wolf Creations

- L** **Aspen Leaf** – A bold, abstract interpretation of Colorado's fall colors. Dimensions: 24 x 24"

donor Cyndi Harlan

- S** 2 – **Breedan botanical prints.**

donor Jeff Price

- S** **Duck Stamp Prints** – These unframed prints come with the note of certification and conservation stamp. Species include Canvasback, Mallard, Pintail, Canada Goose, and Tundra Swan. Dimensions: 12 x 14

donor Millpond Press

- S** **Sandhill Crane pencil drawing** print by Nebraska wildlife artist, Dean Studnicka.

donor Dean Studnicka & Cris Carnine

- S** **Aspen Forest**, framed color photograph Dimensions: 12 x 15"

donor Mountain Woods Furniture

- S** Artprint featuring **waterfowl.**

donor Kim Diment

- L** "Spring Light" This beautifully framed and numbered, limited edition print by Jim Rey portrays the foundation and beauty of our American West culture. Dimensions: 30 x 34"

donor Meanwhile Back at the Ranch



Other Art

Wooden loons, life-sized and hand-carved of cherry and cedar (2 available) S
donor Bartlett Ranch, LLC

Signed, **framed photo** by Brian Wheeler. donor Brian Wheeler S

Handmade wooden **mantle clock**. donor Andy McIntyre S

Custom designed **wooden wall clock**, engraved with Colorado State University "Rams" logo. donor Ron Beason S

Wooden Barn Owl feather lapel pin, hand carved by Virginian Willie Wilmouth. donor Debbie Lerch-Cushman S

Handmade custom **beaded necklace and bracelet set**. donor Renee Fleener S

Hand pieced and embroidered double sized in a "crazy quilt" style – features birds in a blue and green color scheme. donor Nelda Gamble & Evelyn Tepe S

Hand pieced **floral pattern quilt** pieced together in the "pinwheel" quilting style. donor Terry Noonan S

A **contemporary art quilt** donated by Fifth Generation Quilts, Lafayette CO. This reversible, 52" x 61" original quilt was made especially for this auction. It is suitable for wall art or a lap quilt. Mandarin Ducks in a Japanese sea are bounded by an Asian design of waves and feathers. The reverse features an oriental bird-themed medallion surrounded by Asian-themed fabrics. It is quilted in a Japanese wave motif. Colors are rust, purple, green, black and gold. The quiltmaker is Marjorie Jannotta, known for her inspired use of color. L
donor 5th Generation Quilters

Quilted multi-colored table runners, pieced in the "log cabin" quilting style. (3 available) donor Terry Noonan S

Knitted scarf, hat, and glove set; made of purple and black wool. donor Jeanine Lackey S

Woman's **hand-knit wool felt hat**. donor Dorothy Carnine S

Two hand thrown **raku vases**. donor Francie Pusitari S

Handmade **clay wildlife figurine set** – includes a sandpiper, frog, and turtle. donor Becky Beason S

Two hand painted decorative **saw blades and antique jar**. donor Jan Hoover S

Custom **art shirt**. donor Mary Bonnell S



Books

- § ***Feels Like Far – A Rancher’s Life on the Great Plains*** [signed]; In this soulful memoir of prairie life, Linda Hasselstrom revisits her life on the ranch, a hard and unforgiving place where issues of life and death are never far away. **donor Linda Hasselstrom**
- § ***Land Circle: Writings Collected from the Land*** [signed]; A new kind of rancher and a new kind of environmentalist, award-winning author Linda Hasselstrom embraces old values, most particularly, responsibility for the land born out of love for it. **donor Linda Hasselstrom**
- § ***Between Grass and Sky: Where I Live and Work*** [signed]; Hasselstrom’s voice rings with the ardent common sense of one who knows and loves the land, who appreciates the concerns of environmental activists but also knows the role that responsible ranchers can play in nurturing a healthy rural ecosystem. **donor Linda Hasselstrom**
- § ***Windbreak: A Woman Rancher on the Northern Plains*** [signed]; Linda Hasselstrom is a rare combination: rancher, poet, environmentalist, and feminist. Her day-to-day account of a year on her family’s South Dakota cattle ranch offers a vivid look at a rugged way of life rarely pictured from inside. **donor Linda Hasselstrom**
- § ***The Art of Bird Photograph: The Complete Guide to Professional Field Techniques*** [signed]; Destined to take its place among the great classics of nature photography, this comprehensive book is devoted to the extraordinary discipline and special techniques of capturing magnificent birds on film. **donor Arthur Morris**
- § ***Bitter Creek Junction*** [book on tape]; *Bitter Creek Junction* is Linda Hasselstrom’s fourth volume of poetry and is your chance to stand in the eye of a thunderstorm and smell the rain, hear the thunder, and experience the brilliant light of pure talent up close and personal. She writes from, and out, of her western experience but manages to relate such experiences in a manner that has universal meaning and appeal (2 available). **donor Linda Hasselstrom**
- § ***How Birds Migrate*** [signed]; Paul Kerlinger, the former Director of the Cape May Bird Observatory and a Ph.D. researcher wrote this page-turning book of case studies explaining how, why, when, and where birds migrate. (2 copies available) **donor Paul Kerlinger**
- § ***Before The Echo: Essays on Nature*** [signed]; An intimate portrait of various facets of the natural world in tightly worded essays. The book is a delight to read and it makes you want to go outside and look for the beauty that Dunne conveys so eloquently. **donor Pete Dunne**
- § ***Warblers*** [signed]; This is one of the long line of Peterson field guides and is THE North American guide on those colorful and spritely birds, the warblers. **donor Jon Dunn & Kimball Garrett**
- § ***America’s 100 Most Wanted Birds*** [signed]; This book tells you how to find 100 species of rare birds in the Lower 48. **donor Steve Mlodinow & Michael O’Brien**
- § ***Large Gulls of North America and Small Gulls of North America***; This highly-acclaimed 2-vol set of identification videos was produced to instruct birders on the identification **donor John Vanderpoel**
- § ***Bird Songs of the Rocky Mountain States and Provinces***; This 3-CD set provides the examples of calls and songs of most regular Rocky Mountain bird species and is utilized heavily by RMBO at training its field staff of gulls, one of the trickiest groups of birds to identify. **donor Bob Righter**



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We would also like to thank Gary Corbett, our auctioneer, for providing guidance throughout and Michael Glenn for his assistance with the sound system. And, a thank you to José Trujillo for formatting the auction booklet.

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This event was a success due to the generosity of our Event Sponsors!

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Colorado Swing Dance Club

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Nolan Rucker

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Wild Oats Natural Marketplace – Baseline

Wild Oats Natural Marketplace – Fort Collins

Wild Birds Unlimited – Denver stores

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Wynkoop Brewery