

## Field Trip Reports.....

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**The Loo-Wit Chapter of the Sierra Club** offers activities listed under the "outings" link.

<http://washington.sierraclub.org/loowit/main/>

**The Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club** (The Columbia Group) website includes outings in our region as well as a list of links to other groups who sponsor outings.

<http://oregon.sierraclub.org/groups/columbia/outings/index.asp>

**Local botanist Kathleen Sayce** lists plant oriented hikes that she and others lead near the coast at:

<http://www.reachone.com/columbiacoastplants>.

**The Columbia Land Trust** offers project tours and stewardship activities within our region (you must be a member to participate).

[http://www.columbialandtrust.org/site\\_tours.htm](http://www.columbialandtrust.org/site_tours.htm)

Surf over to the stewardship page for additional outings.

**The Washington Ornithological Society** offers field trips and conferences with limited availability (one trip per year) to nonmembers. <http://www.wos.org>

**The Washington Native Plant Society** offers plant oriented field trips, stewardship and presentations. The closest active chapter is the South Sound Chapter located in Olympia, but some of their field trips are closer to our area.

<http://www.southsoundchapterwnps.org>

**Friends of the Columbia Gorge** offers hikes and stewardship opportunities as well.

<http://www.gorgefriends.org/involve>

## WHAS Board Meeting Report

*By Charlotte Persons*

### April 1, 2006

At this meeting Darrel Whipple discussed his plans to spend the grant for \$790 from Audubon WA for cases and taxidermy for the WHAS bird and small mammal collection. WHAS board approved new investments in Edward Jones accounts for treasurer John Green, with hopes of higher returns. At Spring ACOW in Port Townsend, Margaret Green attended the Education Summit and got good ideas for programs in local schools. Three years ago WHAS contributed \$1,000 to buying Reardan's Audubon Lake to protect it from development, and this effort was finally completed by the Inland Northwest Land Trust, which will sell it to the WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. WHAS Board approved resolutions for Washington State Audubon Society Conservation Chairs meeting on June 24 on

proposed copper mine at Margaret Site Bordering Mt. St. Helens National Monument and on proposed gasification power plant in Kalama. WHAS membership approved by mail-in ballot proposed change in WHAS Bylaws that "all checks and drafts of the Society may be signed by the Treasurer, the President/s or Vice President or **one additional board-designated board member.**" WHAS Board voted to support Initiative 937 for the November ballot; it will increase wind, solar and other renewable energy and conservation by 15% by the year 2020. Interested members will gather signatures to support the initiative. Board consensus was to continue sending transferred members of Discovery Coast complimentary Whistler newsletters until the new chapter is no longer on probationary status. The goal is to maintain contact until the matter is resolved.

## WHAS Annual Meeting/Dinner Was Fun For All

The meeting was held on June 3 at Thyme Square, The Merc Building in Longview, which served soup, sandwiches, salad, and dessert. Twenty-four members attended. We started with Ann Musche and Alan Richards' slides of their recent trip to Malheur in southeastern Oregon, and Gerald Henry's photos of past birding and nature-viewing trips in the Northwest. At a short business meeting, Margaret Green introduced Charles Kingsland and invited all to view the display board about his exhibit of nature paintings at Redmen Hall in Skamokawa until August 1. Also on display was his black-and-white print, "The Return" of an eagle coming to its nest, which will sell there for \$40.00. Half the proceeds of each print will go to benefit the Friend of Redmen Hall and half to WHAS. Annual board election results were also announced: four officers were re-elected--Steve Puddicombe and Betty Mayfield as co-presidents, John Green as treasurer, and Charlotte Persons as secretary. Shirley Bartholomew was re-elected as Director at Large, and Steve Glucoft and Pam Snively were elected as new Directors at Large. At the conclusion of the meeting, Charlotte Persons asked attendees to see information about local and state conservation issues on a display board. After the business meeting adjourned, we were entertained by John and Margaret Green's slides of their stay in Sri Lanka in 2005.

### \*\*\*\*\*Bird Sightings\*\*\*\*\*

Carlo Abbruzzese saw an eastern kingbird west of Castle Rock on June 16 and John Green saw a crested caracara near Seaside on June 2.