



# The Corvid Crier

East Lake Washington Audubon Society

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## Another ELWAS Season Comes To A Close

By Jan McGruder

Summer is here, and the slowed pace is a relief after the frenzy of spring migration! So many birds - so little time. With the onset of summer, the pace at ELWAS also slows. We can catch up at the office, and the Board of Directors can spend time planning for the next year and beyond.

It has been another wonderful year for the Chapter. We've been able to get out in the community and bring ELWAS to those who may not know about us. It's always fun to meet new people, and talk about birding and Audubon. We had two "Movie Nights" which were well attended, and brought in potential new members. We hope to continue this event on a regular basis next season.

The Youth Education Committee has given a record number of presentations in local schools this year, as well as presentations for the Boys & Girls Club, and summer camps. Those working on the Committee are dedicated to giving science-based presentations, and are not there merely to entertain the kids.

Martyn Stewart is doing a great job filling in as Conservation Chair until we find a replacement. The Committee has been very active with the Black River Heronry, the Critical Areas Ordinance update, and adoption of the Marymoor Park Interpretive Trail.

Hugh Jennings has organized many wonderful field trips for our members. Those, along with the local park walks every month, have given members and the community at large lots of birding opportunities. Mary-Frances Mathis is planning field trips to new areas, and Melinda Bronsdon has done a great job of bringing Adult Classes to ELWAS. Already she has new classes and instructors lined up for the Fall.



We want to thank the many volunteers who have taken leadership positions with the Chapter. These people have ongoing projects, or work behind the scenes, assuring that all our activities come off without a hitch, and run smoothly. Adult Education: Melinda Bronsdon and Chereyl Spink; Mike West teaches our Beginning Birding series every year; Jim Ganley leads the Bellevue Botanical Garden Walks every month; Megan Lyden has worked tirelessly on the Marymoor Park project; Kay Barrett continues her stewardship of Belle-

fields Park, leading monthly clean ups; Sunny Walter organizes the Monthly Meeting Programs; Barbara Erling and Carolyn Kishel are ELWAS' Co-Librarians, cataloging new books for the ELWAS lending library; Sidonia St. Germaine is our Historian; Tom Grismer does a wonderful job of editing the *Corvid Crier*; Tracey Cummings gets our events in the newspapers and other publications around town; Nancy Nicklas keeps our website up to date, and her committee is always working on new material; Nancy and Jim Roberts organize the Holiday Gift Wrap; Lyn Bailey, assisted by Claudia Welsh, makes sure we have refreshments at the Monthly Meetings; Emily Winstrom recruits volunteers; Len Steiner keeps the seed in stock; Ellen Homan manages the book inventory; Patricia Clarke delivers the books from our distributor; and Warren Pagel tracks our volunteer hours.

Thank you volunteers for giving their time to ELWAS, and thanks to our members for being there. We couldn't do it without you.

Of course, there will be many field trips throughout the summer, from birds, wildlife and flowers, and work parties and nature walks. We hope to see many of you there.

The ELWAS office will be open during regular hours in June and July (Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.), but we will be closed for the month of August.

If we don't see you at one of our activities, have a good summer and we'll see you in September!



**Note:** *This is the last newsletter until the September issue. Keep this issue and check the website regularly!*



### Attention Birdathoners

Please report your birdathon results to the ELWAS office by June 6th.

**Our Mission:** *The mission of the East Lake Washington Audubon Society is to protect, preserve and enhance natural ecosystems and our communities for the benefit of birds, other wildlife and people.*

## President's Message — Summer at Last!

By Christy Anderson, ELWAS President

Summer is when the urge to get out in the garden really hits. Improving our yards as a habitat for birds and wildlife is not something just for us proud tree huggers. This style of gardening is really hitting the mainstream.

For bird lovers, the chance to attract a wider variety of birds to our yards is foremost. Birdwatching without leaving home! Keeping a yard list brings our passion home.

Even small actions can improve the quality of life for local wildlife and for ourselves. Consider the seemingly innocent lawn and garden sprays used to rid yards of "pests." Is that improving the birds' quality of life? Or yours?

I'm reminded of an incident at an ELWAS plant sale some years ago. A volunteer, helping a novice gardener, was promoting a specific plant because it attracts insects to the garden. The customer loudly pronounced, "I have too many insects. I want to attract birds!" To me, this highlights a common misunderstanding about the natural environment and the "web of life."

Recent research revealed 93 percent of Americans would be willing to change their lawn and garden activities if it would make a difference in the environment. However, most don't know what to do. Studies also found that only three out of 12 environmentally friendly lawn and landscape practices were used by more than half of all US homeowners with a yard or garden.

As the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife puts it, "Over 35,000 acres of wildlife habitat is converted to housing and other development each year in Washington. If we continue at this rate, many of our native wildlife species will have few places to live and visit... A property owner is also a habitat manager. The things we do, or do not do, in the vicinity of our home have an effect on the quality of habitat for dozens of wildlife species."

National Audubon has produced some information that can help us all. Key to the *Audubon At Home* project are 5 simple actions that can make a world of difference.

- Eliminate or reduce pesticide use
- Conserve water
- Protect water quality
- Remove exotic plant pests
- Plant native species

And to that, I would add another:

- Keep your cat indoors! (ELWAS has helped produce a brochure on this topic. Call the office for a copy.)

Find out more about how you personally can have an impact that will make a difference. Check out these websites.

[http://www.audubon.org/bird/at\\_home/index.html](http://www.audubon.org/bird/at_home/index.html)  
<http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/PI/Go-Native/index.htm>  
<http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/backyard/>

Spread it around! A group of neighbors, with connecting backyard habitats, can make an even bigger impact on preserving native species. And enjoy your backyard birding!

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Want to support ELWAS, but are looking for more than we have in our store? (There you'll find books, notecards, bird feeders, seed and suet.) No problem! You can visit the ELWAS Virtual Store and buy all your outdoor items online. Just login to the ELWAS homepage ([www.elwas.org](http://www.elwas.org)), click on "Shop Online"! Then follow the links to our online store.

You'll find great deals on books, field guides, audio, video, gifts, seed, feeders, and kid's stuff. Just place your order online, and all merchandise will be delivered right to your door.

Besides the convenience to you, ELWAS receives a percentage of each sale!

### Thank You!

**Nancy Nicklas** deserves a big round of applause. Since late January, when the ELWAS server crashed, it seems we've been plagued by computer problems. Nancy has spent an inordinate amount of time trying to resuscitate dead computers, and jolly along those on their last legs.

**Brian Gershon** also deserves kudos for rebuilding the ELWAS website when we lost it all in the server crash. Brian is living proof of the necessity of regular backups. If he hadn't been backing up the website weekly, ELWAS could have been in serious trouble.

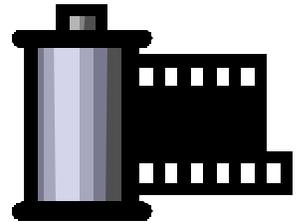
Because the computer ELWAS was using for the server was unrecoverable, we've now outsourced the website. RagingWeb Technologies is a small, Seattle company, and we think this is a good thing. Our website is safe and secure on their computers.

Nancy and Brian – thanks for keeping us going at the office and on the web!

### Photo Group

By Tim Boyer

The Photo Group will be meeting June 14, and July 12th at the church. Anyone is welcome to attend, and they should bring 5 to 10 images to share with the group (if they'd like). The meeting starts at 7 PM and is over by 9 PM. We share images, talk about where to take bird photos, equipment and experiences. All photographers are welcome: film, digital, and digiscope.



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9:00am — 1:00pm**

## ELWAS' Marymoor Park Interpretive Trail



ELWAS is working with King County Parks to reach agreement whereby the Chapter would “adopt” the Interpretive Trail at the Park. This proposal would include ELWAS building interpretive kiosks at both ends of the trail, developing and installing interpretive signs along the trail, building and installing benches along the trail, repairing and expanding pathways and boardwalks, and removing non-native plants and replanting with native plants.

With the budget crunch King County has experienced in recent years, they developed the ADOPS program to encourage outside groups to adopt parks, or portions of parks. Governments have realized that rather than lose parks to development, there is a pool of volunteers able and willing to work on parks, which in turn enhances communities and cities. This program has been very successful at Marymoor, as reflected in the Model Airplane Flying Field, adopted by Marymoor R/C Club and the off leash dog area, adopted by Save Our Dog Areas (SODA). Both of these are outside groups who have partnered with King County to manage their pieces of Marymoor Park.

Michael Hobbs, Master Birder and a long time member of ELWAS, has been leading year round, weekly walks at Marymoor for over eleven years. In that time, he’s counted over 177 species! Michael has also represented ELWAS on the “Friends of Marymoor Park” committee.

With the development already in place at Marymoor – concert venue, and various other proposals discussed for Marymoor Park – overnight RV parking, Michael became concerned about the wildlife areas. When Michael brought his concerns about possible loss of birding opportunities to our attention, Megan Lyden took the bull by the horns.

Megan has formed a committee of other interested ELWAS members and spent the last year laying the groundwork for ELWAS’ partnership with King County. ELWAS will be applying to King County for a grant of up to \$100,000.00. These funds will be used to pay for the improvements and interpretive features ELWAS would like to see at the Park. Along with these funds is the expectation that ELWAS volunteers will pitch in and build the kiosks and boardwalks, remove the noxious weeds and plant native plants.

ELWAS is seeking volunteers to help with all aspects of this project – from ideas and design to digging out invasive plants. There will be lots of opportunities to help, and we hope many of you will come out. If you’d like to help with the Marymoor Interpretive Trail, contact Jan McGruder at 425-822-8580 or [jan@elwas.org](mailto:jan@elwas.org).

Look for updates in the newsletter and on the website, and come out and bird the Park!

### How to get to..

- **Kingsgate Park and Ride:**  
I-405 exit 20B northbound or 20 southbound, N. E. 124th St. Go west to light at 116th Ave. N. E., then right (north) a few blocks to P&R lot (on the left). Meet in the S.E. corner.
- **ELWAS Office/Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church, 308 4th Avenue S. (corner 4th Ave. S and State)**  
I-405 exit 18 (N. E. 85th-Kirkland). Go west on Central Way to the light on 3rd St. Go left on 3rd St. Follow this street (it bears left and changes name to State St.) Then turn left on 4th Ave. S.

### Election for Regional Board of the National Audubon Society

by Christy Anderson – ELWAS President

At their May 17 meeting, your Board of Directors voted to reelect Charlie Kahle as Western Regional Board member to our national organization. Charlie has served us well in the past, and we were thrilled to be able to support him again. Charlie is a past president of Seattle Audubon, and a real Chapter supporter at the national level.

## ELWAS Meetings June through August, 2005

**June 1, July 6, August 3 (Weds) 6:00 pm — Web Committee**

**Meets first Wednesday of each month in the ELWAS Office.** All interested parties are invited. Questions? Email Nancy Nicklas at [webmaster@elwas.org](mailto:webmaster@elwas.org)

**June 7, July 5, August 2 (Tues) 7:00 pm — Conservation Committee**

**Meets first Tues of each month in the ELWAS Office.** All interested parties are invited. Questions? Email Martyn Stewart at [mstew@naturesound.org](mailto:mstew@naturesound.org)

**June 7, July 12, August 9 (Tues) 7:00-9:00 pm — Education Committee**

Meets in the ELWAS Office. All interested parties are invited. Questions? For information email: [education@elwas.org](mailto:education@elwas.org) or call **425-576-8805**.

**June 20, July 18, August 15 (Mon) 7:00 pm — Birds in the Balance**

**Meets 3rd Mon. each month** at Len Steiner's, 13239 NE 100th, Kirkland. You're welcome to join this group, which assesses bird populations in local habitats. **Len Steiner 425-827-2478**

### Northwest Trek Field Trip

Join us on Saturday, June 18 for a trip to Northwest Trek. This adventure will include a naturalist-guided tram ride through the Park. We'll see moose, bison, elk and their young. There are always some surprises along the way!



After the tram tour, we'll explore Northwest Trek's nature trails and walking tour for up close looks at wolves, bears, cats, coyotes, wetlands and forest animals, as well as many local birds. For the young and young at heart, there's Cheney Discovery Center where we can touch everything! There's also an insect and reptile exhibit.

Bring a lunch or dine onsite at the Fir Bough Café or Grizzly Grill. Meet before 8:00 a.m. at Wilburton Park & Ride. We'll return by mid afternoon. Carpool cost/person: **\$5.00**

To qualify for a group discount, we need a minimum of 15 people. The cost for Northwest Trek discount tickets are:

Adults: \$8.50

Youth (ages 5-17): \$6.00

Tots (ages 3-4): \$4.00

**Space is limited and preregistration is required.** All ages are welcome! Call the office at (425) 576-8805 to sign up.



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### Audubon's Centennial Site is Up and Running

**New York, NY, May 13, 2005** -- Audubon's Centennial is now online, filled with informative content and images of the history, heroes, and happenings that make up our rich history over the past century. Also included is a decade-by-decade timeline, a kids art exhibit, and spotlights on accomplishments such as habitats preserved, significant species and Important Bird Areas (IBAs) that have put Audubon at the forefront of conservation. Visit <http://www.audubon.org/centennial/intro.php> for more information.

## FIELD TRIPS

Parents and children over 8 are welcome on all trips

Check our website at <http://www.elwas.org/events/> for the latest information and for reports of last months' field trips.

*Due to the rising costs of fuel and the related taxes, a surcharge of 30% will be added to the passenger costs on all field trips. This increase will help to make it more equitable for those who volunteer to drive.*

**June 3 (Fri) 8am to noon — Marymoor Park**  
Join us for a morning walk along the nature trail, seeing what birds are in the area. Meets the **1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month at 8:00**. Bring binoculars and meet at the SW corner of the Dog Area parking lot. No registration is required. To reach Marymoor Park, take SR 520 east from Seattle to the West Lake Sammamish Parkway exit and follow the signs. The entrance to the park is one block south of the exit. Turn right at third stop sign, to the Dog Area parking lot. Parking is \$1.

**June 5 (Sun) – 9am -- Bridle Trails State Park**  
Birding is more challenging in the woods. Come and explore this urban forest as we search for woodpeckers, nuthatches, and other woodland birds. The only park of its kind west of the Mississippi, Bridle Trails Park comprises about 500 acres of natural woodlands. Next to I-405 where Kirkland, Bellevue and Redmond meet, the park offers a truly natural, woodland environment close to urban development. Exit I-405 at Exit #17 (NE 70th St.) Turn right at end of freeway exit onto 116th Ave. NE. At NE 60th stop sign, continue straight ahead. Park entrance is on left hand (east) side of the road. Parking area is on right as you drive in. Be sure to pay your \$5 state parking fee. It helps the park! Meet at main entrance at 9 am. **Michael Hobbs 425-869-2370**

**June 8 (Weds) 9 am — Bellevue Botanical Gardens**  
Join us for a walk through the garden and a relaxed morning seeing what birds are in the area. **Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds of each month at 9:00 am**, and finishes by lunchtime. Bring binoculars and meet at front door.

**June 9 (Thurs) - 6:30 am**  
**Scatter Creek Wildlife Area**  
The riparian and wetland areas are dominated by Oregon Ash, white oak, Garry Oak, shrubs, and grasses that invite warblers, vireos, tanagers, and flycatchers. Chipping and Savannah Sparrow and Western Bluebird may be found in the short-grass prairies. Owls and woodpeckers are possible in the mixed woods. Expect to walk at least 4 miles. Bring food and drink for this full day of birding. Carpool drivers must have a WDFW Vehicle Use Permit. Meet before 6:30 am at Newport Hills Park N Ride, I-405, Exit 9. Return evening. Passenger cost/person \$9. **Joyce Meyer 425-881-5422**

**June 18 (Sat.) 10 am - Bellefields Trail Walkthrough.**  
Help clean litter along Bellefields Trail in the south end of Mercer Slough Nature Park. Meet at the Winters House (Bellevue Parks) parking lot at 2102 Bellevue Way SE (just N of I-90) **Bring gloves, a bag for trash, and binoculars.** **Kay Barrett 425-644-2862.**

**June 21 (Tues) 8:00 am – noon — Juanita Bay Park**  
A relaxed walk in the Park, seeing what birds are in the area. Meets the **3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of each month at 8:00**. Bring binoculars and meet in parking lot. No registration required. **MaryFrances Mathis 425-803-3026**

**June 25 (Sat.) - 6 am - Devil's Gulch near Cashmere**  
Devil's Gulch is about nine miles south of Cashmere. It is a 25,000 acre USFS area with an extremely large stand of ponderosa pine, and also coniferous/deciduous forest and riparian area. More than 100 species have been seen here, including many songbirds, raptors, grouse and woodpeckers. In summer we can expect Warbling Vireos, Townsend's Warblers, Cassin's Finches, Gray Catbirds. Owls possible are Northern Pygmy, Northern Saw-whet, and Flammulated. Over 1700 raptors of 16 species have been counted here during fall migration. Bring lunch. Plan to be back by late afternoon. Meet before 6 am at the Kingsgate P&R to carpool. Passenger cost/person \$12.00 **Jim Rettig 425-402-1833**

**June 27 (Mon) 9:00 am to noon**  
**Birding the HotSpots of King County**  
Monthly trip on fourth Mon of each month to wherever the birds are. Meet before 9 am at north end of the Newport Hills Park-N-Ride (I-405, exit 9) and plan to be back by noon. Passenger cost/person \$2.00. **Hugh Jennings 425-746-6351**

**July 1 (Fri) 8am to noon — Marymoor Park**  
Meets 1st Friday each month. See June 3.

**July 9 (Sat-Sun) — Hurricane Ridge/Dungeness Spit**  
Our annual Olympic Peninsula wildflower trip featuring views, birds, and varied wildlife. On Sat, at 11:00 am we will meet at the picnic table across the street from the Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center for a sack lunch. (This is the center at the base of the foothills, the one before you actually enter the park.) Look for the ELWAS sign. After lunch, we will head for the main visitor center at the top of Hurricane Ridge, making one stop to check out wildflowers along the way. If you miss the lunch, look for us at the trailhead of Hurricane Hill, about a quarter mile beyond the main visitor center. Again look for the ELWAS sign. On Sun we will visit Dungeness Spit and, if

time permits, the John Wayne Marina. Motels and campsites available. **Bill Schmidt 425-881-6037**

**July 13 (Weds) 9 am — Bellevue Botanical Gardens**  
Meets 2nd Weds each month. See June 8.

**July 14 (Thurs) 9:00 am – Everett’s Jetty Island**  
This man-made island is 2 miles long by 200 yards wide and is home to 45 species of birds. The original dredged material for the island is over 100 years old. A new marsh was built in 1989. We’ll bird the Everett Marina area and take the free ferry Huron over to Jetty Island. Bring a lunch and fluids. There’s no food/drink available on the island. Meet before 9:00 am at south end of Kingsgate P&R. Return mid-afternoon. Passenger cost/person \$3. **Joyce Meyer 425-881-5422**

**July 16 (Sat.) 10 a.m. - Bellefields Trail Walkthrough.**  
Help clean litter along Bellefields Trail in the north end of Mercer Slough Nature Park. Meet at Bellefields Trail parking lot on 118<sup>th</sup> Ave SE (Bellevue) about a mile south of Greenbaum’s Furniture (118<sup>th</sup> and SE 8<sup>th</sup>). **Bring gloves, a bag for trash, and binoculars.** **Kay Barrett 425-644-2862.**

**July 19 (Tues) 8:00 am – noon — Juanita Bay Park**  
Meets 3rd Tuesday each month. See June 21.

**July 25 (Mon) 9:00 am to noon**  
**Birding the HotSpots of King County**  
Meets 4th Monday each month. See June 27.

**August 5 (Fri) 8am to noon — Marymoor Park**  
Meets 1st Friday each month. See June 3.

**August 6 (Sat) 8:00 am — Naches Peak Loop**  
Late August is usually the height of the wildflower show at Mt. Rainier. Hike a scenic, 3-mile trail for views of wild-flowers and various montane bird species: gray jay, Clark's nutcracker, mountain chickadee, and hermit thrush. You will need sturdy hiking shoes, a day pack containing lunch, water, and extra clothing in case of fickle mountain weather. Meet before 8:00 am at north end of the Wilburton Park-n-Ride (I-405, exit 12) to carpool. Or, you can join us at the Black Diamond Bakery at 9:00 am.. Passenger cost/person \$8.00. **Irene von Tobel, 425-746-5543.**

**August 10 (Weds) 9:00 am — Bellevue Botanical Gardens**  
Meets 2nd Weds each month. See June 8.

**August 11 (Thurs) 8:00 am — Lake Hills Greenbelt**  
The greenbelt has several trails that snake through wetlands, meadows, conifers, and cultivated fields. Meet before 8:00 am at Wilburton Park N Ride, Bellevue, I-405, Exit 12. Or meet group at blueberry farm parking lot. Return about noon. Passenger cost/person \$1. **Joyce Meyer 425-881-5422**

**August 13 (Sat) 6:45 am — Whidbey Island**  
Take the ferry to Whidbey Island to check out several good places for waterfowl and shorebirds. Stops include Crockett Lake, Penn Cove, and Dugualla Bay. Dress for the weather and bring a lunch and ferry fare. Meet before 6:45 am at south end of Kingsgate Park N Ride. Return evening. Passenger cost/person \$10.00 **plus share ferry costs.** **Joyce Meyer 425-881-5422**

**August 16 (Tues) 8 am – noon — Juanita Bay Park**  
Meets 3rd Tuesday each month. See June 21.

**August 20 (Sat) 10 am**  
**Bellefields Trail Walkthrough.**  
See June 18.

**August 20 (Sat) 7:00 am — Grays Harbor Loop**  
We will visit many different habitats from city parks, marinas, beaches, and forests for a variety of waterfowl, gulls, terns, shorebirds and songbirds. This is an all-day trip so bring a lunch. We will stop at the Raymond Waterfront City Park, Tokeland Marina and shoreline, Westport harbor, Westhaven State Park and Bottle Beach. Meet before 7:00 am at north end of the Wilburton Park-n-Ride (I-405, exit 12) to carpool. Passenger cost/person \$15.00. **Hugh Jennings 425-746-6351**

**August 22 (Mon) 9:00 am to noon**  
**Birding the HotSpots of King County**  
Meets 4th Monday each month. See June 27.

**September 2 (Fri) 8am to noon — Marymoor Park**  
Meets 1st Friday each month. See June 3.

**September 3 (Sat) 8:00 am to noon**  
**Montlake Fill**  
This is a hot spot for birds in Seattle. It is one of the few places with open fields and freshwater ponds in the Seattle area. These ponds attract migrant shorebirds in small numbers but in an amazing diversity. Virginia Rails and Soras can be found in the cattail marshes. In Union Bay large numbers of waterfowl are present. Meet before 8:00 am just south of the bus stop at the South Kirkland P&R (on 108th Ave. NE just north of hwy 520 and Northup Way). Passenger cost/person \$2. **Hugh Jennings 425-746-6351**

**September 17 (Sat) 8:00 am (all day trip)**  
**Lake Valhalla Hike at Stevens Pass**  
A three mile round trip hike through beautiful alpine woods and meadows to a picturesque mountain lake. Details in Sept. Corvid. **Len Steiner 425-827-2478**



## Thank you ELWAS Volunteers!

You all worked so hard to further the ELWAS mission this year, and we want to thank each and every one of you! We have over 120 volunteers, and we accomplished some wonderful things, as you'll see elsewhere in this newsletter.

Ruth Adamski	Christy Anderson	Kathy Andrich	Lyn Bailey	Kay Barrett
Brian Bell	Melanie Bishop	Tim Boyer	Betty Branson	Roy Branson
Mary Britton-Simmons	Melinda Bronsdon	Donna Byron	Jessie Byron	Mary Cadigan
Patricia Clarke	Tracey Cummings	Barbara Dietrich	Ernest Dietrich	Betty Dean
Marge Dolecal	Therese Eby	Gail Fields	Paula Flores	Parky Forrester
Elizabeth Fried	Mike Fried	Jim Ganley	Jeani Goodrich	Tom Grismer
Claudene Guignard	Karen Guy	Lou Ann Harris	Gerry Herber	Jo Herber
Michael Hobbs	Ellen Homan	Chris Houden	Robert Howson	Richard Huggett
Bev Jennings	Hugh Jennings	Paul Jensen	Warren Jones	Van Kane
Jill Keeney	Carolyn Kishel	Trisha Kishel	Tina Klein-Lebbink	Lea Knapp
Debbie Larson	Jan Loux	Gary Luhm	Megan Lyden	Christie Madsen
Sue Mankowski	Lynne Mason	MaryFrances Mathis	Marlyn Mayers	Andrew McCormick
Jim McCoy	Jan McGruder	Tim McGruder	Amy McQuade	Jim McRoberts
Joyce Meyer	Valerie Moore	Joy Neuzil	Nancy Nicklas	Robin Nicklas
Glenis Nielsen	Grace Oliver	Ollie Oliver	Sharon Pagel	Warren Pagel
Jane Paige	Juliana Pickrell	Keith Pickrell	Judy Rams	Jan Rettig
Jim Rettig	Robert Riedl	Ralph Risch	Jim Roberts	Nancy Roberts
Tora Roksvog	Kirk Scarbrough	Bill Schmidt	Merry Schmidt	Dave South
Barbara Spargo	Chereyl Spink	Sidonia St. Germaine	Quinn Stadshaug	Len Steiner
Martyn Stewart	Diane Stone	Kris Swanson	Bernice Tannenbaum	Diane Van Ingen
Pat Vernie	Irene Von Tobel	Sunny Walter	Helene Washington	Lee Weeks
Diane Weinstein	Claudia Welsh	Sue Welsh	Mike West	Jim Wheeler
Emily Winston	Jerry Worsham	Nancy Worsham	Jean Worthen	Linghua Zhaug

Come help us celebrate our accomplishments at this year's **Volunteer Dinner**. It's scheduled for *Tuesday, June 14 at 6:00 pm* in the sanctuary of the Northlake Unitarian Church. Invitations will be mailed to all the volunteers who have sent in their time.

If you haven't turned in your time, your name may not be on this list, and we apologize. Please send your ELWAS volunteer hours to Warren Pagel at [wpagel@verizon.net](mailto:wpagel@verizon.net), or call him at (425) 483-0980

Hope to see many of you at the dinner!

## Welcome to the New ELWAS Board of Directors

Have you all met our Board of Directors? At the April membership meeting, ELWAS elected a new Board, and these volunteers were installed at the May meeting.

It's always exciting to have new people join us to work on all there is to do, but it's also sad to see retiring members leave.

Those serving on the Board of Directors for the upcoming year are:

Christy Anderson, President  
Tim Boyer, Treasurer  
Amy McQuade, At Large Member  
Sunny Walter, At Large Member  
MaryFrances Mathis, Birding Chair  
Martyn Stewart, Conservation Chair  
Mary Britton-Simmons, Education Chair  
Ruth Adamski, Communication Chair

Welcome, and thank you for your dedication to ELWAS.

We also want to thank volunteers who served on the ELWAS Board over the past few years, but have moved on to other activities. With their help we have been able to expand our programs and reach more people in the community.

Lou Ann Harris, Vice President  
Tim McGruder, Conservation Chair  
Robert Riedl, Membership Chair  
Diane Stone, Secretary

And, of course, we always have some open positions! The Board is a dynamic, ever-changing group of people, and we welcome new volunteers. The Board's role is to give direction to the Chapter, and oversee all aspects of the work we do in the community.

Some of our current openings are:

**Vice President and Secretary.** Lou Ann Harris and Diane Stone have served on the Board for many years, and are looking forward to new challenges.

We also need volunteers to chair the following committees: **Special Events, Financial Development, Merchandising and Membership.**

Interested? Ideas? **Call or e-mail Jan McGruder (425-822-8580; [jan@elwas.org](mailto:jan@elwas.org)) or Christy Anderson (425-747-4196; [president@elwas.org](mailto:president@elwas.org))**

