

Announcing the
Leavenworth Spring
Bird Fest
Founders' Award



Connecting People, Communities and the Natural World









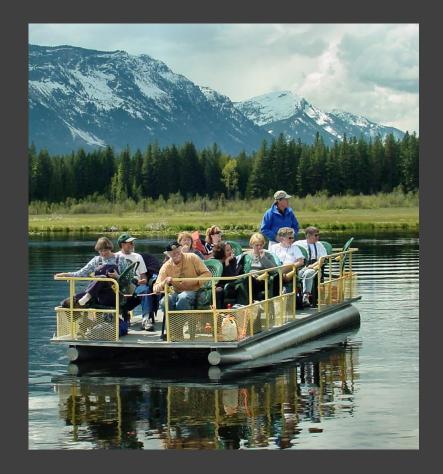
Celebrating the 2003 Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest Founding Organizations





## **Celebrating the 2003 Steering Committee Co-Chairs**

- Jeanie Garrity, NCWAS
- Sharon Lunz, CDLT
- Heather Wallis Murphy, USFS





## **Celebrating the Steering Committee Members**

Corky Broaddus, Ross Frank, Karen Haire, Scott Hosfeld, Marcia Kaufman, Maggie McManus, Janet Millard, Cathy Miller, Bill Rietveldt, Sarah Smith, and Susan Thomas





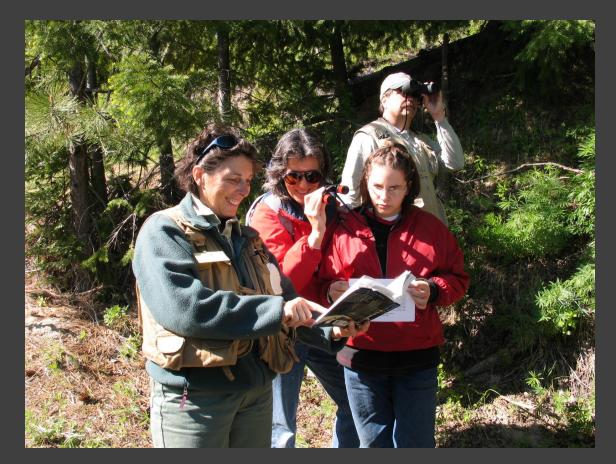
Celebrating the partnership collaborators including dozens of individuals, businesses, organizations, and agencies





Celebrating World Migratory Bird Day 2003-2021





Celebrating connections for birds and people between all of the Americas

ave you got your wings yet? If you haven't, then you may want to join us at next year's Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest. The event, held in May in conjunction with International Migratory Bird Day, celebrates the incredible journeys of migratory birds between their breeding grounds in North America and their wintering grounds in Mexico, Central and South America.



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Whether you're a serious birder or can't tell a robin from a tanager, the festival is a delight to the senses and fosters appreciation for the unique variety of habitats that host a multitude of birds that live or visit here. If you aren't already, you may become a bird watching enthusiast, joining millions of other Americans who enjoy this number one leisure activity.

This spring was the first celebration of the Leavenworth, Washington Spring Bird Fest. The Fest offered "happenings" throughout the Wanatchee River Waterched that included hird Fish Lake, birding by wheels-accessibility trail at the Leavenworth Hatchery, birding hikes, wildflower and geology walks, and music and arts events. Local school children took part in "handson" programs by learning about the birds that share their valley.

Tony Angell, a naturalist, artist and educator who honors birds through the arts explored the multi-cultural, international aspect of migratory birds in his keynote presentation. The famous Wenatchee Chavez Family Mariachi Band celebrated the bond between Washington State and Mexico through the music event "Musica Mexicana."

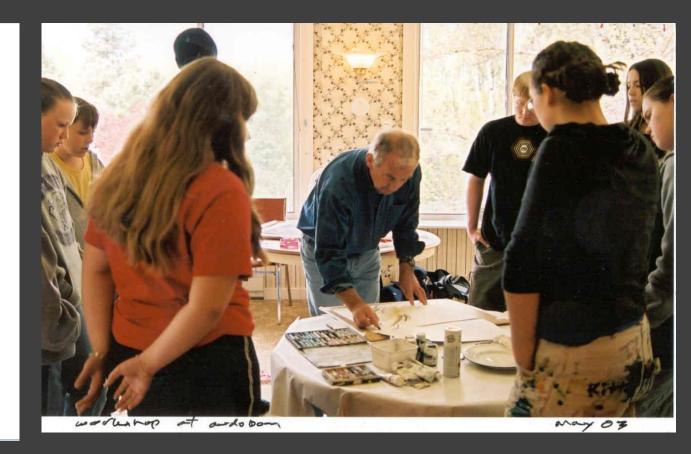
Soaring on the wings of partnerships, the festival was declared a success. This unique partnership brought together natural resource agencies, environmental organizations and commercial tourism businesses. Joining forces to create this exciting new event were the North Central Washington Audubon Society, Lake Wenatchee & Leavenworth Ranger Districts of the Okanogan & Wenatchee National Forests, the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, and the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery Complex- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with generous support from the Icicle Fund. The Leavenworth community extended open arms to the event, volunteering their time as well as helping with financial support.

You too can become involved in continuing efforts to conserve habitat and protect birds. Whether it is a personal choice of providing bird friendly flower gardens, or on a larger scale of providing shrub habitat in riparian areas, people have a fondness for their feathered friends.

The Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest provides educational and recreational activities focusing on birds, wildlife, and their environments. This annual event promotes the awareness of environmental and conservation issues surrounding the

## Winging Across the Watershed





Celebrating the science of birds using art, music, and culture







Starting at Bird Fest 2022, The Founders' Award will honor a volunteer- stay tuned for details!