

Happy Valentine's Day! Meeting from 2/13/19

In attendance: Jan, Linda, Katia, Laura I, Josh, Bill, Teresa, Sara G, Patrick, Sarah W, Sandi, Aurora, Stevie, Laura Hackett  
Online: Kathleen, Leslie A, Tonya, Ann O, Leslie G, Max, Tim

We started off with a great presentation by Liberty Wildlife's own Robert Mesta about the Non-Eagle Feather Repository program (NEFR). He had a great powerpoint and I'll get it from him to put online for us to look through

I hope to have him back again for a Speaker Series on the subject!!

I encourage everyone to chat with him about the program because it's GREAT to talk about with the public as we are really the only FUNCTIONING non-eagle feather repository at this time

We hope to have the NEFR room open more during public hours and events AND Mare has been joining the VCRR peeps to talk about it during the booth programs up there.

Animals Updates:

Franklin and Graham are still in training – doing well, but since they are small they get overwhelmed and will take a little more time before being moved over to more handlers

Owen and Tristan are not on the permit yet so shhhhh

Euros is doing great and has even come out on glove some Sundays – we'll work on boxing and then get more handlers (higher level to start with) up on him

Aldo is a new kestrel that is also starting to work for approved handlers until he gets used to life at Liberty

Lola the gopher snake is not feeling well and is off programs so no handling her please

Leslie Ahrens is our newest Program Coordinator!!! Congratulations Leslie! And hopefully everyone jumps on board to sign up to do programs with her!!!!!!

SIPPIN' THE SPIRIT OF THE SOUTHWEST is 2/24 and we NEED you to get people to join us! It's tequila tastings plus games and music on site. If you want to sign up to take birds out, please let Jan and myself know. You also can buy tickets to be a part of the party and take some animals out BEFORE the tequila tasting ;-). It's \$22.50 beforehand and \$25 at the door.

Hand the flyers out to programs for the next two weeks ... Share on email and FB!!

Public Hours have been great and really well planned out. Thanks for those who have been working them. It's a great opportunity for newer handlers to get used to presenting and talking with the public.

Saturdays are our busiest days so sometimes it's hard to do solo practices because your bird might be gone. If you are planning on doing a solo on Saturday, it's best to have a back up bird to work with, but also, check the Ed calendar to see what PCs are going out that day and check to see if the bird you want to use will even be on site. If the bird is being used for public hours, you can probably swing it with the program coordinator on site, but if the bird is going off site, we cannot always make a change.

I still need someone for the Horseshow this Saturday and a PC for the program at OHSO. OHSO is in dire straits of being cancelled which would be too bad since it's tied to Audubon and has a lot of their supporters going (which would be great to turn them into OUR supporters)

I also need 1 person for the 2/23 Phx Park Event

Weeding this weekend: Jan sent out an email about plans, so let her know if you want to join in Sat and/or Sun!

Aurora talked about the bees that are now living on the east side of our property. We are letting them settle in for now, but eventually she would encourage you to talk to her about learning more and meeting them ☺ We do not have to worry about them being aggressive as long as you are not swatting like a crazy person when they are around (they feel attacked then). We will get honey from the hive eventually!! April 28<sup>th</sup> is the Speaker Series that Aurora will be giving about pollinators so definitely come to that!