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Floyd Hayes will present “Adventures Along the Amazon” for the Oct. 20 Redbud Audubon Program

This month the Redbud Audubon Society welcomes speaker Floyd E. Hayes, Ph.D. who will be presenting his program: “Adventures Along the Amazon.”

The talk will be a PowerPoint presentation with a few short videos, mostly of plants and animals, but also of the landscapes and people, from four trips with students from Pacific Union College to Amazonian Brazil during each spring break from 2013-2016. During each trip Hayes is accompanied by 4-5 students who take courses from him in tropical biology. Each day they search for plants and animals to learn as much as possible about the creatures of the Amazon. The group is also part of a larger group of students participating in a mis-



Floyd E Hayes, Ph.D., shares his “Adventures Along the Amazon” from spring break trips taken with students from Pacific Union College. Here, he is pictured with a really big spider on his head.

OCTOBER MEETING

Thursday, October 20

- * Speaker: Floyd E Hayes, Ph.D., with a PowerPoint on “Adventures Along the Amazon”
- * Refreshments: 7 pm
Announcements: 7:15 pm
Program: 7:30 pm
- * Glebe Social Hall, St. Peter’s Catholic Church, 4085 Main Street, Kelseyville

sion trip in which they help build health care facilities and provide water filters for rural communities.

Hayes is a zoologist specializing in the ecology, behavior and biogeography of birds, but has studied a diversity of other organisms including anemones, crustaceans, sea

urchins, frogs, turtles, snakes and bats.

While an undergraduate student, Dr. Hayes took off a year to teach in an elementary school on the island of Kosrae in Micronesia (1981-1982). He worked for three years as a vertebrate biologist for the US Peace Corps, based in the National Museum of Natural History of Paraguay (1987-1989).

He also taught biology for nine years at the University of the Southern Caribbean and the University of the West Indies in Trinidad and Tobago (1993-2002), and spent a year working as a wildlife biologist for the Division of Fish and Wildlife in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands (2002-2003).

Since 2003 Dr. Hayes has worked as a Professor of Biology at Pacific Union College. He has published the results of field research in 14 countries in peer-reviewed scientific journals, and was the editor in chief of *Journal of Caribbean Ornithology* from 2005-2013. In his spare time he enjoys birding, rock climbing, mountaineering, snorkeling, scuba diving, and documenting his adventures with photos and videos.

Please join us for what promises to be a fascinating program.

President's Message

by Co-President Bonnie Thompson

It's officially Fall and I think I'm beginning to hear the sounds of bird migration—one of my favorite times of year.

Our October birding trip to the Pt. Arena Public Lands area on the coast should be an exciting one! And don't forget to add our program meeting to your calendar. Dr. Floyd Hayes from Pacific Union College is back! His presentations remind me of my days in Washington, DC and the incredible programs put on by the National Geographic Society. You won't want to miss it. The quality of our programs never ceases to amaze me and I look forward to the third Thursday of each month. Details are found in the

newsletter and on our website.

If you missed last month's presentation by Dr. Harry Lyons, you will find a link to an earlier presentation he gave at Marymount University; nothing like seeing a "performance" live, however! We are so fortunate to be able to obtain these speakers.

Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to join us for our programs and birding trips. As I said at the last meeting, I joined Redbud Audubon not for the birds, but for the wonderful people I have met since moving to Lake County!

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our October program.



As one of its many outreach efforts, The Redbud Audubon Society had a booth at the annual Pear Festival on Sept. 24 in Kelseyville. Pictured from left are Redbud Audubon volunteers and board members: Karen Weston, Marilyn Waits, Nicola Selph, Marina Vedovi and Katherine Lindsley. The booth featured educational materials such as a local bird list, birding books, T-shirts and informational materiel about our fascinating Western and Clarkes Grebe populations.

Your Membership explained

Just a quick reminder that you have a choice between two types of membership. Most of you are members of National Audubon and are assigned by National to our Redbud Audubon chapter. We now offer chapter-only membership whereby you may enroll via the internet. You can visit our website at www.redbudaudubon.org and click on JOIN US for further details.

Also, as a reminder, if you are receiving this newsletter by regular mail and are open to receiving it by email, you can save the chapter significant printing and mailing costs by emailing us at redbud.audubon@gmail.org and letting us know. If you prefer to receive the newsletter by mail, please consider donating \$10 - \$15 to Redbud Audubon by going to our website and clicking on DONATE.

Welcome new and returning members

Welcome new and returning members: Alexandria Dorsaneo, Clearlake; M Jackson, Cobb; Nancy Rhoades, Kelseyville; Tess McGuire, Kelseyville; Tom Moore, Lakeport; Carlos Tippet, Upper Lake.

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In Memory of DA Butts

Many of our Redbud Audubon members and other members of the conservation and State Parks community here in Lake County remember DA Butts and his wife, Leona. DA was born in 1928 in Iowa and passed away on July 27, 2016 after a long illness. We have all missed DA and Leona over the last few years. Both were active volunteers with Redbud Audubon and Clear Lake State Park, as well as Anderson Marsh State Historic Park. DA, or Doyle, had a long and varied career and was known here for his great interest in the fascinating geology of Lake County, giving many programs at the park and to various civic and environmental groups. Leona, who we



Together, Leona and DA Butts.

have been very happy to see recently at our Audubon meetings, created a beautiful and educational program on the stately White Pelicans that frequent Clear Lake in the winter.

Both DA and Leona grew up in the northeastern Iowa farm community of Fayette. Leona's family moved into Doyle's neighborhood when she was in the 7th grade and from then on they rode in the same school bus to the "town," school.

Doyle attended Upper Iowa University in Fayette and graduated with a BA from what was then called Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa. After coming to California in 1974 he earned his Juris Doctorate Degree at Armstrong School of Law in Berkeley, and passed the California Bar exam in 1978. DA and Leona retired to Clearlake Oaks in 1996 to enjoy the water and birds of Clear Lake. While here, they met many new and interesting friends.

He was a private pilot from the 1950's and flew well into the 1990s. He enjoyed motorcycling from youth and boating on Clear Lake was one of his favorite activities. DA was Finances Officer for the local US Coast Guard Auxiliary for many years. As Leona says, he lived a full life.

Leona wrote this touching poem about her husband of 67 years. She wrote it as she sat by her husband's side the afternoon of July 26, 2016. We thank her for sharing her sentiments.

My husband –

by Leona M. Butts

As my husband plans for passing
Lying still while life is lasting,
I sit with him with tears and sorrow
Wondering what will be the 'morrow
Years so many of life together
Struggling through all kinds of weather.
Times of trials and days of pleasure
Then came days of retirement leisure.
Travels through our beautiful country by car
We ventured North, East, South and West so far.
Scenic ocean, mountains and desert sand
All designed by God's magnificent hand.
Now comes time to part after all these years.
Reflection must be on this good man without a
flood of tears.
The good he has done is to be remembered by what
he valued most.

And from his own words here is the post:
"Most important to me (he wrote in 1995):

My wife
Our health
A few good friends
May I be remembered:
He was good to be around
He always had time to listen
He made a difference"
His mission in life closed on earth at 5:55 a.m.
July 27, 2016

Doyle Arthur Butts – Feb. 1, 1928 – July 27, 2016

Central Valley Birding Symposium

The Central Valley Bird Club will be hosting the 20th Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium Nov. 17-20, 2016, at the Stockton Hilton Hotel in Stockton, CA. Please join us for this special 20th anniversary CVBS! Come meet the board and staff members! Reconnect with old friends and meet new ones! Enjoy the scrumptious Hors D'oeuvres buffet & No Host Bar on Thursday night.

The CVBS gets off to a great start with Thursday Night's Keynote speaker, professional bird photographer Bob Steele, presenting a program on "*Birding in the Central Valley Over the Past 20 Years*".

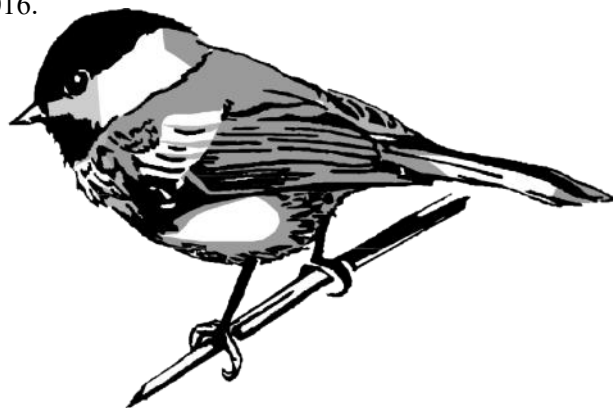
Friday Night's keynote program is presented by Kimball Garrett on "*The Central Valley's Prominent Place in the Past and Present of California Field Ornithology*."

Saturday Night's keynote program is presented by Ed Harper and friends on "*Celebrating 20 Years of the CVBC and the CVBS*."

Workshops include: "*Specimen Workshop*" with Andy Engilis, "*Convincing Details and Other Birding Fiction*" by Joe Morlan, "*Challenging Shorebirds ID Workshop*" by Jon Dunn, and "*CVBC/CVBS Studies in Review*", a series of 15-20 minute programs by Dan Airola and Ed Pandolfino. Plus, attend informative workshops by Bob Steele (Image Editing), Keith Hansen (Bird Sketching), Sal Salerno (Beginning Birding) and Jim Burcio (Carving).

Field trips, offered Friday, Saturday and Sunday, always turn up exciting birds. Add in the entertaining and educational Bird ID Panel, the wonderful display of art and gifts at the Birder's Market and the camaraderie of hundreds of like-minded folks, and you know you'll have a good time! There's something for everyone interested in birds. Come and join us to bird, learn, and just have fun!

To look over the line-up of speakers, workshops, and fieldtrips, check out our website at: <http://www.cvbsreg.org>. Registration begins September 7, 2016.



Field Trip this month is to Pt. Arena

This should be a really interesting field trip on Oct. 22 led by Pat Harmon to the Pt. Arena-Stornetta Public Lands, a new portion of the California Coastal National Monument near Pt. Arena. Meet at 8 a.m. at the Park and Ride facility on Highway 29 near the Hwy. 175 (Hopland) intersection in Lakeport. Carpooling will be arranged from that point.

This complex and fragile ecosystem is a haven for Great Blue Herons and shorebirds. Even Laysan Albatross, Peregrine Falcons, and Oyster Catchers have been viewed there. There is a coastal path and an inland trail. Be prepared for a 2 or 3 hour trip. For information, call field trip leader, Pat Harmon at (707) 263-4977.

Field Trip Calendar 2016-2017

Following is the field trip calendar for the Redbud Audubon Society for 2016/17. Prior to each field trip a description will appear in the *Western Grebe* and on our website with more information about the upcoming outing. You can also call Pat Harmon at (707) 263-4977 for information. Outings start at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

October 22

Stornetta-Pt. Arena Public Lands

November 19

Lake County Land Trust's
Rodman Preserve near Upper Lake.

December- CBC

January 21

Colusa and Sacramento
National Wildlife Refuges.

February 18

Bodega Bay

March 18

Clear Lake State Park – Kelseyville

April 22 – McKerricher State Park,
Fort Bragg

May – Heron Days

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