

Island Wings

— to enjoy, learn about & preserve the diverse natural habitat of these islands & beyond

Mark Your Calendars for Two Fall Programs*

Submitted by Laura Bienen

*Both programs are FREE and will be held from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Land Trust Building, 10014 SW Bank Road.

Karlista Rickerson's Photos from Beneath the Surface of Puget Sound



Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 16th, 2009 at 7:00 pm

We are pleased to have Vashon's own Karlista Rickerson sharing her startling photographs from beneath the surface of the waters of Puget Sound. As you scan the shimmering, glimmering waters of Puget Sound for grebes, scoters and loons, don't you sometimes wonder about what life forms are under all that water? Karlista Rickerson, a SCUBA diver and photographer, has been exploring Vashon-Maury waters since her son introduced her to diving in 1980

and has been documenting what she sees with research and photographs. Though she has also had the good fortune to dive the exotic warm tropical waters of the Grand Cayman, she says: "I would like the people of Vashon and Puget Sound to know that we have as many creatures of color and interesting patterns



Nudibranch

right here at home. We just have to look a little harder... If we do not have a plankton bloom, then visibility can be 20 to 30 feet in the summer." Enjoy this rare opportunity to see what floats, fins, and flutters just off our beaches beneath the surface in the cold sparkling waters of Puget Sound.



Pair of gunnels in beer bottle.

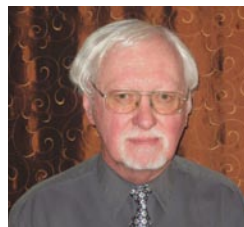
No need to shoulder an oxygen tank!

David Knibb, Author and Conservationist, presents his book, "Grizzly Wars: The Public Fight Over the Great Bear"

Wednesday, OCTOBER 21st, 2009 at 7:00 pm

We are delighted to welcome dedicated conservationist and author, David Knibb, for a presentation about his recent book, "Grizzly Wars: The Public Fight Over the Great Bear" which chronicles the efforts to save grizzly bears under the Endangered Species Act.

David writes compellingly in his recent book that is set in the North Cascades and which are designated as a grizzly bear recovery area. Long a magnificent symbol of the wild, grizzly bears are perhaps the most controversial species

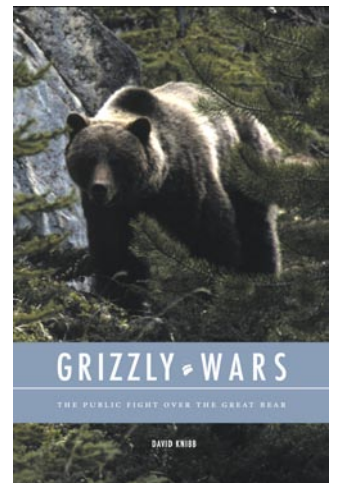


in North America. In "Grizzly Wars", Knibb's explores the policy and political issues involved in managing and attempting to save any species, especially one that can pose a grave danger to human beings. In his presentation, David will pose the following questions (among others): Are grizzlies still in the North Cascades? How many?

Where are they? What is their future? What plans are there to save them? How do the North Cascades fit into the broader picture of recovery for the grizzly? He looks forward to discussing these issues and answering your questions at the end of his presentation.

David is also the author of a previous book entitled: "Backyard Wilderness: The Alpine Lakes Story" about the efforts of a small group of citizens to preserve the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area.

Please see www.vashonaudubon.org for more information.



Calendar of Events

September/October 2009

See www.vashonaudubon.org for details on events listed below

Enjoyment of Birds Classes

(7:00 – 9:00 pm, Land Trust Bldg. unless otherwise noted)

Beginners Class: **Wed., Sept. 9th**

“Common Backyard Birds” and **Wed.,**

Sept. 12th, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

“Gardening for Birds” Workshop (at island home landscape to be announced).

For more information, pricing and or to register, contact Alan Huggins at

alanhugs@comcast.net.

Enjoyment of Birds Series:

(7:00 – 9:00 pm, Land Trust Bldg. unless otherwise noted)

Advanced Beginners Classes begin **Wed.,**

Oct. 14th: “Winter Water Birds” with

Dr. Gary Shugart and Field Trip on **Sat.,**

Oct. 10th. The series includes the above

two beginners classes (optional) and

continues for five consecutive months on **Nov. 11th, Dec. 9th**, and in 2010 on **Jan.**

13th, Feb. 10th and **Mar. 10th**. A

corresponding field trip will be held for each class. For more information, pricing

and/or to register, contact Alan Huggins at

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Island Audubon Field Trip

Sat., Sept. 12th, 8:00 -10:00 am

(Monthly 2nd Saturday)

Meet at Ober Park & Ride.

Bring binoculars/scope if you have

them. Contact Alan Huggins at

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Vashon Audubon Program

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Photographer Karlista Rickerson’s Photos from Beneath the Surface of Puget Sound.

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***NOTE: New Winter Hours**

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Author & Conservationist David

Knibb discusses “Grizzly Wars: The

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Please visit the Vashon-Maury Island Audubon Society (VMIAS) website at www.vashonaudubon.org to learn more about programs, field trips and volunteer opportunities or submit your own birding stories, tips and photos. Contact **Mary Ann McCarty** at mannmcc@hotmail.com.

“Ed Swan’s Notable Sightings” can now be found on the VMIAS site.

Support Vashon’s Audubon Society by renewing your membership at http://www.vashonaudubon.org/media/VMIAS_membership.pdf.



VOLUNTEER TODAY!

VMIAS at the Farmers Market, Sat., Sept. 12th. Help staff Audubon table between 9:00 -11:30 am or 11:30 am -2:00 pm. Contact Katherine True at 567-5389 or ktrue@centurytel.net.

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