

## PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

**Dr. Genevieve Atwood** - is an earth scientist - geographer, a former three-term state legislator and former State Geologist and Director of the Utah Geological Survey. She is currently Chief Education Officer of Earth Science Education, a small not-for-profit organization that uses local geology to teach teachers earth science principles, outdoors, in their students' neighborhoods. She is an Associate Instructor in the Geography Department at the University of Utah and teaches Geography of Utah.

**Kris Battleson** - is Environmental Engineer for the Chevron facility in North Salt Lake, Utah.

**Scott Baxter** - is co-owner of Great Salt Lake Adventures. He has guided trips in rafts, canoes, and sea kayaks, and has traveled over 10,000 miles by paddle. His photographic images and articles have been published in several travel and conservation publications.

**Jack Bean** - has extensive experience working with optics. Before retirement, he worked in the Optics & Aerial Reconnaissance Section at Hill Air Force Base. Now he works part time selling optics at Sportsman's Warehouse in Riverdale Utah.

**John Bellmon** - is a life-long birder. He helped organize the 1st Ogden Christmas Bird Count 25 years ago. He is founding president of the Wasatch Audubon Ogden Chapter-1981, and founding chairman of the Audubon Council of Utah-1985. He served on the board of Directors of the National Audubon Society as representative of the Rocky Mountain Region from 1998-2004.

**Betsy Beneke** - is the Outdoor Recreation Planner for Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. She is the current president of the Utah Ornithological Society.

**Ron Brown** - is co-owner of R&G Horse and Wagon with his wife, Ginger. They started doing a Roman-style rider act in a wild west show in 1970 and have wrangled horses for several major motion pictures.

**Steve Carr** - earned a degree in Zoology with an emphasis in Ornithology, but wound up becoming a pediatrician (now retired). He is a member of the Salt Lake birders, Great Salt Lake Audubon and Utah County Birders. He is on the board of directors of the Utah Ornithological Society and participates in Utah's Breeding Bird Atlas project.

**Steve Coleman** - is a volunteer naturalist at Farmington Bay WMA. He is an avid birder, a Scout Leader for many years and has been involved working with youth at Farmington Bay WMA for more than 5 years.

**Brian Currie** - considers himself an avid birder, his wife prefers the word 'obsessive'. He is currently a volunteer naturalist for Farmington Bay WMA and Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve. He is also a volunteer for Bear River Bird Refuge and an avid nature photographer.

**Jim Danzenbaker** - is a bird tour leader with experience all over the US as well as Panama, Bolivia, Ecuador, Venezuela, and Antarctica. He has used all kinds of binoculars since his first K-Mart specials and now proudly wears Brunton Epochs. Jim is the Naturalist Manager for Brunton Optics.

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**Kathy Donnell** - is the Park Naturalist at Rock Cliff State Park. She is also a volunteer for HawkWatch International and serves on the Utah Society for Environmental Education Executive Committee.

**DaLyn Erickson** - is the Rehabilitation Specialist at the Ogden Nature Center. She has 12 years of experience working with a variety of avian species, including rehabilitating individuals of most of Utah native owls.

**Bill Fenimore** - is the owner of the Wild Bird Center in Layton, Utah. He is a member of the Wasatch Audubon Society and a board member of the Ogden Nature Center and volunteer naturalist at Farmington Bay WMA. Bill hosts the Utah Rare Bird hotline and DWR web page link for Utah bird Sightings. Bill is now the Policy Advocate for the Utah Audubon Council.

**Dick Gilbert** - has served as Vice President and Water master of the Ambassador Duck Club since 1993. The Ambassador is a 3,000 acre privately-managed wetlands and uplands habitat on the south shore of the Great Salt Lake. He is an avid birder and hunter.

**Debbie Goodman** - worked for nearly twenty years as a chemical engineer before returning to her childhood interest in art and animals. She creates animal images in cut paper collage at her home studio overlooking the Great Salt Lake. In recent years, Debbie's work has been featured at Antelope Island and Iron Mission State Parks, Hogle Zoo, Ogden Union Station, and in the Utah Arts Council Statewide Traveling Exhibit.

**Val Grant** - is president of Bio-Resources, a company looking for environmentally friendly solutions for industries. He has served three years as president of Bridgerland Audubon.

**Rich Hansen** - is currently Area Manager of Farmington Bay WMA.

**Jolene Hatch** - is a Wildlife Biologist for Antelope Island State Park. Her education is in Zoology with an emphasis in Ornithology. She enjoys sharing and teaching others about the flora and fauna found on the Island and the ecology of Great Salt Lake.

**Dr. Frank Howe** - has been with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources for 15 years as the Coordinator for the Partners in Flight, Mexican Spotted Owl and Non-game Avian Programs. He is currently involved with a variety of issues in avian ecology, including riparian and shrub-steppe bird monitoring, Endangered Species surveys, bird/habitat model development and population trend analyses. Frank enjoys leading field trips that offer a mixture of bird ID and ecology.

**Bob Huntington** - has a passion for birdwatching that takes him into the field 3-4 days a week. He leads field trips for GSL Audubon and Salt Lake Birders and he participated regularly for six years in the Great Salt Lake Waterbird Survey.

**Dick Hurren** - has always been interested in birds and birding in the US, Europe and the Middle East. He has served as Outings chair for Bridgerland Audubon for the last 5 years. His professional career was as a CIA operations officer.

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**Patrick Kelly** - says he has been a duck hunter since the age of 12 and a birder since the age of reason. He is a member of the Ambassador Duck Club and Great Salt Lake Audubon.

**Adam Kozlowski** - has a B.S. in Ecology and Systematics from Cornell University and an M.A. from Utah State University. He presently works for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources as a Sensitive Species Biologist. Current avian research focuses on Peregrine Falcons, Yellow-billed Cuckoos, Grasshopper Sparrows, and Black Swifts.

**John Luft** - graduated from Kansas State University with a B.S. in Wildlife Biology. He has worked for DWR since 1994 at Ogden Bay WMA and Farmington Bay WMA as assistant superintendent. He is now the Avian Biologist for the Great Salt Lake Ecosystem Project.

**Shar Maki** - is an avid animal and bird watcher. She volunteers for the RINS program working with the BLM, and continues to monitor raptor nests in Rich County. In 2004, she was invited by Antelope Island State Park to monitor the birds of prey located on the Island.

**Wayne Martinson** - is the Utah Important Bird Areas Coordinator for National Audubon Society. He has also participated in the Great Salt Lake Waterbird Survey (1998-2002).

**Larry McClurg** - is a volunteer naturalist at Farmington Bay WMA and a retired school teacher.

**Colby Neuman** - was a member of the 2001 big day team that set the Utah Big Day record (recording 201 sp). He recently graduated from Cornell University ('05) with a B.S. in Atmospheric Sciences. His published work can be seen in the September 30, 2005 issue of *Science*.

**Ann Neville** - has been the manager of Kennecott's Inland Sea Shorebird Reserve since it opened in 1997. She is the North American representative for Birdlife International and their Birds and the Environment partnership with Rio Tinto.

**Russ Norvell** - has been working in the field with the birds of Utah for the past 16 years. Currently, he works with Utah's non-game Avian Program designing and conducting research on Utah's riparian and shrubsteppe bird population trends, and is finishing his graduate studies (USU) on the shrubsteppe-obligate birds of Rich County.

**Deedee O'Brien** - is an active member of Great Salt Lake Audubon. She serves on the GSL Bird Festival planning committee as Program Chair. She has participated in the GSL waterbird surveys.

**Bridget Olson** - is a biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service at Bear River Refuge. She conducted research on Least and Pectoral Sandpipers while in Minnesota, and now Marbled Godwits on Great Salt Lake.

**Dr. Jim Parrish** - is the Utah Partners in Flight Coordinator. He has a Ph.D. in ornithology with extensive experience in raptor research and neotropical bird monitoring. He enjoys wildlife photography and bird watching.

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**Don Paul** - currently serves as the Great Basin Bird Conservation Region Coordinator for the Intermountain West Joint Venture. He coordinates bird conservation within six western states and British Columbia, Canada, and parts of western Mexico.

**Clay Perschon** - is the coordinator of the Great Salt Lake Ecosystem Project for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

**Terry Sadler** - lives near the Jordan River Parkway and has developed a comprehensive list of birds seen along the Jordan River. He leads field trips, teaches Bird ID classes, and is currently enthusiastic about bird photography.

**Dennis Shirley** - is a retired Conservation Officer for Utah Department of Wildlife Resources. He is an active member of Utah County Birders.

**Lee Shirley** - has served as president of the Utah Audubon Council and is currently on the Northern Region Advisory Council of the Division of Wildlife Resources, member and president of Wasatch Audubon Society and on the Board of Trustees of Friends of the Bear River Refuge. Lee and Paula enjoy sharing their enthusiasm for birds and birding.

**Mort and Carolyn Somer** - have been birding together for 20 years and loving it! They are very active members of Wasatch Audubon. They organize and lead field trips every Wednesday. Mort is the webmaster for Wasatch Audubon's website.

**Steve & Cynthia Sommerfield**- are excited to be new members of Salt Lake Birders.

**Ella Sorensen** - is a well-known Utah birder and author and has worked and spoken avidly to protect bird habitats in the state. Ella is manager of the National Audubon Society's Gillmor Sanctuary and Lee Creek Natural Area on the south shore of Great Salt Lake.

**Mark Stackhouse** - has been guiding bird tours in Utah for nearly twenty years. He is the president and owner of Westwings, Inc., a Salt Lake City based ecotourism and consulting research firm. In addition to tours through North America, Mark also guides birding groups to Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, Costa Rica, and Peru.

**Clay Taylor** - is an expert birder and Swarovski Naturalist, representing that line of optics to local retailers. He frequently leads field trips for birding festivals and ABA Conventions.

**Merrill Webb** - is a retired high school science teacher and is currently a professor at Brigham Young University. He has compiled bird checklists for areas in Utah.

**Hillary White** - is the Riparian Project Leader for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. She coordinates bird population data collection at some three dozen riparian sites around Utah. She volunteers with both Great Salt Lake Audubon and The Nature Conservancy.

**Kim Wixon** - is a volunteer naturalist at Farmington Bay WMA. He is a Scout Leader and a wildlife photographer with emphasis on birds.