

Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release News and Updates

This month's photo is Steamer the Barn Owl, showing off his beautiful wing span at Wild Birds Unlimited



PS: I originally had snowflakes for the background of this edition, but thought after the recent storms, some of you might like to imagine yourself on a nice beach.

January 2022

President's Letter

Hello All,

I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year filled with many blessings.

It is time to vote in the new Board of Directors for 2022. I would like to remind you that all positions are open for you to request being placed on the ballot. I also want to inform you that the President, Treasurer, Secretary, and one of the Directors at Large have resigned their positions for 2022. This leaves only the Vice President and one Director at Large positions having a candidate listed to vote on. Please consider filling one of these positions so that the Board can be filled and operate properly.

The positions on the Board are:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
3 Directors at Large

If you would like to become a candidate for one of these positions, please contact Mike at tomatowazoo@yahoo.com to be placed on the ballot. The annual meeting and election are on January 29, 2022 at 11:00 AM at our Intake Center.

If you have any questions about the election or any of the positions, please call either Kara @ 530-210-0533 or Brooke @ 707-338-7916.

Here's to a happy New Year in 2022.

Kara M Baker
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Board President

Vice-President's Letter

To all members and our wonderful volunteers at WR&R, I would like to say thanks and kudos to you all during the past two years of so many changes and the pandemic. It has been a wild ride for sure.

It has been very trying on all of us, and it sometimes seems hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel, so to speak. But a bright future for WR&R and our wildlife is what I'm focusing on in the upcoming year 2022. I would like to welcome any and all to consider running for a Board position, as we have several openings and all positions are open for anyone to add their name. Our annual meeting and Board Elections will be held on Saturday, Jan. 29th at 11 am at the Intake Center, 809 Maltman Dr. next to Walkers Office supply.

It has been a very slow Fall & Winter for the Raptor team on-call so far, so nothing new to add

for birds in care. Signs of paired and nesting Great Horned Owls have been reported to me so baby season might be here quicker than we think.

Also, our last Board Meeting for the outgoing Board members will be Thursday Jan. 20th at 6 pm at the Intake Center. And again, come to the Annual meeting for info on the past year and to nominate yourself or someone who would like to take a part on the 2022 Board of Directors. Thank you and see you there.

Michael Marcella, Vice President and Raptor Team Member

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 6:00 PM at the Intake Center

Handler Tune-up

Saturday, February 12, 1:00 PM at the IC

Annual Meeting

Saturday, January 29, 11 AM at the IC

2021 WR&R Board Members, Officers and Committee Chairs

[Kara Baker](#) - President
[Michael Marcella](#) - Vice-President
[Marie St. John](#) - Secretary
[Brooke Collins](#) - Treasurer
[Michelle Peterson](#) - Director at Large
[Bernell Scott](#) - Director At Large.

Committee Chairs:

[Karen Koskey](#) - Education Chair
[Karen Koskey](#) - Newsletter Editor
[Kara Baker](#) - Fundraising Coordinator

Editor's note

It was certainly a wild end to 2021, and start of 2022. This newsletter is coming to you late this month as I was out of power for 15 days, starting December 27, so could not use my computer. It's a real Treemegadon out there. I'm sure many of you were also without power for some length of time. And now there's the clean-up to deal with. Downed trees,

Election Candidates

As you know, the end of January is election month for the WR&R board. Candidates are still needed for several positions. However, I do have statements from Jennifer Shadd, who is running for Vice-President, Bev Myers, running for Secretary. and Bernell Scott, running for Director at Large.

Here's Jenn's:

Hope you all have recovered from the storm damage. I'm ready to "jump start" my life with new projects. I have asked to be put on the ballot for Vice-President of WRR for this coming year. I have over two years experience with songbirds and raptors. I am a new member of the Education Team and have attended four education, fundraising events with the team. I was a lead at the Intake Center last year and experienced the issues we had with COVID and minimal volunteers. I will work to create a safe environment for volunteers and animals. I'm looking forward to helping rebuild this organization to be a sustainable, useful and enjoyable place to volunteer in our community.

Sincerely, Jennifer Shadd
Jlshadd@comcast.net

Here's Bev's:

I have been a member of Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release for almost 15 years now. Of those 15 years I have been on the board for about eight of those years, in different capacities. I have been Treasurer and President. I now am running for Secretary. I would like to bring to that position an "open

branches, etc, everywhere!
Not to mention the new Omicron variant and surge in Covid cases. Please, please, everyone, keep yourself, your loved ones, and everyone safe. Get vaxxed and boosted, wear masks, maintain safe distancing, and avoid crowds when at all possible. It will take everyone working together and doing the right thing to get this virus under control. Thank you, and a big thank you to all the health care workers who have to deal with this pandemic.
Karen Koskey, Editor

Just for Fun

Hope some of you had as much fun in the snow as these guys did.
Click [here](#).

window policy". I would like to make sure all of our members and supporters know what is planned by the Board by each newsletter put out every month. This will be the first time I will be a formal secretary but I have done many notes and summaries of past Board meetings. I feel like I would be an asset to the Board with this position and "open window policy". I also will be supportive to the President, Treasurer, Vice-President, and Directors. This will be a year of education and support for our organization.

Bev Myers
Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release

And here's Bernell's:

I enjoy learning about animals and want to support wildlife. I was Chair of the Fund Raising Committee for over 2 years. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, and I was a computer programmer for 30 years before retiring. As Member at Large I would attend Board meetings and participate in events as a "worker bee".

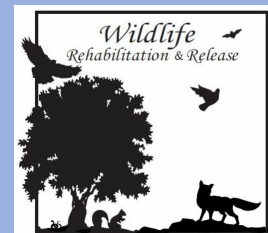
Bernell Scott

Michael Marcella (see his letter above), who is the current Vice-President, is also running for that position this year.

If anyone else wants to run for the board and would like to send out a short statement, send it to me at kkosk6565@gmail.com and I can send it out through Constant Contact.

Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release Take Advantage of Amazon and Local Shopping Cards to Support WR&R!

Don't forget to shop with your community cards from SPD and Holiday Market. Funding comes directly back to WR&R. Also, the Amazon Smiles program, Escrip and Goodsearch provide funding when you sign up and shop on line! [For more information](#)



Thoughts or Comments on this Newsletter? We'd Love to Hear from You!

If you have suggestions, articles, or pictures for this newsletter or would like to write an article, please contact [Karen Koskey](#). Thanks!

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