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CALENDAR

Nov 6, Sun, 8:00 am
Lower Sycamore Canyon
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Nov 7, Mon, 5:00 pm
Pre-meeting dinner at
Wood Ranch Camarillo

Nov 7, Mon, 7:00 pm
Monthly Program 
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Nov 9, Wed, 8:00 am
Beginner Bird Walk
check with Richard

Nov 11, Fri
Point Mugu Cancelled

Nov 19, Sat, 8:00 am
Conejo Val. Botanic Garden
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Nov 26, Sat, 8:00 am
Rancho Sierra Vista
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White-crowned Sparrow
CS Klabunde



BACK TO THE WESTERN FOUNDATION!

We are now holding our meetings at Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, 439 Calle San Pablo in Camarillo. Masks will be required for in-person attendees, but you can also Zoom in as before.

These new hybrid meetings will be simultaneously available live and on Zoom, so no one need be left out. The link to join us on Zoom is as before: <https://zoom.us/j/6155249106>

Unfortunately, Ottavio's Italian Restaurant is no longer open on Mondays, but we have found a terrific replacement. Wood Ranch Camarillo meets all of our requirements (except for the cappuccino ice cream). For reservations, call **Nobuko McClure at (805) 482-0411, no later than 9:00 am the day of the Monthly Program.**

NOVEMBER MONTHLY PROGRAM A 27 YEAR WILDFLOWER JOURNEY:

the making of

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST: CALIFORNIA WILDFLOWERS AND CLIMATE CHANGE



Rob Badger and Nita Winter take you behind the scenes on their 27-year journey photographing wildflowers throughout California and the West. It began in the year 1992 when they discovered and fell in love with California's spectacular wildflower blooms in the Mojave Desert's Antelope Valley California Poppy Preserve. Photographing these beautiful landscapes and individual flowers evolved into their documentary art project, "*Beauty and the Beast: Wildflowers and Climate Change*." This beautiful, multiple award-winning coffee table book, co-published with the California Native Plant Society, focuses on California's amazing plant diversity. It is a companion to their traveling educational exhibit.

Gorgeous superbloom scenery isn't the only thing that makes this series so special. The photographers show how they create wildflower portraits in the field, lugging 80 pounds of cameras and their "natural light" studio equipment from below sea level in Death Valley National Park to 13,000-foot-high mountain passes. Rob also shares two innovative field techniques he developed to capture unique floral portraits that go beyond that of traditional wildflower photography.

Because most land based birds directly, or indirectly, rely on the existence of wildflowers and other native plants for their survival, creating native plant gardens is an important way to support local wildlife. Nita and Rob will take you into their evolving native plant garden and share the joy and rewards it brings them.

Purchase books and learn more at wildflowerbooks.com.

Identify flowers with:

Calflora.org

PlantID.net

Calscape.org (by CNPS)

NOVEMBER BIRDING TRIPS

Since we're still living with some degree of pandemic concerns, CVAS will continue its careful approach to birding trips. **Masks will no longer be required for outdoor events**, but we won't be offering extra binoculars to share, so please bring your own. And finally, **please bring water, wear comfortable shoes and observe social distancing**. **RAIN CANCELS**



Acorn Woodpecker
Don Klabunde

November 6, Sunday - Lower Sycamore Canyon

Meet at 8 am at the parking lot off Hwy 1.
We'll look for riparian birds and rarities.
Leader is Linda Easter - (818) 519-2833

November 19, Saturday - Conejo Botanic Garden

Meet at 8 am at the parking lot off Gainsborough Rd.
We will see lots of passerines.
Leader is David Person 805-496-9587

November 26, Saturday - Rancho Sierra Vista

Meet at 8 am at the main parking lot off Lynn Rd.
We'll look for chaparral and grassland birds.
Leader is Richard Armerding - (310) 701-3878



White-breasted Nuthatch
CS Klabunde



Lark Sparrow
Don Klabunde

Wednesday, November 9, 8:00 am – Beginner Bird Walk

Conejo Valley Audubon invites birders of all experience levels to attend our monthly Beginner Bird Walk at Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa. These walks are held on the second Wednesday of each month. We will meet at 8:00 am at the main parking lot, which is accessible off Lynn Road at Via Goleta in Newbury Park. Rancho Sierra Vista is an excellent place to see many of the oak woodlands birds that are common in the Conejo Valley area. We will take time to introduce beginning birders to these species and will teach the best techniques for locating and identifying them. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring water and social distance.

Please register in advance by contacting your walk leader Richard Armerding at (310) 701-3878.

INTERESTED IN PLANNING FIELD TRIPS? Contact the Field Trips Chair (see page 4)

Disclaimer: Everyone is welcome to attend any Conejo Valley Audubon field trip, but Conejo Valley Audubon assumes no responsibility for injuries, personal or otherwise, incurred while attending a CVAS sponsored activity and in order to attend, all attendees agree that CVAS is not liable for such accidents. Everyone attends at their own risk.

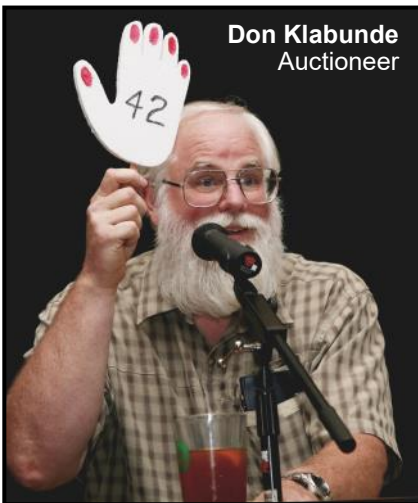
ENJOY THE FUN AND COMPANIONSHIP OF OUR GROUP!

Volunteers are always needed for events throughout the year such as **Plantpalooza**, **BirdFest**, or **Earth Day**. We've got opportunities for folks of all skill levels. There are chances to do outreach for school kids, and if you're a keen birder, we always need leaders and co-leaders for our **weekly Field Trips**.

If you care about the environment and like gardening, our **Lawns to Habitat grant program** needs help with everything from clerical to planting, and there's the **Bird-Friendly Garden Tour** in the spring which is wonderful.



Erik Oberg's young garden



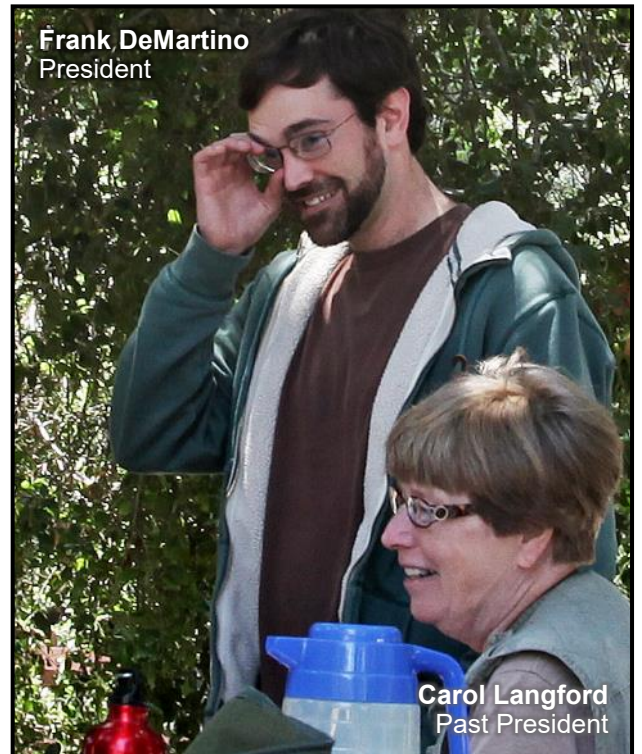
Don Klabunde
Auctioneer

In March we'll have our **Annual Cocktail Dinner/Auction** fundraiser which requires all kinds of volunteer help, starting soon. Ask Don and Chrystal Klabunde for info (see page 4).

Of course you are absolutely welcome to visit our **Board Meetings** which are usually the 3rd Tuesday of the month (and pretty informal), so contact any of our Officers or Committee Chairs (see page 4) for exact scheduling and the Zoom link to visit the meeting.

We currently need folks to help choose **field trip** destinations, and to suggest interesting speakers for our monthly **programs**. And if you're a writer, feel free to submit an article to this publication.

We appreciate fresh ideas. And who knows, you might want to join our **Board of Directors** or become a **Committee Chair**.



Frank DeMartino
President

Carol Langford
Past President

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING ZOOM

For those few who haven't yet used Zoom, it is a computer tool that allows you to meet with other people online. Zoom can be used on a computer, tablet or smartphone. You may wish to watch this video for more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>

When you join the meeting, you will be able to hear and see the presenter on your device, and if your computer has a microphone and camera, you will also be given the choice of whether you want to be heard or seen by other meeting participants. Though, in most cases we'll be muting everyone except for the presenter until the question and answer period.