

Hoo's Woods Raptor Center

P.O. Box 21, Milton Wisconsin 53563

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Peregrine Falcon Education Poster “They’re Back”

Artwork by Jonathan Wilde

From the Director: I’m pleased to inform you of the completion of our latest raptor education poster featuring the peregrine falcon during migration along the Lake Michigan shoreline. I developed this project with Wisconsin wildlife artist, Jonathan Wilde. This poster addresses the importance of raptors in the environment and the strict state and federal protection afforded these species. The slogan “They’re Back” expresses the recovery and preservation of an endangered species. Final printing of these posters includes photos and text supporting the historical and scientific data.

The printing of 3500 posters were made possible through the support of the following organizations: *Alliant Energy, WE Energies, Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, Wisconsin Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, Wisconsin Falconers’ Association, Raptors of the Rockies and Hoo’s Woods Raptor Center.* The posters were printed by Terry Print Solutions, Janesville, WI. We developed this poster to provide a raptor education resource for teachers, schools, libraries, conservations groups, schools, etc. Our goal is to create awareness by reducing the number of non-game bird mortalities due to hazardous chemicals, celebrate the recovery of the peregrine falcon, and enhance the value of raptors and other predators in natural systems.

These posters are available through my programs and our center. We are currently working on distribution through our sponsors, area libraries and other locations as well. If you are interested you may contact our center at falco5@ticon.net or 608-883-3795.

We will be doing more of these projects in the future. If you are interested in sponsoring a project or would like to be involved please let me know.

Dianne Moller
Executive Director of Hoo’s Woods

Scouts and Seniors Partnering Together



Ryan Vicenzi, of Milton, has been working on a number of projects to complete his boy scout Eagle Merit Badge. One of his projects was to build several benches to be used when conducting programs at our center. Upon completion several Alzheimer's patients at the Harbor House in Clinton stained the benches. John Van Dorn, owner of Van Dorn's painting in Milton donated the stain. It was a lot of fun and the residents did a super job. They didn't even miss a spot! Thank you everyone who participated in this project.

Residents (including my mother, Ruby, kneeling) of the Harbor House Assisted living facility in Clinton hard at work

Hoo's Woods Open House Follow-Up



We would like to thank those individuals who attended our annual Hoo's Woods Raptor Center open house on Sunday August 8, 2010. Fortunately, the rain ended just as the day's events were about to begin. We hosted over 100 people at the event. The day was a great success due in part to the door prizes donated by area businesses. We would like to thank the following Milton and Janesville area businesses for their donations: ***Deb's Squeeze Inn, Hammil Farm Center, K&W Greenery, NorthLeaf Winery, Paradise Tan Salon, Parkview Café, Patty's Plants, Red Rooster, Sal's Landscaping and Think Beautiful Nails.***

Congratulations to our raffle winners- Collin Kloepping (pictured left)- peregrine falcon hood, Ian McSweeney- American kestrel print, and Kelly McCredie- bald eagle print. Later in the day we released two rehabilitated American kestrel falcons that flew with vigor and enthusiasm. We have spotted the kestrels several times since the release. They are adapting to their new surroundings very well. Special thanks to our volunteers, Alissa Monk, David Moller Jr., Dalton Miatke and Ken Traxler for their continued hard work and efforts. We look forward to hosting you again next year!

Thank you!
David and Dianne Moller

A Farewell to My Faithful Friend, Harley



My gyrfalcon Harley came from a captive breeding project in South Dakota when he was a young bird. I trained him to be a falconry bird. He flew to a lure, a kite and eventually on game. Some of you may remember seeing Harley fly in an episode of "Outdoor Wisconsin" about three years ago. I took Harley to almost every raptor program and falconry event throughout the Midwest. Last year, he put on quite a flight demonstration for a Senator at a Michigan falconry event. Two years ago Harley was diagnosed with epilepsy. I had consulted with a number of notable raptor experts including experts at the Minnesota Raptor Center. Unfortunately, there isn't much known about this condition in birds. Treatment is very limited as most medications have side effects that outweigh the benefits. Harley took his last flight on September 20, 2010. Shortly after the flight he seized and died. Often Harley would fly so high, climbing over 1000 feet, that spectators would need binoculars to see him. People would hold their breath as they watched his incredible stoops in excess of 200 mph. A special bond like the one Harley and I developed can take months or even years to achieve. I will treasure the many special moments

Harley and I shared in the field and at my programs. He brought smiles to many faces. I will dearly miss my special feathered friend. Dianne

Hoo's Woods Awarded Grant by the Kaytee Avian Foundation

On behalf of our board of directors, I want to thank the Kaytee Avian Foundation for the generous grant recently awarded to Hoo's Woods. This generous grant will enable us to continue efforts in raptor education and preservation. Grants such as this one are very needed and appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Hoo's Woods Wish List

Some supporters prefer to donate items. They feel it creates a more personal connection to our work and the birds. Here are a few things you can donate to help:

Items needed immediately

Corporate Sponsors
Towels
Flat sheets
Paper towels
Ziploc baggies
Astro-turf mats to cover perches
Indoor/outdoor carpet remnants to cover perches
Shower Board to line cages
Trees to plant in and around enclosures
Plastic tarps, quail, pheasant and turkey
Please check back at our website as items vary throughout the year. Thank you!

Medical Needs

Pedialyte – clear
Cotton balls
Topical Antibiotic
Syringes 1cc, 3cc, 5cc
Sterile electrolyte fluids, small bags

Adopt a Raptor for A Year

Support the Hoo's Woods educational program through a donation or by adopting a raptor. You will receive a receipt for your tax records, and a photo of your raptor with a life history included. Your tax deductible donation of \$50.00 includes adopting one of the following raptor species: bald eagle, golden eagle, barn owl, barred owl, great horned owl, short eared owl, screech owl, peregrine falcon, gyrfalcon, American kestrel, red-tailed hawk, rough-legged hawk, or vulture.

YES, I want to sponsor Hoo's Woods with this tax-deductible contribution:

Name _____

Address _____

Contribution amount or Adopted Raptor _____

Please remit to: Hoo's Woods, P.O. Box 21, Milton, WI 53563



Tidbits

Raptor Program Referral

If you have enjoyed one of my raptor programs in the past please refer to your friends and co-workers. You can help to expand our audience by downloading our information flier from our website www.hooswoods.org

Make Your Holiday Party Special

During the month of December we are offering something unique and special for your Christmas party. You can book a 30 minute program with "Wapaha" the golden eagle or a falcon and owl for \$125.00. This program is available for smaller audiences such as church groups, small businesses, and community groups. To learn more about this special opportunity please contact Dianne by phone or email.

A Make-Over for Hoo's Woods Website

If you haven't already noticed our website recently got a make-over. Dalton Miatke, student at UW-Whitewater, put his talents to work and developed a new website for our center. The address is the same www.hooswoods.org. If the screen does not display properly it may be that your browser needs to be updated. Dalton is currently working to resolve this issue. Thank you for your patience and we hope you find it informational and fun!

New volunteer Chelsea Lope – UW Whitewater

Shortly after school resumed, I was invited to present a colloquial to the biology students at UW Whitewater. As a result Chelsea Lope, a third year student, has been volunteering her time at the center. Chelsea grew up in Germantown and is majoring in marine biology. She has spent her summers working for SeaWorld in Florida and Texas. What does Chelsea do at our center you ask? EVERYTHING! She assists in cleaning, caring and handling the birds.

Thank You 2010 Raptor Backers!

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**Donated to Peregrine Poster Project*

Medical Support

Dr. Diane Zilker, Token Creek Veterinary Clinic
Dr. Dean Rasmussen, All Care Animal Clinic -
Wisconsin Rapids

We apologize for any names omitted

Alliant Service Anniversary Grant Awarded to Hoo's Woods

Alliant Energy Foundation believes it is important for their employees to have a say in where their dollars go. This Service Anniversary Grant Program allows employees who are celebrating milestone years of service with Alliant to direct a grant to a qualified charity of their choice. We were pleased to have received a check in the amount of \$75.00 in honor of Karen Viskup for her 20 years of service. Thank you to Karen and the Alliant Energy Foundation for their contribution to Hoo's Woods. This program is an excellent way for your company to recognize employees. I would encourage you to consider the same.



MISSION STATEMENT: Hoo's Woods is a non-profit 501(c)(3) raptor education project located in Southern Wisconsin. Active since 1998 our mission is:

- To make education both meaningful and fun, while creating an atmosphere fostering respect for our land and the stewardship of all living things.
- To educate schools and the public through the use of birds or prey and falconry birds
- To provide an educational opportunity to understand and appreciate the co-existence between wildlife and man and the importance in preserving the world in which we live.

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Two nuns, a blond and a peregrine walk into a bar.....
you finish the story. Email me your best finish and I will
run it in the next newsletter. (*Sisters from St. Elizabeth's
nursing home at Janesville Farmers' Market*)

