

Peeps Art Show & Photo Exhibit

May 6 - May 23 at the Blazy Mall
Awards Reception on Thursday, May 20 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm.

The Peeps Art Show & Photo Exhibit has become a local favorite and is certainly a highlight of the Festival. This is an opportunity for children to display their original art. The theme is birds and wildlife of the Kenai Peninsula. Anyone under the age of 18 is encouraged to submit art for this exhibit. Deadline for art submission is Saturday, May 1. For more information, please contact Connie Tarbox at conniet@acsalaska.net.

The Peeps Art Show & Photo Exhibit is presented by Frames & Things, Kenai Watershed Forum, Keen Eye Birders Club, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Peninsula Art Guild, the Blazy Mall, and Kenai Visitors and Cultural Center.

Field Trips on Friday, May 21

Birding Float Trip of the Kenai River

This is a unique opportunity to explore the Kenai River From Skilak Lake down to Bing's Landing by drift boat. There will be four boats with a local birding expert on each helping you find all our feathered friends on that stretch of the river.

Space is limited to 12 people. \$100/per person donation. Lunch will be provided. You must pre-register for this event with the Kenai Watershed Forum at 260-5449. Meeting place and other details will be provided upon registration. Many thanks to Kenai River Professional Guide Association for providing the boats.

Beginning Birding around Skilak Loop Road

Join Ken Tarbox and the Burke boys on a van excursion around Skilak Loop Road. You'll be making lots of stops to see and hear what feathered creatures might be around.

Space is limited to 13 people. \$15/ per person donation. Children must be accompanied by an adult. You must pre-register for this event with the Kenai Watershed Forum 260-5449. Meeting place and other details will be provided upon registration.

Saturday, May 22

10am - Noon Kid's Birding Program

With Dan Pascucci and Leah Eskelin's enthusiastic direction this year's children's program is going to be a hoot! From birding crafts to fun education songs, your little ones will be talking about this for years!

This program will run approximately 2 hours. Space is limited to 30 children and must be accompanied by an adult. You must pre-register for this program with the Kenai Watershed Forum at 260-5449.

Noon - 1pm Registration & Handouts

Join us at the Kenai Visitors Center to learn all about the weekend's activities and events. You'll be able to visit with old friends and make new ones as we all celebrate our local birds.

1pm - 2pm New Birder Class

Ken Tarbox will take new birders through the first steps of getting out in to the field and enjoying our local feathered friends. From navigating your way through field guides to fine-tuning your binoculars, this class will give you the tools to get out and enjoy!

1pm - 4pm Field Stations Open Birding at the Kenai Birding Platform

Our wonderful team of local experts, Todd Eskelin, Toby Burke, and Ken Marlow will be on-hand pointing out all of the special birds as well as helping you identify new ones on your list. The birding/wildlife viewing platform is a fantastic local resource and we're excited to highlight it once again this year.

Evening Program on Sat., May 22

7:15pm Bird TLC with a Great Horned Owl

We are thrilled to have the Bird Treatment and Learning Center in Anchorage bring down a Great Horned Owl for everyone to see and learn about. Bird TLC is a non-profit dedicated to rehabilitating sick, injured or orphaned wild birds and providing avian education programs. We're glad they're joining us this year.

7:45 pm The Evolution of a Birder with John Wenger

From listening to evening Whip-poor-wills, a farm boy

evolves to become a dedicated conservationist, helping save endangered species by establishing a 3000-acre nature preserve in the Amazon Basin of South America. Join him to marvel and learn how the simple pleasures of nature observation and involvement can transform and thrill lives.

8:45pm Watchlist 2010 - Birds to Keep an Eye On with Beth Peluso

Audubon Alaska has just updated the WatchList, a science-based, early warning system that focuses attention and resources on vulnerable and declining bird populations across Alaska. Learn about success stories of birds that made it off the list, and which birds are of new concern. Find out how an earthquake affected Canada geese and other stories about Alaska's most vulnerable birds.

Sunday, May 23

1pm - 2pm How to Sketch Birds in the Field

Carla Stanley is going to lead a very interesting and inspiring session on sketching birds in the field. Bring your pencils and drawing paper.

2pm - 3pm Kenai Birding Festival Web Site & Social Media Update & Introduction

Dan Chay will give us a "how to" session on the new Kenai Birding Festival website and social media integration. He'll introduce us to the new site, how to post sightings, and new features we can all use.

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6pm Backyard Birding BBQ at Marlow's on the Kenai

Bring your favorite dish and join your new friends for a fun evening of backyard birding. There will be one surprise activity! BBQ will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert. Directions to the Marlow's on the Kenai will be available at all of the events.

Kenai Birding Festival

The central Kenai Peninsula area offers pristine beaches, beautiful state parks, a fantastic wildlife refuge and, best of all, thousands of birds. This three-day event is designed to showcase and celebrate our area birds. Suitable for the beginner as well as the advanced birder, the event includes a series of discussions and birding field expeditions.

Our field excursions offer fantastic birding opportunities without going too far. We have a host of experts ready to help enhance your birding skills. This year we've included a children's component to the program that is sure to excite interest.

Getting Around & Other Details

Registration : This is a **FREE** event and open to all. There are a few programs and field excursions that require pre-registration.

What to bring on the field trips: Binoculars and/or scope, rain gear, a good pair of walking shoes or boots and your field guides.

Kenai Visitors & Cultural Center

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All presentations and the children's program will be held at the Kenai Visitors & Cultural Center unless otherwise noted in the program.

Flo at Trip, Land Trip, and Children's Program

All those participating in these events must be pre-registered. Please contact Kenai Watershed Forum at 907-260-5449 or josselyn@kenaiwatershed.org for more information and to register.

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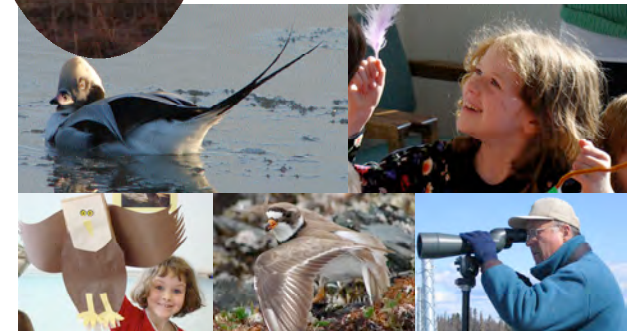
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A birding festival designed for all levels. Come and share your interest in the birds on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula



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