THURSDAY, SEPT. 8
5:45-8 p.m.
Educational crane displays outside Library Hall.
Crane Coloring Contest Award Ceremony with prizes from Ciao Gelato, Library Hall.
3:30 – 7 p.m.
Whooping Crane Fun Facts, for kids 5-13, with Dr. Barry Hartup, Chief Veterinarian for the International Crane Foundation, Library Hall.
7 – 8:15 p.m.
Whooping Cranes in 2016: Recovery of an Iconic Species, Dr. Barry Hartup, Library Hall.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9
5:45 a.m.
Sunrise guided crane viewing, shuttles depart Stockbridge Transit Center. Plus options for additional guided bird walks with Ted Floyd & Jeff Birek.
**Pre-registration required.
9:10 – 10:30 a.m.
Wildlife Photography Workshop with professional photographers Gerhard Assenmacher and Abby Jensen, Library Conference Room.
**Pre-registration required.
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Owl pellet workshop for kids, find out what owls eat and how they process their food, Library Hall.
**Pre-registration required.
10 a.m. – Noon
Optics display on the Library Lawn presented by Leica and Mogils on the Mountain. Hands-on with the newest binoculars, spotting scopes and cameras.
10 a.m. – Noon
Nature/writing workshop with author Ellen Bonnfield, Library Conference Room. **Pre-registration required.
Noon – 1 p.m.
Mongolia — Safe Haven for Largest Birds of Prey in the Old World, Nyambayar Batbayar, Library Hall.
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.
Talks of a Whooping Crane Veterinarian, Dr. Barry Hartup, Library Hall.
2:30 – 3:15 p.m.
Crane of the Rockies screening, a film by Michael Bennett about the Rocky Mountain population of Greater Sandhill Cranes, Library Hall.
4 – 6 p.m.
Wine and cheese reception and gallery show, Pine Moon Fine Art Gallery. **Pre-registration required.
4 – 7 p.m.
Crane yard art display & silent auction, Library Lawn.
Family activities, dessert and crane viewing, Yampavian Ranch. **Pre-registration required.
6:15 – 7:30 p.m.
Understanding Cranes: A conversation about the birds themselves and their strong family ties of Sandhill Cranes, Paul Tebbel, Library Hall.
7:30 – 9 p.m.
Audubon: John James Audubon and the Birds of America, film, Library Hall.
All day
Educational crane displays outside Library Hall.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10
5:45 a.m.
Sunrise guided crane viewing, shuttles depart Stockbridge Transit Center. Plus options for additional guided bird walks with Ted Floyd & Jeff Birek.
**Pre-registration required.
9 – 10:30 a.m.
Owl pellet workshop for kids, find out what owls eat and how they process their food, Library Hall.
**Pre-registration required.
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Nature/writing workshop with author Ellen Bonnfield, Library Conference Room. **Pre-registration required.
Noon – 1 p.m.
Mongolia — Safe Haven for Largest Birds of Prey in the Old World, Nyambayar Batbayar, Library Hall.
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.
Talks of a Whooping Crane Veterinarian, Dr. Barry Hartup, Library Hall.
2:30 – 3:15 p.m.
Crane of the Rockies screening, a film by Michael Bennett about the Rocky Mountain population of Greater Sandhill Cranes, Library Hall.
4 – 6 p.m.
Wine and cheese reception and gallery show, Pine Moon Fine Art Gallery. **Pre-registration required.
4 – 7 p.m.
Crane yard art display & silent auction, Library Lawn.
Family activities, dessert and crane viewing, Yampavian Ranch. **Pre-registration required.
6:15 – 7:30 p.m.
Understanding Cranes: A conversation about the birds themselves and their strong family ties of Sandhill Cranes, Paul Tebbel, Library Hall.
7:30 – 9 p.m.
Audubon: John James Audubon and the Birds of America, film, Library Hall.
All day
Educational crane displays outside Library Hall.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11
5:45 a.m.
Sunrise guided crane viewing, shuttles depart Stockbridge Transit Center. Plus options for additional guided bird walks with Ted Floyd & Jeff Birek, and a working ranch tour.
**Pre-registration required.
9 – 10:30 a.m.
Sketch-A-Bird workshop with professional artist Chula Beauregard, including HawkQuest’s live owls and crane taxidermy, Library Hall. All ages welcome and art supplies provided.
9 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Birding by Pontoon Boat at Stagecoach State Park: Four 45-minute tours led by an interpreter.
**Pre-registration required.
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
Historic Carpenter Ranch homestead tour led by Betsy Blakeslee, TNC’s facility manager.
10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
HawkQuest’s live owls: Visit with five live owls from around the world, Library Lawn.
1 – 1:30 p.m.
Photo contest award presentation with prizes from Mogil’s on the Mountain, Library Hall.
1:30 – 2 p.m.
Cranes, Yaks & Floating Sedge Mats, USDA Forest Service Hydrologist Liz Schnackenberg, Library Hall.
2:45 – 4 p.m.
Owls of the World, an all-ages presentation with live owls by HawkQuest’s Barbara Walton, Library Hall.
4:15 – 5 p.m.
Bhutan: Birds of Heaven screening, Library Hall. All day
Educational crane displays outside Library Hall.


FESTIVAL STORE HOURS
Thursday: 5:45 – 8:30 p.m.
Friday: Noon – 3 p.m.
Saturday: 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday: 1 – 4:30 p.m.

CRANE YARD ART AUCTION
Yard cranes decorated by local artists will be on display and up for silent auction (benefiting the Yampa Valley Crane Festival) on the Library Lawn.
Friday: 4 – 7 p.m.
Saturday: Noon – 4 p.m.

FESTIVAL VENUES
Crane Festival Headquarters is at the Bud Werner Memorial Library, 1289 Lincoln Ave., Steamboat Springs
Festival Store, Library Hall inside Bud Werner Library, 1289 Lincoln Ave., Steamboat Springs
Gondola Square/Thunderhead, base of Steamboat Ski Area, 2305 Mount Werner Circle
Library Hall, inside the Bud Werner Library, 1289 Lincoln Ave., Steamboat Springs
Library Lawn, outside the Bud Werner Library, 1289 Lincoln Ave., Steamboat Springs
Pine Moon Fine Art Gallery, 119 Ninth St., Steamboat Springs
Stagecoach State Park, 25500 County Road 14 (17 miles south of Steamboat), Oak Creek
Stockbridge Transit Center, 1505 Lincoln Ave., Steamboat Springs
The Carpenter Ranch, 20 miles west of Steamboat on the north side of U.S. 40, Hayden

Located in the hallway leading into Library Hall at the Bud Werner Library, 1289 Lincoln Ave.
Thursday: 5:45 – 8:30 p.m.
Friday: 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. & 7:30 – 8 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

FESTIVAL INFO DESK
Located in the hallway leading into Library Hall at the Bud Werner Library, 1289 Lincoln Ave.
Thursday: 5:45 – 8:30 p.m.
Friday: 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

**Keynote Speaker:** Nyambayar Batbayar (Nyamba) is Director and Research Biologist for the Wildlife Science and Conservation Center of Mongolia and Research Associate of the International Crane Foundation based in Wisconsin. Fluent in English and Mongolian, Nyamba has been a keystone in a partnership initiated in 2012 at the Yampa Valley Crane Festival between the International Crane Foundation, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Mongolian Science and Conservation Center which is satellite tracking White-naped cranes to determine migration patterns. An inventory and monitoring program for White-naped crane wetland nesting habitats in Mongolia is another part of the project. Nyamba has authored a field guide to the common birds of Mongolia and numerous research papers that have influenced conservation policy in Mongolia.

**John Azua** has been the Curator of Birds at the Denver Zoological Gardens for over 18 years, managing and caring for 120 species and 499 birds. He currently is the Hamerkop SSP coordinator and studbook keeper and Hooded crane studbook keeper. He also serves on the management committee of the Andean Condor SSP, Gruiformes TAG, Coraciiformes TAG and Bucerotidae SSP. He worked previously at the San Diego Zoo’s Bird Department and Avian Propagation Center for 7.5 years and the San Diego Zoo’s Safari (Wild Animal) Park for 5.5 years.

**Dr. Barry Hartup** is the Director of Conservation Medicine at the International Crane Foundation, where he has helped care for whooping cranes since 2000. Dr. Hartup is a past co-chair of the Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership that is working to reintroduce the whooping crane to the Eastern Flyway and is chair of the Whooping Crane Health Advisory Team. He also participated in a five-year study of the Aransas-Wood Buffalo population of the Central Flyway that has shed new light on the migratory patterns and health of this important flock.

**Liz Schnackenberg** has over 20 years of experience working as a hydrologist with the U.S. Forest Service. Her work focuses on the effects of land management activities on watershed hydrology and wetland/riparian condition. Through a partnership between the Forest Service and International Crane Foundation, she has worked on White-naped crane wetland habitat assessment and monitoring in Mongolia, and Black-necked crane wetland conservation in China.

**Paul Tebbel** is the Executive Director of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center on the Lower American River in Sacramento, California. For 11 years, he was the manager/director of the Lillian Annette Rowe Sanctuary, owned by the National Audubon Society, in Gibbon, Nebraska. The sanctuary focuses on habitat protection for sandhill and whooping cranes, waterfowl and other wildlife, and the long-range management of the Platte River.

**Bird Walk Leader:** Jeff Birek is the Outreach Biologist at the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies in Brighton, CO. Jeff has worked with raptors, songbirds and game birds in seven states and Mexico. At the Bird Conservancy Jeff is working on science projects including HawkWatch and Monitoring the Birds of the Badlands and Prairies Bird Conservation Region. He is also involved in outreach and education efforts.

**Bird Walk Leader & Speaker:** Ted Floyd is the editor of *Birding* magazine, the flagship publication of the American Birding Association. He has written more than 100 scientific papers and popular articles on birds and other aspects of nature. He is also the author of four bird books, including the *ABA Field Guide to Birds of Colorado*.