

THURSDAY, AUG. 29

4 – 5 p.m.
Crane Basics Workshop, naturalists Sandra Noll & Erv Nichols, Library Hall
4 – 5 p.m.
Spellbinder Storytime: Crane Tales for all ages, Storytime Room at the Library
5 – 5:55 p.m.
Spirit Wind Aerial Arts—crane-inspired flying dancers, Library Lawn
6 – 7:15 p.m.
Saving *Jernima*, author, illustrator & naturalist Julie Zickefoose, plus book sale & signing, Library Hall
7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
How to Know the Birds: The Art and Adventure of Birding, author & Birding Editor Ted Floyd, plus book sale & signing, Library Hall

FRIDAY, AUG. 30

5:45 a.m.
Sunrise guided crane viewings. Shuttles depart from Stockbridge Transit Center. Plus options for additional guided bird walks with Ted Floyd & Jason Szyba.
****Pre-registration required**
8 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Birding by Pontoon Boat at Steamboat Lake: Four one-hour tours led by an interpreter
****Pre-registration required**
9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Front Range Birding Co. optics display, Conf. Room
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Crane Yoga, community practice with Liz Leipold for all ages, Little Toots Park
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Nature-journaling workshop with author Ellen Bonnifield and artist Cindy Withler, meet at Library's Teen Project Room, then move outdoors
****Pre-registration required**

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Optics 101 — Choosing the Right Binocular for You, Chip Clouse, Library Hall
12 – 1 p.m.
Symbolic Expressions of Birds by Different Groups in Africa at Different Times, Pam Liu, Library Hall
2 – 2:50p.m.
Fast, Feisty, Flamboyant – Hummingbirds of the Yampa Valley, Sandra Noll & Erv Nichols, Trillium House at Yampa River Botanic Park
3 – 4 p.m.
Hummingbirds and Hummingbird Moth Walk, Andrew & Ted Floyd, Yampa River Botanic Park

3 – 7 p.m.
Crane yard art display & silent auction, Library Lawn

4 – 4:45 p.m.
Yer State Birds, live music & yard art, Library Lawn
4:45 – 5 p.m.
Crane Coloring Contest Awards, Library Lawn
5 – 7 p.m.
Wine, (Sandhill Crane Red) beer & cheese reception and Gallery Show, Pine Moon Fine Art
7 – 8 p.m.
The Great Migration, How the Crane Trust Manages and Saves Habitat for Sandhill Cranes, Nebraska Crane Trust CEO Chuck Cooper, Library Hall

SATURDAY, AUG. 31

5:45 a.m.
Sunrise guided crane viewings. Shuttles depart from Stockbridge Transit Center. ****Pre-registration required**
7:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Guided Bird Walk with Jason Szyba, Fish Creek Falls
****Pre-registration required**

7:30 – 10 a.m.
Guided Bird Walk with Ted Floyd, Round Mountain Ranch ****Pre-registration required**
9 – 10:30 a.m.
Sketch-A-Bird workshop with artist & author Julie Zickefoose, including HawkQuest's live raptors and crane taxidermy, Library Hall. All ages welcome and art supplies provided.

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Front Range Birding Co. optics display, Conf. Room
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Cranes & Other Crawford Critters, a guided nature and cultural history walk with Marianne Capra, starts at the Library ****Pre-registration required**
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Children & family activities with Yampanitka and Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Library Lawn
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Guided Nature Walk with Karen Vail on Butcherknife Canyon, meet at Strawberry Park Elementary
****Pre-registration required**
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
HawkQuest's live raptors, Library Lawn
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Journey of the Whooping Crane, film, Library Hall
12 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Conclusion of crane yard art display & silent auction, Library Lawn
12 – 12:30 p.m.
Photo Contest & Creative Arts Contest awards presentation, Library Hall

Pre-registration for specified events at www.coloradocranes.org. Crane viewing maps at www.coloradocranes.org.

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Lost Bird Project, film, Library Hall

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Kerryn Morrison, Africa Director for the International Crane Foundation, presents *Africa's Cranes, Wetlands and Communities: An Exciting Story of Hope and Success*, Library Hall

4:30 – 8:45 p.m.
Community picnic and talk, followed by guided crane viewing (for shuttles only) at The Nature Conservancy's Carpenter Ranch. Talks by representatives of The Nature Conservancy, Yampa Valley Land Trust, Colorado Cattlemen and Agricultural Land Trust and Birding editor Ted Floyd. ****Pre-registration required for shuttles to the picnic and guided crane viewing and/or purchase of picnic dinner.**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 1

5:45 a.m.
Sunrise guided crane viewings. Shuttles depart from Stockbridge Transit Center. Plus options for additional guided bird walk with Ted Floyd at Carpenter Ranch. ****Pre-registration required**
6:45 – 9:15 a.m.
Guided Bird Walk with Jason Szyba, Marabou Ranch ****Pre-registration required**
9 – 11 a.m.
HawkQuest live raptor photo shoot
****Pre-registration required**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Private breakfast with ICF's Kerryn Morrison and author Julie Zickefoose for festival attendees staying at Resort Lodging Company properties, Sharon's Restaurant
11:15 – 12:15 a.m.
Beyond Borders, film, Library Hall
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.
South America: The Lost Continent for Cranes, plus Denver Zoo's Junin Lake Waterbird Project: The Initial Stages, Denver Zoo's Curator of Birds John Azua, Library Hall
1:30 – 3 p.m.
Buttes of Colorado, an all-ages presentation with live birds by HawkQuest founder Kin Quitligna, Library Hall

FESTIVAL INFO DESK
Located in the hallway leading into Library Hall at the Bud Werner Library, 1289 Lincoln Ave.

Thursday: Noon – 8:30 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

FESTIVAL STORE HOURS

Thursday: 3 – 8:30 p.m.
Friday: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 4 – 8 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m. – 3:30 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: 3 – 7 p.m. with live music by Yer State Birds and coloring contest awards
Saturday: Noon – 3:30 p.m.

FESTIVAL VENUES

Crane Festival Headquarters is at the Bud Werner Memorial Library, 1289 Lincoln Ave., Steamboat Springs

Festival Store, outside Library Hall at BWML
Fish Creek Falls, 34165 Fish Creek Falls Rd.
Larkin Property, 30215 Elk Ln.
Library Hall, inside the Bud Werner Library
Library Lawn, outside the Bud Werner Library
Little Toots Park, 55 Twelfth St.
Optics Display, Library Conference Room
Pine Moon Fine Art, 117 Ninth St.
Round Mountain Ranch, 14 miles north on County Road 129, entrance on left
Sharon's Restaurant, 2851 Riverside Plaza
Steamboat Lake Marina, 61450 CR 62 in Clark, 26 miles north of Steamboat
Stockbridge Transit Center, 1505 Lincoln Ave.
Strawberry Park Elementary School, 39620 Amethyst Dr.
TNC's Carpenter Ranch, 20 miles west of Steamboat, 13250 US Highway 40, Hayden
Yampa River Botanic Park & Trillium House, 1000 Pamela Ln.



ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Keynote Speaker: Kerryn Morrison has been involved with crane conservation since she concluded her master's research on cranes in the Dullstrom area of South Africa in 1995. Kerryn joined the Endangered Wildlife Trust, a South African based NGO in 1995, and in 2005 became the leader of the newly established International Crane Foundation (ICF)/ Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) Partnership's African Crane Conservation Program. This partnership ideally brought together crane expertise and conservation knowledge from around the world, grounded within the African context. Kerryn is now ICF's VP International: Director of Africa and the EWT's Senior Manager: Africa. She oversees a team spread across the key crane sites across Sub-Saharan Africa, all in an effort to secure Africa's four resident, threatened crane species – Blue, Grey Crowned, Black Crowned and Wattled Cranes. Passionate about cranes, wetlands and people, Kerryn drives an approach that includes multiple stakeholders in an integrated approach to conservation that benefits both cranes and people on the same land.

Julie Zickefoose started off as an illustrator of natural history subjects, and spent a six-year stint as a field biologist with The Nature Conservancy. Along the way, she began to write her own essays, studded with observations of birds and animals, and writing slowly crept into the forefront of her interests. She has been a Contributing Editor to *Bird Watcher's Digest* since 1986 and has painted 27 covers for the magazine. From 2005-2010 Julie had a five-year run contributing commentaries to National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*, telling stories of bird-eating bullfrogs and orphaned hummingbirds. She has authored five books.

Pam Liu was born in Taiwan, grew up on three continents, and has travelled extensively for six decades. Although trained as a mathematician, an artist, a landscape architect/ecologist, and an educator, her love for understanding all cultures through this broad lens is what is dear to her heart.

Chuck Cooper, Chief Executive Officer of the NebraskaCrane Trust, which creates, protects and manages habitat for Whooping and Sandhill Cranes along with other migratory birds. It maintains VIP heated blinds only a few hundred yards from the world's largest crane roost.

Chip Clouse, manager of the Front Range Birding Company, is a biologist and environmental educator and former Education Director for the American Birding Association.

John Azua has been the Curator of Birds at the Denver Zoological Gardens for over 19 years, managing and caring for 120 species and 499 birds. He currently is the Hammerkop SSP coordinator and studbook keeper and Hooded crane studbook keeper.

Kin Quitiqua is a master falconer and longtime environmental educator who founded HawkQuest in 1986. He has trained, handled and flown birds of prey as diverse as the Bald and Golden eagles and the Saw-whet owl. For more than 25 years, Kin has dedicated himself to educating the public about the place of raptors in our ecology.

Bird Walk Leaders & Speakers: 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. **Andrew Floyd** is Ted's son. **Erv Nichols & Sandra Noil** are naturalists, photographers, lecturers and interpretive guides in a wide variety of Fish and Wildlife Refuges, National Parks and more.



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Printed maps to crane viewing sites are available during the festival at:
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& Bud Werner Library (1289 Lincoln Ave.)