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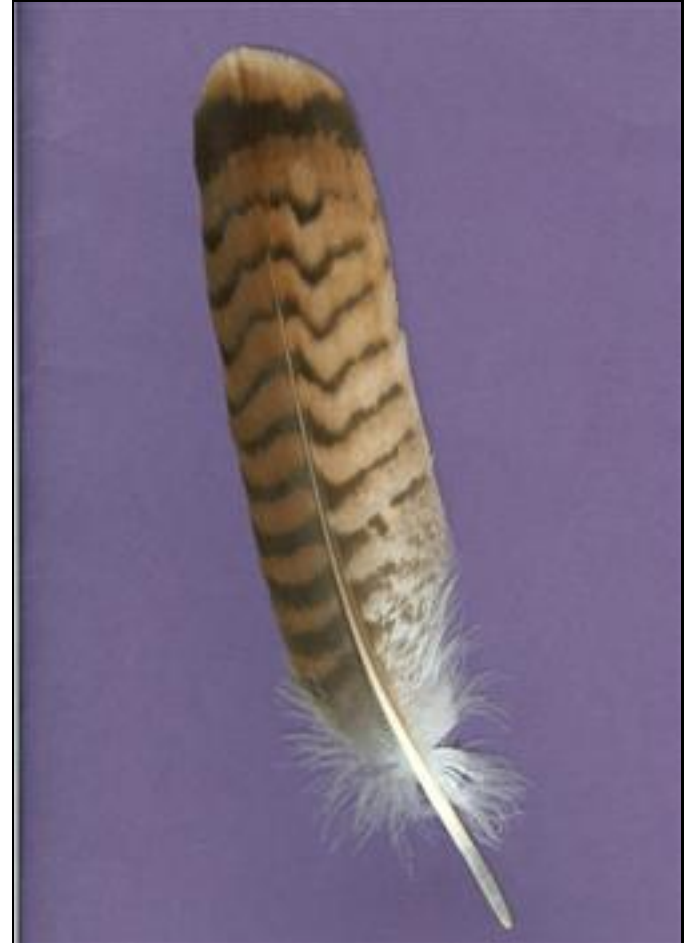
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## Member Monday Reminder

Just a quick note to members that our third Member Monday of the year is THIS Monday! The theme is 'Feather Perfect' and you can learn all about feathers, why they are so important, and how we care for them here at CRC. **The kid's activity is face painting.** Come explore our Touch Box and experience the different feel of owl vs falcon feathers, as well as the intricate beauty of each.

CRC will be open just for members this Monday from 3:00-6:00, and then from 6:00 to 8:00 members are invited to join us for Happy Hour. Our thanks to Hop Valley Brewing Company for a donated keg and for discounted wines from Willamette Valley Vineyards and King Estate, and to Dana's Cheesecake and Cafe Mam for refreshments.

Hope to see you here!



## Wildlife Play Hospital

Cascades Raptor Center invites families to take part in our third 2014 Family Nature Discovery Day on Sunday, July 27th, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. **Kids and their families can become wildlife rehabilitators for the day!** Participants will receive a report of an injured stuffed animal to be rescued on CRC's wooded, hillside property. After rescuing their animal, kids can bring it to the wildlife hospital play area for treatment. While the rescued animal recuperates, families can visit with the over 50 permanent resident raptors at CRC. When the stuffed patients are recovered, participants can release their patients back to the wild.

Activities are recommended for children between the ages of 4-11 and children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is general admission to CRC (CRC members receive free admission) plus a \$2 activity charge for activity participants. If you ride your bike or hike the Ridgeline Trail to CRC your activity fee will be waived.

Our thanks to event sponsors KVAL and Springfield Utility Board (SUB)!





## Baby Update

By mid-July this year, we have surpassed the intakes from ALL of last year. Hard to say if that will continue into a record year, but it sure has been a busy spring and early summer! We are participating in a raptor study for the OSU Vet School, so at least we have been getting lots of samples for them.

So what's going on with all the Barn Owls we have received? We currently have 33 in care - three of whom just came in last week as wee nestlings, so we are officially on Round Two! Those most recent three are now safely ensconced with Nani and Soren - who are doing fantastically well in their first year as foster parents. The older 30 barn owl youngsters are currently enrolled in Mouse University, learning how to hunt live prey. About half of them are pictured above in our 100'x20'x20' pre-release conditioning flight cage.

We are releasing our four juvenile American Kestrels and five Western Screech Owls in the next few days. They have proven themselves on first meal worms, then crickets, and finally mice. We still have two young Red-tailed Hawks and two Great Horned Owlets that have matriculated into Mouse University, but still have some courses to do. We still have a brancher Northern Saw-whet Owl, fledgling Coopers Hawk, and a Great Horned Owl youngster in the clinic - all with serious injuries - and a few scattered adults in with the youngsters outside or still in treatment.

Except for the plethora of Barn Owls, this has shaped up as a fairly normal baby season - and besides what's in care, we've successfully returned Barn Owls, Great Horned Owls, Red-tailed Hawks, and Western Screech Owls to their respective nests. We just got a pretty badly broken Osprey nestling in, sadly - she fell from her nest down on Ten Mile Lake on the coast. Most local osprey nests are getting ready to fledge their young, so we don't know if this was a second nesting attempt or the parents just got a late start.

We are feeding out close to 200 live mice a day, plus mealworms, crickets and our regular mice, rats and quail, fish, and rabbit (easily \$300 total per day). If anyone would like to help us keep groceries on the birds' table, please click on the link below to make a secure online donation. These college students are expensive!

Thank you so much!

>> [Click here to help us feed the clamoring crew!](#)

## King Estate Benefit Dinner

You all should have received, earlier this week, a special invitation to our 4th annual Benefit Dinner at King Estate. Come join us for fantastic food, great wines, good company, and beautiful birds! Deadline to reserve your seats is only 10 days away: July 28th. We'd love to see you there. We've also got a special guest who will be our Master of Ceremonies this year - Tim Fox, of Country Music 93's Barrett Fox & Barry. A long time friend of CRC and award-winning DJ, Tim is guaranteed to help us create a fun evening.

Please call 541-485-1320 or email us at [info@eRaptors.org](mailto:info@eRaptors.org) for more information or to reserve your spot. \$100 per person, \$800 per table. Here's the menu again - not a mouse in sight!

## MENU

Passed Appetizers:

Yorkshire Pudding with Seared Beef Tenderloin and Horseradish Crème Fraiche

Fresh Fig and Honey, Lavender Goat Cheese Galette

Prix Fixe Dinner:

Heirloom Tomato and Watermelon: sweet corn, nicoise olive, cucumber, local feta

Olive Oil Poached Chinook Salmon: estate pole beans, citrus roasted potato, basil beurre blanc

Chicken Leg Confit: lentils, chickpeas, artichoke, preserved lemon, toasted cumin vinaigrette

Strawberry White Chocolate Shortcake with lavender whipped cream

Each course will be accompanied by a King Estate wine.

Vegetarian alternatives will be available for any meat course – please be sure to indicate your preference when reserving.



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