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PAS Heroes

The second of an occasional series profiling PAS Interns and Volunteers

For this issue, we're shining the spotlight on PAS members Wendy Panniker and Jerry Ewing, who volunteer their time at the Washington Elementary STEM Magnet School bird-friendly teaching garden. Wendy and Jerry have been working in the garden since it broke ground in July 2019.

Wrentit: Describe for our readers a typical day as at the WESM Garden.

Wendy: Until Covid-19, we worked at the garden 2-4 times a week, mainly watering and weeding with hoes, shovels and lots of elbow grease. After last fall's celebration when the community came together to put in the plants, according to landscape architect Jesse Chang's design, we continued on in the garden with major weed control and mulching.

Jerry: We first turn on the drip system that waters all of the plants for the entire two hours that we spend working. We also set up an oscillating sprinkler that moistens an area that we will work on during our next visit. Moistening the soil makes pulling weeds much easier!



Wendy and Jerry

Wrentit: Tell us a little bit about your background, where you live, your interests and what drew you to this particular program.

Wendy: I had lived all my life in Connecticut until August 2015, when I moved to Monrovia to be closer to my son. For 25 years I worked in the field of horticulture. During that period, I also worked as a licensed nurse. It wasn't really until I started working in the LA area that I fell head over heels in love with native plants.

Jerry: I grew up in Pasadena and worked for four hours every Saturday on our one acre property. I loved the idea of creating a native garden that attracts birds. Since I'm retired, I can spend time doing maintenance at the garden. I

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President's Perch

What a strange time we're living through! I wish so much that I could be with you in person. I miss chatting with you at our Bird Science Program field trips and at general meetings. I miss drinking a few beers with you at Birds and Beers, and I miss talking with you about a bird you've just seen, your kids or our beautiful native plant garden at Washington School. Zoom isn't the same and neither is reading your eBird reports. I miss birding and I miss you. But I am inspired by the words of the great Winston Churchill, a chap who knew just a little about overcoming adversity. He said, "When you're going through hell, keep going." And so we shall keep going.

Our Bird Science Program team is looking at ways to stay connected with our students. Our garden team is maintaining the garden while staying compliant and safe. Our Board is figuring out how best to hold virtual meetings for our members. Our Advocacy Team is assessing ways to effect positive change for birds in local and regional governments.

While I'm sure most of us yearn for a return to the "good old days," I think it's a safe bet that the new "normal" will have some dramatic differences from how we lived before the pandemic hit. On the one hand, that makes me sad because I miss seeing people in person. I cherish the social aspect of birding and living into the mission statement of the Pasadena Audubon Society. I like our culture of "bringing the excitement of birds to our community." On the other hand, massive change and disruption give us a remarkable opportunity to reinvent ourselves. We can reach out as never before, finding new birder friends all over the globe as well as making more meaningful contact with some of our members who live right here. How wonderful if we can keep these new ways of connecting, even if we can go back to our old in-person ways, and combine the best of the old and the new.

And so now I ask you, what are YOUR ideas for Pasadena Audubon as we move into this Brave New

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MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

In keeping with guidance from National Audubon and California Audubon, all in-person chapter meetings, education and outreach activities are suspended until further notice, including monthly bird walks, field trips, volunteer activities and other gatherings. We invite you to check our website for the most up-to-date information on events and walks.

Please make sure we have your email address, as we will be sending updates via email in addition to posting notices on our website and groups.io. You can update your membership information by contacting our Program Director at lbrunet@pasadenaudubon.org.

PAS Will Hold a June Meeting...Online

Extended stay-at-home orders mean that PAS cannot hold its June 13th dinner at Eaton Canyon Nature Center. However, the wonders of modern technology enable us to host the occasion (sans food and drink) through Zoom, including the featured event of sharing our best bird photos.

Please note that we will be just as vigilant as prior moderators about strictly enforcing the five-minute time limit. We'll dispense with the social half hour and begin promptly at 6 pm.

Register for the meeting on our website to receive the zoom link. Instructions on sending in your photos for the slide show will be posted there as well. Be prepared to present when called upon at the meeting. We look forward to seeing you!



Coffee Club continues over the Summer

Our Coffee Club Manager Kathy Linowski has graciously agreed to continue to take coffee orders throughout the summer. You may not be able to take that long-planned summer trip, but you'll be drinking some of the best coffee there is, right in your own home. And you'll be helping to support conservation efforts on the wintering grounds of some of our favorite birds, like the Hermit Warbler below.

Check the website for details: pasadenaudubon.org/coffeeclub or email Kathy at coffeeclub@pasadenaudubon.org.



Hermit Warbler drawing by Calvin Bonn, aged 13, who has seen them in his yard while participating in the Caged Birders Challenge

CONSERVATION

The Administration's War on the Environment

Weeks ago, the EPA used coronavirus as a reason to suspend enforcement of environmental regulations for the fossil fuel industry and other polluters. The administration is also rolling back fuel economy standards, hurting the fight against climate change. Source: Natural Resources Defense Council

California Industries Are Also Waging War

In California the trucking industry, oil refineries, ports and shipping are all pushing to delay or reverse pollution controls, citing the economic crisis caused by coronavirus. Source: Los Angeles Times

CalFire and Coronavirus

Prison inmates make up 43% of California's wildfire fighting force. With the virus spreading through prisons, will inmates be on the fire line this summer? Even professional firefighters live in crowded conditions when fighting a fire. Concerns about coronavirus could make that kind of deployment more difficult. Source: Los Angeles Times

Hahamongna: Small Improvements

The Berkshire Creek rehabilitation project is complete. A new footbridge crosses the creek channel, which is redesigned to

reduce erosion and to provide more niches for plants and wildlife. Many exotic trees and plants were removed, and many natives have been planted. Plantings are being irrigated until they become established. This should be a very good habitat for birds in a few years when the new plantings take hold.

Mark Hunter



A BIRD FROM AFAR

Birding La Pura Vida

Costa Rica, the land of la pura vida, the pure life, is a small but stunningly beautiful country in Central America. Its land area is roughly equivalent to the five southernmost counties in California. Nearly half of the nation's five million residents live in San Jose. So, when you travel throughout the rest of Costa Rica, you're either in small towns, farm country, or wilderness.

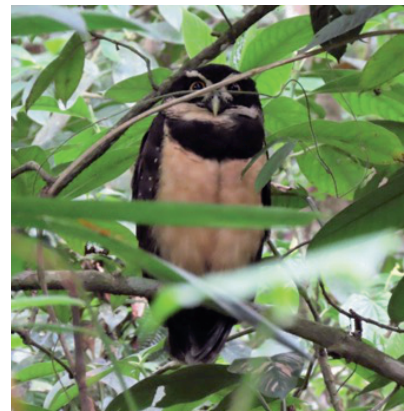
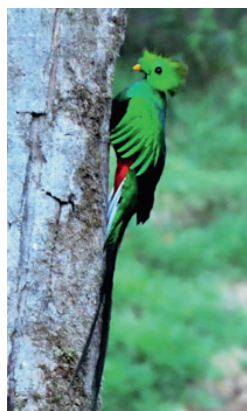
The habitat for wildlife is quite varied, from the hot and wet Caribbean Lowlands, to the luxuriant forests of middle and upper elevations, to the drier Pacific lowlands. A mecca for birders, this small country is home to just over 900 species, including many endemics. Only about one-third are also found in the US and Canada.

As a lifelong birder in North America, I longed to see birds in other parts of the world, and this past March, my wife Nancy and I had the opportunity to join ten others for a 16-day tour of some of Costa Rica's beautiful and unique birding hotspots. Our first night and day were spent at the beautiful Hotel Bougainvillea. In its adjacent award-winning garden, we were introduced to some common resident birds, including the Clay-colored Thrush. We saw them everywhere in the country, and while not flashy like some tropical birds, its lovely song and widespread occurrence led to its being named the national bird of Costa Rica.

We got our first looks at a real stunner—Lesson's Motmot, an incredible blue beauty with a long racquet-tipped tail. On our way to Rancho Naturalista, we stopped at the home of Donde Cope, an incredibly talented artist, photographer and naturalist. In addition to many kinds of flycatchers, tanagers, finches and hummingbirds at his feeders, he brought us to the nearby woodlands and found for us a Spectacled Owl, Great Potoo, our first Yellow-throated Toucan and a group of five Honduran White Bats roosting under a large cecropia leaf.



Lesson's Motmot



Resplendent Quetzal and Spectacled Owl

At Rancho Naturalista, the hummingbird show continued in earnest; 40 species in all, including White-necked Jacobin, White-tipped Sicklebill, Green Hermit, Green-crowned Brilliant, Fiery-throated Hummingbird, Black-crested Coquette and the Snowcap.

Day after day the highlights continued. The scenery was magnificent, the accommodations were comfortable, the food was delicious and the birding about as good as it gets. The hotels put out large chunks of fruit on their feeders, attracting such birds as the Oropendolas, Black Guan and Great Curassow, and mammals such as the weasel-like Tayra, Agouti and White-nosed Coati. We saw sloths, Howler and Capuchin monkeys in the nearby forests.

A boat ride on the Tarcoles River gave us a close-up view of a fourteen-foot long crocodile and some magnificent birds, including Common Blackhawk, Bare-throated and Boat-billed Herons, an American Pygmy Kingfisher and a pair of Scarlet Macaws. A short distance from the boat dock, our guide found us a pair of Black-and-White Owls roosting in a small tree.

A trip to Costa Rica would not be complete without seeing the magnificent Resplendent Quetzal. The Costa Rican government subsidizes farmers to leave a portion of their land undeveloped and, as a result, the Quetzal is doing well and even increasing in some areas. We made an early morning visit to a farm just in time to see the male trade places with the female on the nest, which was inside a hollow, but not before he posed for the birders and cameras.

Probably the choicest spot to bird and to stay was the Arenal Observatory Lodge, which was built in 1987 to study and view the Arenal Volcano, which first erupted in July 1968 and remained active until 2010.

We will never forget our journey to this lovely land! In fact, we've already booked a second tour for next year.

Story and photos by Ed Stonick

If there's a Bird from Afar that you saw and loved, we'd love to hear about it. Send your text and photos to the Editor at pas.wrentit@gmail.com.

BIRD SCIENCE PROGRAM AND SCHOOLYARD GARDEN UPDATES

Bird Science Program on Hold

Like so many things these days, our beloved Bird Science Program is on hold for now.

We were fortunate to host the final field trips for Washington Elementary STEM Magnet right before the pandemic hit, resulting in the school closings. Every child at Washington was able to participate in the program, some for their second year. Classes at Jackson Elementary had been scheduled for March and April, so the children missed out this year.

We'll be working on adjusting the program to new constraints and possibly providing video instruction for the classroom portion. If you have talent and or ideas, please be in touch.

I am so grateful to our amazing crew of docents, interns and volunteers for making this year an exciting and enriching one for the children we serve, for me, and I hope, for all of you!

Lois Brunet



Fall Training Session for new Docents and Interns

If you are interested in conservation education and enjoy sharing your passion for birds with kids, consider joining us.

And if you know of a young person who might be a good fit for the part-time paid internship, email our Program Director.

Check out the Bird Science page on our website for more information on the program.

Email Program Director Lois Brunet lbrunet@pasadenaaudubon.org to be put on our mailing list.



BSP Intern Fletcher Friesen with Odie the W. Screech Owl

Bounty of Blooms at Washington Garden

The Native Habitat Garden at Washington Elementary STEM Magnet was planted in November last year, thanks to an incredible coming together of Pasadena Audubon members, school staff and community volunteers.

Then in March, just as the plants began to put down their roots and push out their buds, the school went quiet. No children have been able to witness the dramatic transformation of the space. The darling blooms of the first annuals, Baby Blue Eyes and Birdseye Gilia, were followed by armloads of lupines and poppies. Then the well-named Showy Penstemon stole the show, until it was upstaged by the Columbine, which came in both orange and yellow. By that time, the Clarkia which started out quietly, up near the brush pile, began to show its colors, coral, scarlet and white.

Right now, there's a riot of Yarrow in the lower rain water garden and we're seeing ladybugs and butterflies. The birds are visiting as well. The smells of a California summer are developing as the Cleveland sage comes into bloom. So many possibilities for kids to touch and smell and see an ecosystem in action. But they're not there. No matter, they'll be back, and the plants, under the loving care of our amazing volunteers, Jerry and Wendy, Darren and Kathy, will be even bigger and more fragrant.

In the meantime, we plan to create a website with the story of the garden. We'll get it started and the teachers and children will be able to take the reins before long, to document their experiences, learning about the ecosystems that sustain us and the birds we love!

Lois Brunet

right, Common Yarrow blooms



MEMBERS SURVEY

Thank you for taking the time to take a survey about your experience with the Pasadena Audubon Society! You are a valuable member of our organization and your answers below will help us better serve you and others in the community.

1) How long have you been a member of the Pasadena Audubon Society?

- Less than 6 months
- 1-2 years
- 3-5 years
- More than 10 years
- 6-12 months
- 2-3 years
- 5-10 years

2) How old are you?

- 17 and under
- 25 to 44
- 65 +
- 18 to 24
- 45 to 64
- I prefer not to disclose

3) What were the reasons you joined the Pasadena Audubon Society? (please check all that apply)

- To gain an introduction to birding
 - To learn advanced birding skills
 - To participate in birding field trips
 - To meet and build relationships with other people who also enjoy birding
 - I'm interested in the monthly programs
 - I'm interested in local conservation advocacy
 - I'm interested in birding and conservation education with local children and schools
 - I'm interested in schoolyard and habitat gardens
 - Other
-

4) What would you like to see more of?

- Social events
 - Classes
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Advocacy opportunities
 - Events with partner organizations
 - Other
-
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5) When was the last time you participated in a Pasadena Audubon Society event?

a) Select one

- Within the last 3 months
- Within the last six months
- Within the last year
- I haven't participated in an event in more than a year

b) Was it as a volunteer or an attendee?

- Volunteer
- Attendee
- Both

6) If you haven't participated recently, what has prevented you?

- The events offered haven't interested me
 - I had a poor experience at a previous event
 - I wanted to join an event but other commitments prevented my participation
 - Other
-
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7) If you had a poor experience, please tell us more about what negatively impacted your experience and how we can improve for future events.

8) What other local organizations do you volunteer with or belong to?

9) How would you prefer that the Pasadena Audubon Society communicate with you about news and upcoming events? (please check all that apply)

- Email updates
 - Website updates
 - Facebook
 - Instagram
 - Notices received in the mail
 - Wrentit Newsletter
 - Groups.io
 - Other
-

10) How do you currently receive the Wrentit?

- Print
- Paperless

11) If we change the format of the newsletter what would you prefer? (choose all that apply)

- Don't change a thing
- A one-page printed calendar, with the rest of the content online
- A true online edition on our website, with no page limits
- Via email, with a PDF attachment or link

Other ideas _____

MEMBERS SURVEY

12) Currently, what is your favorite section in the Wrentit (please select as many as apply)

- Page One Bird
- Meeting programs
- Committee Updates – Conservation and Advocacy
- Committee Updates – Education, Outreach, Young Birders
- Calendar
- Field Trip Reports
- Bird from Afar
- Photos from Readers
- New members/Donors

13) What content would you like to receive from the Pasadena Audubon Society?

- Information about local species of birds
- Birding how-tos
- Conservation tips and tricks
- Local advocacy updates
- National advocacy updates
- Youth outreach and school program updates
- Information on upcoming events with other organizations
- Practical tips on how to engage friends / neighbors in conversation and advocacy issues

- Book reviews
- Other, please specify

14) Best practices in board governance include having term limits for board members. Would you support a change to our by-laws creating term limits for board members ?

- Yes
- No
- Indifferent

15) Based upon all of your experiences, how likely are you to recommend the Pasadena Audubon Society to a family member, friend or acquaintance in the community?

- a) Choose one
- Extremely likely
 - Likely
 - Neither likely nor unlikely
 - Unlikely
 - Extremely unlikely

b) Why?

Thanks so much for completing our survey!

We recognize that this Spring has been an exceedingly difficult time for everyone. But the birds, and future generations of birders, still need our support. Making matters worse, one of our main fundraisers, Birdathon, which is normally held in May, was cancelled due to the pandemic. To bridge the gap, we humbly ask that you contribute what you can, if you can. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this most worthy caw-caw-cause!

Yes, I would like to support Pasadena Audubon and bring the joy of birds to the community!

- \$25
- \$35
- \$50
- \$100
- Other _____

My check is enclosed (payable to Pasadena Audubon)

Please charge my credit card:

Card Number _____

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WE ARE FOR THE BIRDS

BIRDING WHILE AT HOME

Caged Birder Challenge Update

We've been in lockdown-mode now since early March. I hope that everyone is staying sane and continuing to stay safe.

The lockdown has not prevented me from continuing to bird and has offered new opportunities for me to get off the hamster-wheel, focus on my immediate surroundings, and forge a deeper connection with my neighborhood birds. As the world has shrunk to what I can see from my doorstep or on neighborhood walks, tuning in to the rhythms of migration and breeding seasons on the micro-scale has really driven home that I can make efforts right now to enhance habitat and create refugia for birds right where I live.

My partner and I have been inspired to finally get that insect-attracting, native-plant pollinator garden going and start thinking on what we can do with that vacant patch up the street! With so many more people taking walks, enjoying cleaner air, clearer skies, and noticing birdsong, this has also been a chance to meet some of my neighbors curious enough to ask what I'm always looking at. I am hoping that they'll be inspired to start birding too, or at least be more aware of the fragile wonders that live beside us.

We started the Caged Birder Challenge in late-March and now have enough data to give an update on who's been seeing what and where. Here's what we had as of our May 20th meeting.

Total Checklists: 116
Total Species Seen: 110

Neighborhoods Represented:
Altadena, Eagle Rock, Glendale, La Cañada, Pasadena, Redondo Beach, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena

Most Checklists: Lance Benner with 38

Top 5 Caged Birders (Species Seen):

5. Heather Sabin - 33
4. Brendan Crill - 35
3. Hannah Carbone - 48
2. Graham Hamby - 60
1. A TIE!! Darren Dowell and Lance Benner -

Birds of Note:

Calliope Hummingbird
White Throated Sparrow
Plumbeous Vireo
Cattle Egret (special thanks to Luke Tiller)

This has been a lot of fun. I hope that this will add to the citizen science data-collection efforts and keep us connected while it's safer to stay apart. For those of you that are birding from home, please share you checklists with "cagedbirders"!



Graham Hamby



Clockwise from upper right, some birds seen by Caged Birders
White-throated Sparrow by Chris Spurgeon, Bullock's Oriole by
Heather Sabin, Pacific-slope Flycatcher by Heather Sabin,
Rufous Hummingbird by Lois Brunet

The Caged Birder Challenge: How To

Join eBird, if you haven't already. Sign up to create an account. It's free.

Start a New Checklist as you normally would.

Use your Home Location if you have it or create a new Personal Location. If you don't want to use your home address, you can rename the Location to something like the nearest intersection.

Submit your checklist and share it with the user CagedBirders.

Check out the Caged Birders public profile for a running tally of what members are seeing and where. You can navigate to that from a link in your shared checklist. Or save this link to check it out at any time: ebird.org/profile/MTYxMjM0Nw

Follow PAS on Instagram, Facebook or through Groups.io where we'll keep you up to date on our stats, rare sightings and any cool data we can come up with to delight the bird nerds out there.

The June Meeting will be another opportunity to celebrate "together" apart! You can expect some birdy prizes and toasts to our fortitude as caged birders in strange times.

BIRDS IN THE HOOD: NEWS FROM OUR READERS

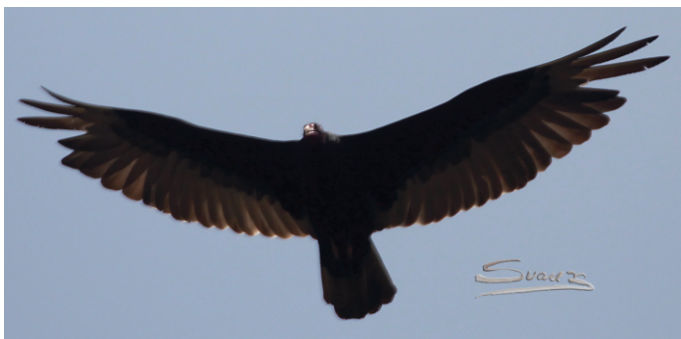
With this issue, we are pleased to introduce a new column, 'Birds in the Hood,' in which our readers are invited to share local sightings from their yards or their neighborhoods. Please keep your letters, photos and suggestions coming!

From Julie Parker, Altadena

We see in our camphor tree this week, rain and all: bluebird pair courting, single juvenile Western Tanager (a first), bulbuls galore, Cedar Waxwings, robins as well as flickers, White-breasted Nuthatches, titmice (very timid), Nuttall's Woodpeckers, Oregon Juncos and, beneath the tree, yellow rumps, white crowns and California and Spotted Towhees.



Seen by Christine Hessler on April 2, 2020, in the Arroyo Seco a few days before the closure, Great-horned Owl and Owlets, there were two



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Bird Linings, by Karen Suarez, Monrovia

The 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic is an ongoing tragedy in a dark chapter of history. Economic fallouts will hurt nonprofits and will have negative effects on the environment. That said, here is a story of a silver lining or in this case, I'm calling it Bird Linings.

I've lived in our Monrovia home since 1994. My husband John and I were married on Earth Day 1997.

At first we had a lush green lawn, English Roses and palm trees, but after attending docent classes in 2007, I appreciated the importance of creating native plant habit for birds. As my new garden matured, so much wildlife moved in. On September 11th, 2013, I created a Facebook Page called Monrovia Bird Haven. It was my vision to unite community bird lovers and grow enthusiasm on a local level. Helping Monrovia appreciate the benefits of birds has a positive civic impact on the community. The growing group of birders including amazing photographers has been instrumental in promoting more sustainable, bird-inviting practices.



At the time Monrovia Bird Haven began, studies were showing habitat depletion, native tree loss, and tree trimming practices were decimating cavity nesting birds, including Western Bluebirds. I started building Bluebird houses and gained the trust from the City of Monrovia to place some Bluebird Boxes in city parks. They have been hugely successful.

Then on March 20th, 2020 California Gov. Gavin Newsom issued a mandatory stay-at-home order to this state's nearly 40 million residents. The backyard refuge we created was to become our human/bird haven!

We ventured out a few times, birding in an isolated way but didn't feel as safe as staying home. The increased hours in the yard and great weather was a perfect way to isolate. As long as you have birds around, you are never alone. I kept all the feeders well stocked. Many, many birds came -- even a Scott's Oriole! Then the ultimate Spring Bird Lining... Baby Birds! A full box of Western Bluebirds fledged. Well fed Oak Titmice brought their three fledglings to the yard as well as two Dark-eyed Junco fledglings. Mourning Doves are on their third brood. Red-tailed Hawks, California Scrub Jays, Orioles Hummingbirds, Northern Mockingbird's and Lesser Goldfinch will be next!

Moral of the story. Create Habitat. It could save a life!

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER NEWS

Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers,

The June-August issue of the *Wrentit* will be my last, and it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve. I will be passing over the reins to the capable hands of PAS member Carl Matthies (you may remember the Matthies' Family Bird From Afar column in the February 2020 issue). We hope you will fill out the enclosed survey to help all of us at Pasadena Audubon fulfill your expectations, and we look forward to your suggestions -- for the organization as a whole, and for input on the newsletter. I will still be very involved with PAS, as I'll be moving into a new role on the board, taking over from outgoing Secretary Ira Blitz, who served as PAS Secretary for six years. I hope to perform as ably as Ira. Please stay safe and healthy during this very challenging time -- and good birding!

Jane Glicksman

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enjoy it, especially when there are others there I can work with.

Wrentit: Is there anything in your background that prepared you for this kind of work?

Wendy: I became a certified Master Gardener through UConn in 2013. I also come from a family of gardeners. My mother, now almost 94, still spends time in her perennial garden where she cultivates a particular peony which my great-grandfather planted on the property in the early 1900's!

Jerry: When I was young, I backpacked around the world for a year, and while in India, I had the chance to do some gardening on a small farm. I realized that gardening was the area I wanted to pursue. After arriving home, I went on to become a landscape contractor, working for 15 years in the Pasadena area.

Wrentit: Volunteering is a big commitment. What drives you to donate so much of your time to Pasadena Audubon?

Wendy: This is something very dear to my heart, and being semi-retired, I have the time and a sincere interest in bringing the excitement of birds to our community and teaching about preserving wildlife habitat and other natural resources.

Jerry: I simply enjoy it. I feel like I'm working on a project that is going to grow and change throughout the seasons.

Wrentit: Any words of advice or encouragement you can give to other members who are considering becoming more involved in Pasadena Audubon?

Jerry: Working on a project like this may seem rather "remote" to some, as though planting and maintaining a native garden doesn't have much to do with bird watching. And pulling weeds has some negative connotations. It's what most people dread doing at their own houses. But, this experience is so different. It brings together bird watchers who have something in common: they all love nature and being outdoors. There is something about working with other members on one big project that is so satisfying.

Jane Glicksman

Board Elections held at the May General Meeting

Due to the extraordinary circumstances of statewide COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, Pasadena Audubon has had to cancel all in-person meetings, field trips and other public events. In lieu of announcing the candidates for board positions at the April meeting, which was canceled, the slate of candidates that was known at press time was announced in the April-May *Wrentit*. While the current by-laws state that floor nominations and voting take place in person at the May meeting, we have had to adjust the process and hold the May meeting online.

We had a tremendous turn-out for our first online meeting, held on May 20th at 7 pm via Zoom, with 80 members in attendance. Members had the opportunity to offer last-minute nominations (there were none), hear from the slate of candidates and vote. The proposed slate received overwhelming support.

Congratulations to our new Executive Officers:

Laura Solomon, President
Darren Dowell, Vice-President
Jane Glicksman, Secretary
Taylor Páez, Treasurer

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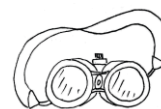
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