



Feather & Talon

SORCO NEWSLETTER

Spring 2009

South Okanagan Rehabilitation Centre for Owls

MISSION STATEMENT

Conservation of
Birds of Prey
through
Rehabilitation and
Education

EVENT SCHEDULE that
SORCO will attend

April 11 OSOYOOS
EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

April 26 SORCO OPEN
HOUSE

And YARD SALE, 10am-4 pm

May 14-17
MEADOWLARK FESTIVAL

May TBA DUCKS
UNLIMITED

July 1 Osoyoos CHERRY
FIESTA

Aug. 5-9 PENTICTON
PEACH FEST

Sept. 18-20 OK FALLS
DAYS

Sept. TBA OLIVER
COUNTRY MARKET FALL
FIESTA

Watch local newspapers
and media for future
details.

The SOUTH OKANAGAN REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR OWLS (SORCO) is a registered non-profit society which relies on the public for both physical and financial support. Funds from tax deductible donations go toward food, medication, the rescue and release of raptors and educational materials. Our objective is to rescue and treat injured and orphaned birds of prey with the purpose of releasing them back into the wild whenever possible.

The word "Owl" in our name was chosen because the Okanagan area is home to more threatened and endangered owls than anywhere else in Canada. This includes the Burrowing Owl. Fifteen of the 16 owl species found in Canada are located in BC and 14 of them can be seen in the Okanagan throughout the year.



SORCO is dedicated to saving our native species through treatment, rehabilitation, public awareness and education. We believe raptors are an important link in the ecosystem, and their health reflects the health of nature itself. Our aim is to work toward regaining a balanced ecosystem by assisting our wildlife.

SAVE SORCO \$\$

Receive your newsletter by e-mail

Send your email address

sorco@telus.net

Notes from the SORCO Chair, Bruce Malczewski

Since mid-December the Directors under the supervision and advice of Mr. Charles Armstrong have been developing a Director's Manual, something every non-profit society is required to have.

This manual contains the constitution, by-laws and policies of the society. Further it includes the structure of the society, terms of office of directors, nomination procedures and descriptions of the duties of directors and officers of the society. Also included are the structures and responsibilities of committees, job descriptions of tasks undertaken by volunteers and the responsibilities of volunteers. Simply put, you could say it is the rule book.

In the past few months we have been accepting and will continue to accept names of people who wish to volunteer. They have been asked to wait until the Director's Manual is finalized, hopefully by March 14. Once that is done they can look through the manual and see if there is a place for their particular talents.

Save SORCO \$\$

SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Ken Fujino Executive Manager

My first year with SORCO will conclude at the end of March. It has been a busy, hectic but interesting year. I have learnt a great deal about raptors – handling, feeding, doctoring, etc. SORCO has also taken on the raising of rabbits and rats as well as mice.

The residence did not have a viable heat source so a ductless heat and air system was installed upstairs and a wood stove installed downstairs. The SORCO office was moved and the house given a new coat of paint. The clinic was also cleaned up, floors and walls scrubbed and painted.

A total of 71 raptors were brought in to SORCO last year. Twenty-two Great Horned Owls of which 11 were released, 7 died, and 4 euthanized. 5 Coopers Hawks of which 3 were released, 1 still in the clinic and 1 was DOA, 10 Redtail Hawks of which 3 were released, 2 died, 4 euthanized and 1 was DOA, 5 Merlins of which 2 were released, 1 still in the clinic and 2 died, 6 Saw-whet owls of which 4 were released and two died, 6 Pygmy Owls of which 6 died, 3 Bald Eagles of which 2 were released and 1 still in the clinic, 2 Sharp shin Hawks of which both died, 1 Barred Owl which died, 1 Goshawk which died, 1 Swainson Hawk which died

3 American Kestrels of which 2 were released and 1 died, 1 Osprey which had to be euthanized, 2 Western Screech Owls of which 1 was released and 1 died and although not raptors, 3 Nighthawks of which 2 died and 1 euthanized.

SORCO will be having its annual Open House on April 26, 2009 from 10 AM to 4 PM.

We will gladly accept any items anyone would like to donate to our Garage Sale.

SORCO would not be able to carry on its important work if it were not for the generosity of all those who donated. THANK YOU! A special Thank You to Jim Wyse of Burrowing Owl Winery, Bernd and Stefanie Scales of 8th Generation Vineyard, Patrick of Valley Comfort for their donation of the Blaze King stove, chimney and installation, James Parker of Okanagan Label and Print Ltd and Dr. Steven Harvey of Penticton Veterinary Hospital for his expert care for our raptors.

A THANK YOU to all the volunteers who make SORCO possible. Bruce, Jannette, Irene, Collin, Kathy, Rhonda, Vicki, Megan, Kevin, Marnie, Peter, Darren, Robert, Lesley, Larry, Jenna and all the others whose generous help allows SORCO's functions to continue.

SORCO RAFFLE 2009

Tickets \$5 each OR 3 for \$10

ON SALE APRIL 26, 2009 TO AUGUST 26, 2009

Tickets may be purchased

- ✓ at SORCO Open House;
- ✓ from SORCO volunteers;
- ✓ by mail—Pay by cheque or VISA.

ITEM NO.	PRIZE	\$ VALUE
1.	FRAMED PRINT by ROBERT BATEMAN	800
2.	FRAMED PRINT by JOHN SELSNEK	400
3.	LAKE OKANAGAN RESORT—2 night stay	538
4.	LAKE OKANAGAN RESORT—1 night stay	499
5.	NEEDLEPOINT OF TWO OWLS by ALICE MONDEY	250
6.	PAINTING OF HOUDINI (owl) by HELEN GABRIEL	150
7.	OWL PAINTING by JEANETTE DAMSMA	150
8.	DR. SPECS EYE EXAMINATION AND FRAMES	150
9.	DR. SPECS EYE EXAMINATION AND FRAMES	150
10.	DR. SPECS EYE EXAMINATION AND FRAMES	150
11.	DR. SPECS EYE EXAMINATION AND FRAMES	150
12.	DR. SPECS EYE EXAMINATION AND FRAMES	150
13.	DR. SPECS EYE EXAMINATION AND FRAMES	150
14.	FRAMED ART WORK by TASLI SHAW	100
15.	OWL PRINT WITH FEATHER	100
16.	RAKU FISH PLATE by CORY LUND	50
17.	OWL WOOD ART by HOWARD KARL	30





“ADOPT-A-RAPTOR”

The South Okanagan Rehab Centre for Owls (S.O.R.C.O.) encourages you to adopt a bird of prey. No, you will not receive a bird in your mail box!

Your financial contribution will, however, assist in covering part of the care & rehabilitation costs for injured birds so they can be released back into the wild.

You will receive a beautiful colour photograph of the bird of your choice on a certificate. Your support for this important cause is greatly appreciated.

These make great environmental gifts for young & old alike. This program makes an excellent gift for Christmas or birthdays. Please help us make a difference.

Please enclose \$25.00 for each bird selected. This donation is tax deductible.

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