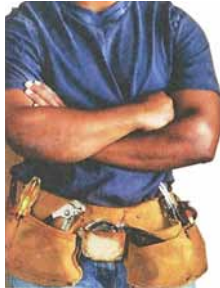


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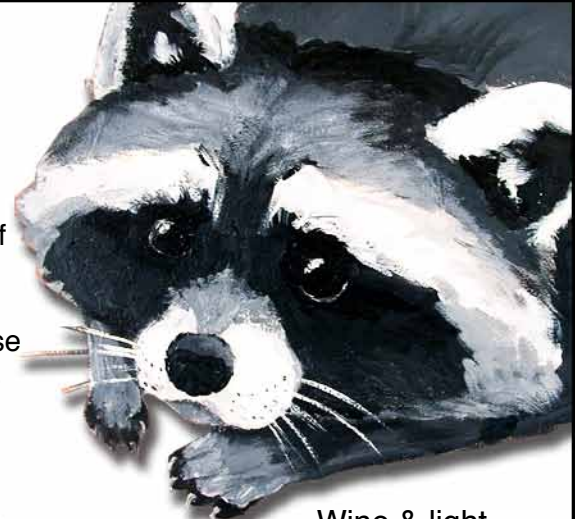
**Indian River  
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**October 13 - 15, 2017**

## Mural Dedication & Mini-Gala at Audubon House



Detail of wildlife  
from mural by  
Deanna DeRosia.



Wine & light  
refreshments in  
the gardens.

The first official public viewing of  
juried nature art show and the  
Grand Debut of artist Deanna  
DeRosia's 12' x 47' mural at Audubon House  
depicting 70 species of plants and animals  
found at the surrounding Oslo Riverfront  
Conservation Area.

Friday, October 13, 2017 ♦ 6PM - 8PM

Mini-Gala Tickets: \$50 donation per person

Tickets available at [www.PelicanIslandAudubon.org](http://www.PelicanIslandAudubon.org)

### Field Trip Leader Biographies

**Juanita Baker, Ph.D.**, coordinator PIAS' Bird Photo of the Month, birding in Ecuador, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, Namibia; led local birding field trips, Christmas Bird Counts; attended Florida Tech Ornithology course, taught annually (2015-) PIAS's Intensive Birding Course, emphasizing birds' unique behaviors and environmental adaptations.

**Will Johnson** is a youth-award winning bird artist, an avid birder, and a rare bird contributor to ebird.org. He also leads field trips for the ELC and PIAS.

**Bob Montanaro** has been photographing birds and other flying things for decades. Along with being the Pelican Island Audubon Society office manager, he produces original programs exploring the life history of various Florida wildlife, including Ospreys, Florida Scrub-Jays, and Land Crabs to name a few. Visit his website at [www.lunarcabin.com](http://www.lunarcabin.com).

**David & Dee Simpson** David is one of Florida's premier birders. A fanatical lister, he holds ABA records in Fl. Big Year (2nd), Fl. Life List (4th) and has identified at least 150 species of birds in all 67 Florida counties. Dee is a birder, writer, artist and Florida Master Naturalist. In addition to blogging daily at [deefairbanks.net](http://deefairbanks.net), she writes and presents birding classes with David. Together, David and Dee run a business providing environmental consulting, customized bird guiding, speaking engagements, and training for eBird, birding, and other subjects.

**Heather Stapleton** has been involved with environmental education for 20 years and is passionate about the Indian River Lagoon. Heather was the Education Director at the Environmental Learning Center for 15 years. And, on behalf of the Sea Turtle Conservancy, she has been leading sea turtle walks in the Archie Carr NWR for 15 summers.

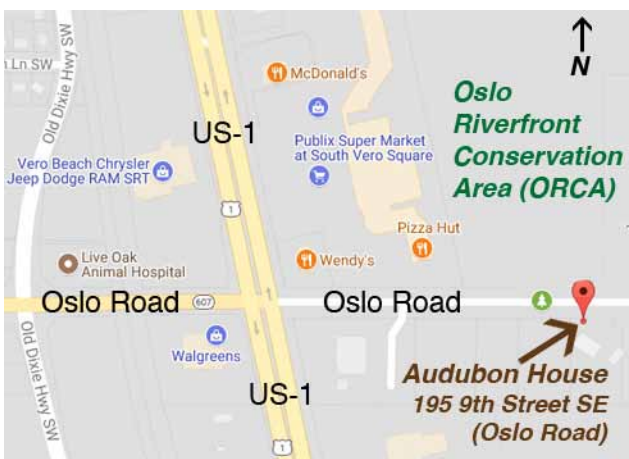


# Audubon House Opening Event

195 9th Street SE (Oslo Road), Vero Beach

**Friday, Oct. 13 - 6-8pm - VIP Mural Dedication Mini Gala at Audubon House** - The first official public viewing of the juried nature art show and the Grand Debut of Artist Deanna DeRosia's 12'x47' mural at Audubon House depicting 70 species of plants & animals found at the surrounding Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area.

Register for the Mural Dedication & Mini Gala at Audubon House only at [www.PelicanIslandAudubon.org](http://www.PelicanIslandAudubon.org)  
 Friday, October 13, 2017  
 \$50 per person - 6-8PM  
 or call: 772-567-3520



## Friday, October 13, 2017

**9am-3pm - Plein Air Painters** - Public welcome to watch

**4-6pm - Pokemon Birdwalk** with Dee Simpson Meet at Pavilion at Memorial Island, Riverside Park, Vero Beach - Pokemon and birding seem like very different hobbies, but they actually are remarkably similar. Join Dee to find out how similar they are, why you should do both, and how birders and Pokemon trainers can help each other grow! Before the class, birders, please download the (free) Pokemon app onto your smartphone and create a login. Pokemon trainers, please download the (free) eBird app and create a login.

**Free**

**8-10pm - Owl Prowl** with David & Dee Simpson

**\$15**

## Saturday, October 14, 2017

**7-11am - Birding Fellsmere Grade Recreation Area (Stick Marsh)** with David & Dee Simpson. Meet at Marsh Landing, 44 N Broadway St., Fellsmere

**\$35**

**8:30-10:30am - Birding North Sebastian Inlet** with Juanita Baker - Catch the migrating shorebirds at Sebastian Inlet State Park at low tide when they gather to feed in early morning light. Enter the North Gate to the parking lot on the right which is closest to the Tide Pool where we will meet. (Requires normal park entrance fee.)

**\$20 + park fee**

**9am-5pm - Juried Art Show at Audubon House** - Open to the public

**Free**

**1pm - Florida's Bats** with Shari Blissett-Clark, Florida Bat Conservancy, debunks common myths and misconceptions about bats along with having live bats to show. Fun for kids and families.

**Free**

**3pm - Intro to Birding & Walk** with David & Dee Simpson at Audubon House

**Free**

**5-7pm - Sunset Cocktail Cruise to Pelican Island on the River King** with Naturalist Heather Stapleton. Wine donated by Penny Hill. Meet at Captain Hiram's Resort, 1580 US1, Sebastian

**\$45**

### Keynote Lecture

**Free**

**7:30-8:30pm - Keynote Lecture with Cathy Allen at the Sebastian City Yacht Club, 820 Indian River Drive, Sebastian** - Join Cathy on a trip through the National Wildlife Refuge System & learn about its origins, functions, & management as well as the challenges it currently faces. Cathy will share pictures & stories from her visits to more than 50 National Wildlife Refuges from Alaska to Oklahoma to Delaware & more. Together, we will explore how & why each of our 566 NWRs was established & what we can do as citizens supporters to make sure the system stays strong for current and future generations of people and wildlife. Donations accepted.

## Sunday October 15, 2017

**8-10am - Photography tour of the West Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, 8405 8th St., Vero Beach**, with Bob Montanaro who will lead a casual stroll through the facility for photographers hoping to catch wildlife in early morning light.

**\$20**

**9am-4pm - Juried Art Show at Audubon House** - Open to the public

**Free**

**11am-1pm - Birding the Indian River Lagoon by Kayak** - meet at Audubon House

**\$30**

**1-3pm Birding Captain Forster's Hammock Preserve** with Will Johnson - meet at the Preserve which is located one mile south of County Road 510 on Jungle Trail on the barrier island.

**\$25**

**4PM - Closing ceremony at Audubon House** - last chance to see the art show

**Free**

Register online for field trips, boat trip, & keynote lecture at

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Keynote Lecture **Free**

### Sunday, October 15, 2017

Photo tour of Wastewater Facility **\$20**

Kayak tour of Indian River Lagoon **\$30**

Cpt. Forster's Hammock Preserve **\$25**

TOTAL

**Free Nature Art Show at Audubon House** open to the public:

Saturday, Oct. 14 - 9am - 5pm

Sunday, Oct. 15 - 9am - 4pm