



[Raptor Flight Show](#) and [White Mountain Nature Center](#)

Email Newsletter ~ January 1, 2023

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Raptor Show news for this week:

- Funky Experience was a lot of fun!
- 3 Bench Plaques Available - that's all for 2023

If you want to donate, [click here](#) and then click the Raptor Show Donation button - *we need your help* to feed and care for our show ambassadors and to build their new enclosures and viewing area.

Thank you so much!



Twas the day after Christmas and what should appear? A bunch of hearty souls without any Reindeer. No worries! We had a 10-year-old brave enough to do the Funky Experience and everyone but his mom loved it! (actually, she did too!) They even brought canned food for us to deliver to the food bank. What a nice group!

Amphitheater Memorial Benches



FOR MY BELOVED WIFE,
JOAN DECHARTER
JAN 1951 - JUL 2021

- 8 ft. Available \$3,000
- 6 ft. Available \$2,500
- 4 ft. Available \$2,000
- Taken

250 Seat Amphitheater



The diagram shows a semi-circular seating arrangement with 250 seats. The seats are organized into sections, with some sections numbered 1 through 30. The seating area is divided into two sections labeled 'Phase 2'. The amphitheater is surrounded by trees and a stage area is visible at the top right.

WE ARE GOING TO ORDER THE FIRST BATCH OF BENCH PLAQUES
There are 3 remaining in the 2023 batch. The rest will go into service when the amphitheater is built - most likely in summer, 2024. Email



[News from the White Mountain Nature Center](#)

2022 Was an Amazing Year. 2023 will be even better!

Your White Mountain Nature Center welcomed over 2,500 Guests this year!

The Nature Center held 14 hikes, and 16 Nature Presentations with a total attendance of 716 Guests. Our Annual Benefit Dinner served nearly 150 more.

Even though the Raptor Show is in its early stages, it brought in 1,700 Guests between July 1 and Oct 31. We plan to build out the bird facility and continue the FREE Training Exhibitions while work on the Amphitheater is underway.

This newsletter went from 171 'opens' for the first issue in May to 702 for the December 18th issue. We are now emailing nearly 1,400 Nature Center supporters every week - with many delightful comments coming in for each issue.

We also totally revamped our web site: www.wmnature.org and the web calendar is up to date. Also, we have redone our Facebook and Instagram pages.

In addition, we have replaced our aging audiovisual system with a state-of-the-art projector and incredible PA System, ensuring you can hear our presenters clearly! We also have background music via Bluetooth, Amazon Music, and YouTube video as well as a total setup for Zoom Meetings including camera and microphone plus full Microsoft Office capabilities including the latest version of PowerPoint.

In 2023 we are planning an aggressive campaign to expand programming, improve our facilities, recruit more Volunteers, and welcome even more Guests. Once the facilities are up-to-snuff, we will be offering room rentals at competitive prices, and allow groups to 'earn' room rental credits via earth-friendly actions.

We will also be upgrading our exhibits both inside and outside the Nature Center to encourage repeat visits by featuring more hand-on experiences, and if possible, we hope to reinstate youth summer camps plus astronomy and star-gazing evenings.

You can help by donating and becoming a Member. This year we will feature Members-Only Events, and send each member a personalized Member ID Card plus

Memberships: [Become a 2023 Member](#) Click to Donate: [Donate Now](#)

Annual Meeting of the White Mountain Nature Center Members and Board

5:00 PM - January 9, 2022 - 425 S Woodland Rd. - Open to Members and supporters
of the Nature Center



Birds of Arizona
presented by the
White Mountain Nature Center
Jan 7, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Featuring Rob Bettaso,
Arizona Audubon Society

John Glitsos & Balinda Strosnider
Raptor Free Flight Program



Our first program of 2023 is in recognition of International Bird Day in January. It will feature Rob Bettaso, our resident birding expert from the Audubon Society and John Glitsos and Balinda Strosnider from our Raptor Free-Flight Program. Slide show, videos, refreshments, and three experts who can answer your questions! They are planning a surprise for those in attendance, so don't miss it!

