



You are cordially invited to our  
**43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Membership Banquet**  
5:30-9:00pm on Saturday, February 11, 2012  
Landmark Convention Center's Temple Theater Ballroom  
47 St. Helens Ave., Tacoma, WA 98402

Dear Friends of Tahoma Audubon:

Help us celebrate our 43<sup>rd</sup> year by joining friends for a catered dinner, silent auction, awards ceremony, and live dessert auction! This year's special guest is coming all the way from Russia's Wrangel Island Nature Reserve in the Arctic Circle. **Wildlife biologist and photographer Vasiliy Baranyuk will present "Snow Geese and other Wildlife of the Wrangel Island Nature Reserve."**

The **board elections** for 2012 are held at the banquet. This year we say thank you and goodbye to board members Bill Smith and Charles Griffin. We have two new board candidates: Peter Wimberger and Theresa Dusek. Their pictures and short bios are on the reverse.

Hear the great stories behind the recipients of the **2012 Tahoma Audubon Society Awards**:

**Legacy Award** to Clyde Kostelecky for his dedication and tireless work over the years with the Morse Wildlife Preserve's Morse Force. Clyde played a critical role in expanding the educational trails with the design and completion of the new wetlands boardwalk.

**Distinguished Service Award-Membership** to Diane Yorgason-Quinn for ongoing support of our organization and its membership. Diane's monthly column for the Towhee and her catalogue of photos from the field and special events keep us informed and connected.

**Distinguished Service Award-Membership** to Rylla Goldberg for expertise and service that has kept the financial books in order. Rylla works behind-the-scenes to ensure staff and volunteers are trained and informed in sound financial practices.

**Distinguished Service Award-Community** to Jim Ullrich and Wild Birds Unlimited of Gig Harbor. Jim has the passion and the savvy for bringing people closer to nature through a greater appreciation and enjoyment of birds. He has been a long-time supporter of TAS, and offers great incentives to our members to stay involved.

**We hope you will join us for this special celebration!**

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**Yes, I want to attend the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Membership Banquet!**

Please include this slip and send a check payable to Tahoma Audubon Society, 2917 Morrison Road W, University Place, WA 98466. Or pay with a credit card using PayPal on our website.

**Early Bird registration: \$40 Per Person by Jan.31<sup>st</sup>** (Note: the fee only covers event costs.)

**Late registration: \$50 Per Person beginning Feb.1<sup>st</sup>**

**# of guests \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 (or \$50 if late) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total paid**

*If requesting a vegan meal, please enter the appropriate number of vegan meals here: \_\_\_\_\_*

**Please provide the first/last name(s) of all guests:**

## 2012 Board Member Candidates

### About Dr. Peter Wimberger

I grew up in Seattle and spent lots of time in the mountains and on the water. I first worked as a biologist in Olympic National Park chasing (studying) mountain goats for two summers. I'm married to Wynne Brown, a middle school science teacher and former education committee member and we have two kids – one in college and the other in high school. At University of Puget Sound, in addition to directing the Slater, I teach courses on biodiversity, evolution conservation and environmental science. One of my goals with the Museum is to increase its impact on natural history education in the community. My research focuses on evolutionary and ecological questions. Two current projects are on the evolution and ecology of ice worms, and another on possible rapid evolution in Anna's Hummingbirds.



### About Theresa Dusek

Theresa Dusek is a Natural Resource Ecologist with a background in natural environment science and policy in the Pacific Northwest. She is a native of Tacoma and enjoys camping, hiking and spending time at her property in Packwood with family and friends. Her love of the outdoors started with family camping trips, and her grandmother's and mother's love of gardening. Later in life the geology bug attacked and her education extended into geologic systems related to rocks, minerals, fossils, water and soil. As a graduate of the Masters of Environmental Studies program at The Evergreen State College her interests continued in the natural environment, related ecological processes, regulations and human and wildlife interactions. Her working life has included teaching at Pierce College, working as a Natural Resource Ecologist for consulting firms, developing regulations and policy for critical area regulations at the state and local levels and preparing open space restoration plans for several parks and open spaces in Tacoma.