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SURFSIDE GARAGE SALE

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Debbie Richmond and Merri Johnson pricing items!

The annual garage sale will be Memorial Day Weekend Friday and Saturday May 28 and 29th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Stop by Surfside Office and find a treasure!



Be sure and visit our web site
at
<http://www.surfsideonline.org/>

ARTIST'S CORNER

By Jan Richardson

Living and working in surfside provides a creative atmosphere second to none. My personal favorite is listening to the surf, the gulls and the pheasants while I work. Surfside residents are a very energetic and talented group of individuals, showing their work in a number of venues.

Surfside members of the Peninsula Arts Association garnered a number of awards at the 19th Annual Spring Art Show. We are a diverse media group with awards given to Richard Taplin for his wood assemblages "Big Eyed Fish" and "Nesting Bird", Bernie Elliott for his Acrylic landscape "Penguins" and "Garlic" a pastel piece. Ruth Carpenter's new abstract acrylic "Find the Circles", Jan Richardson's Simplicity (a stoneware candle house) and "Raku Pair" as well as Ila Mae Smith's "two Lovers" also received ribbons. Some of the Surfside PAA members will be participating in the 3rd annual PAA Studio Tour. Plan now to attend this peninsula wide event Thanksgiving weekend.

The Bay Avenue Gallery, Ocean Park's newest business, features the work of Peninsula artists and includes a number of surfside residents. Don Perry uses his plasma cutting skills and his love for metal work to reconfigure all sorts of scrap metal into wonderful sea creatures. Crabs and fish of all kinds are only a fraction of the great pieces Don liberates from copper, stainless steel and other metals. Pat Clark-Finley, an extraordinary print maker and painter, maintains a revolving collection of her prints, watercolors and drawings at the gallery. Her work has been included in major juried exhibitions and at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art Artist's Gallery and significant private collections. Richard Taplin's clever drift wood assemblages evolve from beach trips near his beach approach home. Jan Richardson has a variety of clay work at the gallery including a nice group of her Windy Meadows Pottery Candle Houses, handbuilt and wheel thrown anagama functional work. Terra Cotta

pieces with sgraffiato and painted designs as well as stoneware garden sculptures complete the presentation.

Nautical Brass in Ilwaco features the etched glass work and original jewelry designs of Diane Jackson, and Ruth spani-Phinney's prints. An extensive collection of Ruth Carpenters paintings may be seen at the Olde Towne Trading Post in Ilwaco.

Many of our Surfside artists are taking part in the various festivals and shows during the summer and fall on the peninsula. Keep watching for your neighbors and let them tell you about the new work they are creating.

NOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The July 4th Float entry is underway for the Parade; the theme is 'Surfside Honors Our Veterans'. The Float Committee is inviting all Surfside men & women who have served in the Armed Forces to participate with us, either to ride, drive or walk. You can call, write, or email us with your ideas, names & contact numbers. We thank you!

Garage Sale this weekend, May 28th and 29th.

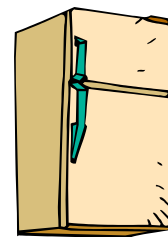
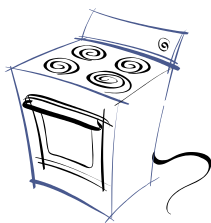
FREE APPLIANCE DROP-OFF DAYS

Pacific County DCDE along with the Long Beach Transfer Station and Royal Heights are offering two free appliance disposal days. These events allow residents to clean out old appliances that may otherwise end up along side of the road, in illegal dump sites, or languishing in the basement. The items must be taken to the local transfer station during the time of the event. Items accepted include: washers and dryers, hot water heaters, ovens and stoves, refrigerators, dishwasher, microwaves, and freezers.

Scheduled Disposal Dates:

May 22, 2010 and September 25, 2010

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



**OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 31, 2010 FOR
MEMORIAL DAY**

GARAGE SALE

**SURFSIDE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
GARAGE SALE
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MAY 28TH AND 29TH
9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM EACH DAY
Surfside Business Office
31402 H Street**

The proceeds from this sale will be used for the purchase of shrubs and landscaping materials at the 306th Street bridge site. The beautiful brass plaque to honor our veterans has arrived and has been set in a concrete base next to the flag pole.

Clever Hints

Reheating Bread: To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

Newspaper Weeds Away: Start putting in your plants, work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers, put layers around the plants overlapping as you go cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic they will not get through wet newspapers.

Broken Glass: Use a wet cotton ball or Q-tip to pick up the small shards of glass you can't see easily.

No More Mosquitoes: Place a dryer sheet in you pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.

Squirrel Away: To keep squirrels from eating your plants, sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it.

HOMEOWNER ARCHITECTURAL PROJECTS

BY WAYNE O'DELL

Many homeowners are taking advantage of lower labor costs and material costs to modify their residence or enhance the living environment of their property. If each homeowner follows processes and procedures working with the Surfside Architectural Committee and Pacific County's Department of Community development, you can avoid issues that could cause unplanned expenses or "plain old emotional stress". The focus of this short article will be on modifications you want to make to your property that may require a permit from Pacific County.

The quickest way to find out if you need a permit for your project is to call Pacific County's Department of Community Development. They may or may not be able to answer your question directly over the phone immediately; but, they can direct you to the right place or person to find out. They may ask you for more details about your project. So, be prepared. At the same time review the covenants and if you have questions, the Architectural Committee meets every Tuesday to review and approve projects and are also there to answer homeowner questions. For those who like to use the internet, Pacific County's website and Surfside's website provide a wealth of information including specific planning forms and application forms as well as contact phone numbers.

Save time and eliminate the risk of unplanned expenses. Pre-plan your project. Until you find out otherwise, assume you will need approval or permits from the County or Surfside. It is imperative that you understand; even if you hire a licensed bonded contractor or are using an architect. **THE PROPERTY OWNER IS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING COUNTY OR SURFSIDE BUILDING REQUIREMENTS.**

FLICKERS



The Northern Flicker

(*Colaptes auratus*) is a medium-sized member of the woodpecker family. It is native to most of North America, parts of Central America, Cuba, the Cayman Islands, and is one of the few woodpecker species that migrate. It is the only woodpecker that commonly feeds on the ground. There are over 100 common names for the Northern Flicker. Among them are: Yellowhammer, clape, gaffer woodpecker, harry-wicket, heigh-ho, wake-up, walk-up, wick-up, yarrup, and gawker bird. Many of these names are attempts at imitating some of its calls.

Taxonomy

The Northern Flicker is part of the genus *Colaptes* which encompasses 12 New-World woodpeckers. There are two living and one extinct subspecies of *C. auratus* species. The existing sub-species were at one time considered separate species but they commonly interbreed where ranges overlap and are now considered one species by the American Ornithologists Union. Whether or not they are separate species is a well-known example of the species problem.

- The **Yellow-shafted Flicker** *Colaptes auratus* resides in eastern North America. They are yellow under the tail and underwings and have yellow shafts on their primaries. They have a grey cap, a beige face and a red bar at the nape of their neck. Males have a black moustache. *Colaptes* comes from the Greek verb *colapt*, to peck. *Auratus* is from the Latin root *aurat*, meaning "gold" or "golden" and refers to the bird's underwing.

- Under the name "Yellowhammer" it is the state bird of Alabama.

- The **Red-shafted Flicker** *Colaptes auratus cafer* resides in western North America. They are red under the tail and underwings and have red shafts on their primaries. They have a beige cap and a grey face. Males have a red moustache. The scientific name, *Colaptes auratus cafer*, is the result of an error made in 1788 by the German systematist, Johann Gmelin, who believed that its original habitat was in South Africa among the Xhosa people, then known as the "Kaffir" people. (The term "Kaffir" is now considered an extreme ethnic slur in South Africa.)

- The **Guadalupe Flicker** *Colaptes auratus/cafer rufipileus* extinct c. 1910.



Red-shafted Northern Flicker: female (left), male (right)

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Description

Adults are brown with black bars on the back and wings and measure approximately 32 cm (12.5 inches) in length. The wingspan is approximately 17 to 20 inches. A necklace-like black patch occupies the upper breast, while the lower breast and belly are beige with black spots. Males can be identified by a black or red moustachial stripe at the base of the beak. The tail is dark on top, transitioning to a white rump which is conspicuous in flight.

The subspecies plumage varies as described in Taxonomy section.

Call and flight

This bird's call is a sustained laugh, *ki ki ki ki ...*, more congenial than that of the Pileated Woodpecker. One may also hear a constant knocking as they often drum on trees or even metal objects to declare territory. Like most woodpeckers, Northern Flickers drum on objects as a form of communication and territory defense. In such cases, the object is to make as loud a noise as possible, and that's why woodpeckers sometimes drum on metal objects. One Northern Flicker in Wyoming could be heard drumming on an abandoned tractor from a half-mile away.

Like many woodpeckers, its flight is undulating. The repeated cycle of a quick succession of flaps followed by a pause creates an effect comparable to a rollercoaster.

Behavior

Diet

According to the Audubon guide, "flickers are the only woodpeckers that frequently feed on the ground", probing with their beak, also sometimes catching insects in flight. Although they eat fruits, berries, seeds and nuts, their primary food is insects. Ants alone can make up 45% of their diet. They have a behavior called anting, during which they use the acid from the ants to assist in preening, as it is useful in keeping them free of parasites. Northern Flickers eat mainly insects, especially ants and beetles that they gather from the ground. They also eat fruits and seeds, especially in winter. Flickers often go after ants underground (where the nutritious larvae live), hammering at the soil the way other woodpeckers drill into wood. They've been seen breaking into cow patties to eat insects living within. Their tongues can dart out 2 inches beyond the end of the bill to snare prey. Other invertebrates eaten include flies, butterflies, moths, and snails. Flickers also eat berries and seeds, especially in winter, including poison oak and ivy, dogwood, sumac, wild cherry and grape, bayberries, hackberries, and elderberries, and sunflower and thistle seeds.

Habitat

Look for flickers in open habitats near trees, including woodlands, edges, yards, and parks. In the West you can find them in mountain forests all the way up to treeline. Northern Flickers generally nest in holes in trees like other woodpeckers. Occasionally, they've been found nesting in old, earthen burrows vacated by [Belted Kingfishers](#) or [Bank Swallows](#). Both sexes help with nest excavation. The entrance hole is about 3 inches in diameter, and the cavity is 13-16 inches deep. The cavity widens at bottom to make room for eggs and the incubating adult. Inside, the cavity is bare except for a bed of wood chips for the eggs and chicks to rest on. Once nestlings are about 17 days old, they begin clinging to the cavity wall rather than lying on the floor.

Years Living

The oldest known "yellow-shafted" Northern Flicker lived to be at least 9 years 2 months old, and the oldest "red-shafted" Northern Flicker lived to be at least 8 years 9 months old.

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Reproduction



Two males in a territorial display during spring

Their breeding habitat consists of forested areas across North America and as far south as Central America. They are cavity nesters who typically nest in trees though they will also use posts and birdhouses if sized and situated appropriately. They prefer to excavate their own home though they will reuse and repair damaged or abandoned nests. Abandoned flicker nests create habitat for other cavity nesters. Flickers are sometimes driven from nesting sites by another cavity nester, European starlings.

It takes about 1 to 2 weeks to build the nest which is built by both sexes of the mating pairs. The entrance hole is roughly 5 cm to 10 cm wide.



Northern Flicker feeding juvenile at nest cavity entrance

A typical clutch consists of 6 to 8 eggs whose shells are pure white with a smooth surface and high gloss. The eggs are the second largest of the North American woodpecker species, exceeded only by the Pileated Woodpecker's. Incubation is by both sexes for approximately 11 to 12 days. The young are fed by regurgitation and fledge about 25 to 28 days after hatching.

FLICKERS

Wintering & Migration

Northern birds [migrate](#) to the southern parts of the range; southern birds are often permanent residents.

Photos



Male Red-shafted Flicker



Male Red-shafted Flicker



Yellow-shafted Flicker



Male Red-shafted Flicker



Male Yellow-shafted Flicker



Intergrade Northern Flickers



Male flicker at nest box



Female flicker at nest box



Flicker chicks at nest box



Yellow-shafted Flicker
(observe the yellow under-sides of his wings)



Male, Yellow-shafted Flicker

SURFSIDE CABANAS



The Cabanas will be available for reservations from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day.



There are barbecues available at all of the cabanas for your grilling pleasure.

BOOK SALE

Ocean Park Timberland Library: Friends Book Sale. Pick up some great reads at bargain prices! All money raised will be used to support the Ilwaco and Ocean Park Libraries.

Memorial Day Weekend: Friday, Saturday and Sunday

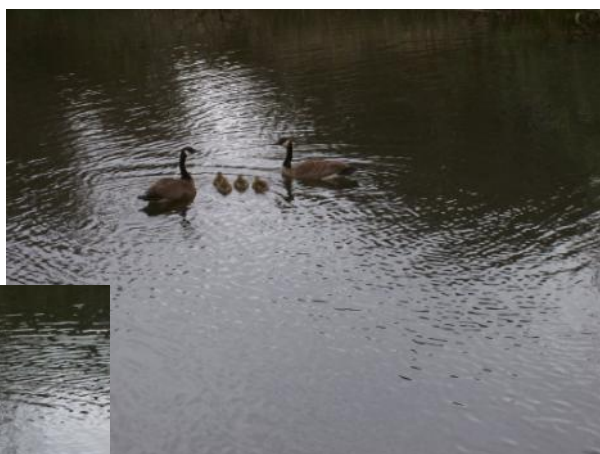
May 28,29 and 30th

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

1308 256th Place, Ocean Park, WA




Family life on the canal!




May 2010

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

23	24	25 <i>Architectural Meeting 9:00 AM</i>	26	27	28 <i>Garage Sale 9-3 At the Surfside Business Office</i>	29 <i>Garage Sale 9-3 At the Surfside Business Office</i>
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6	7	8 <i>Architectural Meeting 9:00 AM 1:00 PM Community Relations Committee 6:30 Bunco</i>	9 <i>Newsletter Prep for mailing 10:00 A.M..</i>	10 <i>RV Committee Meeting 9:00 A.M. Lands and Buildings Committee Meeting 1:00 P.M.</i>	11	12
13	14 	15 <i>Architectural Meeting 9:00 AM</i>	16	17	18	19 <i>Board Meeting 9:00 am</i>