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A Bond with Nature:  
*The Conservation  
Legacy of Falconers*

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## *About the Theme*

The Archives of Falconry is an institution focused on falconry's global cultural heritage. This heritage has its early roots in the ancient cultures of the Middle East, Central Asia, and the Far East - revealed in language, art, literature, and craft. From there, falconry spread westward into Europe and beyond, where the physical evidence of this global heritage can be found in our collection. Yet, responding to the growing specter of industrialization, a new sort of cultural heritage emerged from the falconry community - a strident conservation ethic that materialized into globally significant conservation action.

Conservation is often discussed in the language of science, and it is largely ignored as a dimension of culture - but there is no doubt that conservation is sewn into the fabric of our community.

*John Goodell*

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## *The Archives Team*

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# Friday Detailed Schedule

Aspen

## Harry McElroy Celebration of Life

9:00 - 11:30 AM

- Celebrate the life of Harry McElroy at The Riverside Hotel
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## Lunch Break

12:00 PM

- Attendees are welcome to enjoy the on-site restaurants at The Riverside Hotel for lunch.
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Ponderosa

## Speaker Sessions

1:30 PM

- Introductions, Tim Gallagher, Brian Mutch, and Michael Henderson
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## Session Break

2:40 - 2:50 PM

Ponderosa

## Speaker Sessions

3:00 - 4:00 PM

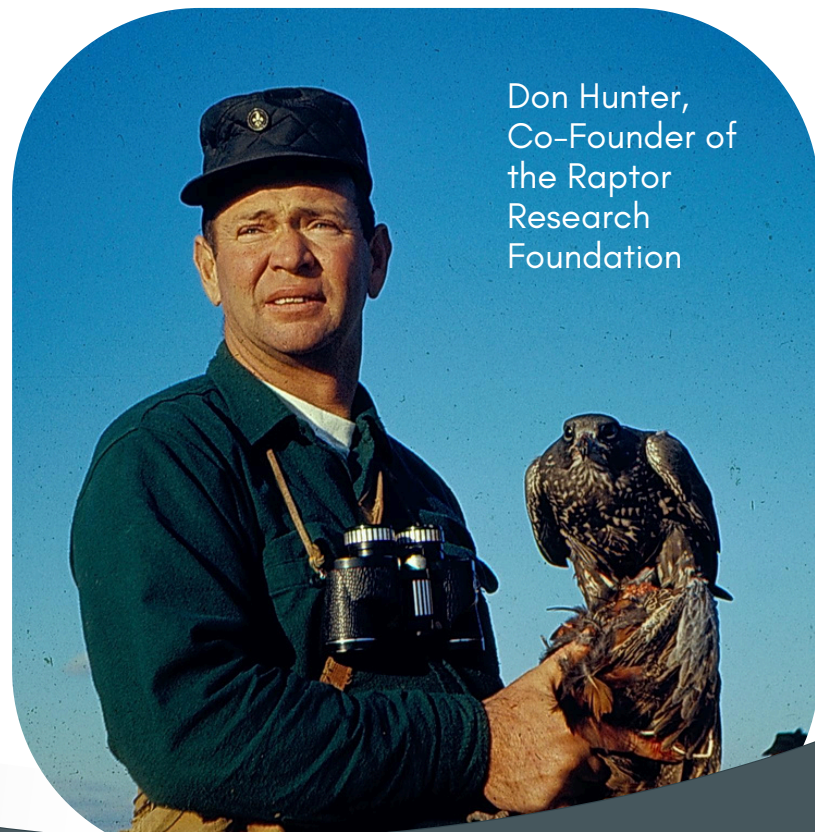
- Brian Mutch, Paul Juergens, Chris Parish, and Chris McClure
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The Archives

## Welcome Reception

6:00 - 8:30 PM

- Attendees are invited to the catered reception at The Archives of Falconry. A shuttle service may be available.
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Don Hunter,  
Co-Founder of  
the Raptor  
Research  
Foundation

# Saturday Detailed Schedule

The Archives

## Behind the Scenes Tours

10 AM

- Attendees can participate in tours of the newly renovated Archives of Falconry as well as the World Center for Birds of Prey. Registration required; see Dani for tour sign-ups if you did not request a tour when registering for the Rendezvous.

The Archives

## Wall of Remembrance Ceremony

1:30 PM

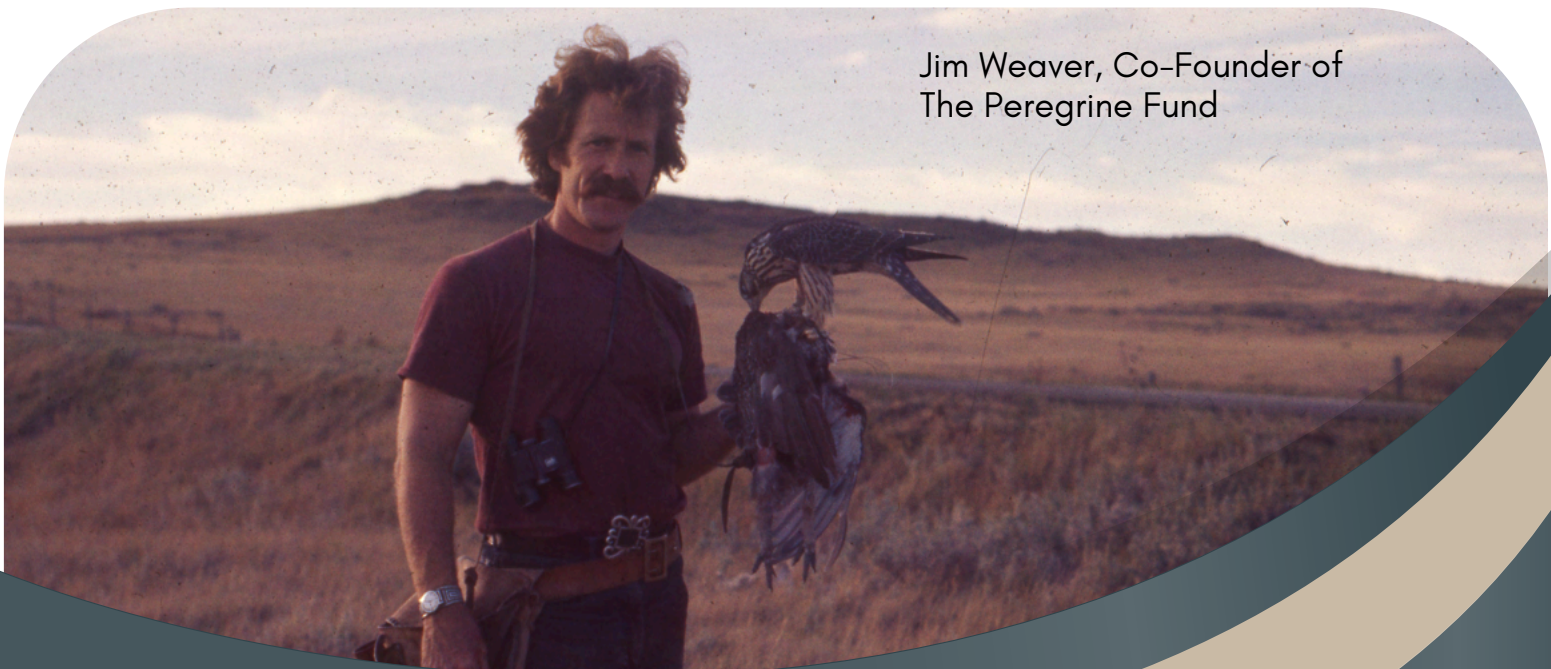
- This is a well-attended event. Seating may be limited. We recommend arriving at The Archives of Falconry no later than 1:15 PM. Those who would like to share a word about inductees are welcome to do so after the calling of each name.

Juniper / Laurel

## Banquet, Keynote, and Raffle

6:00 PM

- A grand affair, the catered banquet at the Riverside features Alastair Franke as this year's keynote speaker. Following the dinner and presentation, enjoy a special raffle fundraiser along with a surprise announcement.



Jim Weaver, Co-Founder of  
The Peregrine Fund



Keynote

Alastair Franke

# Our Conservation Ethos, Enduring or Ephemeral?

Al's early exposure to falconer-conservationists in Zimbabwe and the United States led to a career focused on the conservation and management of the Arctic Peregrine Falcon. Al will explore these connections and pose a question: Is the undeniable conservation ethos of falconers in danger of becoming a legacy of the past?

## About Al

From 2003 to 2024, Alastair was the Principal Investigator of the Arctic Raptor Project, a Nunavut-based research group focused on studying the breeding ecology of Arctic-nesting raptors on the western shores of the Hudson Bay, the Coxe Islands on the Melville Peninsular, the Barren Lands of the Kivalliq, and in the Mary River region of north Baffin Island. He worked closely with the Inuit organizations, government regulators, consultants, and the mining industry in an effort to ensure that raptors remain an important focus of environmental assessment programs in Nunavut, Canada. His professional interests in conservation of raptors, particularly large falcons, stemmed from the practice of falconry in Zimbabwe, and now Alberta, Canada.

# Speaker Details

## Tim Gallagher



## Sixty Years and Counting

In 1965, Peregrine Falcon numbers were crashing across North America and Europe. In response, raptor researchers, including several falconers, came together in Madison, Wisconsin, to explore ways to prevent the bird's extinction. Science-writer and lifelong gamehawker Tim Gallagher met many of them the following year at the 1966 NAFA meet and presents a personal perspective on six decades of conservation work spearheaded by falconers.

### About Tim

Tim Gallagher is an award-winning writer, editor, and wildlife photographer. He is the author of six books, including *Falcon Fever*, about his lifelong fascination with falconry. Tim served as editor-in-chief of *Living Bird* magazine, the flagship publication of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, for more than a quarter of a century, and he also edited the *NAFA Journal* for several years.



## Brian Mutch

### Transitioning from Peregrine Falcon Recovery

How we move from delisting to other species in jeopardy: Addressing threats with tactics honed and informed by falconry and applied conservation today.

### About Brian

Throughout his tenure at The Peregrine Fund, Brian has played a pivotal role in a variety of species recovery initiatives, contributing to the conservation of Peregrine Falcons, Aplomado Falcons, Orange-breasted Falcons, California Condors, and Harpy Eagles. As a skilled climber, Brian's fieldwork has taken him to diverse locations, including Northwest Greenland, Mexico, and much of Central America, where he assisted with research projects involving many raptor species, trapping, handling, and locating these birds in remote habitats. He currently serves as the Director of the Aplomado Falcon Program, where he combines his passion for falconry with his expertise in species recovery and conservation.

# Speaker Details

## Michael Henderson

### **The Gyrfalcon and Tundra Conservation Program: Understanding the impacts of climate change on Arctic raptors and an iconic Arctic specialist**



Climate change is a global conservation threat for raptors and the accelerated rate of change in the Arctic provides a lens through which to understand its impacts on raptor communities with varying life history traits. Much of our work focuses on Gyrfalcon due to their suspected vulnerability to climate change and we will discuss our work on changing predator-prey relationships, disease ecology, and weather patterns, in addition to sharing results from one of the largest Arctic raptor monitoring programs in the world.

### **About Michael**

Michael is the project manager for the Gyrfalcon and Tundra Conservation Program and a PhD Student at Boise State University. He started with The Peregrine Fund as a technician in Alaska in 2016, studied Gyrfalcons for his master's degree, and started his current position in 2019.

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## Paul Juergens

### **Northern Aplomado Falcon Recovery in North America**



Juergens speaks on the Aplomado Falcon Recovery program history, and the techniques and approaches to restoration. The talk will conclude with a review of the program results and challenges, and strategies moving forward.

### **About Paul**

Paul Juergens is a biologist and The Peregrine Fund's Vice President of Conservation for Domestic Programs. A good part of his career has been spent working on projects involving the study and management of Peregrine Falcons, Golden Eagles, and Northern Aplomado Falcons. He has also had the pleasure to assist with other programs including California Condor Recovery in Arizona and Utah, the North American Non-lead (Lead-Free) Partnership, the Gyrfalcon and Tundra Conservation Program, the American Kestrel Partnership, and Orange-breasted Falcon Conservation in Belize.



# Speaker Details

## Chris McClure



### Setting Priorities for Raptor Conservation

Limited funding often means that conservation organizations must carefully choose their projects. Dr. McClure will outline the process The Peregrine Fund undertakes to decide when and where to go to work.

### About Chris

Dr. Christopher JW McClure is The Peregrine Fund's Executive Vice President of Science and Conservation. He oversees all research and conservation performed by the organization. Dr. McClure has a Bachelor's degree from The University of Georgia in Environmental Economics and a PhD from Auburn University in Biological Sciences. His research focuses on methods to better monitor, study, and manage birds, and on conservation of the world's raptors. He has published over 130 peer-reviewed articles, is Associate Editor for the Journal of Raptor Research, and is an honorary fellow of the American Ornithological Society. He is also affiliate faculty at Boise State University.

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*collect, preserve, and interpret global falconry history, art, literature, and material culture*

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# Speaker Details

## Chris Parish & Tim Hauk

### From Falcons to Condors: How Past Success Informs Current Recovery Strategies

The Peregrine Fund's effort to recover the critically endangered California Condor began in 1993 at the invitation of the USFWS following a successful campaign to produce and hatch over 4,000 Peregrine Falcons. Captive propagation and release is a gold standard in species recovery, embodying a multi-pronged approach to not only produce, and release, but to also proactively identify and mitigate threats. Embodying the complete conservation model and using adaptive management, The Peregrine Fund aims to build on its past successes in endangered species recovery as we work towards a self-sustaining population of California Condors.

#### About Chris

President and CEO for The Peregrine Fund. Parish began his career with The Peregrine Fund in November 2000 and has led the California Condor recovery program in northern Arizona and southern Utah. Additionally, Chris worked with partner organizations to form the North American Non-Lead Partnership, which now includes more than 40 partners across the United States.



#### About Tim

Tim Hauk is the Program Director for The Peregrine Fund's Condor Recovery Program in northern Arizona and southern Utah. Tim is responsible for the successful release of captive raised Condors into the scenic wilds of the Vermilion Cliffs, as well as the day-to-day management of the free-flying population in the Southwest. Having spent the formative years of his career with The Peregrine Fund as a Condor Biologist, Tim has grown into his current role as Director, providing program guidance through experience grounded in science and his intimate understanding of the Condor. With more than 20 years of avian field work under his belt and 13 years with the Condor Program, his true passion is the work being done on the ground to recover the Condor and promote healthy ecosystems where scavenging wildlife can thrive.



# Did You Know?

## Falconer Conservation Trivia



### The Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area is Named After a Falconer

Morlan "Morley" Nelson left an unprecedented legacy as an educator, raptor advocate, and filmmaker. He was the driving force behind establishing the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, not to mention the current location of The Peregrine Fund!

### Falconers Sharing Knowledge and Experience Have Saved More Than Just The Peregrine

A self-taught falconer and conservationist, Mr. Simon Thomsett is a renowned raptor conservationist and Founder of the Kenya Bird of Prey Trust. Thomsett and his students have prevented the extinction of 4 different species including Gyps Vultures in South Asia and Madagascar's endangered Fish Eagles.



### A Falconer Heads the Cornell Conservation Medicine Program

Dr. Robin Radcliffe leads efforts to research and address the loss of endangered species. He has worked with 4 of the 5 living species of rhinoceros, contributed to *The Complete Merlin*, and is the current chair of NAFA's conservation committee.

### Falconers in Conservation Make A Difference

Brian Millsap helped develop population models while working for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service that informed the incidental take limits for both bald and golden eagles. He also contributed foundational science informing the sustainable falconry take of peregrine falcons in North America. Falconers working in conservation, like Millsap, have been instrumental in shaping U.S. wildlife conservation laws for decades.



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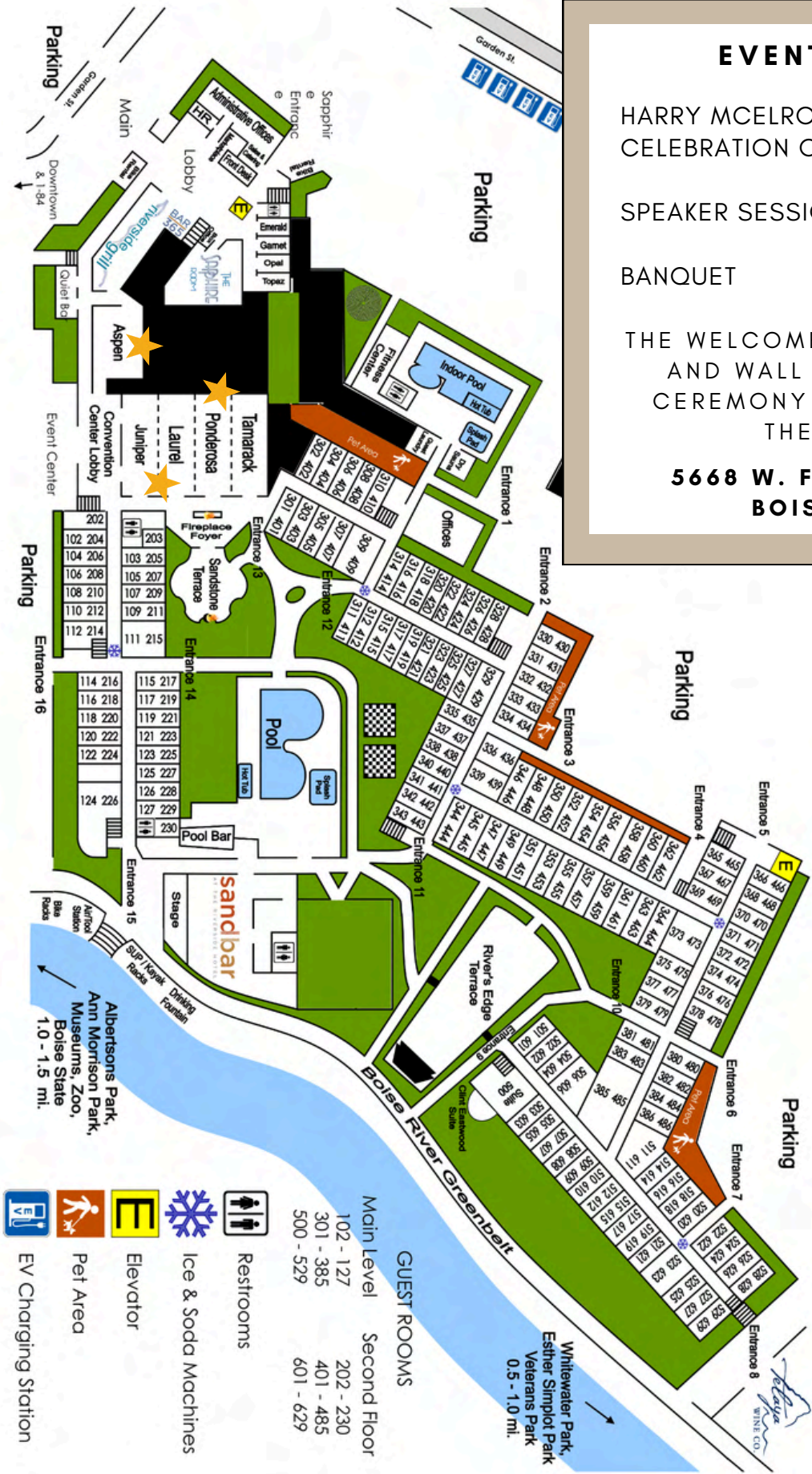
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- Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan