



## 2022 Golden Binocular Award recipients

**Sandra Bowles**, McLane Center Garden Volunteer, nominated by all NH Audubon staff

Sandra has been a key volunteer in the McLane Center gardens since 2014. She currently works with a team of volunteers in the Pollinator Garden but before this garden was established, she was often the only volunteer taking care of the McLane Center grounds, usually working without supervision to fill whatever need she saw and keep things looking beautiful.

**Tabor Browder**, Special Projects volunteer, nominated by all NH Audubon Staff

Tabor has been volunteering for many years doing special projects and he excels at finding creative solutions that make a task easier and more efficient and then improving on those solutions. For example, he researched the best lights for Enchanted Forest and designed a system to easily put up and take down both the tarps and lights. During much of his volunteer time, there were no Golden Binocular Awards, but he more than deserves this recognition.

**Anne Forsyth**, Grants Assistant, nominated by Marc Nutter & Becky Suomala

Anne plays a critical role in keeping NH Audubon's grants program on track by maintaining a calendar of deadlines for both grant applications and reports, and organizing all the information on the grantors for our monthly planning meeting. She has truly strengthened the organization by allowing us to take maximum advantage of grant opportunities.

**Kathryn Frieden**, New Hampshire Bird Records Publication Assistant, nominated by Becky Suomala

Kathryn has been volunteering for New Hampshire Bird Records since 2015, and gradually taken on more and more tasks, from eBird data entry to publication assistant, to writing articles and coordinating regular features. During the pandemic, she worked from home putting in her usual two days a week or more under the flexible schedule, and helping with just about anything that needs doing.

**Bob Hamm and Paul Hasenfuss**, Massabesic Center Volunteers, nominated by Kimmie Whiteman

Bob and Paul have been the Massabesic Center's dynamic duo of general handyman and grounds maintenance for the past several years. If there is a structure on the grounds, they most likely had a hand in building it - from the garden pergolas to the accessibility ramp to the trailhead kiosk, and much more. Their willingness to take on cleanup and groundskeeping projects both big and small has made them indispensable to center operations, and we are so grateful that these two friends are part of our team.

**Ellen Nunes**, Project Nighthawk Assistant, nominated by Becky Suomala

As the Project Nighthawk Assistant since 2016, Ellen plays a crucial role in keeping the project organized and moving forward, allowing us to maximize the donations we receive. She is responsible for compiling the field season forms and nest site information, tallying volunteer hours, creating, printing, and mailing the annual summary and organizing the Project Coordinator.

**Marsha Richelli**, Nighthawk Surveys and eBird Data Assistant, nominated by Becky Suomala  
Marsha began volunteering in 2012 doing evening nighthawk watches in both Concord and Ossipee, in tick-infested shrublands and mall parking lots, staying up late for her drive home. After she retired in 2014, she also volunteered in the Concord office helping upload historic bird sighting data into eBird and becoming the expert on the trails of the White Mountains with her well-worn guide and now-dilapidated maps.

**Karen Roy**, Whip-poor-will survey volunteer, nominated by Pam Hunt  
Karen was on the ground floor when whip-poor-will surveys were initiated in the Piscataquog Watershed in 2003. She has done one every year since, making her the only volunteer to have done her route for 20 straight years.

Posthumously to **David Saxe**, Massabesic Center Volunteer, presented to his widow, Barbara Benton  
David Saxe was a volunteer at Massabesic for over ten years and did whatever needed to be done when the Center was short staffed; worked the front desk, fed the animals, and did the IT work and more. He held "Raven Feeding" events on Sunday afternoons for many of those years and would take the snakes to his home when the Center lost heat; arranged music for Volunteer Dinners, and organized a yearly Nature Photo Contest including hanging the pictures, counting the votes and hosted an awards party.

**Brenda Sens**, Volunteer Naturalist, nominated by Becky Suomala  
For 20 years, from 1998 to 2018, Brenda was a Volunteer Naturalist, coming in to the McLane Center once a week to answer bird and natural history questions from the public. There were no Golden Binocular Awards during her tenure, but such service still deserves this recognition.

**Jon Woolf**, Massabesic Center Volunteer, nominated by Kimmie Whiteman  
For over ten years, Jon Woolf has been paramount in all aspects of the wildly popular Jeffreys Ledge Pelagic Trips. These trips are Jon's brainchild, but he has given so much more to the organization - from animal care and front desk duties, to retail product design using his own photography, to birding hikes, and more. NH Audubon, particularly the Massabesic Center, is grateful for his dedication to our mission.