

The Hoffmann Bird Club

Annual Meeting and Banquet - Saturday April 27, 2024

Featuring: Dr. Alan F. Poole

Associate of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and
Former Editor of Cornell University's
18,000-page *Birds of America*

Presenting
The Resplendent Quetzal — Tourism and Land Use in Costa Rica

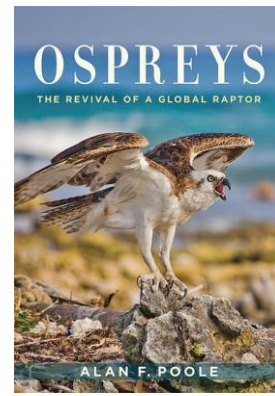
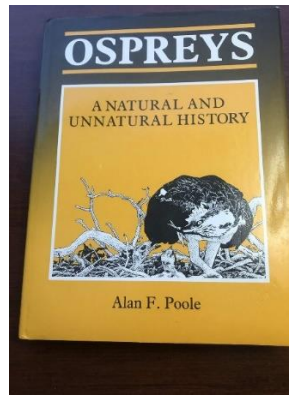
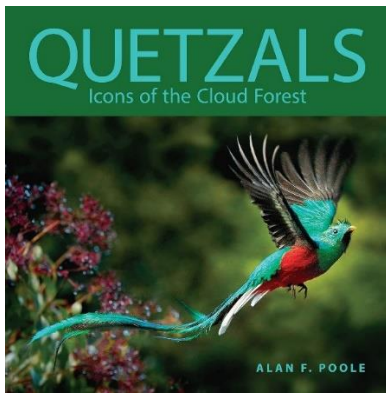


Dr. Alan Poole, the author of a recently published book on Quetzals (Cornell Univ. Press, 2023), will lead us through the nesting and feeding ecology of this Quetzal, its role in Mayan and Aztec religions, how Resplendents fit into the increasingly threatened rainforests that sustain them, as well as providing looks at what lies ahead for this (and other) Quetzals — how conservation efforts are giving them a boost.

Dr. Poole is the author of three books:

- *Ospreys: A Natural and Unnatural History* (1989)
- *Ospreys: The Revival of a Global Raptor* (2019)
- *Quetzals: Icons of the Cloud Forest* (2023)

His books will be for sale at the meeting.



Annual Meeting and Banquet - Saturday April 27, 2024

You're invited to join the Hoffmann Bird Club for our Annual Meeting and Banquet at Crissey Farm, Berkshire Banquet House, 426 Stockbridge Rd, Great Barrington. This will be a great program. Be sure to reserve a place, make your reservations now! Please note that we have a vegan/vegetarian option that is part of the buffet.

SCHEDULE:

Bird walk (self-guided) at 4:00 pm (2 options see details below)

Cocktails (cash bar) at 5:00 pm

Buffet style dinner at 6:00 pm

Annual Meeting - Welcome, brief Reports, and Election of Officers

APPETIZERS: Crissey Farm Cheese & Charcuterie Display (Gluten-free) and Crudités with dips

BANQUET BUFFET: The price is \$50 per person, and includes the following:

Mixed Green Salad with choice of ranch or balsamic dressing

Bread and Rolls - Gluten Free bread available

Marinated Herb Baked Chicken – Gluten Free

Beef Tips in a Mushroom Burgundy Sauce – Gluten Free

Baked Acorn Squash with quinoa stuffing and baked potato – Vegan/Vegetarian/Gluten Free

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Roasted Vegetables – Chef's Choice

DESSERT

Choice of Chocolate Stout Cake or Freshly Baked Pie

A Vegan/Gluten Free Option will be available

Coffee and tea



Everyone, please fill out the banquet form online
Everyone is required to register and pre-pay for the banquet- note the deadlines
<https://hoffmannbirdclub.org/annual-meeting-banquet/>

Pay online using PayPal/credit card on the website by **April 14** (sign up now!)
<https://hoffmannbirdclub.org/annual-meeting-banquet/>

Or mail a check to arrive by **April 11**,
Check payable to: Hoffmann Bird Club
John Felton, 295 Devon Road, Lee, MA 01238
hoffmannbirdclubtreasurer@gmail.com

Spouses, life partners and family members are included in the Member pricing at \$50 per person. Non-members are welcome to attend, and the cost will include a membership to the Hoffmann Bird Club at \$70 per person.

Member name: _____

Your e-mail or phone: _____

Guest name(s): _____

Number Buffet meals _____

Total amount included: \$ _____

Circle _____ YES ___ or _____ NO _____ I completed the registration form online

Self-guided bird walk options: Be back for the Cocktail Hour at Crissey Farm by 5:00 pm!!

Crissey Farm – paved ½ mile trail from the parking lot. There are wet areas and changing habitats along the trail, walk up and back. Near the end you approach the Children’s Health Program buildings, then return on the same paved trail back to Crissey Farm

Housatonic Flats – BNRC Property-Route 7 north of Great Barrington and south of where Route 183 intersects Route 7. This is a 1 mile loop trail which is dirt and has tree roots to negotiate on your bird walk. It could be muddy. The turnoff at the signpost will hold about 3-4 cars. Crissey Farm is nearby, but you will likely want to drive.