

Mountaineer Audubon Annual Spring Banquet

Saturday, April 7, 2018
Speaker: Patti Reum



This program will be about the American Kestrel Nesting Box and Monitoring Project given by Patti Reum of Highland County, VA.

The American Kestrel has shown population decreases because of loss of grassland habitat, loss of nesting cavities, and use of insecticides and pesticides on agricultural fields. The project's goal is to provide nesting boxes in suitable habitat where kestrels are found throughout Virginia. During her presentation, Patti will show photos of this project and present information on the habitat and biology of this fascinating and valuable species. She will describe a monitoring program she started two years ago to keep track of the nesting success of kestrels using Highland County boxes.

Patti is a board member of the Virginia Society of Ornithology and serves as the Conservation Chair. She has been involved in many bird projects in Virginia, including the Golden Chase Project (working with biologists at the Center for Conservation Biology) where a Golden Eagle was trapped and fitted with a telemetry device. Many Virginians donated to this project and followed the migration of "Virgil Caine" for four consecutive years. She has also assisted the Golden-winged Warbler research project done by Virginia Commonwealth University. She has been a wildlife biologist in Canada, Maryland, and Virginia, and also taught math and science for 18 years. Now "retired," she spends much of her time working on the kestrel project and helping out with bird projects whenever she can. She is Vice President of the Bath-Highland Bird Club.

The spring banquet will be held in the Welcome Center at the West Virginia Botanic Garden, 1061 Tyrone Road, Morgantown, 26508 (the same location as last year).

6:30pm: Social Time
7pm: Dinner and program, followed by our annual meeting
Dinner will be from Oliverio's

Reservation Form:

Name(s): _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number of meals: _____ x \$25 each = Total: _____

Make checks payable to **Mountaineer Audubon** and return to Katie Fallon, 87 Morgan Hill Road, Morgantown, WV, 26508. Please register by March 31, 2018.