

NEWSLETTER

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ISU FESTIVAL OF TREES RECIPIENT!

Back in November, a subcommittee of ambitious and creative women gathered to decorate a donated tree and participate in ISU's School of Business Festival of Trees. Our tree was one of the more 'natural' looking trees, and we were told that our tree was pre-selected and purchased by a local benefactor

before the event opened to the public! The FEFNA tree, "Knotty by Nature" was adorned with natural decorations like pinecones, birds and featured an abundance of hand-carved ornaments from NKA's Woodcarving group. Other donations included an Edson Fichter print from IDF&G, framing courtesy of The Frame Shop, an ACE Hardware Gift Certificate, a festive ornament and gift certificate from The Gallows, and a Master Naturalist Certification Voucher. Many individuals donated items, including Dale and Holly Reavis, Linda Loughnan, and Tracy Casselman. A special thanks to the committee members who took Christmas to a whole new level; Cristine Casselman, Jan Flandro, Meg Fleishmann, Jennifer Jackson, Lisa Jorgensen, and Joanne Tokle. And a gracious THANK YOU to all who came out to support this event!



Please contact Cristine Casselman if you'd like to share any sightings, photos or stories about your experience at EFNA. We'd love to hear from YOU!

IDAHO GIVES

FEFNA is participating in **IDAHO GIVES!** Mark your calendars and come out to support our group and others during the annual 'Kickoff Event' at Lookout Point on Monday May 4th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm!

Check out our campaign [HERE](https://www.idahogives.org/organizations/friends-of-edson-fichter-nature-area) or use the url:

<https://www.idahogives.org/organizations/friends-of-edson-fichter-nature-area>.

Save the date for Idaho's biggest giving event.

The Idaho we want starts with what we give.



MAY 4 - 7, 2026
Visit [idahogives.org](https://www.idahogives.org) for more information.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Spring is a season of renewal, and here at the Edson Fichter Nature Area we are reminded how fortunate our community is to have such a beautiful place to explore, learn, and simply breathe in the gifts of nature. The Friends of Edson Fichter Nature Area was created with a simple hope—to provide free nature programs and opportunities for people of all ages to connect with the natural world. Seeing families walking the paths, children discovering wildlife, and neighbors gathering for programs reminds us why this effort matters. This spring and summer we are excited to offer several community events, including our membership drive at the Environmental Fair on April 18, a BioBlitz on May 30, and our Pollinator Celebration on June 20. These activities are made possible by the dedication of amazing board members and supporters who care deeply about this special place. Thank you for being part of the growing community that supports the Edson Fichter Nature Area. Together we are helping this remarkable place continue to inspire curiosity, stewardship, and joy in nature.



With gratitude,
Jane Streubel
President of the Friends of the Edson Fichter Nature Area

"EFNA is a place where curiosity begins, nature teaches, and community grows."



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Portneuf Valley Environmental Fair

Sat APRIL 18th at Lookout Point

~Spring Sightings at EFNA~



BLUEBIRD, Photo by Sarah Jackson



BLUEBIRD, Photo by Eric Rude



SQUIRREL, Photo by Eric Rude



BEAVER BRANCH, Photo by Eric Rude



JUNCO, Photo by Eric Rude



COMMON MERGANSER, Photo by Sarah Jackson



Photo by Eric Rude

FEFNA will participate in the Portneuf Valley Environmental Fair for the second year. We will be looking to increase our membership and visibility in the community. In addition, we'll be promoting a **COLORING CONTEST** for all ages! Look for details on our website or stop by the Idaho Fish & Game Office for the entry form. Winning entries earn prizes and will be featured in an upcoming newsletter and on our website! Pick up an entry TODAY.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **IDAHO GIVES** May 4th at Lookout Point from 4:00-7:00 pm
- **POLLINATOR WEEK** June 22nd-28th
- **POLLINATOR EVENT at EFNA** on June 27th
- **ADULT-ONLY BIRD WALKS** June 6, July 4, and August 1, starting at 6:30 AM
- **FAMILY BIRD WALKS** June 20, July 18, and August 15, from 8:30 to 9:30 AM
- **BIOBLITZ** TBD, stay tuned!

Why is the letter A like a flower?



Your FEFNA Board



Officers:

Jane Streubel- President
Tracy Casselman- Vice President
Lisa Jorgensen- Vice President
Cristine Casselman- Secretary
Joanne Tokle- Treasurer

Members:

Jan Flandro, Meg Fleischmann,
Dale Reavis, Eric Rude, Don Streubel

Honorary Members: Sarah Fichter-Carter
and Nancy Fichter-Dillon



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