

Summer 2023

BLUEBIRD NOTES



Happy Bluebirders: A day of learning & fun among nature at the April 2023 Conference @ Haw River State Park. The smiles on the faces below show the joy found @ this fabulous event. More details & photos inside.



North Carolina Bluebird Society (NCBS) Mission Statement

Our goal is to support activities that foster the resurgence of bluebirds and other native cavity-nesting birds in our home areas. NCBS is an affiliate member of the North American Bluebird Society (NABS). www.ncbluebird.org

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County Coordinator Area Coordinators ... If you are unable to reach a County Coordinator near you, additional resources are now available to help answer questions.

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Meet the New President Iris J. Senzig Who Is She?

Iris is a native North Carolinian born in Wake County, married her high school sweetheart even though he was a Florida transplant – ohh? who? Randy Senzig (NCBS Education Director). They have always loved the outdoors, hiking, camping, helping people learn about the “WOW” times that nature provides.

Her first introduction to birds was about age 8 when her Grandmother gave her a set of Audubon Bird Pictures – which she still cherishes.

Today Iris brings this love of caring for nature along with over 50 years of serving in hospital administration, nursing home administration, quality assurance and finally in retirement 11 years of serving as Chief Operating Officer for a non-profit: the *Center for Human-Earth Restoration* (CHER).



A dear friend, Thomas Berry, an Eco theologian, said “The Earth should be cared for as a communion of subjects; not a collection of objects.” Iris tries to live with those guiding words.

Iris and Randy first joined NCBS in 1993. They have had five nest boxes over 20 years—so that’s a lot of birdies in the air.

Hello Bluebirders from Iris

Who am I? I am pleased to be able to work with our remarkable Board of Directors, County Coordinators, Officers and our dedicated members to promote the NC Bluebird Society in ways that make caring for our little blue friends a pleasure—a true work of heart.

Thank you for giving me the honor of serving you and our other members. I am looking forward to taking this new journey with you – to help our bluebirds and cavity nesters to raise their families successfully and safely. Our data tells me that North Carolina has fledged over 13,000 birds since 2018. It sounds like magnificent results. Pat yourselves on the back!

On this exciting adventure together, I am most interested in **CONNECTING WITH YOU AND YOU WITH EACH OTHER**. We need to know how we can help you. If you have a Bluebird need, please contact us – either me directly or your County Coordinator. We already know we need more nest boxes and safe houses for our Bluebirds – so that means we need new members with nest boxes – or ways to seek new members. OR ya’ll will have to add nest boxes to your trails.

So Who is Ready to Connect?

Just imagine for a moment with me!!! If we can give our students, scouts and others perhaps in organizations too such as garden clubs, Lions’ clubs, etc. the WANT TO and the understanding about our Bluebird friends – then we are growing new Bluebirders – maybe even for life. Imagine how amazing would that be? And YOU can be a part of this effort with so many rewards.

I plan to implement this possibility into probability and suddenly **SUCCESS** for all. **BUT** not by myself! I will ask our Board of Directors and all Coordinators to work in teams to make improvements in our communication systems.

North Carolina Bluebird Society is US – ALL of US – And together I know we can make a bluebird’s dream come true.

Iris Senzig, President

Dear Members of the North Carolina Bluebird Society:

With the closing of our annual meeting at Haw River State Park, I think we all came away ready to get back on our trails- or at least to our nest boxes - and enjoy the pleasure of monitoring them as we continue this great and successful bluebird conservation program.

These were a busy two years. But they were also part of the continuing mission of the North Carolina Bluebird Society which continues what started in 1986.

The recognition that we received from the North Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution was categorized as a community service award.

Yes, you all have contributed to a project of community service—a project which has brought the eastern bluebird population back from near extinction to the commonly seen bird we have today, at the same time working to improve its habitat – which is also our habitat.

Your board and officers, county coordinators, annual meeting committee, newsletter and website staff—so many people - have contributed to the success of the mission of this great society. While everyone can't be personally recognized and thanked, all of you can have the personal satisfaction of your part in making the North Carolina Bluebird Society an active, vital, effective organization.

I thank you for the honor of serving as your president over these past two years. President Iris Senzig and her Board look forward to your full support. I encourage each of you to reach out to the Officers and Board and County Coordinators with your thoughts and ideas, to continue the success of the North Carolina Bluebird Society.

I want to recognize that Jim Burke donated an Epson digital projector and screen to the NCBS. Thanks to Jim for this wonderful donation which he made so the NCBS could loan it out to members who would be giving a program but do not have a projector. At this point I would be the person to contact to borrow it.

Remember, you are part of one of the most effective bird conservation projects ever undertaken. Its continued success depends on you.

Thank you—Bill Zitek
Immediate Past President



Bill with Guest Speaker at Haw River State Park, Julie Zickefoose (center), and wife Muriel, at the 2023 conference.

Meet Your Vice-President ... Lloyd Young

Lloyd Young was born in Middletown, NY. He has accomplished a lot in his 77 years. We are grateful to have someone with his wide range of knowledge and expertise on our Bluebird Team.

Volunteer activities include: NCBS, Holden Beach Turtle Watch, Winding River Infrastructure Committee Lead, Winding River Bluebird Interest Group Lead, Brunswick Medical Center Emergency Department Volunteer, American Society of Civil Engineers, Public School Volunteer.

Bluebird experience: Managed the Winding River Bluebird Trails for 5 years. He has about 60 boxes on the Golf Trail and about 20 boxes on the Home Trail. Lloyd joined NCBS several years ago.



In addition to managing 60 nest boxes on nearby Golf Trail and his 20 boxes on his home trail, Lloyd's other talents include volunteering at his local Emergency Department and following sea turtles. He holds an MS from Georgia Tech; lives in Bolivia near the southeast coast of NC. Lloyd spent his earlier years as a Geotechnical Engineer, designing dams, tunnels, foundations, and earthworks after serving in Vietnam. He also helped with the Iraq War recovery.

Lloyd has a remarkable group of Bluebirders who assist in their data collection process, reporting, graphing results. Lloyd with his friends and skillsets will serve NCBS as our Vice-President – and then as President.

Congratulations – and thank you Lloyd.

Catawba County Board Member Retiring After 15 Years of Service

Bob Warmuth, a member of the North Carolina Bluebird Society since 2008, will be retiring from his position on the NCBS Board of Directors. In his early days as a member, Bob arranged an annual meeting for the NCBS and it was not long before his ability to get things done was recognized and he joined the Board.

From Catawba County, Bob has served 15 years on the NCBS Board of Directors and still monitors or assists in monitoring bluebird trails in his area. We will miss Bob's contribution to the work of the Board and thank him for his contribution to the success of our mission.

Education Director

Randy Senzig came to NC as a high school sophomore from Florida. He knew all along that he loved nature and exploring its wonders. With a BS in Education and a Masters in Special Education, he taught sciences to middle and high schoolers for 37 years. He knew that students learn better if they have real nature to work in – which led to a bluebird nest box trail at Fuquay-High School of 39 boxes.

His students monitored and cared for the bluebird families over 12 years. In retirement he started a non-profit education organization the Center for Human-Earth Restoration with a mission of “Bringing the Earth Into the Hearts of All.” For over 9 years he worked with elementary schools teaching the teachers how to have successful bluebird trails on their campuses that the students monitored and cared for. He became a bluebird lover in the early 2000s – joined NCBS – and is ready to help our coordinators and members continue the trend with “Bluebirds In the Schoolyard”.



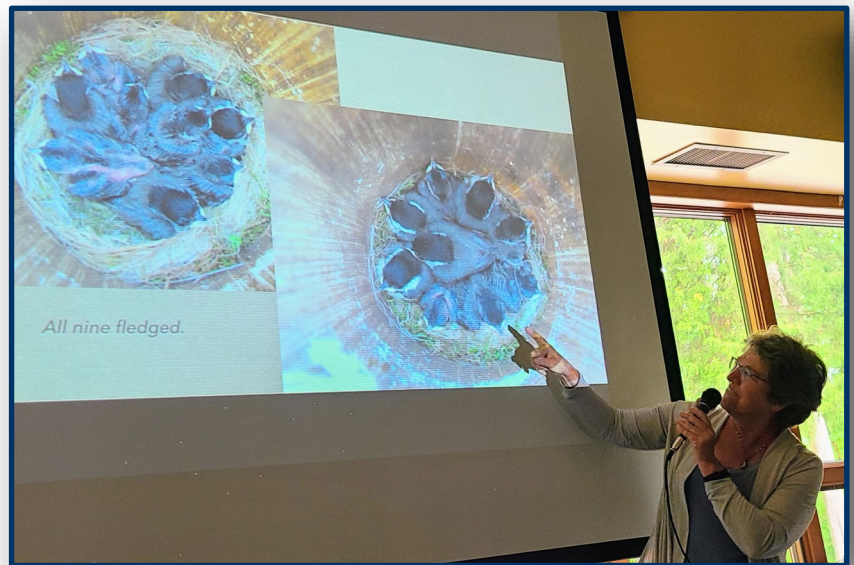
2023 Annual Meeting from Ground Level

As I'm new-ish to NC (got here in 2019 just in time for shut-down) I set my GPS to "avoid highways, avoid toll roads" and set out to discover more of my new-ish home state. Haw River State Park is "thata way". The drive reminded me of why my family moved here - the trees. I can feel my blood pressure drop and my mind clear just thinking about them.

Back to our conference; I was asked to greet, help with registration, take photographs and be a right hand for Iris — you may see her all over the place.

At Haw River State Park: This park reminds me of so many from California ... the narrow roads, the lovely conference center, the trees and birdsong. I was happily surprised with my accommodations and the quality of our meals – Superb!! I wish more people had come just for those things.

Add in our guest speaker Julie Zickefoose, "Have You Ever Wondered..." — All our evaluations praised her.



Comments about Julie:

- Julie's talk was wonderful!
- Her drawings and watercolors are amazing.
- It was helpful for her display to be in the "Dealer's Room" for live Questions and Answers with her before and after the morning session.



Julie's books and art were flying out the door.



The Break-Out Sessions – Six after Lunch

1. **Bluebirds 101** ... Peter Chauncey & Donna Alred
2. **Problems in the Nest Box** ... Dr. Bill Zitek
3. **Plants for Birds** ... Alexia Maneschi
4. **Nest Box Construction** ... Joe Sanders
5. **Bird Photography on Nature Walks** ... Lawrence Zoller
6. **Baffle Construction / Pole Selection / Nest Box Mounting** ... Ken Kernodle



Our Business Meeting was Full of Nice Surprises

Special guest – Valerie Gaffney – President, Virginia Bluebird Society. An Award for NCBS from Daughters of the American Revolution for Achieving Excellence in our mission Statewide. Larry Hines presented our award – then Bill presented Valerie a Happy Birthday cupcake along with a jubilant song.



New Slate of Officers – others remain in position

1. Iris Senzig, President
2. Bill Zitek, Immediate Past-President
3. Lloyd Young, Vice-President
4. Randy Senzig, Director of Education

Induction of Four Outstanding NCBS Members into our Hall of Fame

1. Chuck Bliss, joined in late 1980s; instrumental in steady growth of NCBS
2. Joye Stephenson, long-time member, outstanding program presenter, bluebird lover
3. David and Kay Hindsley, joined in 1980s, superior organization skills
4. Jack Finch noted for extraordinary bluebird conservation efforts and the Bailey nest box

See pages 9—10 for pictures and more details

A Bylaws Change – Introducing Lifetime Member as a new member classification

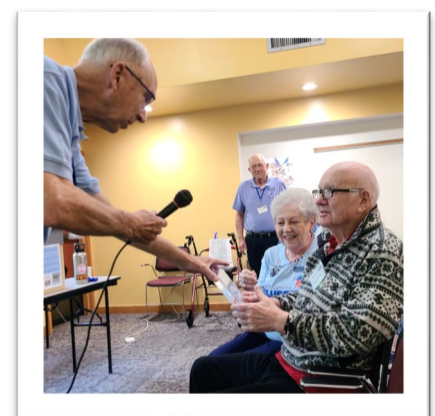
The Door Prize/Silent Auction room was the place to be in between sessions. We noted a bit of noisy, unquiet activity around certain items as the silent auction became unsilent. I saw one person put all five of their tickets on one item for the door prizes.

I had meals with people from all over the Midwest and East what wonderful stories they had to share about birding. One lady had moved from Colorado and brought a picture of a Mountain Blue bird that shaded ombre from Blue on top to grey at the bottom. Where else would people just bring such a lovely picture - BUT to a meeting about NC Bluebirds?

We have many pictures of the Hall of Fame Inductees, the officers, Ranger Randy, and of course all six, yes, six break-out sessions. Oh to be able to just sit down in one or two of them--they all looked so interesting. From a recipe for bird feed - to proper photography techniques with a cell phone - to a new design for the door on a bird box.

Headed home on Saturday afternoon in the middle of a rainstorm, again on “take the scenic way home,” mode. What a lovely trip all in all.

As I arrived home– there were two bluebirds on our front nest box to greet me.



Rebecca Sandell, Raleigh, with input from President Iris Senzig



Kay & David Hindsley

Kay was born in Welch, and David in Beckley, WV. Kay met David when she was 12 years old. They started dating when Kay was at Queens University and David at West Point Military Academy. They were married shortly afterword. After officer commissioning, David served in Germany, two tours in Vietnam and one in Korea. He retired at Ft. Bragg as a Lt. Colonel.

Kay and David have worked as a team for 58 years. For the past 30 they have been dedicated to bringing back the cherished Bluebird after putting up their first nest box. They initially joined NABS and later NCBS making numerous trips to Bailey, NC to converse with Mr. Bluebird, Jack Finch. They gained as much knowledge as possible then hit the road putting on programs to Garden Clubs, Civic groups, Church groups, Girl & Boy Scouts and School classes; anywhere when asked, including South Carolina and West Virginia.

Chuck Bliss recruited Kay as Recording Secretary and later as Corresponding Secretary. David joined as Membership Chairman bringing his computer expertise in Dbase and Excel spending hours updating address changes and helping to grow our membership. They would sit together at a table with a roll of stamps, counting and stamping overdue memberships.

Kay is a major contributor to planning many Annual Meetings. A professional singer and performer of Bluebird Melody, a staple at most NCBS Annual Meetings. Whether it was maintaining the Door Prize Table, Auction Table, operating the Audio Visual, or coordinating the food, Kay and David did it all. They are prolific writers contributing to numerous articles for magazines in Fayetteville and the Tarboro area. They have been instrumental in establishing Bluebird trails at the Botanical Garden in Fayetteville and at Pope Air Force Base.

Congratulations Kay and David!

Joye Stephenson



Joye was born in Raleigh and has lived in the area most of her life. She retired from NC State in 2006 after 30 years of service in several Departments.

Her love for Bluebirds began in 1998 after given a Bailey box as a “going away present”. After watching the Bluebirds at her box she was hooked. She had heard of the famous Bluebird Man of Wake County, Bill Satterwhite, and began “stalking” him at events until she had courage enough to meet him. One of the best days of her life, she says.

Bill encouraged her to get involved with the NCBS, Join the Wake County Extension Garden Program, and tag along with him as his “right hand lady” as he monitored numerous trails. Bill had founded the Bluebirds of Wake Club some years prior. Joye would secure the meeting room, recruit speakers, send out reminders, help set up and do whatever was needed.

Joye helped start the Bluebird Trail at Garner’s Lake Benson Park and another across the street at White Deer Park. Joye has served in different positions during the past two decades: NCBS Board of Directors, State Coordinator of the County Coordinator Program as well as Wake County Coordinator. Keeping the informational notebooks up to date was her job. She helped organize the 2010 Annual Meeting in Garner where she met and recruited a future NCBS Board President. Joye is a faithful contributor to articles for our Newsletter along with spectacular pictures we all enjoy.

Congratulations Joye!

Chuck Bliss

Chuck was born in Billings, Mt. He worked for General Electric for 41 years as the Manager of the House Wares Division and Head of Quality Control. GE moved him from Asheboro, NC to Rockport, NY to Louisville, Ky and finally back to Asheboro. His wife, Mariah, passed some years ago, and he has three adult children.

Chuck was President of NCBS for several years. He encouraged and recruited many to take on officer positions on the NCBS Board. He's best known for having recruited Helen Munro, Kay Hindsley even Ray Welch. All of whom have contributed significantly to the success of our Society. He coordinated several Annual Meetings, hardly missed any, even when he had to have a care driver. Chuck was instrumental in getting the NCBS off the ground in the early difficult days.



Chuck recognized the significant work Jack Finch had done to establish a nest box factory shop on his farm in Bailey, NC and worked with the Highway Department for permission to put a sign at the entrance to his farm acknowledging the site where the Bailey Box is made.

The success of the Country Coordinator program today is do to Chuck's ground work. He even went out of State reaching out to the Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania for ideas in organizing the North Carolina Counties.

Chuck was the best recruiter the Society ever had. His famous words recruiting words were: TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT.....!

Congratulations Chuck

Jack Finch

The Finch blueberry farm is well known in North Carolina supplying 90% of the States blueberry bushes, however in North America, it is Jack Finch's "Homes for Bluebirds" that's most well known.

Jack's, "Homes for Bluebirds" has assembled and distributed more than 100,000 nest boxes. At one time Jack was monitoring over 2,000 Bluebird nest boxes across North and South Carolina.

Jack discovered the lethal nature of metal vent pipes in tobacco curing barns trapping thousands of Bluebirds every year. He alerted the public and worked to get simple wire guards installed around the vent pipe openings.

Jack's efforts to save the Bluebird was featured sometime ago on the CBS Evening News with Dan Rather. Following the feature his phone lines were flooded with inquires about how to get a Bluebird nest box.

The NCBS working with the State Highway Department was able to sponsor and erect a NC State commemorative sign in 2009 that sits at the entrance to the Finch Nursery in Bailey, NC. It is a testimony honoring the work of Jack and his family in propagating Bluebirds throughout North America. Their "Homes for Bluebird" shop is still active today sending nest boxes throughout the United States.

Jack passed away in 2006 at age 89, but his contribution to the propagation of the Bluebird in not only North Carolina, but throughout North America will never pass. Jack Finch's contributions will never be forgotten.



NCBS County Coordinators Meet at Haw River State Park Conference

Our 2023 Annual Meeting was a success for many reasons, particularly the chance for members, friends, and guests to get together, meet each other and talk about bluebirds.

Starting the meeting on Friday night allowed the County Coordinators to interact with each other in person and discuss points that concern them as they represent the NCBS. It was a great opportunity to hear feedback on what others are doing around the state, keep each other up to date, and make updates to our manuals. Additionally, all were able to take home a new nest box.

Led off by Madison/Yancey County Coordinator Chuck Arthur discussing his project, Randy and Iris Senzig followed by introducing a program they have developed for schools. Later in the program, County Coordinators Peter Chauncey, Joe Sanders, Donna Allred, and myself, along with Past President Ken Kernodle, and our multi-talented Recording Chair, Alexia Maneschi, provided breakout sessions on Plantings for Bluebirds and Wildlife, Basic Bluebirds, Building a Nest Box, Understanding and building Baffles and Predator Guards and Problems in the Nest Box—along with a program on Wildlife Photography.



From the response to our post meeting feedback, I think everyone was pleased with Saturday's general sessions, our featured speaker, and the instructive breakout sessions. So many people contributed to the success of this meeting—and that is the key to its success.

There is nothing like “pitching in“, meeting your colleagues and exchanging ideas—face to face. Thank you to all who helped—especially Area Coordinators, Bill Highsmith and Patty Cook who facilitate the work of the County Coordinators in their areas. And a round of applause for Alexia Maneschi & Mark Quinnan for taking so many great pictures at the conference (seen on several pages in this edition). Thanks to these two for capturing so many nice memories of this wonderful event.

We look forward to seeing you not only at next year's meeting but throughout the year, along the trail.

Bill Zitek, County Coordinator Chair
Immediate Past President

NCBS Salutes Retiring Wake County Coordinator

Joye Stephenson of Wake County is going to take a break from the position she has held as Wake County Coordinator for many years. A NCBS member since 2004, Joye has been very active as a County Coordinator, having served one term as County Coordinator Chairperson.

While she is leaving this position, Joye says that she will continue to be active in monitoring nest boxes and assisting people who need information and help.

We are thankful for Joye's contribution to the work of the North Carolina Bluebird Society and look forward to her continued involvement as a member.

Update: 2022 Nest Box Survey Data & Comments that were not included the Winter 2022 edition of *Bluebird Notes*.

2022 NEST BOX DATA ADDITIONS			BLUEBIRD			OTHER SPECIES		
County	Name(s)	Boxes	Eggs	Hatched	Fledged	Eggs	Hatched	Fledged
Catawba	Lynn Spees	23	82	68	65	54	10	10
Guilford	April Pilhorn	1	15	15	15			
Orange	Cam Blass	2	15	14	13			
Pitt	Shawn Jarvis	9	116	109	93			
Union	Suzanne Stewart	2	13	10	9			

Update to 1st Egg Record - February 22 (Lynn Spees - Catawba)

Lynn Spees (Catawba County): One bluebird nest had 4 eggs by Feb., which was dangerously early. There were 3 more eggs laid by 20 March, which did hatch, with the result of 3 fledglings. The one brown-headed nuthatch nest was raided by house wrens. So were a couple of bluebird nests. One bluebird nest was likely a victim of snake predation due to a structurally deficient predator guard.

April Pilhorn (Guilford County): No other species of cavity nesters.

Cam Blass (Orange County): No other cavity nester egg laid or hatched. In the last two years I have had two houses but only had bluebirds in one house.

Shawn Jarvis (Pitt County): I have been doing this for 12 yrs. This is my 1st year of having multiple massacres. It is so heartbreaking coming up to the nest boxes, 1st brood & finding a total of 16 just thrown out of the houses like trash. I almost called it quits right then but got thru this season. I feel so bad for those parents. It even still makes me cry just writing this. I hope next year is better. :)

Suzanne Stewart (Union County): 1st Brood 3 came back which is good for this neighborhood. 2nd Brood - 1 died within days of hatching, saw 3 return to yard. 3rd Brood - 3 unfertilized eggs, survivor returned after fledging. Male was too busy with feeding 2nd fledglings to fertilize the 3rd Brood. Female started 3rd nest too early!

What's Inside a Nest Box Monitoring Kit? By Dana Glenn, Stanly County Coordinator

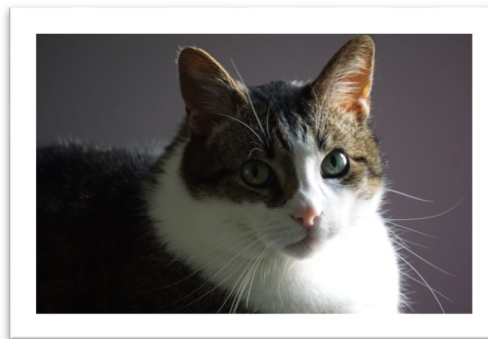
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- Hand Sanitizer
- N95 Mask
- Paper Towels
- Scissors
- Small Memo Book
- Exacto Knife in Toothbrush Holder
- Large Putty Knife or Spatula
- Fake House Sparrow Eggs
- Pens, Pencils, Sharpies



Oscar's Window Views: Summer 2023 Report & Pictures



Summer Greetings from Oscar, an indoor kitty cat who watches bird activity from the windows. I am happy to report a nice parade of bluebird and songbirds in recent months. The black oil sunflower seeds and bluebird nuggets we are supplying are attracting a wide range of feathered friends. Additionally, the woods near our backyard provide natural nesting sites. I have seen bluebirds and other cavity-nesting songbirds supported by the NCBS mission, to include: White-breasted nuthatches, Tufted Titmice, Brown-Headed Nuthatches, Carolina Wrens, and Carolina Chickadees.



Find out more about Blues and other cavity-nesters on the NCBS website, [ncbluebird.org](https://www.ncbluebird.org). Another fantastic website that I highly recommend is [nabluebirdsociety.org](https://www.nabluebirdsociety.org), online resource for the North American Bluebird Society (NABS). NABS has a ton of knowledge to learn about nest boxes and help you help bluebirds. Also, they have a really splendid bluebird book geared toward kids, but it has great information for any age to read. Check out this beneficial link: <https://www.nabluebirdsociety.org/publications/>

Hope you have a wonderful Summer of 2023! Please send any of your news to editor@ncbluebird.org

Oscar, Knightdale ... Newsletter assistance from Oscar's caretaker, Glenda Ryan (NCBS Webmaster & Newsletter Editor) ... Glenda's website: [websitebloom.com](https://www.websitebloom.com) / Oscar's website: [felinegreetings.com](https://www.felinegreetings.com)

North Carolina Businesses & NCBS Members that have Nest Boxes for Sale

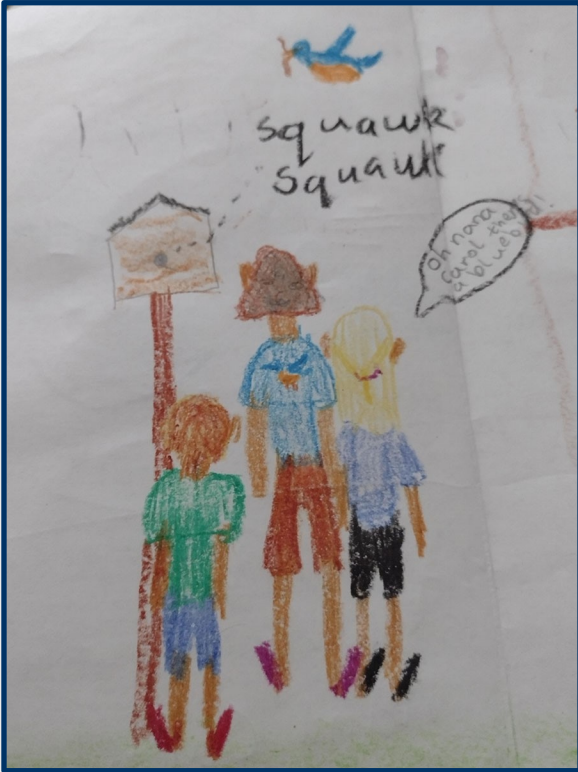
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Inspiration & Knowledge

Drawing by Granddaughter Annadare Peters of Annadare and Owen helping Nana Carol monitor our bluebird trail. Annadare age 9. Owen age 6. Submitted by Carol Reid



In addition to this precious picture, Carol gave a helpful link regarding honey pots and bees, which she has been dealing with for the last two years. Check out the following link to learn more / or if you need to remove honey pots:

<https://www.sialis.org/beeid.htm>

Vange LaMoore, Polk County Coordinator, sent this nice photo of a Tree Swallow nest with eggs. Located on her trail.



NCBS Membership Form

NCBS membership options: 1 year (\$15) or 3 years (\$40)

Memberships are effective when started until June 30 after a full year. Thereafter, memberships will run July 1— June 30. Questions: Alexia Maneschi at 919-387-9500

Gift membership from _____ to:

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City, State & Zip _____

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Yes, I'd like to help NCBS save costs by receiving the quarterly newsletter *Bluebird Notes* electronically (Email needed for this option)

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4600 Chandler Grove Court
Raleigh, NC 27612**

Additional tax deductible donation \$ _____

New Membership

Renewal

Check Amount: \$ _____

Please indicate if you also have an interest in:

- Assisting with the annual meeting
- Serving as a NCBS Board Member
- Helping with the newsletter
- Conducting a bluebird workshop
- Contacting my local paper with news
- Volunteering to be a NCBS County Coordinator
- Monitoring a nestbox trail
- Other (please explain)

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NC Mountain Bluebird: Creative Nesting

Russ Bauman, of Lake Biltmore, Buncombe County Coordinator, sent in this cool snapshot in April and informed: “My female BB surprised me tonight. She is making her nest and started collecting dog fur that I leave out for the other birds. I have never seen this. She is going to have a nice nest!”



Russ has been serving with our organization for many years. Additionally, he has supplied our society with the bulk of the bluebird pictures found on our website, nbluebird.org. To see products with bluebird photos by Russ check out our online store, found in left side navigation on nbluebird.org, or per the link below.

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