The Archives of Falconry
Established 1986 Dedicated to Preserving Our Falconry Heritage

13th Annual Spring Rendezvous
April 18, 2020

Wall of Remembrance 2020 Nominees
Donald H. Anderson (IN) — Thomas J. Cade (ID) — Arthur Ludlow Clark (VA)* — Robert Cook (WI)*
Michael Connolly (CA)* — Jim Burr Cranmer (CA/CO) — Louis Davis (CA)* — Kenneth D. Filkins (IN/IA/MI)
Edward Hepp (NY) — William Kurtz (CA) — Jon Mousel (AK/HI)* — Anthony Potestivo (ID/WA)
James L. Ruos (MD/VA)* — Eckart Schomair (Germany) — Vern Seifert (AK)
Eugene Spuhler (NY)* — Dan Thee (OR/ID)* — Harold Webster (CO/MT) — Phil Willis (IL)
* May be or have been deferred to 2021 to accommodate friends and family or ongoing fundraising.

- The Archives of Falconry will have an Open House at 5 PM, Friday April 17th with refreshments hosted in part by the Idaho Falconers Association. Attendees will have Friday to view the Archives collections.
- Saturday April 18th The Archives will open at 10 AM — Tours of the World Center for Birds of Prey available.
- Wall of Remembrance Ceremony will start at 12 Noon
- Celebration Dinner Buffet with cocktails at 5:30 PM on Saturday at the Oxford Suites. Menu the same as last year due to popular demand and rave reviews! After-dinner program will be about one hour. Special showing of short video from 1986 NAFA Meet “Hootenanny”. The Guest Speaker will be Munir Virani speaking about the African vulture crisis.

- Special rate of $98.00 per night plus tax at the Oxford Suites Hotel at Cole and I-84. Rate includes hot breakfast and evening hors d’oeuvres (not connected to the Archives banquet). Limited number of rooms available at this rate. Please reserve room by March 19 for this rate. Availability and normal rates will apply thereafter. [www.oxfordsuitesboise.com](http://www.oxfordsuitesboise.com) or 888-322-8001
- Celebration Dinner @ $30.00 per person including drink coupon [house wine, domestic beer or soda], tax and tip included. Cash beer and wine bar. Banquet reservations by Friday April 3rd online or by telephone with credit card or check payable to:

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Dr. Munir Virani is the Executive Vice President of The Peregrine Fund – World Center for Birds of Prey based in Boise, Idaho. Born and raised in Nairobi, Kenya, Munir has over twenty years of experience in conservation research, project design, execution, management and dissemination. His research interests lie in finding holistic and effective solutions for conservation problems and developing species-specific conservation plans. He graduated with a first-class Honors degree in Zoology at the University of Nairobi in Kenya, and subsequently trained with The Peregrine Fund to be a raptor biologist. He completed his Masters and PhD research at the University of Leicester, where he focused on the ecology of the endangered Sokoke Scops Owl, and the Augur Buzzards at Lake Naivasha.

Munir has conducted extensive research on threatened and endangered birds of prey in Kenya, and has 16 years of experience working in the Masai Mara Reserve with local communities and other conservation partners. In 2000, he was sent to South Asia by The Peregrine Fund to evaluate the magnitude of catastrophic population declines of three species of critically endangered Gyps Vultures. He set up teams of field and diagnostic researchers in India, Nepal, and Pakistan that eventually led to the discovery of diclofenac, the veterinary pharmaceutical drug that was the primary cause of vulture population declines in the region.

In 2002, Munir was awarded The Aga Khan Foundation’s award for excellence in the Field of Science and Technology by His Highness Prince Amyn Mohamed Aga Khan. In 2007, he was recognized as the Wildlife Photographer of the Year by Twende Travel Magazine. Munir has published over 150 scientific and popular articles, including a paper in the esteemed journal Nature, and has supervised 20 students for graduate degrees. Munir is also a wildlife film-maker having made two films - one the African Fish Eagle that won a semi-finalist award at the Green Earth Film Festival and another on Vanishing Vultures that was a finalist at the Diamond Jubilee International Arts Festival in Lisbon, Portugal. In 2018, Munir was awarded the prestigious “Green Oscar” Award from the Whitley Fund for Nature for his work to save critically endangered vultures in southern Kenya.

Munir is an accomplished speaker having given numerous keynote addresses at a number of international Conferences, and his TED talk on “Why I Love Vultures” has generated over one million views. He is currently working on a Maasai conservation film called Empty Skies, and a book about raptors worldwide. He loves photography and cricket, and represented Kenya’s National Cricket Team during the 1992 World Cup in Holland.