



BACKYARD nature center News

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True Joy

The longer I live, the less I need and the more I'm thankful for.

It's been a good year. The martins in the parking lot fledged almost 90 young birds. Many of our lovely customers/friends reported that the bluebirds had two or three broods of young. Hummingbirds

around this summer and the beautiful Baltimore orioles almost ate me out of jelly!

We are lucky to live in a state that is currently not under water or having scary tremors, and to have enough water and trees to be one of the best places for songbirds to call home and raise their families. As a matter of fact, it's a good place to raise any family. With the holiday season upon us, there is so much hustle and bustle and it



goes by so quickly if we don't take a moment to slow down and enjoy what's right in front of us. Of course, it's an old cliché, "count your blessings", but it's true and I've found it to be even more so the older I get. The more family and friends I can share with, the more value life has. It's not the house, the car, the furniture and the "stuff"

that we collect, but the people we add to our circle and share our lives with.



Owning this little bird feeding shop and running the day to day business with someone you love makes me realize this isn't work....this is fun! How many people can say that? Every day someone comes in with a new squirrel story or challenge, a woodpecker issue that needs immediate attention, a feeder that has been wrecked by night visitors, or just to share what fabulous little visitor they had at their feeder and how much JOY they are getting from what they are discovering in their own yard. Every customer we've made becomes a valued friend, the kind you'd just love to invite over for coffee to watch your birds and visit. Remember that word "visit"? It's where you sit down, for no reason and with no agenda, just to find out what's going on in someone else's life. We need more of that. Words of wisdom....."There's no present like time"!



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Best New Product

You're going to love this! "Forever" granite birdbaths from Stone Age Creations, "created by nature...crafted by artisans." Made from thousand-year old granite boulders to highlight the stone's rich color and texture. A natural boulder ground inside with a polished rim and natural edge. These impressive birdbaths blend beautifully into any landscape and create the perfect destination for your feathered friends. Each piece is truly a work of art. Sturdy and won't chip, nice and shallow for small birds, natural, organic and you can use a heater in them! You won't find them anywhere else. It may be the last birdbath you'll ever need!



Winter Checklist for Backyard Birdwatching

1. Always have your birdbath filled with fresh water.
2. Keep ice-free water available all winter with a birdbath heater or de-icer.
3. Clean your feeders for a fresh start of the season.
4. Offer fresh birdseed to attract a wide variety of birds.
5. Hang your nyjer feeder in a place that is visible from above, yet away from other feeders.
6. Attract Dark-eyed Juncos with millet on a platform feeder or on the ground.
7. Put up roosting boxes or roosting pockets to help keep birds warm on cold winter nights.
8. Keep your suet feeders up for woodpeckers and other birds.
9. Keep your peanut feeders filled for jays and chickadees.
10. Sit back and enjoy your birds while sipping a fresh cup of coffee.



And the winner is...

... Bob Ross!
During October many of you dropped your phone number in the plastic pumpkin, next to Mobi, with the hopes of winning a Squirrel Buster Peanut Feeder Plus. Halloween eve we drew the name of one such lucky customer. Congratulations Bob Ross! You're a real winner in our book!!!

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one visit on Black
Friday through
Christmas Eve

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any binocular or
spotting scope

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Holiday Nature Gift Ideas



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Heated Birdbath

A heated birdbath with auto shut off. From \$57 to \$140.



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Designer Cast Aluminum Suet Feeder—Beauty and function. From \$45.



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Folkmanis Puppets—Fun creative play for kids in our kids department. From \$6 to \$29.



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Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday: 12 noon–4 p.m.

Christmas Eve: 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Closed Christmas Day

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With grateful hearts
we wish you and yours
a Happy Holiday.

