



Flathead National Forest

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Conservation Education Specialist Honored by Flathead Audubon

16 Years of Community Education in the Flathead

KALISPELL, MT. – The Flathead Audubon honored Flathead National Forest (FNF) employee Teresa Wenum this week for her work in conservation education. Wenum has been the Conservation Education Specialist for the FNF for the past 16 years. Teresa received the Flathead Audubon’s Conservation Achievement Award thanking her for her dedication to conservation and for the many successful nature centered projects she fostered.

Teresa plays a role in much of the conservation education happenings in the Flathead Valley including Raptor Day, Frog Day, Family Forestry Expo, Artist Wilderness Connection, Summit Nature Center, and Education Trunk Workshops to name a few.

The Flathead Audubon cites Teresa’s keen ability to forge and sustain partnerships and collaboration as one of the reasons for the award. Wenum credits partners such as Flathead Community of Resource Educators and Crown of the Continent Ecosystem Education Consortium for the sustainability and effectiveness of the programs she helps to foster.

Flathead Audubon Board Member Linda de Kort says “Teresa takes an idea, works out all the fine details, pours over documents, confers with financial advisors, emails numerous organizations, fine tunes the proposal, presents it again to the parties concerned and almost magically the idea becomes a program with much enthusiastic support from all the partners. A perfect example of this is the current More Kids in the Woods Grant, which involves eight partners including Flathead Audubon. It began as ‘another good idea’ and Teresa has crafted it into a great reality.”

For more information on the Flathead National Forest’s conservation education program please visit: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/flathead/learning>.

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