



## **2016 Event Schedule**

### **Thursday, February 18 – Opening Reception and Photography Exhibit \$10 per person**

Event time will be from 5:30P to 7:30P. Our weekend begins with this event in the Grandview Room at the new Douglas County Community & Senior Center on Waterloo Lane. It features the work of area wildlife photographers and there is an expected visit from a Snowy Owl and kestrel. Eagles & AG birders & BSers are on hand to chat about the weekend as well. Light Hors d'oeuvres (this is not dinner) will be served and a cash bar available.

### **Friday, February 19 – Wetlands Tour by Birding Under Nevada Skies \$50 per person -**

Tour time is 8:00A to 11:00A. The IVGID wetlands area is a hidden treasure of Carson Valley featuring large numbers of water fowl and migrant birds. A short hike on level ground is part of this tour. As in all the tours, spotting scopes, binoculars and/or cameras are recommended. **Tour is limited to 20 participants-transportation is by mini bus.**

### **Friday, February 19 – Raptor Highway and Byway Tour by Birding Under Nevada Skies \$50 per person -**

Tour time is 1:30P to 4:30P. Supplemental tour for those interested in the Buteos, Accipiters and Falcons which commonly winter in Carson Valley. As in all the tours, spotting scopes, binoculars and/or cameras are recommended. **Tour is limited to 20 participants-transportation is by mini bus.**

**Friday, February 19 – Eagles & Agriculture Falconers' Dinner \$40 per person** – Event time will be 5:30P to 8:30P. This event has grown in popularity the last several years, largely due to providing an unprecedented up close look at various types of hawks and raptors and the chance to meet their handlers. Of course, the great dinner provided by Carson Valley Inn doesn't hurt, and there's exhibits from organizations and businesses for attendees along with a raffle.

**Saturday, February 20 – Chartered Bus Eagle/Ranch Tour & Luncheon \$70 per person** - Tour time is approximately 8:00A to 11:30A, with the luncheon following and concluding around 1:00P. Luxury motor coaches take participants on a private "behind the scenes" group tour of area ranches. Learn about Carson Valley ranching, conservation and have an opportunity to view/photograph eagles, hawks, owls and other birds of prey. The bountiful buffet luncheon immediately follows the tour, a great opportunity to mix with others to discuss and share your experiences/sightings and maybe win a raffle prize or two!

**Saturday, February 20 – Ins and Outs of Agriculture \$50 per person** - Tour time is 1:30P to 4:30 P. A rare opportunity to visit one of Carson Valley's ranches for a behind the scenes look at the challenges and realities of agriculture in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Tour is limited to 20 participants-transportation is by mini bus.**

**Saturday, February 20 – Owl Prowl & Live Bird Field Demonstration: \$50 per person** - Tour time is approximately 1:30 to Dark. Visit historic barns on area ranches and view owl habitat. Weather permitting, one of our local falconers will provide a demonstration of the sport of falconry. Tour is limited to 45 participants.

**Saturday, February 20 & Sunday, February 21 – Photo Workshop \$70 per person** - Saturday evening classroom seminar from 6:00 P to 9:00 P; Sunday from 7:00A to 10:00A you will be outdoors in the Carson Valley to photograph area wildlife/scenery. The workshop will be held Saturday at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Minden and the group will be transported by mini bus for the field work on Sunday morning, also leaving from the Holiday Inn Express & Suites.



**Sunday, February 21 – Chartered Bus Eagle/Ranch Tour & Luncheon: \$70 per person** - Tour time is approximately 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM, with the luncheon following and concluding around 1:00P. Luxury motor coaches take participants on a private “*behind the scenes*” group tour of area ranches. Learn about Carson Valley ranching, conservation and have an opportunity to view/photograph eagles, hawks, owls and other birds of prey. The bountiful buffet luncheon immediately follows the tour, a great opportunity to mix with others to discuss and share your experiences/sightings.

**Sunday, February 21 – The Ranch Tour; Comstock Seed Company: \$50 per person-** Tour time is 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM. American Ranching has always been a challenge and relies on a lot of good ol' western wit. The Comstock Seed Company is a venture whose business model replaces the traditional cow/calf ranch. Ed and Linda Kleiner have looked at the production of seeds for reforestation, landscaping and large scale restoration work and found it superior to the traditional beef rearing uses. Their approach to the other uses of the land is creative and range from experimental grape production to wetlands management for crop production. The tour will focus on the many uses of this piece of land and the traditional respect for the land and water available. Bring cameras and binoculars as birding can be very good and the place worth documenting. ***Tour is limited to 20 participants-transportation is by mini bus.***

**For additional information or to book a reservation please visit**

**[www.carsonvalleynv.org](http://www.carsonvalleynv.org)**

**Or contact the Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce at 1-775-782-8144**