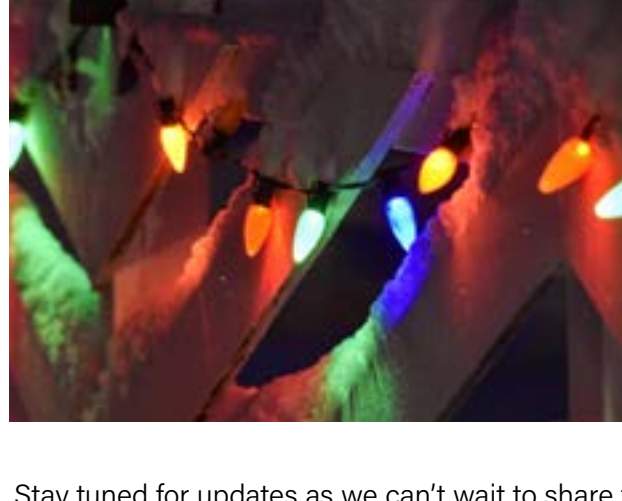


# Field Notes

## December 2024



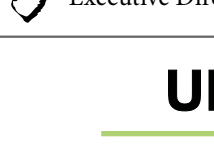
Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that 2025 is just around the corner! With less than a month remaining in the year, we want to take a moment to invite you to join us for the final events of the year.

Holiday Ornament Making is taking place TONIGHT, December 5th, and Friday, December 6th. We will conclude our annual schedule with the Luminary Trail on Saturday, December 7th. More details about these events can be found below, and we hope to see you there!

Looking ahead to 2025, we are thrilled to share our upcoming schedule. While the list below highlights some of what's in store, we're also preparing to introduce several exciting new programs in the new year.

Stay tuned for updates as we can't wait to share them with you. Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a bright start to the new year.

Warm regards,  
  
 Grace  
 Executive Director

### UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



#### Holiday Craft Nights

**December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Join us for our Holiday Craft Nights happening December 5 & 6 each evening from 5:00 - 8:00 pm.

Create marvelous holiday ornaments and seasonal cards at the Farmhouse Visitor Center. Free and fun for all ages!

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

#### Luminary Trail

**December 7<sup>th</sup> | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Spend a lovely winter night under the stars with holiday lights and lanterns at Creamer's Field!

Enjoy a wintertime stroll with the whole family along the 1/2-mile candlelit trail around the historic barn complex.

Hot beverages and treats can be found inside the Farmhouse Visitor Center.

Free and fun for all ages! Dress warm!



## Friends of Creamer's Field

### 2025 Program Schedule

<b>February 22</b> Winter Track Walk	<b>March 8</b> Kid's Discovery Walk
<b>April 26</b> Spring Migration Celebration	<b>June 22</b> Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk
<b>July 20</b> Creamer's Dairy Day	<b>August 18-24</b> Tanana Valley Sandhill Crane Festival
<b>October 18</b> Creepy Critters	<b>November 22</b> Thanksgiving for the Birds
<b>December 5</b> Holiday Crafts	<b>December 7</b> Luminary Trail

**June 1 - August 31**  
 Guided Nature Walks  
 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 10AM

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### Field Sketch

*Presented by ADFG Biologist, Mark D. Ross*

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 Through the Seasons...




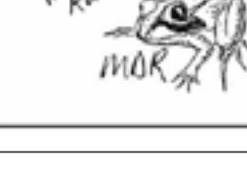
From **Bugs to Birds** and **Mice to Moose** and **Many more...**

**Field Sketches** follow natural events through the seasons at Creamer's Refuge.

This book of sketches includes those seen in the *Daily News-Miner* years 2000 - 2024 with 2 pages of **"Sounds and Sights"** as heard on fm. KUAC.org

**205 Pages of NATURE Field Sketches**

Full of Seasonal Nature Notes, with History and Wildlife Insights

### Boreal Buzz: Meet Laana Puleo



Meet Laana Puleo, our new Youth Education and Research Coordinator.

Laana joined the Friends of Creamer's Field team in May 2024 as the seasonal Camp Habitat Director! With her love of Alaska, birds, and a passion for being involved in her local community, she could not help but stick around post-camp as the new Youth Education and Research Coordinator!

We are so excited to have Laana join the FOCF family!

Read her full bio below.

### Creamer's Field Online Store

Looking for a perfect gift for the nature lover or Creamer's Field enthusiast in your life? Check out our online store! Orders must be placed by December 15th to ensure orders arrive before Christmas.

Visit the online store here:

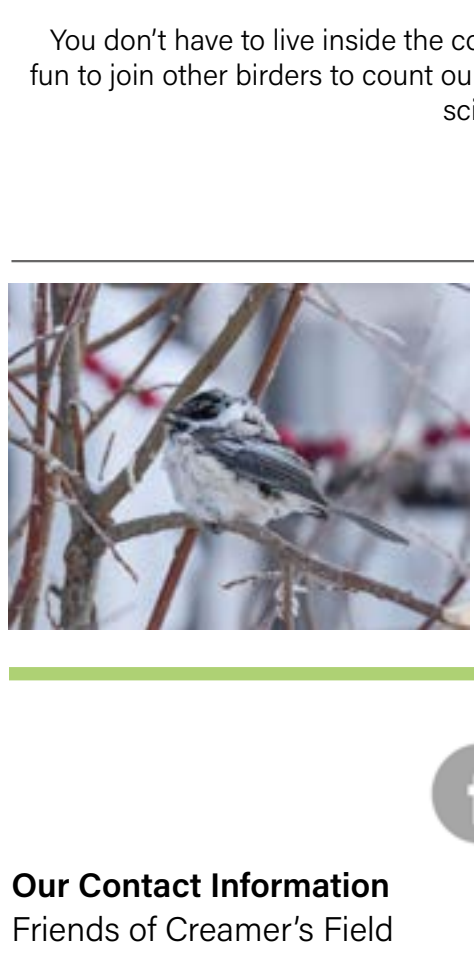


### Christmas Bird Count

#### Arctic Audubon

**December 21st | All Day**

Join the local birding community in the 64th Fairbanks Christmas Bird Count on December 21st during the daylight hours! Registration is free and birders of all levels are invited to help! There will be a compilation potluck at 5:30 at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks, 4448 Pike's Landing Road, Fairbanks, AK 99709



### Thank you for being a Friend!

As a 100% community funded organization, your support allows us to offer free educational programs to the Fairbanks community and its visitors. This year we intend to expand our educational outreach, resurface the parking lot closest to the barns, improve trail accessibility, and update our interpretive signage throughout the Refuge.



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**Mission Statement**  
*"Inspiring environmental stewardship and lifelong learning through experience, awareness, appreciation and conservation of the natural and historic resources of Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge."*