You are cordially invited

What: Bluebirds Across Nebraska

2024 Annual Conference

Where: Community Building

770 G St.

Unadilla, Nebraska 68454

When: Friday, April 26

5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, April 27 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, April 26

Dinner and entertainment (Cost \$25)

5 p.m. Social Hour

BAN will provide beer, wine and soft drinks

6 p.m. Dinner

Encrusted pork loin w/Dijon sauce, herb garlic chicken w/wine sauce, cheesy au gratin potatoes, steamed mixed vegetables, garden tossed salad, dinner roll. The vegetarian option is a veggie pasta meal.

6:45 p.m. Live Auction

7 p.m. Entertainment

Cherrie Beam-Callaway

This presentation is made possible by Humanities Nebraska, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and Bluebirds Across Nebraska.

Saturday, April 27

Saturday conference (Cost \$20)

Registrations should be received by April 17; late registrations and walk-ins, \$25

8 to 9 a.m. Check-in

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Silent Auction/Raffle

Speakers

Bill Clemente

Ethan Freese and Grant Reiner

Sandy Seibert

Joel Jorgenson

Lunch included

Assorted wraps (including a veggie option), fresh fruit salad, vegetable chop salad and a bag of chips

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April 26-27, Community Building, 770 G St., Unadilla, Nebraska Registration form

Registration must be received by April 17. Please complete this form and return with full payment — check or money order payable to BAN — to Sandy Seibert, 2115 S. 114th St., Omaha, NE 68144.

Name(s):			
Address:City:	State:	Zip:	
Phone: Email:			
	No. x price	Total	
Friday, April 26 Dinner and entertainment (Encrusted pork loin w/Dijon sauce, herb garlic chicken w/wine sauce, cheesy au gratin potatoes, steamed mixed vegetables, garden salad and dinner roll. Vegetarian option is a veggie pasta salad.) Pork Loin/Chicken	x \$25	\$	Members bringing items for the morning break has always beer a tradition of BAN conferences. We will gladly accept your donation of cinnamor rolls, cookies, cup-
Vegetarian	x \$25	\$	cakes, brownies, etc.
Saturday, April 27 Conference (Assorted wraps — including a veggie option, fresh fruit salad, vegetable chop salad and a bag of chips.)			You can help the vol- unteers with the setup of the conference by donating your raffle and auction items in
Assorted wraps	x \$20	\$	advance. Items can be
Veggie wrap	x \$20	\$	given or mailed to any officer. Items will also
Late Registration (After April 17)	x \$5	\$	be accepted the day of the conference.
	Grand Total:	\$	

Our 2024 Conference Speakers

Cherrie Bean-Callaway will present "Courage to Continue: Changing Homesteads in Nebraska.

An educational storyteller, Cherrie has gathered and recorded historic tales from Nebraska families for more than 25 years. Her pioneer stories are factual and reflect the diversity





of the people and land from western to eastern Nebraska.

Bill Clemente — a BAN member — will delight us with his personal photographs as he presents "A year of Nebraska's Avian Diversity." An English professor emeritus from Peru State College, Bill has been a longtime bird lover who has devoted considerable time to educational programs such as Feathers And Verses for children and bird-photography presentations for adults. He and his wife, Linda, also lead nature hikes at Pioneers Park in Lincoln.

Ethan Freese and **Grant Reiner** will discuss their experiences with the Platte Basin Timelapse Project, a conservation storytelling project that explores

watersheds, builds community and inspires care for our natural world. Ethan has degrees in fisheries and wildlife and grassland ecology and management and earned a master of applied science from UNL. Grant has a degree in fisheries and wildlife and a master of applied science with an emphasis in science communication.

Sandy Seibert, BAN president, will present "Bluebird Predators and Competitors," exploring the issues facing bluebirds while nesting and what we can do to help them. For 25 years, Sandy also owned and operated Backyard Birds, a wildbird feed store in Omaha. She now enjoys retirement.

Joel Jorgenson will discuss "Bluebirds to Woodcock: Nebraska's Changing Birdlife," during which he will examine the changes in avian populations and distributions in response to ecological alterations and shifts. He has been the Nongame Bird Program manager with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission since 2006 and has authored or co-authored 34 peer-reviewed papers, dozens of articles and a book, "The Birds of Nebraska: Their Distribution and Temporal Occurrence."