



“Preserving Our Falconry Heritage”

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## Change Is Underway!

— by John R. Swift, Curator

In the Autumn issue, I reported on our current strategic plan to improve and expand The Archives of Falconry. The initial stage of the plan expands our storage capacity for future acquisitions by installing compact (expandable) shelving for both the library books and all the other physical materials we collect.

This installation serves two purposes. By more than doubling the amount of storage capacity, we improve the basic conservation function of the Archives. By efficiently rearranging our collections, we gain a significant amount of floor and wall space for new exhibits to be developed to interpret falconry history and falconers' role in conservation.

I am very pleased to report that Jack and Mara Brannon of Texas have contributed an initial gift of \$25,000 to get the project underway. Their gift will fund the installation of a compact library storage system to house our entire book collection of more than 2,000 items in one central space. The books will be stored with upgraded environmental and security controls to preserve and protect them.

We need your support to launch the next stage of the strategic plan, the development of new interpretive exhibits, and your ideas to determine their themes, such as the history of national and state clubs, captive breeding efforts, hybridization, and the development of telemetry.

[All gifts, large and small](#), will help move the strategic plan forward so that we can better tell our story and preserve our sport. The public and, in particular, younger generations need to view falconers as having a positive impact on conservation and the environment. [Please join me in this effort!](#) 🦅



Archives volunteer Ashley Neubrand devoted 30 hours to digitizing 50 years of North American Falconers Association *Journals* and *Hawk Chalks* so that NAFA may now distribute its entire publishing history to its members on disc.



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## Email Changes Too!

— by John R. Swift, Curator

If you are reading this *Heritage e-Newsletter*, you know that we have changed the way it is distributed. Instead of an email attachment, we are now linking you to it via our website. I hope you found this new method easy and seamless.

One thing that hasn't changed is that you will continue to see the same great newsletter you always have. Newsletter editor David Wells and I strive to make these quarterly reports informative and entertaining for our tight-knit community of falconers.

To ensure that you continue receiving the Archives' *Heritage e-Newsletter* and to take full advantage of the latest technology, I invite you to join our online community at [my.peregrinefund.org](http://my.peregrinefund.org). If you have never registered before, simply create your own user ID and password, then click on "Email Subscriptions" and check the box for "Heritage Newsletter (Archives)." If you have previously registered, you don't need to do a thing except sign in and be sure that the box for the "Heritage Newsletter (Archives)" is checked.

Other advantages of this change in email include:

- Sign up for other e-news about raptor work around the world, much of it done by falconers
- Check your donation history (handy at tax time)
- Update your email, street address, and other information at your convenience
- Send beautiful e-cards for birthdays and special occasions

As a special thank-you for signing up, you will receive a one-time 20% discount at our [gift shop](#). 🐦



A recent donation from Archives Research Associate Peter Barry Devers, this ambrotype from the early 1850s is the oldest-known photograph of a falconer, William Brodrick, with his bird of prey. Ambrotypes are early photographic images on glass, reversed in orientation (left is right), and one-of-a-kind. This is the first!

## Guess Who?

Can you identify this falconer?

For answer, see below:

Minneapolis Tribune, Mar. 20, 1966: "Bird Man - George Galicz of North Surrey, Canada, will appear with nearly two dozen live birds of prey at the Northwest Boat, Sports and Travel Show at the Minneapolis Auditorium. Exhibitions of falconry will be included. Galicz has been a falconer for 30 years and was the first president of the British Columbia Falconry Association. Above he is shown with a 15-pound golden eagle and a 6-ounce sparrow hawk (kestrel)."



Tom Smylie, Hal Webster, and Bill Mattox



Gathering at the Wall for the installation of eight plaques

# Spring Rendezvous



A family remembers at the Book of Remembrance



Hal Webster and Tom Cade

The Spring Rendezvous on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 attracted more than 125 falconers, friends, and relatives. Artist John Perry Baumlin was present along with a selection of his paintings. During the ceremony of remembrance the lives of eight falconers were honored in tribute and with shared anecdotes: Jesse Stuart Carlson, Charles Robert "Bob" Elgin, Phillip E. B. Glasier, Briane T. Grisco, J. Timothy Kimmel, Rob MacIntyre, Roger Thacker, and Jesse LaRoy Woody.

A large group remembers eight lives



Photos by Archives Associate Jim Hansen

