

Bluebirds Across Nebraska 2024 Annual Conference

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	\$ _____
Vegetarian	_____ x \$25	\$ _____
Saturday, April 27		
Conference		
(Assorted wraps — including a veggie option, fresh fruit salad, vegetable chop salad and a bag of chips.)		
Assorted wraps	_____ x \$20	\$ _____
Veggie wrap	_____ x \$20	\$ _____
Late Registration (After April 17)	_____ x \$5	\$ _____
Grand Total:		\$ _____

Members bringing items for the morning break has always been a tradition of BAN conferences. We will gladly accept your donation of cinnamon rolls, cookies, cupcakes, brownies, etc.

You can help the volunteers with the setup of the conference by donating your raffle and auction items in advance. Items can be given or mailed to any officer. Items will also be accepted the day of the conference.

Our 2024 Conference Speakers

Cherrie Beam-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.”