

Tracker News



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Education in a Technological World

Dear Customers and Friends,

...speaking of the life of a man who knows that the world is not given by his fathers, but borrowed from his children; who has undertaken to cherish it and do it no damage, not because he is duty-bound, but because he loves the world and loves his children...

Wrote Wendell Berry in 1971.

When discussing education, we often think of educating our youth, but paradigm-shifting discoveries are made every day. New medications are developed, sub-atomic particles are described, and the migratory routes of endangered species are elucidated, all because of our unrelenting thirst for knowledge and desire to continue our educations well into adulthood.

As articulated by the authors of this current newsletter; a transmitter can be a highly effective instructional tool. Graham Chafe's work with Atlantic salmon provided vital information about its critical habitat and much needed public awareness for a struggling species. Dale Stahlecker and Robert Murphy's rehabilitated and released golden eagle has a new life as an internet sensation. The unknowing avian celebrity is educating the public about the plight of these iconic birds. David Johnson and his coauthors used what they learned from years of tracking burrowing owls to trouble-shoot and improve owl tracking techniques. Daniel Hegglin used his data to help make informed decisions regarding the reintroduction of a diminished species, the bearded vulture, into the wild. Thanks to all the authors for sharing their exciting findings.

Additionally, as we do in every winter issue, we are announcing the winner of our Christiane Howey Rising Scholar Award. An award I know my mother would deny deserving, but it is, in every way, an encompassment of her life's work and her spirit. With so many impressive applicants this year, it was difficult to choose the winner. Heather Marshall, who earned her PhD last year, will be studying salmon sharks in Alaska. You can read more about her impressive work within these pages.

As this year comes to a close, we are grateful for your continued support, your friendship, and, of course, your unwavering desire to gather and share understanding of our collective world; the world ultimately belonging to our children.

Sincerely,
Lucy and the Team at MTI



Photo by The Gillis Club

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Above: Heather Marshall working as part of The Gillis Club to educate young girls about marine biology.