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Provincetown Hotel at Gabriel's to Host "Birds, Beds and Breakfast" A Benefit Weekend for Wild Care of Cape Cod

(Provincetown, MA) (Sept. 22) - Wild Care of Cape Cod and The Provincetown Hotel at Gabriel's announced today they will host "Birds, Beds and Breakfast," a benefit for Wild Care of Cape Cod, on the weekend of November 14-16, 2014.

The weekend itinerary will feature field walks and interactive talks and about birds and mammals of Cape Cod; presented by **Vern Laux**, **Peter Alden** and **Diane Boretos**. Guests will also enjoy great food, cocktails, dinner and two nights at the luxurious and historic Provincetown Hotel at Gabriel's, located in the heart of Provincetown. The all-inclusive cost for "Birds, Beds and Breakfast" is \$600 for singles and \$700-\$900 per couple. 100% of proceeds from the event will go to support Wild Care of Cape Cod. Space is extremely limited. For more information and to make a reservation, contact Elizabeth at 508.487.2779 or innkeeper@provincetownhotel.com

"We have been amazed and humbled by the generous support we have received from our donors to produce this weekend event. Their collective contributions will go far in helping Wild Care in it mission," said Lisa Cavanaugh, Wild Care Development and Communications Officer and The Elizabeths of The Provincetown Hotel. "We encourage bird and nature lovers to come experience this incredible weekend that combines comfort with adventure in an exquisite setting."

Wild Care's mission is to treat injured, ill and orphaned native wildlife, for release back into the wild capable of independent survival; to prevent wildlife casualties through public education and live counseling; and to engage the community in conservation through volunteerism.

Vern Laux is a bird expert, butterfly enthusiast, international bird tour leader, educator, radio commentator, columnist and author who also happens to love to fish. He has written thousands of newspaper columns about birds and the natural world appearing in the New York Times, the Cape Cod Times, the Martha's Vineyard Times, Vineyard Gazette, and Nantucket's Inquirer and Mirror, published magazine articles in Birder's World, Birding and Nantucket Today, and authored the book Bird News-Vagrants And Visitors On A Peculiar Island.

Passionate about wildlife, his favorite group are shorebirds, fabulous globe-trotting migrants that fly to the "ends of the earth" twice annually. Vern was the ABC News "Person of the Week" with host Peter Jennings, the last Friday in August, 2004 after finding the rarest bird in the Americas so far this century a Red-footed Falcon. He lives on Nantucket and is the Resident Naturalist, Land Manager and Education Director for the Linda Loring Nature Foundation.

For more than 20 years, Peter Alden has designed and led birding and wildlife tours, safaris and cruises to over 100 countries. A pioneering explorer, Peter scouted and led the first hard-core birding eco-tours to many tropical and southern hemisphere countries. His interests have widened from his original field of ornithology to include all visible biodiversity, conservation issues, historical changes in the landscape, climate change and the invasive alien plant and animal crisis affecting us today.

He is the author of 15 books on North American and African wildlife published by Knopf, Houghton Mifflin, Harper Collins, the University of Arizona Press and others which have sold over 2,000,000 copies. Peter also organized the first Biodiversity Day with Harvard's Edward O. Wilson in Concord and Lincoln, Mass. and held on July 4th 1998, commemorating the day Thoreau moved into his cabin at Walden Pond.

Diane Boretos teaches wildlife tracking programs for adults throughout New England. She is a certified Professional Wetland Scientist and the principal biologist and founder of Call of the Wild Consulting and Environmental Services. For six years Diane was a wetland biologist with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Wetlands where she specialized in the wildlife habitat regulations, under the state *Wetland Protection Act Regulations 310CMR 10.00*. She has provided expert testimony on behalf of towns and states on wetland and wildlife issues and has authored numerous articles on wetlands and wildlife. She is co-author of Stackpole Books' *Bird Tracks and Sign* and editor of *Wetlands* by Paul Rezendes. She has extensive experience dealing with protection of endangered species under state and federal regulations. Diane has been tracking wildlife in New England and in the Rocky Mountains for 15 years and has studied with master trackers such as Jim Halfpenny and Paul Rezendes.

Sponsors of "Birds, Beds and Breakfast" include <u>Napi's Restaurant</u>, <u>Far Land Provisions</u>, <u>Gordon Grimes of</u>
<u>Sysco Foods</u>, <u>Pennies Market</u>, <u>and Seaman's Bank</u>. For more information visit http://www.wildcarecapecod.org or http://wildcarecapecod.com