

Bird Watching With Harry: by Harry Johnson

Do you have a birdbath? It's May and it's time to break out the bird bath. If you have one, I hope you are cleaning it regularly. They need to be cleaned monthly. I have one, and the birds love it – for drinking on those hot days of summer and for bathing and splashing around. I sit at my desk in my office and watch the birds bathing. You can tell they love it. Get yourself a birdbath. It's not just for their enjoyment; it can be for you too.

Birdbaths Q & A's

Advertising:

Q: How can I get birds to notice my wonderful new birdbath?

A: Add motion to the water. Moving water, caused by a mister or dripping hose system is irresistible to birds. The moving water will help keep the mosquitoes from laying their eggs there.

Chlorine:

Q: Can I use chlorine to clean my birdbath?

A: One cup of liquid chlorine bleach in nine cups of water is an accepted disinfection solution for cleaning feeders and birdbaths. Empty the bleach

solution, be sure to rinse well, and fill with fresh water. One rule of thumb is, if you can smell the chlorine in the water, you've added enough bleach.

Distance:

Q: How far from trees and plants should a birdbath be placed?

A: Near enough to offer shelter for the birds but far enough away that the droppings of perched birds don't fall into the water.

Paint:

Q: Can I paint my birdbath or will it harm the birds?

A: Painting the birdbath won't harm the birds. It may cause you some trouble when cleaning the bath. You should use a good brush to scrub the bath out and you may chip the paint.

Here's something to think about when installing your birdbath. Most birdbaths are designed for mid-sized or larger birds in mind. These same pools of water are too deep for bathing by the smaller birds like chickadees and juncos and finches. Sure, they might perch along the rim and sip the water, but they won't jump into pools that are too deep for them.

There are a couple of things you can do to help those small birds have a nice refreshing bath in your yard. The first option is to line the bottom of your birdbath with a layer of smooth river gravel. Fill the basin so that there are areas where the water is no more than an inch or so deep. The river gravel can make your birdbath into a beautiful ornament for your yard. The drawback to using river gravel is clean-up time. You will need to scrub all of the small stones. The other option is to use small stones that sit below the surface of the water and larger rocks that sit above the water. This gives the small birds a place to stand and wash and splash. Remember you will have to clean these too, but I think the rocks are easier to clean.

I would love to hear from you about the birds you see and feed. You can meet me and other bird lovers at My Place Café each Saturday morning around 8:30 a.m. Come on by and have a cup of coffee and tell us all about the birds in your backyard.

You can email me at birdwatching@frontiernet.net.

All Q & A's are from the "Bird Watchers Digest" and Harry Johnson.



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A moment with Mary: By Mary Halvorsen

I suffered an identity crisis at the local farmer's market last evening. Milling among the tents, sorting through bags of spinach and kale, and debating whether to purchase broccoli or sweet pepper plants, I became aware I was not in the same fashion space as the other women attending. Many, my age and older, had hair cascading past their shoulders, and several were in loose, ankle-length, skirts. When a guitarist started a rendition of Stevie Nick's "Landslide," one, slightly younger than me, began a swaying dance, interpreting each word with flowing movements and gestures.

Standing there watching, feeling like an island in an L.L. Bean jacket, hairspray, and gray corduroy slacks, I recalled a time when I wore peasant skirts and Birkenstocks, and wondered aloud, when and why that changed. My husband offered, "Maybe it happened when you cut your hair." Puzzled, I asked, "Why did I cut my hair?" as if he could explain it to me. He went on, "You went to work at a hospital. You became part of an establishment." Instead of "an establishment", I heard "the establishment" and bristled a little, pouting, "When do I get to look the way I want to look?" Taking in

the tables filled with plants and harvested greens, vendors hovering over them like proud parents, I continued, "When will my days get to revolve around gardening, being outside, and making sure the greenhouse isn't too hot?" Sensing I was becoming wound up, my husband replied carefully, "We are getting there."

As the dance came to an end, I wandered to a stand where a couple was offering tastes of their mead and Pinot Noir. They explained that their operation was small and the vineyard was located on the slopes of Eight Dollar Mountain. They shared they were in a hidden canyon that didn't

freeze when the rest of the Valley did. Commenting that I loved that mountain, I pictured the different faces it presents, depending on weather and time of day, and knew it would be less compelling if it didn't offer those changing views.

My growing rebellion against short hair and corporate clothing could be due to its limitations. It allows for one look, one perception of self, with little variation from day to day. Maybe the desire for outward appearance to reflect one's inner workings is strongest in young adulthood, lays dormant for awhile, and resurfaces in the golden years.

I looked at my husband and observed, "You dress exactly the way you always have." He seemed hurt, wondering, "What do you mean?" as he raised his arms and surveyed what he was wearing. "Jeans and flannel shirts," I supplied. "You never felt the need to change. Why did I?"

He couldn't answer, muttered something about being casual, how on occasion he dressed up. He ran a hand through his thick, graying hair, stated it would need to be trimmed soon. He is lengthening and shaping it to accommodate a pony tail.

Church News

Community Bible Church

Free Falling

"I will love You, O Lord, my Strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer. My God, my strength in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." Psalm 18:1-2

The things people live through to tell about are sometimes absolutely amazing. Take Mackenzie Wethington, for example. The news article began like this, "To celebrate her 16th birthday, Mackenzie Wethington wanted to take the plunge of a life time, a sky diving adventure with her father. But it almost killed her." Although Mackenzie's parachute opened properly, she began to spin, causing her to fall far too fast. She fell over three thousand feet before she hit the ground, a fall that should have killed her, but did not. She sustained a lot of physical trauma from her landing including: damage to her liver, a kidney laceration, a broken shoulder blade, a crack in the thoracic area of her spine,

a broken pelvis, several broken ribs, and to top it off she broke a tooth. Amazingly, she was soon released from the hospital, and her doctor said she would not need surgery for any of her injuries and would recover completely. One of the articles I read was titled, "God Catches 16 Year Old Who Survived 1 Km Parachute Fall".

There are very few who will experience what Mackenzie has, but sooner or later we will all face some kind of overwhelming difficulty that will seem impossible to deal with. I know I have, but I have never had to face them alone. Deuteronomy 33:27 records the following, "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." God can be your refuge, too; do you know Him?

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Ministry at CBC

Sunday, May 25th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Praise and Prayer 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21st

Prayer 10:00 a.m.

No A.W.A.N.A. until September
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7 p.m

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1st Sunday of each month

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