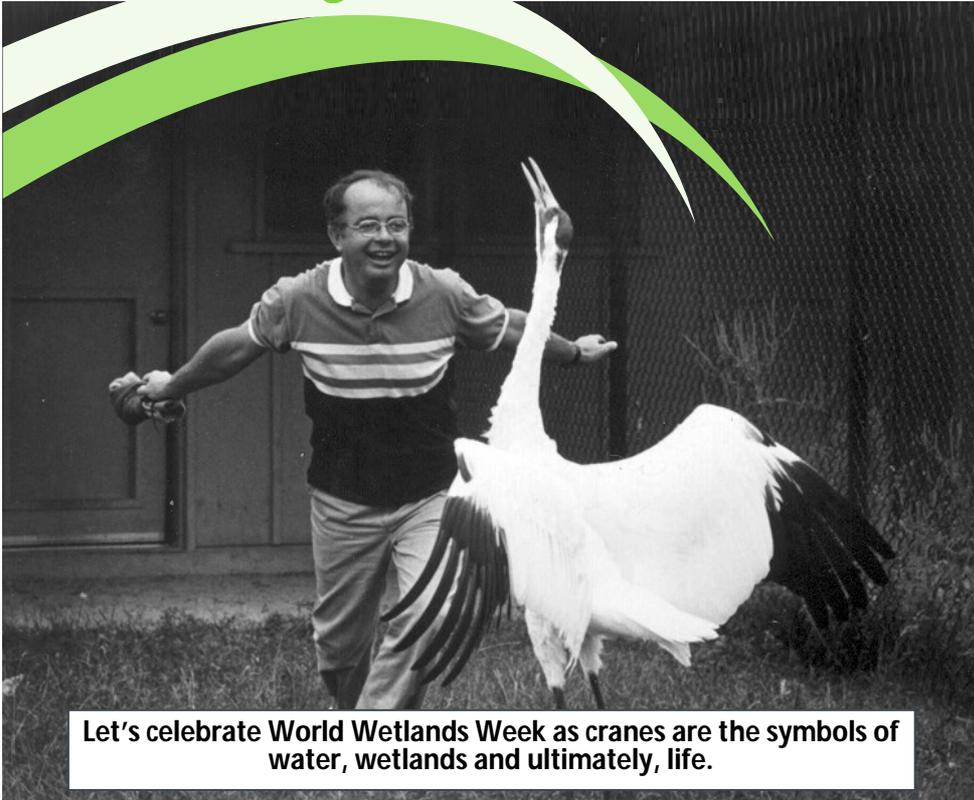


Evening Talk by Dr. George Archibald



Let's celebrate World Wetlands Week as cranes are the symbols of water, wetlands and ultimately, life.

DATE: 7 February 2013

TIME: 18h00 for 18h30

VENUE: *Karkloof Country Club*

COST: R100 pp includes this "once in a life time" presentation by Dr Archibald, dinner and an entry into a lucky draw to win 2 tickets for a Karkloof Canopy Tour

OR: R40 pp for the talk only

Proceeds will go to the Endangered Wildlife Trust and Karkloof Conservancy's ongoing efforts to conserve cranes in KZN.

George's talk will highlight the ICF/EWT partnership's work in Uganda, Kenya and Rwanda in recent years.

Biologists have documented unfathomable declines of up to 80% in Grey Crowned Crane populations in East Africa, and this decline has mirrored the rapid decline in wetlands and grasslands over the last 30 to 40 years. George promises to bring to life 'East Africa' through the stories of culture, trials and tribulations that come with conserving a species so closely associated with people in Africa.

The Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) and Karkloof Conservancy are honoured to host Dr. George Archibald, distinguished co-founder of the International Crane Foundation (ICF) in the United States.

The ICF is a private organization dedicated to crane conservation worldwide. George has collaborated with colleagues in South Africa since 1975, and today supports a productive partnership between ICF and the EWT.

George has dedicated his life to the conservation of cranes and wetlands around the world and as a result has pioneered several techniques to rear cranes in human care; such as having human handlers wear crane costumes to avoid human imprinting and using ultra-light aircraft to lead cranes on migration. One of his most notable legacies will be with the North American Whooping Crane population, where he worked with a human-imprinted whooping crane named Tex, dressing and acting as a male crane - walking, calling, dancing- to shift her into reproductive condition. Through artificial insemination, Tex eventually laid a fertile egg and her offspring, named "Gee Whiz", went on to produce seven offspring of his own. This catalyzed the successful rearing and supplementation of Whooping Cranes back into the wild in North America, which brought the population back from the brink of extinction with only 23 individuals left in the wild to over 550 Whooping Cranes in North America today.



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