

Wings of Spring 2011

On March 19 and 20th 2011, the Rondeau Bay Waterfowlers, along with the Friends of Rondeau and Rondeau Park presented the annual Wings of Spring event.

Over 1000 people attended the two day event, probably the largest crowd we have ever seen. RBWA, once again, paid for the first 25 cars to enter the Park on both days. Many families benefitted from this donation.

Well over 100 bird houses packages were assembled by youngsters and youth members of RBWA. A special thanks goes out to the new hunters who attended the Youth Hunt in the fall and came out to help with this project. Fortunately only a few fingers were touched by a hammer!! Smiles from the newest builders were the hit of the day!



Once again, a fabulous highlight of the cool day was the great burgers and hotdogs prepared by the world renowned RBWA chefs. Our food was in such demand that we ran out of hamburgs on both days. You'd think some members of RBWA hadn't eaten in days!

The raptor presentation was a highlight for both birders and non-birders alike. Some lucky participants were allowed to let a hawk rest on their arm. Quite a thrill for all! Many photographers from a number of local clubs were on hand to take images of one dozen raptors, including a peregrine falcon, Harris hawk, red tail hawk, European Horned Owl, bald eagle, and others. All of these raptors were on individual stands less than one metre off the ground. Observers were allowed to get

within a metre of each bird. Quite remarkable! No, we didn't see any mice in the area.

Numerous vendors were located inside the Interpretive Centre exhibiting their wares which ranged from photos to assorted crafts, and artistic endeavours.

Next year promises to be even better. See you there.

