

## RDRN BOARD OF DIRECTORS *CONTINUED*



**Daryl Beck:** I am honoured to be on the RDRN board, mainly because the Red Deer River has always been special to me. I have ridden, hiked and canoed from one end of the river [Drummond Glacier] to the mouth where it flows into the South Saskatchewan through the Badlands. The river is a precious natural treasure that must be protected.

I owned my own company (Creative Landscape and Design) for forty years, where I was involved with various land reclamation projects and worked on designing and building parks and pathways that integrate parks with natural areas as well as compatible human use.



**Travis Boschman:** I am a new RDRN board member. I live with my family in Red Deer and we enjoy camping, cross country skiing, canoeing/kayaking, hiking, birding and pretty much anything else that gets us outdoors. I am an electrician and have also worked in the solar industry. In response to the Alberta Government's secret rescension of the Coal Policy and the huge threat that coal development poses to our environment, I have taken it upon myself to produce a documentary about our Eastern Slopes. Fundraiser: <https://gofund.me/3bde31c6> Website: <https://www.tbphotographs.com/love-our-eastern-slopes> You Tube Channel/Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viDHDjX4DdU>



**Kirstin Bouwsema:** I am a new member of the RDRN board. was raised on a farm and now live with my husband and four children on an acreage north of Lacombe. I am a part-time outreach/adult program librarian at Mary C Moore Public Library, a fulltime homeschooler spending as much time educating outside as possible. In the past, I did social media work for Ellis Bird Farm and helped develop the Nature Play Area there. I sit on the Bill Nielsen Trail Society board, chair the Lacombe Recreation Parks and Culture Board and help with social media for Red Deer Nordic. I am passionate about getting people outside, about educating people about their local environment and encouraging them to "own" it and care for it.



**Anto Davis:** I have been an RDRN board member for one year. I was looking for a community that shared my interest and passion in conserving ecosystems and to meet people who love nature. I'm looking forward to engaging our members and community who have an interest and passion for nature. I have also been a member of the Lacombe Lake Watershed Stewardship Society (LLWSS) since 2012. I believe strongly in the value of conserving land and aquatic ecosystems for wildlife, fish, birds and plants, and for the well-being of people in the community.



**Rod Trentham:** After escaping the oil patch prison, newly-wed to Wendy with a feisty six-year old, I vowed never again would I only associate with those at work.

I joined the RDRN in 1985, when Dr. Sandy Murray was President. I served as Publicist (1987 – 1997), Director and Member of the Issues Committee with Michael O'Brien and Ken Larsen and Sherry Scheunert (1991 – 96), President (1994, unofficially from the summer of 1993) and randomly as issues came up. After my position was eliminated at the Museum, I returned to the RDRN Board as a Director in 2014.

*Photo by Robert S. Trentham*

**Don Wales:** I am a retired RDC Biology instructor and live next to a park in Red Deer. I first became involved with RDRN in 1975 when I was asked to do a slide show presentation on the Eastern Slopes of the Rockies and have been a member ever since. I have been President, once in the late 2000's and once in the 2010's just prior to Tony's marathon tenure. I am the RDRN representative on the Waskasoo Environmental Education Society (WEES) and I host Flower Focus and Insect Focus. I have been dedicated to the preservation of natural areas within the City and have been on just about every steering committee involved in Park Development.



**Dr. Sally Stuart:** I was a RDRN board member for several years and, for the past three years, have been the Chair of the Speaker's Committee. I also contribute regular columns (Sights and Sounds of Alberta) to the RDRN newsletter.

I have been an anatomy and physiology instructor at RDC for 33 years. What began 23 years ago as an attempt to catalogue species diversity on a small parcel of land resulted in my current research interests which center on sound pollution, vocalisation and sensory perception of sounds. I would love to hear from anyone who has any species they would like recorded, as I constantly strive to add to my audio catalogue. Please contact me at [sally.stuart@rdc.ab.ca](mailto:sally.stuart@rdc.ab.ca)



## SIGNS OF SPRING—PHOTOS BY RICK TALLAS



From Top Left: Black-necked Stilt, Barred Owl, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Horned Owl, Cinnamon Teals, Wilson's Snipe, House Finch, Mountain Bluebird, Bald Eagle, Wood Duck, Mountain Bluebird, Wood Frog, Hooded Merganser

**Doug Pedersen:** I have been involved with RDRN for 18 years, including being on the board. I design the monthly meeting poster and was the graphic designer for the Central Alberta and Red Deer Birding Trail Guides.

My involvement with RDRN has led to interests with the Rocky Mountain Eagle Research Foundation, species counts and environmental concerns. This involvement has facilitated me becoming a better steward of the environment, something I hope to pass on to my two grandchildren and others.

A graphic artist for almost 30 years, I previously worked for Alberta Forest Service in timber management, boreal forest surveys and as a map tech. I enjoy photography and art, creating wildlife and landscape art through my studio ([featherededge.ca](http://featherededge.ca)).

