

YEAR END COMMITTEE REPORTS

From The President

Bernie McKenna

As HFN moves right along here in its 50th anniversary in 2025, we continue to evolve (as an organization must) within ourselves, everything from: audio/video; loss of the newsletter, establishment of the new Monthly Nature Notes and trial public displays to help get our word out has come into play. As the Board of Directors, we're always looking at new approaches to help increase our membership, and promote nature and the environment. This organization only functions and endures as it does because of the many people who pitch in to assist. I am not going to mention anyone by name, I don't trust myself not to miss a name or two. That said, I will mention one name, and that's Melanie Bedgood, she's our contact with the NS Museum of Natural History for scheduling our meeting nights, and she has always been so very understanding in addressing our needs

Our dedicated Board members all put in many hours of effort all for our benefit. Besides. We also have a good number of members outside the board who lead walks, present talks, suggest talk topics, suggest walk locations, do proof reading and editing, provide post meeting snacks, as well as the proficient photographers who are providing tonight's photos. In short, the list of people who assist is a whole lot longer than the website shows.

On the Board we currently have 6 directors plus the 4 officers, so there is plenty of room for more directors to come on-board. It's a big advantage to have different outlooks or opinions during board discussions; it makes for much better decisions all around. If you interested let me know and feel free to come to a Board meeting or two and try it on. If you like it and want to contribute, please stay on as a director. If you don't, then you've tried and it wasn't for you. Over time directors may take a break and then come back rejuvenated and inspired.

My sincerest thanks go out to all who have contributed throughout the year, the value of your help is so very important.