

## Travel with George

ICF's co-founder Dr. George Archibald is traveling the world in search of cranes and you are invited!

• **February 2 – 13, 2005:** ICF members have an opportunity to experience remarkable culture and magnificent White-naped and Red-crowned Cranes on an expedition to Japan. Dr. Archibald has worked with Japanese colleagues since 1972, and tour participants will meet many of Japan's leading "craniacs." Participants will also experience parks and temples in Kyoto – the ancient capital of Japan at crane hot spots north and south. For a full itinerary contact Julie



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ext 156 or julie@savingcranes.org).

• **February 25 & 27, 2005:** Experience the Whooping Crane Festival in Port Aransas, Texas. George will be making a presentation and will lead two sightseeing tours to the nearby Aransas National Wildlife Refuge to see the Whooping Cranes on their wintering grounds. If you are interested in meeting George and the cranes in Texas this winter, please contact the Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce, 421 W. Cotter, Port Aransas, Texas 78373, 800-45-COAST (2-6278); www.portaransas.org; or e-mail info@portaransas.org



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# THE ICF BUGLE



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## ON ANCIENT WINGS

Announcing a new book by Michael Forsberg on the Sandhill Cranes of North America.

By Jim Harris, President

**Crane enthusiasts often overlook the Sandhill Crane in favor of the taller, rarer, and more spectacular cranes . . .** like the Whooping, Red-crowned or Siberian Crane. Yet the Sandhill is more ancient and more successful than any of the white cranes and has perhaps the most beautiful voice of any crane. And while the rare cranes are ambassadors for the wetland ecosystems they depend upon, for most people in North America, the Sandhills are ambassadors for the crane family itself. Once threatened, Sandhills now inhabit vast areas of the continent. They have learned to live in close proximity to people, recently repopulating lost portions of their historic range in midwestern and northeastern parts of America. Sandhills are the only cranes that a great many people see firsthand.

We are fortunate that a new book *On Ancient Wings* will tell their story, and that an eloquent text will accompany an extraordinary photographic tribute to the spirit and beauty of this bird. The author, Michael Forsberg, has dedicated his life to photography of the Great Plains. Best known for his spectacular work on Sandhills in spring on the Platte River in his native Nebraska, Mike travels throughout the Great Plains where remnants of

grassland and wetland have survived the impact of settlement and development.

This book is a testimony to the vision, dedication, and creative genius of a young man who together with his wife, Patty, has decided to follow his dream. Iain and Margery Nicholson shared that dream and, through a grant to ICF, made it possible for Mike to follow the cranes to their distant and diverse haunts. Cranes have long benefited from individuals committed to making a difference for what they love. They are fortunate to have another good friend in Mike. We believe, through Mike's book, that many more people will become crane friends.

See pages 4-5 of this newsletter for an excerpt from the book. Mike will be our banquet speaker at ICF's Annual Meeting on September 11. (see page 7 of this Bugle). Through a donation from Doug Forsberg and Janet Pollish, ICF has helped sponsor publication of the book and will have it available for sale from

our giftshop or through the mail (you can order the book from our website, [www.savingcranes.org](http://www.savingcranes.org)). All proceeds will support crane conservation.

*Sandhill crane and day-old chick at the nest, central Florida. Photo by Michael Forsberg.*



# Nurturing Extraordinary Relationships

By Jim Harris, President

*At rare times, people can approach wild cranes so closely we see the yellow gleam of their eyes . . .*

as when Black-necked Cranes follow behind a farmer with his plow pulled by water buffalo. More often, the cranes are distant spots on landscapes of water, earth, and sky. Yet always they are a strong presence, evocative of wide spaces and strong yet delicate links to the land.

They inspire us. They have done so for thousands of years, in countries and cultures around the world. Now, as threats multiply and most cranes are in decline, this special relationship is central to motivating, involving, and changing people. Just as the threats to cranes arise from human activity, solutions also depend on people.

Since its beginning, the International Crane Foundation (ICF) has relied upon and nurtured extraordinary relationships. First and foremost is the relationship

between bird and human. In an ideal world, we would watch the cranes from afar. Yet circumstances today often require direct and immediate interventions. Over the past 20 years, we even have learned to parent young cranes ourselves and most recently to guide them on migration. In all my association with cranes, I have been most moved while in a white crane costume, walking with Whooping Crane chicks all around, that take to the air and swing large circles over prairie and wetland but return and land with a soft rustle close beside me. These are wild cranes that soon will be living in the wild.

Our hopes for cranes rely on human caring and action. ICF's projects depend on close and on-going relationships among ICF staff and colleagues in the places where cranes need help. Whether at Cao Hai in China, the Zambezi Delta in Mozambique, or most recently the reconstituted crane working group in India, ICF has found, nurtured, and increasingly relied upon people who want to make a difference. These local champions in turn create circles and networks of committed, involved people. As we all work for

a long-term future for the cranes, these relationships deserve our patience and attention over periods of years. One of the rewards of working at ICF is that our lives change because of these special relationships. I love the image of young (very young) Ian Beilfuss in the arms of Jimmy Muheebwa of Uganda and Maurice Wanjala of Kenya, close colleagues of Ian's ICF dad Rich Beilfuss.

As just one example of how relationships transform conservation effort, Muraviovka Park in Russia exists today only because of the passion and tireless effort of ICF's close friend Sergei Smirenski. Such "friendships" are extraordinarily inclusive. Sergei has assembled a staff that accomplishes remarkable tasks, such as a demonstration farm (the only such farm part of a protected area in Russia) that grows organic grain and is among the most productive in the district.

In 1994, ICF began sponsoring groups of New Jersey and then Wisconsin school teachers to travel to Muraviovka. These teachers have since formed and led the Friends of

Muraviovka Park, a group of volunteers who now raise a significant part of the park budget. Barb Thompson, its president, has traveled to Russia seven times to lead summer camps with American and Russian teachers working together. This month, Barb and several American and Russian teachers will travel to a sister reserve in China, where the three countries will together hold a summer camp.

Over the years, two of Barb's daughters and a niece have joined the summer camps. Daughters Jessica and Becky, while still in high school, conceived and then helped lead the first English language summer camp at Muraviovka. Barb is bringing one of the village girls to her Wisconsin home for a year to attend high school (the village schools near the park now teach English). Again, lives have changed.

These "crane" relationships are often special because they bring highly different people together. While distance between Wisconsin and Kampala, or Moputo or Blagoveshchensk is obvious, an equal distance often separates highly educated urban and suburban dwellers and people who work the land and actually live with the cranes. In pro-

tected areas around the world, conflicts over wildlife are really conflicts over resources that are vital to local lives.

At Cao Hai, for example, after the reserve flooded illegally reclaimed wetland, reserve staff hardly dared walk into the farming villages around the reserve. Now, after a decade of listening to and making local human needs a priority, reserve staff members share trust and understanding with many of the villagers. Cao Hai has developed a training program to share its method of involving farmers in reserve and resource management, in ways that enable farmers to make many of the decisions. Much of the training for conservationists who visit from across China is done by the farmers themselves.

The other major, and special, relationship is between people and the land, a relationship that is just as strong and delicate as that between cranes and their landscapes. Here, too, the bonds and understanding made possible by human collaborations can guide and energize conservation effort. The conflict between conservation and livelihood looks different, and can even be

transformed as alliances grow for safeguarding the natural resources and productivity on which cranes and people depend.

Extraordinary relationships, and the conservation work these relationships empower, require continuity of staffing and programs. Please continue to make a difference by providing support vital for our conservation programs through ICF's 2004 Annual Campaign, **Nurturing Extraordinary Relationships**. Watch for a letter coming by mail, or contact Sally Hanuszczak at [sally@savingcranes.org](mailto:sally@savingcranes.org), or 608-356-9462, ext. 145.


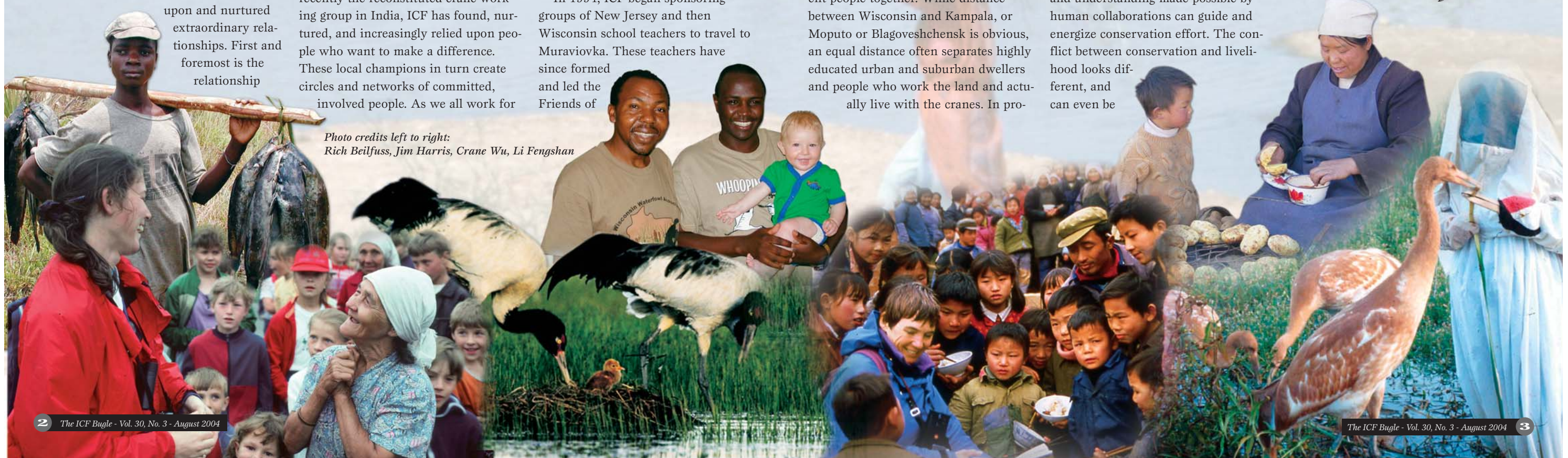
► To learn more about how nurturing local champions and young conservationists helps to guide development of ICF programs, please visit our website at [www.savingcranes.org/eim](http://www.savingcranes.org/eim) or write to Sally to obtain a copy of ICF's Eco-Impact Model. 

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The following excerpt is from the book *On Ancient Wings* and was provided by the author Michael Forsberg.

# THE JOURNEY SOUTH

By Michael Forsberg



**God-inspiring views spoke to me every morning when I opened the tent flap in Denali National Park that early**

**September.** Camped on a hillside near Wonder Lake far above the glacial rubble and melt waters of the McKinley River, I gazed across the valley to the Alaska Range and its sentinel, Mount McKinley, the tallest mountain in North America.

Reading Joseph S. Dixon's journals from the late- 1920s and early 1930s drew me here. The Denali naturalist told of the "little brown crane" migrating through this flyway corridor. I wanted to see and capture the spectacle of thousands of sandhill cranes on the move from rich coastal breeding grounds in the Yukon-Kuskokwim River Delta and Seward Peninsula, and from across the Bering Straits in northeast Siberia.

For the first day-and-a-half in camp, the skies were silent. Perhaps the large push of cranes during the last days of August had been the beginning and end of migration. But it was just a pause, for on the evening of my second day the door

opened again, and all at once they came.

Far off in the distance, just barely audible above the wind and the river's rush far below, they called. Then, as the clarion calls came closer, sandhills emerged through a seam in the curtain of clouds in long, ragged chevrons, against the towering walls of the Alaska Range.

Flying through the heart of Denali wilderness, they follow ancient migratory pathways along remote river systems. At night they roost on gravel bars and in shallow waters of braided river channels forged by glacial streams. By day, they stop to feast on ripened blueberries on high



*Whooping crane and sandhill cranes on the river roost. Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary, Platte River, Nebraska.*

tundra slopes at the timberline.

Roughly half of all North America's lesser sandhill cranes, over 200,000 birds, pass through south-central Alaska between late-August and September on the longest migration of any crane species to wintering grounds on the southern High Plains and the arid Southwest.

For several days, I watched large flocks fly through snow squalls and rainstorms on the heels of a low-pressure system. They came in squadrons from the southwest tracing the McKinley River drainage, then turned 90 degrees at the foot of the Muldrow Glacier, up over a low saddle, and then northeast along the Stony Creek and Toklat River drainages which would eventually lead them to the Tanana River Valley. From there they flew on toward Fairbanks, southeast through Delta Junction and out of the mountains and onto the Canadian Plains.



*Fall migration across the Alaska Range, Denali National Park, Alaska. All photos copyright www.michaelforsberg.com*




*Mated sandhills unison call at first light on a spruce bog. Hiawatha National Forest, Michigan's Upper Penninsula.*

Every morning I made a short hike up a hill above the treeline and waited for the day and cranes. Like clockwork, they came at daybreak, 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and near

sundown. On the gray horizon, outlines of faint, irregular Vs flew against the clouds. As they flew closer, the sound of their amazing calls built like an oncoming train until they passed me. And, as they faded back into the gray, their sound waned.

Sometimes they hit fierce winds and dove, the lead bird plunging the flock hundreds of feet before finding refuge at a calmer altitude. Twice I watched crane flocks hit a wall of wind and turn back, landing around small kettle lakes and roosting on the wetlands of the McKinley Bar before trying again the next day.

By the second week of September, the snows had blanketed the high mountain summits down their flanks to timberline. Fall color had peaked and the land burned in crimson and gold. I watched wolves work their way along the braided rivers and fat grizzlies gorge themselves on blueberries on steep hillsides.

Although the push of cranes faded, through September an occasional thin-ragged line of birds would pierce the purple haze. Their primordial call rattled across the dark mountains, racing the leading edge of winter through an uncompromising Alaska wilderness. On the cranes' epic migration course between tundra and desert, the Alaskan ranges are one of the few places that have remained with little change for as long as there have been mountains and sandhill cranes. 

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# ICF's Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 11, 2004

*It's that special time of the year when ICF celebrates our members and the contributions they have made to global crane conservation over the past year. This year's keynote speaker will be renowned nature photographer, Michael Forsberg. He will be unveiling his new book, On Ancient Wings. To learn more about Michael and his work please visit [www.michaelforsberg.com](http://www.michaelforsberg.com).*

*Please register to attend the ICF Annual Meeting by **Friday, September 3** using the form below. If you have questions, please call Ann Burke at 608-356-9462 ext. 147, [aburke@savingcranes.org](mailto:aburke@savingcranes.org)*

**8:30 - 11:00** .....  
**Cranes in Our Backyard.** Join ICF biologist Anne Lacy on a bus tour of the Briggsville marshes to view wild Sandhill Cranes. Space is limited. Call 608-356-9462 ext. 147 to reserve your seat. A \$5 bus fee will be collected that day. Meet in the main parking lot.

**9:00 - 5:00** .....  
**Member's Photo Contest.** Bring your camera for the day. The contest is open to children and adults. For instructions, visit ICF's website [www.savingcranes.org](http://www.savingcranes.org) under "Member's Only Photo Contest" on the home page.

**9:00 - 5:00** .....  
**"Language without Border."** Chinese Art Exhibit by Mr He Yuan Ming will be on display. Lower level of the library.

**9:00** .....  
**Prairie Hike.** Join ICF naturalists for a guided hike through the tall-grass prairie. Meet at the chick yard.

**10, 1, 2:00** .....  
**Tour of the cranes of the world.** Cudahy Theater.

**10:30 & 2:00** .....  
**Slide Presentation.** Meet ICF's intern from Bhutan, Chozang Tangbi. Learn more about life in the "Land of the Thunder Dragon." Upper level of the library.

**11:00** .....  
**Photography session.** Learn about photographing elusive wildlife and stunning landscapes from expert, Michael Forsberg. Cudahy Theater.

**1:00 - 2:30** .....  
**So You Want to be a Vet...** Go behind-the-scenes with ICF's veterinarian, Dr. Barry Hartup. Limited to 10 people.

**2:00** .....  
**Dedication of the Jane Rikkers Memorial.** A ceremony to remember and celebrate ICF's first member. International Exhibit across from the gift shop.

**2:30 - 3:30** .....  
**The Key to Crane City.** A unique chance to visit ICF's breeding facility with our Crane Conservation Department. Meet at the chick yard.

**4:00** .....  
**Prairie Restoration.** Join ICF field ecologists, Jeb Barzen and Rich Beilfuss, on a guided hike through the tall-grass prairie. Meet at the chick yard.

### 5:00 pm GATES CLOSE

**5:30** .....  
**Hospitality Hour:** Grand Ballroom, Wintergreen Resort (Cash Bar)

**6:30** .....  
**Dinner choices:** Chicken breast grilled with parmesan cheese, topped with mushrooms and baked in Chardonnay, or vegetarian selection, Portabella Mushroom Pasta. (Please indicate your main entrée choice in the registration form below). Sides: parsley baby red potatoes, green beans with almonds, garden salad and fresh baked rolls. Dessert: chocolate brandy Alexander torte.

**7:30** .....  
**Welcome and Business Meeting.** President of the Board Joseph Branch.

**Program to follow.**  
**Accommodations:**  
**Wintergreen Resort:** \$89 per night (plus tax) ICF Room Rate Call 800-648-4765 Reservation #177266. Rate Deadline: Aug. 27, 2004.  
**Carousel Inn and Suites:** \$59 per night (plus tax) ICF room rate. Call 800-648-4765 with Reservation #177266. Rate Deadline: August 27, 2004

**The Hilton Garden Inn:** \$99 per night (plus tax). To reserve a room, call 608-253-1100 using the ICF Corporate Negotiated Rate Program. Rate Deadline: August 27, 2004.

For other lodging options, contact the Baraboo Area Chamber of Commerce at 800-227-2266 or [www.baraboonow.com](http://www.baraboonow.com) or the Wisconsin Dells Visitor and Convention Bureau, 800-223-3557 or [www.dells.com](http://www.dells.com).

### Registration Form Deadline: Friday, September 3, 2004

**Notice:** at the Annual Meeting of ICF members on Saturday evening, we will elect directors and act on an updated version of ICF's Articles of Incorporation which have been unanimously recommended by your Board of Directors. To see a copy of the Articles in advance go to [www.savingcranes.org/aoi](http://www.savingcranes.org/aoi) or contact Susan Finn, Office Administrator, ICF, P.O. Box 447, Baraboo, WI 53913-0447; telephone: 608-356-9462 ext. 118; email: [sfinn@savingcranes.org](mailto:sfinn@savingcranes.org); fax: 608-356-9465.

*The Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency that fosters innovation, leadership and a lifetime of learning, supports the International Crane Foundation.*

Thanks to a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), ICF will be able to purchase video equipment that will allow remote monitoring and improvement of the social and physical environment of our captive Whooping Cranes. The equipment will enable us to better manage our breeding Whooping Cranes in order to increase the number of chicks reintroduced to the wild. The equipment also will allow us to share the images captured with our visitors in a new educational display and on our website.



ICF was among 186 applicants for a 2004 Conservation Project Support (CPS) grant, of which only 66 received funding. CPS awards fund a wide range of projects to help museums safeguard their collections, including conservation training, surveys, and treatment. Museums of every type, from art to zoo, are eligible for funding. These grants, which are awarded by a competitive peer review process, help museums undertake their most critical conservation activities. In 2000, IMLS added an educational funding component to heighten public awareness of conservation issues.

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