



## LAKEWOLD GARDENS

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### Birds of America Display at Lakewold Gardens

LAKEWOOD, WA – Discover! The famous prints of the *Birds of America* series by John James Audubon are coming to Lakewold Gardens. On display will be 30 vintage prints from Toni and Jerry Gibbs' private *Birds of America* collection, including the Pileated Woodpecker, the Horned Owl and many of the ducks he painted. Vintage frames from the 1800's (Audubon's era) highlight all of the pieces and some are of elephant folio size. From this exhibit you will learn about the life and history of Audubon and how it relates to the development of our country in the early years, from 1785 - 1851. This display documents his accomplishments and his contribution to history through art. Open 10am-4pm, this display can be viewed at Lakewold Gardens from April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>.

In addition to the display, Lakewold will host a special presentation by the Gibbs' and the Tahoma Audubon Society on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:30pm to kick-off Lakewold's MayFest activities. This casual presentation by Jerry Gibbs will include information on the print collection, in addition to basic bird watching techniques provided by the Tahoma Audubon Society. The Tahoma Audubon Society's mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and Earth's biological diversity.

Lakewold is pleased to partner with the Gibbs' and Tahoma Audubon Society for these events that further incorporate the importance of a garden, wildlife, and nature in our increasingly busy world. Join us as we discover and enjoy a bird's eye view of the impact of John James Audubon in the garden.

Lakewold Gardens is located at 12317 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, in Lakewood, Washington. Admission is \$7.00 (general), \$5.00 (seniors, students, military), with children under 12 and members of Lakewold free. All *Birds of America* exhibits and activities are included in the admission fee. For additional information about these events, please contact Amanda Wood at 253.584.4106, ext. 108.

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#### **About Lakewold Gardens:**

*Lakewold Gardens is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. Our mission is to preserve and enhance Lakewold Gardens as a historic estate garden of world class distinction, offering each visitor an inspirational experience through growth and learning in a profoundly unique setting. A Washington State historic landmark, Lakewold Gardens is a ten-acre public garden estate located in Lakewood, Washington. The gardens are open year round for self-guided tours, docent led tours, weddings and rentals. For more information about Lakewold, please call 253.584.4106, or visit our website [www.lakewoldgardens.org](http://www.lakewoldgardens.org). For press quality photos of Lakewold visit [www.lakewoldgardens.org/news\\_press.html](http://www.lakewoldgardens.org/news_press.html).*