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President's Message

Dear Members:

In his Message to Volume 3, Number 1 of the Meadowlark way back in 1994, founding President Eric Walters leads off with "Here we go again – into our third year!" Well, it is now thirteen years later and this is the last issue of Volume 15. Here we go again, we have just completed fifteen years of publishing the Meadowlark.

Sheryl De Vore, our Chief Editor is a nationally recognized journalist and author of several books. Sheryl has guided our flagship journal from one great issue to another throughout the fifteen years, handling the inevitable bumps in the road with aplomb and style. You, the IOS member reading this issue, probably do not appreciate just how much work goes into publishing each issue, or just how much of her heart and soul that Sheryl puts into the Meadowlark.

Way back when, IOS's founding group had two holes in their organizational line-up. One was a treasurer. They figured a lawyer could handle that, so I was recruited to act as Treasurer. The other was the critical position of Chief Editor for the Meadowlark. Someone had heard about this young journalist, Sheryl De Vore and invited her to act as our editor. I doubt that they realized then how fine a choice that was.

I have now had the pleasure of working with Sheryl for fifteen years. She has never failed to produce a top-notch magazine working with our talented group of writers, chroniclers, artists and photographers. This group of volunteers continues to produce issue after issue of one of the finest bird journals in the country.

If you agree with me, and it is hard to envisage that you would not, please take a moment to send Sheryl an e-mail at sheryl.devore@comcast.net to let her and her team know how much we appreciate their efforts.

Good birding.

*Michael Hogg,
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