

Our December meeting was repurposed as an event open to the public: **Visiting Raptors & Grant Park Owl Prowl**. We brought in live winged ambassadors from the Schlitz Audubon Center and their handlers. We were introduced to two falcons and three owls. Their facilitator spoke to about 64 attendees, many of whom were students. Bird species included American Kestrel, Saw-whet owl, Great Horned Owl, Peregrine Falcon and Screech Owl. It was an educational event, but also a rare look at a few of nature's magnificent predators. After the hour long presentation, some cider and cookies, attendees were invited outside into the park to walk quietly in the dark using small flashlights to show the way, listening for resident owls responding to prompted owl recordings. This was a very popular event, which we will likely repeat.

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