Ten years ago, Anne willingly agreed to help out when AWA desperately needed an accountant to join the Board of Directors. Her skill and expertise proved invaluable. As the years went by Anne stepped down from her board position to volunteer as AWA's bookkeeper. It is not enough to receive financial support from our wonderful donors – we owe them the promise that their investment in us will be spent wisely and accounted for with the highest of accounting skills and principles. At AWA that promise becomes reality in the form of Anne Fabris. Anne's enormous gift of her expertise in accounting allows our conservation dollars to go much further than if we had a paid person in her role. Anne’s faithful service has meant we have strength in our fiscal plans. She embodies AWA's mandate and our hopes and helps us remember that if we take care of the pennies, the dollars will take care of themselves. The continuity of her service and the breadth of her knowledge and support have helped AWA build an excellent reputation for fiscal management and responsibility. Her kind and generous manner, her natural ability with numbers has helped all of us, she makes a difference and is indeed a Great Gray Owl.