

ANNE AVERSA called Strafford, Vermont home from 2002 until she passed away in 2018. Anne was an artist who drew inspiration from everything she encountered in nature. Although born in Boston in 1943, she found her true home in central Vermont after moving here in 1969. Her professional career focused on teaching art at the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School, where for many years she was the sole art instructor. Anne was a talented artist capable of working in diverse mediums, and she used this gift to mentor her students with genuine personal attention and care. Her art often represented events in the



natural world that she or those close to her had experienced. Anne's other life interests encompassed a diverse array of pursuits. These included gardening, building stone walls, playing golf and other sports, reading, listening to music, and most of all being a proponent of rural living. Despite being less than five feet tall, Anne was always up for a challenge, building several stone walls taller than her. She was a dedicated and skilled birder, student of animal behavior, and lover of all animals. In later years, she became truly passionate about butterflies, cataloging them for the Vermont Butterfly Survey. Her generous nature was reflected in volunteer work for the town of Strafford and participation in several citizen science initiatives for the Vermont Center for Ecostudies and the Vermont Institute of Natural Science over several



decades. Her many contributions to science and art, and especially to her community, will be greatly missed. This kiosk is dedicated to Anne's memory as a reflection of her deep affection for the town of Strafford, and her passion for its natural treasures.



*Red-shouldered Hawk*

*by Anne Aversa*

*Peregrine Falcon, pen & ink*

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