Elaine became a wildlife rehabilitator around 1980 by virtue of being a biologist (Master’s degree in wildlife and ecology) and answering phone calls from concerned neighbors about orphaned ducklings and squirrels, injured cottontails, and birds with an assortment of injuries. That lead to boxes of critters brought in and her subsequent efforts to help them. A mentor told Elaine about the very first national wildlife rehabilitation symposium in Schaumburg, Illinois, in 1982; she managed to attend, and was so inspired that she stepped forward to be on the founding board of directors of the new NWRA. After more than 20 years doing hands-on wildlife rehabilitation with a variety of bird, mammal, and reptile species, and teaching many student volunteers, she retired from that and devoted more time to volunteering for NWRA, not only as a board member, but taking her turn at Membership Committee Chair, Secretary, President, Finance Committee Chair, newsletter editor, envelope stuffer, and more. She believes in NWRA as a valuable resource for aspiring, new, and experienced wildlife rehabilitators, veterinarians, veterinary technicians, wildlife educators, and facility/center managers.