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Calendar of Events for March

Date / Time	Event	Location
Every Thurs in April	<i>Tunes & Blooms</i>	Entire Zoo
Mon. April 9 - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Continuing Education - Gorilla World/Jungle Trails	Frisch's Theater
Wed. April 11 - 7 pm - 9 pm	Barrows Lecture- Paul Smith -Tickets needed	Peacock Pavilion
Thur. April 15 - 21	Volunteer Appreciation Week	Entire Zoo
Thurs. April 19 - 4 pm - 8:30 pm	Party for the Planet - Earth Day	Entire Zoo
Wed. April 25 - 7 pm - 9 pm	Barrows Lecture- Amy Dickman -Tickets needed	Peacock Pavilion
Mon. April 30 - 8:30 am - 5 pm	Zoo Golf	Maketewah Country Club

Barrows Conservation Lecture Series

Our annual Lecture Series features an exciting lineup of internationally-acclaimed scientists, explorers, and conservationists.

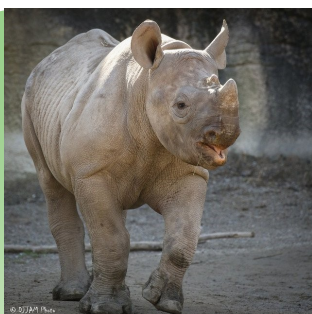
2018 Speakers

- March 7: Gerry Creighton** - Giant footsteps: The future of Asian elephants in human care
- March 21: Julie Scardina** - Mission: Wildlife
- April 11: Paul Smith, PhD** - Can botanic gardens conserve all the world's rare and threatened plant species?
- April 25: Dr. Amy Dickman** - Money, myths, & man-eaters: Big cat conservation in Tanzania and beyond.
-Dr. Amy Dickman is the 2018 Cincinnati Zoo Wildlife Conservation Award winner.



Dr. Amy Dickman

For 2018 Tickets & Information call: 513-559-7767



HAPPY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK!

We are so grateful for the **139,789** hours you donated to the Zoo in 2017! We have the best Volunteers in the universe and we are so thankful for all you do to serve the Zoo!!!

Please celebrate **Volunteer Appreciation Week** with us, **April 15—21, 2018.**

Exciting Announcement for Our Volunteers

Whether you are an employee or volunteer, it doesn't take long for the Zoo to become a strong part of a person's identity. We recognize this and we are thrilled to announce a new volunteer title, Volunteer Alumni. This designation is for dedicated volunteers who find that their ability to serve is greatly limited, however, their enthusiasm for the Zoo and their zoo friends is as strong as ever. This new group was created to show our gratitude to our volunteer family, and so our devoted volunteers don't just disappear when their circumstances change and they can no longer actively serve.

There are lots of reasons this can happen. Sometimes it's because people change jobs, or have too many responsibilities to fit volunteer service into their lives, but often, this happens for no other reason than the marching on of time. We have some volunteers who seem to have some serious age-defying tricks up their sleeves, but we also hear plenty of stories of knees and hips or brains and eyeballs not working as well as they used to, making it difficult or impossible to serve the Zoo in the same ways they have for years, or even decades. None of these are reasons to lose you!

The volunteers who join our alumni group will still be a part of the volunteer family. The title Alumnus removes the service hours requirement but retains the social and educational connection to the Zoo.

Alumni will receive the following **benefits**:

- Invitations to all volunteer social events
- Invitations to all Continuing Education presentations
- Special alumni ID badge that gives the alumnus 50% off admission
- A Friends & Family form good for 20% off the price of a Zoo Membership, which includes parking

To be **eligible** for Alumnus title, volunteers must meet the following criteria:

1. Served a minimum of 50 hours each year for a minimum of 5 years of service (special circumstances may be considered)
2. Have Department Supervisor and Volunteer Department approval

How it works:

A volunteer can be recommended for alumni status by a supervisor or fellow volunteer OR personal request for consideration upon retirement from active duty.

Once the invitation to join the alumni group has been accepted, the volunteer will meet with the Mollie & Sabrina to return their parking permit and volunteer badge. In return, they will receive their special Alumni badge, which is valid for one year (noted on a "valid through" sticker), benefits packet, and a certificate of recognition for their service.

Each year during the anniversary month of their alumni status change, the Volunteer Department will contact the alumnus to see if they would like to remain active in the alumni group. If so, we will send an updated alumni badge "valid through" sticker and the current calendar of events.

Many, MANY thanks for all you do!
Mollie & Sabrina

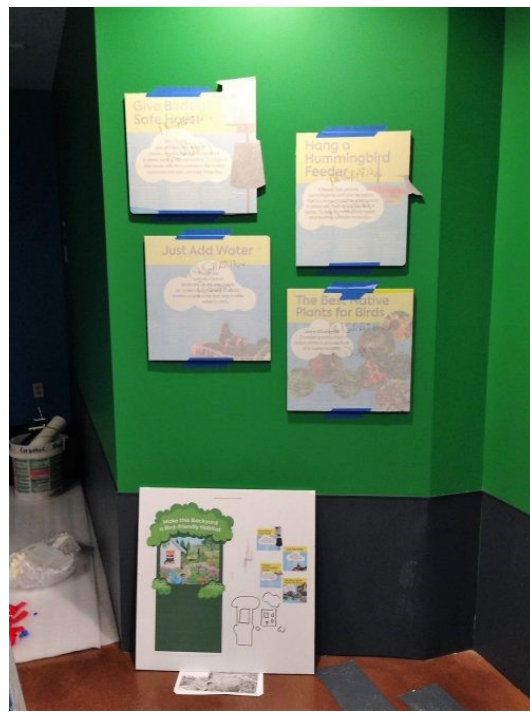
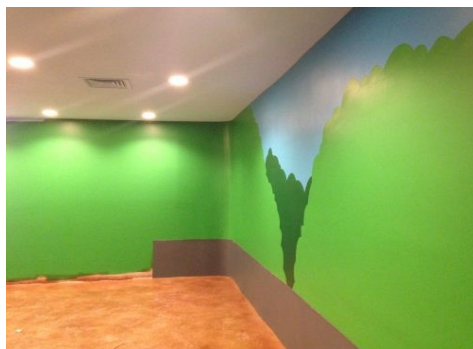
Zoo News - Wings of the World to Open During the Year of the Bird

Written by Shasta Bray; Photos by Shasta Bray and Cody Sowers

Hundreds of organizations have come together to officially designate 2018 as the Year of the Bird, which is especially fitting for us here at the Cincinnati Zoo as we plan to reopen our newly reinterpreted Wings of the World building in early April. Planning for this project began several years ago, yet physical alterations of the space began only a few months ago. The first order of business was demolition. We removed all of the old signage and interactives as well as the carpeting. And we also reduced the amount of rockwork, planters and walls in the public space to open the floorplan a bit. This should make it easier for everyone to navigate, especially on busier days.



While the majority of the birds were transferred to temporary housing elsewhere in the building or Zoo, the penguins, puffins and other polar birds had a front row seat to the whole renovation. Once the walls were patched up and smoothed out, the painting began. We are brightening up the building with a much more playful and colorful palette. And just this week, the installation of our new signage and interactive elements has begun. It's fun to see what we've drawn and built as small-scale models take actual shape in the space.



Zoo News - Wings of the World...

We've also taken the opportunity while the building has been closed to upgrade the lighting to LED throughout, which will greatly increase the energy efficiency of the facility. In order to accommodate the visual abilities of many bird species, we are also supplementing with UVA-emitting lights and installing new skylights to enhance natural light. Alongside that many of the habitats will also be receiving new vegetation, perching and substrates to maintain a dynamic environment.



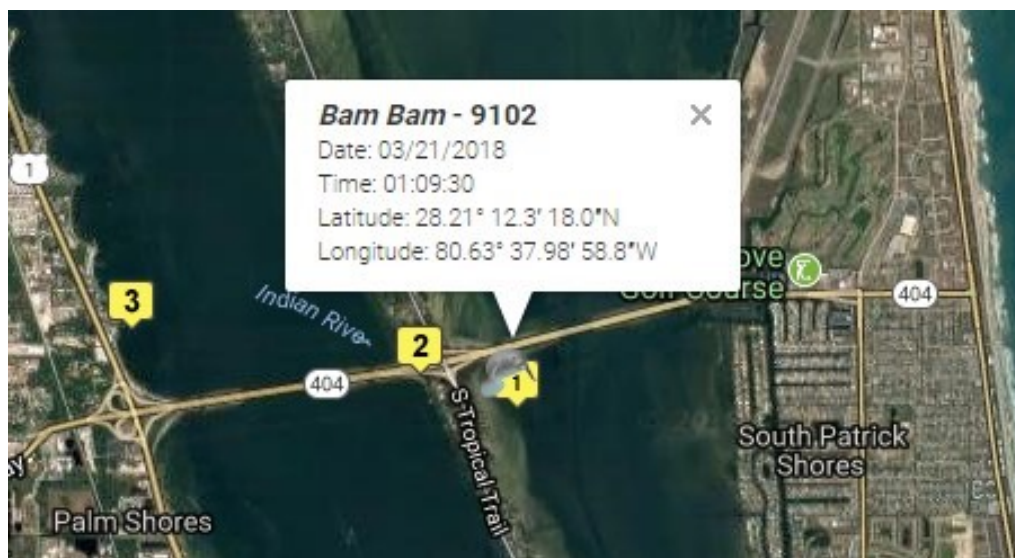
Once the finishing touches wrap up over the next couple of weeks, the next step will be to return the birds to their habitats and give them time to reacclimate.

It's been an exciting journey, and I can't wait to invite guests to experience the new Wings of the World in early April!

This renovation was made possible in part from a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Zoo News - BamBam Spotted!

Spotted! BamBam the manatee was seen outside of Grills Riverside Seafood Deck & Tiki bar on 3/19! He was successfully released back into the wild on 3/7 & was the 14th manatee to be released after being rehabilitated at Cincinnati Zoo.



Horticulture News - Upcoming April Events

“First Thursday” Horticulture Education Session – Splendors of Spring – Thursday, April 5 @ 12:30 pm

Tunes ‘N Blooms – Thursdays in April 5 pm – 9 pm

- April 5th - Cecil Jackson and the Dry Ridge Band; Comet Blue Grass All Stars
- April 12th - Young Heirlooms
- April 19th - The Tillers
- April 26th - The Cliftones



Tulip Luncheon Fundraiser - Thursday, April 12th from 11 am—1 pm at the Peacock Pavilion

Join us for the 11th Annual Tulip Luncheon as we bring new energy to horticulture efforts of the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden. Awash in a sea of yellow, orange and red! Spring will soon be here at the zoo with a dazzling array of tulips and smiling faces. Guests will experience the unique bond and energy that comes from gathering together for a celebration of botanical beauty.

CREW News- Our Volunteers Help Us Soar!

Join your fellow CREW volunteers as the CREW staff celebrates volunteer achievements:

The 2018 Volunteer Recognition and Staff Update

When: Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Peacock Pavilion

Hear the latest updates from the CREW researchers!

Please bring your favorite dish to share.

Shuttle service available from Safari Lot from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm and after the program.



Zoosters Update!!

The Zoosters Holiday Shop made a record setting **\$18,000** this past season!!! They presented a \$12,000 check donation to Greg Hanson for education signage, and a \$6,000 check donation to the Anima Enrichment team.

Congratulations and Thank you!!!

Zoo Trippers 2018

Where: **TORONTO ZOO!** Other stops to and from are still in the planning stages.

When: Monday, June 18 - Friday, June 22

What you'll need: passport or apply for a \$55 passport card at the local post office.

Cost: \$625 - \$650 with a roommate, and more for those wanting a single room. The price includes the bus, driver's tip, admissions, motel rooms, group dinner, drinks and snacks on the bus.

To Reserve your spot now, please write a check for a \$200 deposit made out & sent to:

BARBARA ZENTGRAF

26 Gambier Circle, Cincinnati, OH 45218

Please call Barb at: 513-825-7059 with any questions. More information to follow.

CONSIDER JOINING THE 2018 ZOO TRIPPERS FOR A FUN & DIFFERENT TIME!



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CREATE A SHELTER

With a bird house or toad abode, you can create a safe place for wildlife to live.

PLANT FOR POLLINATORS

Growing pollinator-friendly plants in your gardens and yards offers wildlife natural food and shelter.



FEED THE BIRDS

Hanging a bird feeder offers natural seed to the songbirds around your home.

FAMILY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Get involved with the Zoo's Family Community Service program to participate in local environmental projects.



LEARN MORE

You can get more ideas about how to build a better home for wildlife on our website and at the Zoo Gift Shop.

Build A Better Home For Wildlife

Join us in building a better home for local wildlife! As natural spaces become smaller, fewer and farther apart, we can help wildlife by restoring habitat in our own yards and communities.

Pollinators, amphibians, and songbirds are particularly in need of safe spaces to live, forage and breed. Every species plays a role in keeping our environment healthy. For example, bees pollinate, birds spread seeds, and snakes keep rodent populations in check.

So let's help them help us and beautify our communities at the same time!

Plants for Pollinators



 <small>Blazing star (Liatris) (Photo: Drew Avery)</small>	 <small>Great blue lobelia (Photo: Agnieszka Kwiecist)</small>
 <small>Common milkweed (Photo: Anita Gosak)</small>	 <small>Meadow sage (Salvia) (Photo: David Stang)</small>
 <small>Tickseed (Coreopsis) (Photo: JanetaudPhil)</small>	 <small>Sedum Autumn Joy (Photo: Peter Stevens)</small>
 <small>Cardinal flower (Photo: wplyon)</small>	 <small>Shasta daisy (Photo: Bart Hankes)</small>

For more recommendations, go to: www.cincinnati-zoo.org/Agriculture/your-back-yard-for-pollinators/



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Snow Leopard's, Renji & Nubo, seem to be finding "love" this spring! We would be overjoyed to hear the pitter-patter of little snow leopards this year!

