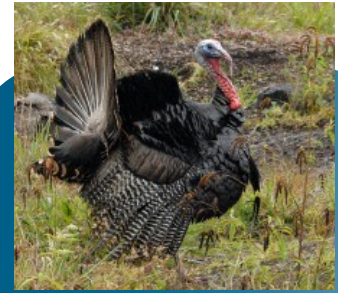




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# Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden Volunteer Connections



Special Thank You to all  
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Newsletter!

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## Calendar of Events for November & December

| Date / Time              | Event  | Location                |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Sat. Nov. 11 - 9 am—5 pm | <i>Native Plant Symposium (Tickets Req.)</i>   | <b>Frisch's Theater</b> |
| Mon. Nov. 13 - 10 am     | <i>Continuing Education for ALL Volunteers -<br/>David Orban: Animal Excellence Research</i> | <b>Frisch's Theater</b> |
| Sat. Nov. 18 - 5—10 pm   | <i>PNC Festival of Lights Opening Night</i>  | <b>Entire Zoo</b>       |
| Wed. Nov. 22 (Tentative) | <i>Gorilla World Reopening</i>   | <b>Gorilla World</b>    |
| Sat. Dec. 9 - 11 am      | <i>Holiday Celebration POTLUCK</i>   | <b>Frisch's Theater</b> |

## Nature Events Around Greater Cincinnati

- Nov. 11 **Super Recycle Drop-off** @ Chase Elementary (Northside) from 10 am—1 pm.  
 - Collecting: Confidential Paper Shredding, Household Batteries, Clothing, Shoes, Housewares, Electronics (No TVs), Art Materials, Light Bulbs, & Plastic Bags and Film.
- Nov. 12 **Turkeybration** @ Sharon Woods from 2 pm—3 pm.  
 - Includes fun turkey crafts, story contest, & making turkey noises.
- Nov. 18 **Fire-making Fun** @ Rowe Woods (Cincinnati Nature Center) from 4 pm—6  
 - Preregistration Required. Visit Cincinnati Nature Center for more information.
- Nov. 25 **Bird Walk** @ Rowe Woods (Cincinnati Nature Center) from 8 am —10 am.  
 - FREE to CNC members.
- Nov. 26 **Fall Walk** @ Sharon Woods from 1 pm—2pm.



### Giving Tree

You already give so much through your time, talents, and passion for the Zoo's mission, however, we know many of you love to help make spirits bright by giving gifts, not only to the animals in our care but to our friends in Horticulture as well. This year there are three easy ways to give:

**GIVING TREES\*** - The CREW volunteer leadership team has created two beautiful trees covered in "Wish List" ornaments. These trees are located in the Education lobby and at CREW. You may take an ornament(s) off of either of the trees. Please deliver the wrapped gift, along with the ornament identifying the recipient, to either the VSO or CREW anytime between **November 1 and December 4.**—\*Gifts for Horticulture are only on the giving trees.

### **GIVING TREE ONLINE GIFT REGISTRY\***

Click [here](#) or <https://thankfulregistry.com/CZBGAnimalEnrichment> to visit our new online gift registry. The registry password is **wishlist**. With the registry, you can choose to have your gift shipped directly to the Zoo or to your home. If you plan on bringing it to the Zoo, please deliver the wrapped gift either the VSO or CREW between **November 1 and December 4.**

## Giving Tree (continued)

*\*All items on the ornaments and the registry have gone through the enrichment committee approval process, so please purchase the exact item noted. Similar items may use different materials that have not been approved.*

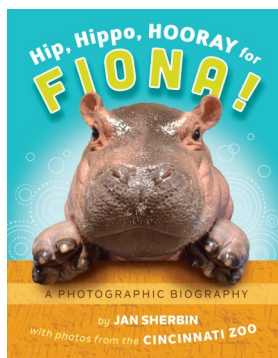
### **MAKE A DIRECT DONATION TO THE ANIMAL ENRICHMENT FUND**

Some of the items care staff would like to have for their animals haven't been added to either of these options (too large or pricey), or they simply need certain materials or parts to custom make enrichment items. This is where the enrichment fund comes in! If you would like to contribute directly to this fund, please click [here](#) or <https://cincinnatizoo.thankyou4caring.org/pages/enrichment>. Gifts will be distributed at a reception hosted by CREW volunteers, Tuesday, December 5, 2017, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to stop by CREW for some holiday cheer!

## Animal News

**Henry (Hippo) Update:** CINCINNATI, OH (October 31, 2017) – The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden is mourning the death of 36-year-old Henry, father of the famous Fiona. He had been struggling with health issues for months and had lost hundreds of pounds. According to vet staff who had been carefully monitoring him, he took an obvious downward turn in the past few days and was weak and unsteady. After an exam this morning, they determined that Henry's quality of life would not improve and made the difficult decision to humanely euthanize him.

“Henry was happy to have Bibi as his companion and, sooner than expected, to be in a brood of three,” said Gorsuch. “The girls will be fine as a brood of two, but they will notice that he's not around and may wonder why he isn't making his contact calls.”



**Fiona (Hippo) Update:** CINCINNATI, OH (October 9, 2017) – Fiona, the eight month old hippo born prematurely at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, has captured hearts around the world. Millions of people followed her precarious early days when she and Zoo staff fought for her survival with extraordinary tenacity and creativity. The result was not only a healthy hippo baby but also an Internet sensation, the best-known and best-loved hippo in the world.

Now you can take home the heartwarming story of the little hippo via a new book called **Hip, Hippo, Hooray for Fiona!** The photographic biography chronicles the celebrity hippo's first days, from her surprise early arrival in winter through her intensive medical care, then through her first spring and summer when she learned to live as a hippo, met her parents, and met her fans.

**Hip, Hippo, Hooray for Fiona!** is available for pre-order at bookstores nationally. In the Cincinnati area that includes Joseph-Beth in-store and online. **Hip, Hippo, Hooray for Fiona!** is also available on Amazon. The 40-page hardcover book is made in the United States with ISBN 978-0-692-94935-1 and a cover price of \$25.99. A portion of proceeds from sale of the book goes to the Cincinnati Zoo to help it continue its world-class work.

## Animal News (continued)

**Manatee Update:** CINCINNATI (October 18, 2017) – Popular manatees Betsy and BamBam have left the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden to return to Florida waters. This is good news for the species but bittersweet for divers, care team members and visitors who have become attached to the charismatic animals, especially long-time resident Betsy.

BamBam should get his second chance in early 2018. He'll be cared for by manatee experts at SeaWorld Orlando, where he received critical care for severe cold stress after his 2015 rescue, until he's ready to be released.

Betsy, a Cincinnati Zoo resident since 2010 and companion to nine rescued manatees during that time, has returned to her birthplace, Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, just in time to celebrate her 27<sup>th</sup> birthday! She is not considered a candidate for release and will be cared for at the park long term.

Three orphaned manatees in need of rehabilitation, Pippen, Miles, and Matthew, were brought back to Cincinnati from SeaWorld Orlando. You can see the new manatees in the Zoo's Otto M. Budig Family Foundation Manatee Springs habitat.

### About the New Residents of Manatee Springs:

\***Pippen (Male)** was rescued from the Halifax River on 7/20/2016 weighing only 58 pounds. After receiving critical care at Sea World Orlando, his weight is now 225 pounds. He is the smallest manatee ever to live at Cincinnati Zoo's Manatee Springs.

\***Miles (Male)** was rescued from the Sykes Creek on Merritt Island on 8/17/2016 and weighed only 43 pounds. After receiving critical care at Sea World Orlando, his weight is now 320 pounds.

\***Matthew (Male)** was rescued from New Smyrna on 10/9/2016, right after Hurricane Matthew. He weighed 56 pounds and is now up to 340 pounds.



### NEW BABY ALERT

Say hello to Tito (born October 5, 2017)! Tito is a Little penguins, which are the smallest penguin species in the world and we are home to the largest colony in the United States.

## Travel with the Zoo, plan a trip you'll remember forever!

### **Peru, July 4-15, 2018**- Escorted by Brian Jorg, Zoo Horticulturist

Explore the rainforest in this, one of the most biologically diverse ecosystems in the world. Three hundred sixty six species of birds, more than 300 species of butterflies and over 60 amphibians have been recorded from the Reserva Amazonica and many of these can be easily observed on the lodge grounds. Some of the indigenous species are quite rare with very few specimens in other places of the world.



### **Kenya, June 18-30, 2018**- Escorted by Mike Dulaney, Curator of Mammals



This safari into the Kenyan bush is a dream wrapped in canvas, the narrative of which is shaped by the written accounts of Ernest Hemingway, Beryl Markham and Karen Blixen who appreciated tented life in the bush. From your tented camp, watch the gripping action of predator and prey, and the delicate river dance of elephant, hippo, and crocodile. Experiencing the immortalized parks and reserves of Samburu, Lake Nakuru and the Maasai Mara through canvas mark you as another explorer whose footsteps someone else will

follow. Continue an extension to the verdant forests of Uganda. The Bwindi Impenetrable Forest is one of the richest ecosystems in all of Africa and home to nearly half the world's population of endangered mountain gorillas. Uganda is a realm where humans are the visitors, and visitation is a privilege.

### **Papua New Guinea, July 12-25, 2018**- Escorted by Ron Evans, Curator of Primates

Journey into a land forgotten by time. Papua New Guinea is an enclave of rare life, from the endemic flora and fauna, to the customs and traditions that make this island nation thrive. Encounter over 780 known bird species including six foot cassowaries and tiny Red Breasted Pygmy Parrots as well as tree kangaroos, spiny anteater and more than 2,000 species of orchid. There are 850 distinct languages are spoken today in Papua New Guinea, making it the most linguistically diverse place on earth. Take a leap into the unknown as you cross vine bridges in the rain forest, discover the fascinating world of the highlands and the decorated Huli wigmen of Tari, and boat along the great Sepik River, stopping off to interact with unforgettable tribal locals. Discover New Guinea, the last bastion of traditions and ancestral spirits.



## Travel with the Zoo (continued)

**Namibia, November 2 – 16, 2018**- Escorted by Dan Marsh, Director of Education

Discover the magnificent landscapes and unique wildlife of Namibia, where apricot-hued desert sands swirl into razor sharp towering dune, some of the largest in the world. Put on your walking shoes and trek for black rhino in one of the most breathtaking spots on earth! Frequent the waterholes and watch the drama of the bush unfold right in front of your eyes. Bushwalking and drives in 4×4 vehicles reward you with the wildlife treasures that inhabit this sometimes rough and harsh terrain. Learn about the latest research and conservation efforts from the Cheetah Conservation Fund and their quest to protect this endangered cat. Luxurious camps and charming lodges make almost dream-like havens for relaxing under starry skies.



For information regarding itineraries, costs and other details for each travel option or for additional information on travel opportunities provided by the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, please contact Christina Anderson at 513-487-3318.

## Zoosters

Hi Everyone,

Fall is upon us and things will start moving faster. We are getting things finished and priced.

Due to a conflict with Zoo classes, our rooms won't be available till Wednesday. We will be setting up for FOL on Wednesday, Nov. 15 after 1pm. If we are unable to finish, we will finish on Thursday. We also will be open on Thursday night for donor's night. If you have questions, see me on Tuesday or call me.

We had another day with Enrichment to make things for the animals for Halloween weekend. This is such a fun time for us and we hope to help more next year. We want to thank Jen for all her help in setting up these times.

We will have our Christmas Party this year on December 5th, at 11:30 am at the Red Rose, Hamilton Avenue (same place as last year). I will need to know in a month or so for a final count for the lunch.

In the meantime have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Stay safe!!

-Paulette Leppert

## News From The Garden

Greeting Horticulture Volunteers!

As I'm sure you've noticed, fall has officially arrived. The autumn light shines, a crisp breeze blows, leaves fall from the trees, and perennials, that have stood firm all season, slowly yield to their desire for a winter rest. The gardens are slowing, but our work is not done! During November, we will be:



- \*Planting 100,000+ tulip bulbs!! (And will need all the help we can get!) Please check the hotline message for the location that we will be planting on your volunteer day.
- \*Planting Daffodils and other minor bulbs.
- \*Pulling annuals to make way for tulip bulbs.
- \*Potting tropical plants from our summer display beds to be overwintered in the greenhouse.
- \*Putting our beds to rest. Raking out excess leaves, mulching bare areas, cutting back perennials/grasses, and other garden maintenance tasks.
- \*Cleaning and repotting colocasia and alocasia (elephant ears).

**\*\*Please note that, as of October 21<sup>st</sup>, the Gardening for Wildlife Station will be retired for the remainder of the year.\*\***

### Save the Dates:

**Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12:30-2ish pm** – Horticulture Volunteer Education Session at **LLOYD LIBRARY**. Please remember to RSVP to Tosh and check your email for details regarding this event. <https://www.lloydlibrary.org/news/Wildflowers.pdf>



**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 9am-5pm** – Native Plant Symposium at **Frisch's Theater**. Volunteers can purchase tickets for this event at a discounted rate online or at the desk in the lobby of the education building. For additional details, view the link:

[http://cincinnati.org/horticulture/horticulture\\_events/](http://cincinnati.org/horticulture/horticulture_events/)

**Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, noon-1:30pm** - Horticulture Holiday/End of Season Potluck at the **Safari Lodge**. Details to follow.





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