



President’s Message – Sue Sallee



Greetings Fellow Docents!

Happy Spring! I trust and hope the beginning of spring has found you doing well!

Congratulations to the 74 docents who attended our first Zoom TE/IE meeting on March 10 and 13! What a great showing that was to “see” all of you! What a tremendous effort to log on and connect virtually with each other and hear updates about the Auxiliary! Andrew Witherow, treasurer, announced we had completed our three-year pledge for a total of \$6,000 to the vet hospital. What a great contribution by the Auxiliary for our fantastic vet team! Thank you to Gayle Irani and Cris Stoddard, members of the Tech Committee, for introducing us to the Board-approved software program, Better Impact. What a tremendous effort by this team as they work on setting up the program and moving us forward in providing a better system for the Auxiliary.

The loss of Savellii, our beautiful Amur tiger, was a devastating and difficult loss for our CMZ keepers, vets, staff, and outside vet teams. It drove home the realization that only 500 Amur tiger species now exist in the wild. CMZ moved quickly in setting up a matching community fund. The Auxiliary Board approved a \$1,000 donation that would be matched dollar for dollar to go directly to this tiger conservation fund. The total amount, including all donations and the matching fund, currently sits at more than \$72,000! The Zoo continues to strive forward in conservation and preservation of animals around the world. A total of \$75,000 of CMZ membership revenue is sent to support employee-championed field conservation around the world from crowned cranes to the black bears, and CMZ members are asked to vote for their choice.

Thank you to Charlotte Greene and Pat Dwyer, Cate Kelly, Mac McPherson, Susie Potterat, Joelle Shreves, and Lynne Stefanik for putting together the Conservation Conversations CEC! A shout out to our editors/reviewers, Art Schwall and Ellie Solomon, who contributed to the effort! Great information to increase our awareness in conservation, to share with guests and how each of us can make a difference!

April 22 marks the 51st anniversary of Earth Day. This year’s theme is “Restore Our Earth.” In “typical” years, Earth Day events range from river cleanups to invasive removals. With social distancing still in place, virtual events like environmental lectures and films will take place. Visit
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Linnea McDonald and Joelle Shreves, Editors

DATES TO KNOW

All meetings begin at 9:30 a.m.

April 7Board Meeting Zoom

April 10 ..IE Meeting Zoom

April 14 ..TE Meeting Zoom

Note: We will not have a docent program this month due to a conflict with Zoo staff, however, there will be a replay of the Giraffe plasma and butterfly effect presentation from February, after this month’s IE and TE meetings.

July 10 – SAVE THE DATE for “Holiday in July” Docent Party at Marie Poyzer’s

Stay tuned to your e-mails for further information about signups and docent work opportunities, and for other activities being scheduled.

Continuing Education Credits

CECs will be virtual or on paper.

See the article on page 3. Check your emails for more information and updates.

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www.earthday.org for available events. On this upcoming Earth Day, let us strive to move past these worst of times, and make a conscientious effort to do our part in conservation and restoration.

On Friday, April 30, Arbor Day takes place all around the world. As a native of Nebraska, I remember receiving a sapling to plant in our yard or somewhere in the community in honor of Arbor Day. In fourth grade, we studied Nebraska history and how J. Sterling Morton, as secretary of the Nebraska territory, had an enthusiasm for trees and advocated strongly for individual and civic groups to plant them. In 1882, the tree planting tradition became prominent in schools across the nation with students learning the importance of trees. Arbor Day became an official state holiday in Nebraska in 1885. What a simple act by planting a tree that provides us with clean air and water, habitats for wildlife, and endless natural beauty for our Earth.

And now for some updates despite the colder temperatures in February, which our faithful docents completed in volunteer hours on Zoo grounds...

Thank you to BBY docents and Cris Stoddard, Chair, who continue to cover lunch hour for zookeepers with a YTD total of 1,105 hours interacting with guests and, of course, the chickens! Remember to complete your health check at the Loft prior to your shift, which is required by the Zoo's public health requirement. Hopefully, sunnier days are ahead to work BBY with no more "fowl" weather!

A BIG thank you to Marianne Brooks, Cart Master, for organizing the signups during the pandemic and for her recent notification that SignUp Genius has been discontinued! Protocols remaining are to complete your health assessment in the DRC, wear your mask, and maintain social distancing with other docents and/or guests. Our year-to-date total for carts is 884.70 hours! We are close to hitting the 1,000 hours mark. Wouldn't it be great to hit that level by the end of April? Guests are delighted to see docents on Zoo grounds and peek at a biofact we are holding and best of all interact with us. It's especially important to sign in and complete your health check in the DRC before going to your designated cart area. Thanks in advance for complying with the Zoo's public health requirement.

ZOOM docents have been zooming along, with Jeanie Baratono leading the team effort, with 196.50 hours in February and 2,334.50 hours year-to-date! A shout out to them as they continue to train, interact with guests, and do husbandry! Remember, if you are not feeling well, please do not come to the Zoo to work.

A HUGE thank you again to docents who have been providing tours to help out EdVenture, many of which

this past month took place in minus degree temperatures! This group has contributed 97.75 hours year-to-date! Way to go!

Marie Poyzer, Eileen Derry, and Mack Silvertooth continue to "pop along," providing gallons upon gallons of popcorn for the animals. Kathleen O'Donnell and her cannoli makers are working hard to provide enrichment to the animals as well. Thank you to all!

Be proactive and complete your requirements of completing 2 CECs and having a current Zoo membership, which will waive your Service Hours for 2020-2021 (see updated article, page 4). Even though hours are waived, many docents are completing their hours or going above and beyond their hours, which is wonderful! Service Hours for 2021-2022, will effectively start on June 1 and end on May 31, 2022. I look forward to hearing we have 100% docent participation in completing both requirements and continuing as an active docent! Now, that would be something for all of us to celebrate at the end of May for sure!

While there is a lot of uncertainty in the world right now, one thing is for sure — we will come out stronger on the other side. I have come to realize we can try to change what is changeable, but, as hard as it may be, we need to accept the unchangeable. As an Auxiliary, I believe we will have learned and grown from circumstances beyond our control and be ready to unite again as docents. I look forward to when we can meet as a group, with no social distancing and celebrate who we are as an organization. I believe there is something good to be found in what we have experienced this past year. Let us continue to look for those clouds with silver linings, be grateful, and look forward to brighter days ahead. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Zoo! Take care. Stay healthy and happy.

Best, Sue 😊

CMZA 2021-2022 Executive Board SLATE OF OFFICERS

President-Elect Marsha Fogarty
1st Vice President.....Greta Johnson
1st Vice-President-Elect Marianne Brooks
2nd Vice-President..... Judy Sondermann
2nd Vice-President-Elect Marie Poyzer
Corresponding Secretary..... Kathy Kidd
Recording SecretaryMac McPherson
TreasurerNancy Hochman
IE Chair..... Ann Marie Jackson

These positions above will be voted on along with the 2022 Nominating Committee. Ballots will be sent out by Jeanie Baratono following the April 14 TE meeting.

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They must be returned by snail mail to Nancy Hochman at 1237 Terrace Road, 80904, no later than April 28. Email ballots will not be accepted.

ZOOM and Zoopeteers may now choose their chairs. The following Executive Board positions are filled through the progression from the 2020-2021 “Elect” positions, or from President to Past President and are not voted on by the membership:

President Barbara Kalbli
Past President Sue Sallee

CEC Report

The current CEC Handout “CONSERVATION CONVERSATIONS...Near and Far” has received very positive comments from the docents who have completed it. Our volunteer presenters have put together some great conservation information and a short quiz to help us all increase our knowledge and the information we give to guests. I’ll resend it through the Auxiliary email in case you need a copy. Take some time and read through the handouts, then hand in your completed quiz to earn one CEC Credit.



As we are all aware, there is a 2 CEC requirement every year and this year is no different. A big thank-you to everyone who has completed this requirement. For those of you who still need credits, there are 3 CECs still available until the end of May: the Fall Recall, the Spring Fling, and the CEC Handout “Conservation Conversation...Near and Far.” Paper copies of the Fall Recall and Spring Fling are in the DRC next to the Manual. If you want to complete them in the DRC, bring an envelope with you and when you finish, just leave them in a sealed envelope on the desk with my name on it. Contact me by email or phone that you have left them in the DRC. If you have any problems, let me know and I will help you work toward accomplishing your CECs.

Charlotte Greene, CEC Chair

Treasurer’s Report

The Operational Account at the end of February listed payments in February for office equipment, DRC cleaning and supplies. The February ending balance was \$3,143.43.



The balance in the Restricted Account at the end of February was \$26,553.39. This includes the addition of \$1,514.17 from the King Soopers Community Rewards program.

Animal Update (February 2021)

- A red-necked wallaby was found in Gidgee’s pouch.
- Amur Leopards Anya and Anadyr are spending more time together and have spent several nights together

with short breaks for training and food enrichment throughout the day. Since good behavior has been seen from both leopards when they are together, their time will be increased.

- Pallas cat nest box was added to the dens and have been prepped for possible pregnancy.
- Transferred in: White’s Tree Frog moved from Australia to BBY.
- Ring-tailed lemurs Allagash and Rogue received radiographs of their abdomens to determine potential pregnancy and no babies were seen.
- Giraffes Mashama and Msitu both participated in voluntary blood draws for successful plasma banking.
- Geoffrey’s marmosets Sumo and Nova have been allowed to explore SFG basement under keeper supervision.
- The African Penguins and Pink-backed pelicans were moved to the quarantine barn while exhibit modifications are being made. Keepers noticed after penguins left the exhibit that 20 of the live trout came out and became more active in the penguin pools. Keepers were under the assumption they had all been eaten by penguins/pelicans.
- Mountain Tapir Cofan underwent significant surgery to remove a kidney. Two large kidney stones had formed, and the entire organ had to be removed. Thanks to the collaborative effort between CMZ, CSU, and equine specialists, surgery was a success and Cofan is recovering.
- Helmeted guinea fowl Gonzo received a significant injury while outside in the yard, which required amputation of one wing. Surgery went well and she has recovered well with her flock and does not seem too affected by the loss. Keepers are unsure of how she sustained the injury.
- Alaska moose Atka was given access to his pool for the first time and discovered the water was a bit cold and bolted back out!
- Turkeys Arthur and Zera moved up to Corn Crib 3 because they were causing too much trouble in BBY and trying to fight all the chickens. They appear to be doing well in their new home.
- A tragic loss to CMZ and the world was Savellii, our 9-year-old female amur tiger, which suffered post-op complications after undergoing artificial insemination. It was an effort to propagate a species on the brink of extinction.



Sue Sallee, March CMZ Mission & Programs Report

Animal Enrichment Update

Hello docent friends! I hope you are all doing well and getting vaccinated. I know I am feeling much more secure at the Zoo being fully vaccinated. I hope you will come make cannolis with us if you feel like returning to the Zoo.

***CANNOLI MAKING WILL BE SATURDAY,
APRIL 17 AT 0930 IN THE DRC***

Call for Donations: One way you can still help the Zoo is to donate enrichment items. The Zoo wish list can be viewed at <https://www.cmzoo.org/support/materials-wishlist/>. If you have something to donate but do not want to go to the DRC, email me at rorydoggie@gmail.com and I will pick it up.

For cannolis, Big Backyard, and the Loft, we need:

- PAPER TOWEL TUBES
- EGG CARTONS
- toilet paper tubes
- all sizes of paper bags and boxes
- dried fruit
- peanuts

Enrichment Chair for Next Year: Please contact me (rorydoggie@gmail.com) if you are interested in becoming the Enrichment Chair. This was my second year, so we need a new chair beginning June 2021. You can interact with Keepers and maybe execute a fundraiser. I am happy to discuss it with you.

I look forward to the time we can all meet at the Zoo and socialize together. Until then, stay healthy, safe, and happy.

Kathy O'Donnell, Enrichment Chair

Uniform Orders due April 15

See page 8 of this newsletter for the Uniform Order form. Please return your order to Susan Gross by Thursday, April 15, accompanied by a check made out to CMZ.



Updated Docent Hours Information

This is a repeat of an email you already received, but it has been modified to reflect the removal of the CMZ TB test requirement.

Following is an update on our requirements as docents for the 2020-2021 year.

In order to remain an Active Docent, you must complete the following **two** requirements by May 31, 2021:

1. Completion of 2 CECs
2. Current Zoo membership

If you have extenuating circumstances as to why you cannot meet these **two** requirements by May 31, 2021, send a letter to Sue Saltee, president, by April 30, 2021, with your explanation.

If you fulfill these requirements, your uncompleted hours for 2020-2021 will be waived. You will receive credit for any hours you have earned this year.

We said from the beginning, no one should feel pressured to come and work on Zoo grounds. Still, nearly half of you have met or exceeded your requirement. Kudos to you for working so hard. Others are currently working on their hours. Many of you have indicated once you get your vaccines, you are anxious to come back to work at the Zoo. We are eager to have you back. Carts and tending the chickens are open to everyone. All of you are valuable members of the Auxiliary and each one of you makes an important contribution to the Zoo and our guests. Please take the time to fulfill the **two** requirements outlined above.

If you choose not to complete these requirements, you will have chosen to become an Inactive Docent for the year 2021-2022. You cannot be an Active Docent without a Zoo membership and completion of the CEC requirement.

For more information on CECs and Zoo memberships, see below:

- **CECs Completion:** Charlotte Greene, CEC Chair, is more than happy to work with you to complete your 2 CECs. Completed CECs may be emailed or snail mailed back to Charlotte.
- **Zoo Membership:** Contact Zoo membership to renew.

Thank you for your attention to this important update.

CMZA Board and Nancy Hochman, Past President

Articles and Information of Interest

- Why a new jaguar sighting near the Arizona-Mexico border gives experts hope: <https://on.natgeo.com/31DtxWu>
- Crowds flock to Monterey Bay to get glimpse of Casper, the rare albino dolphin: <https://cbsloc.al/3uubpej>

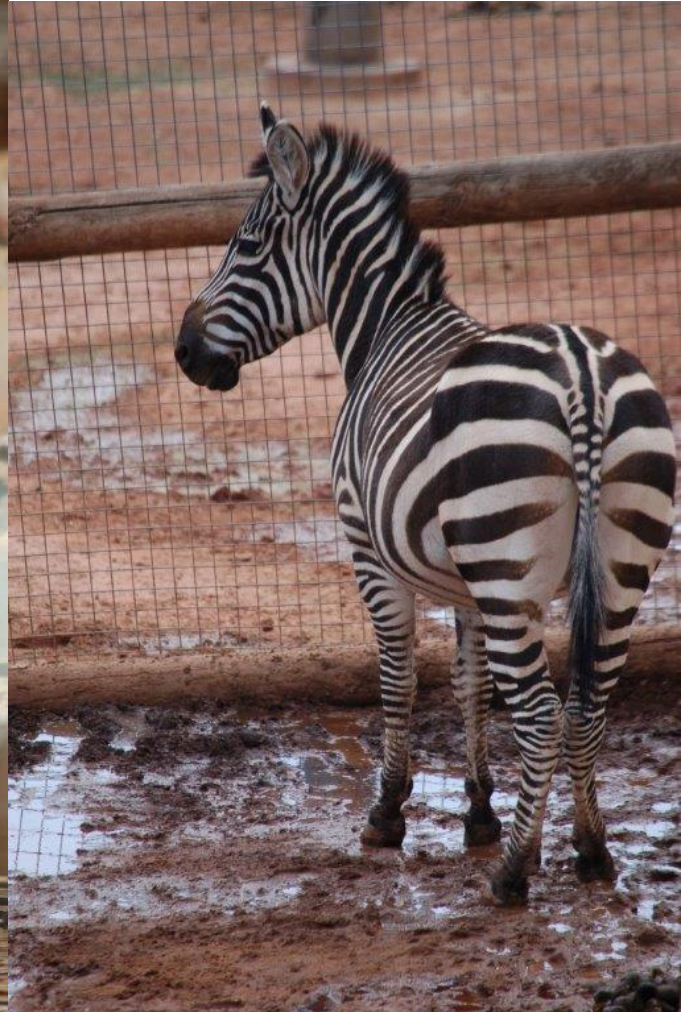
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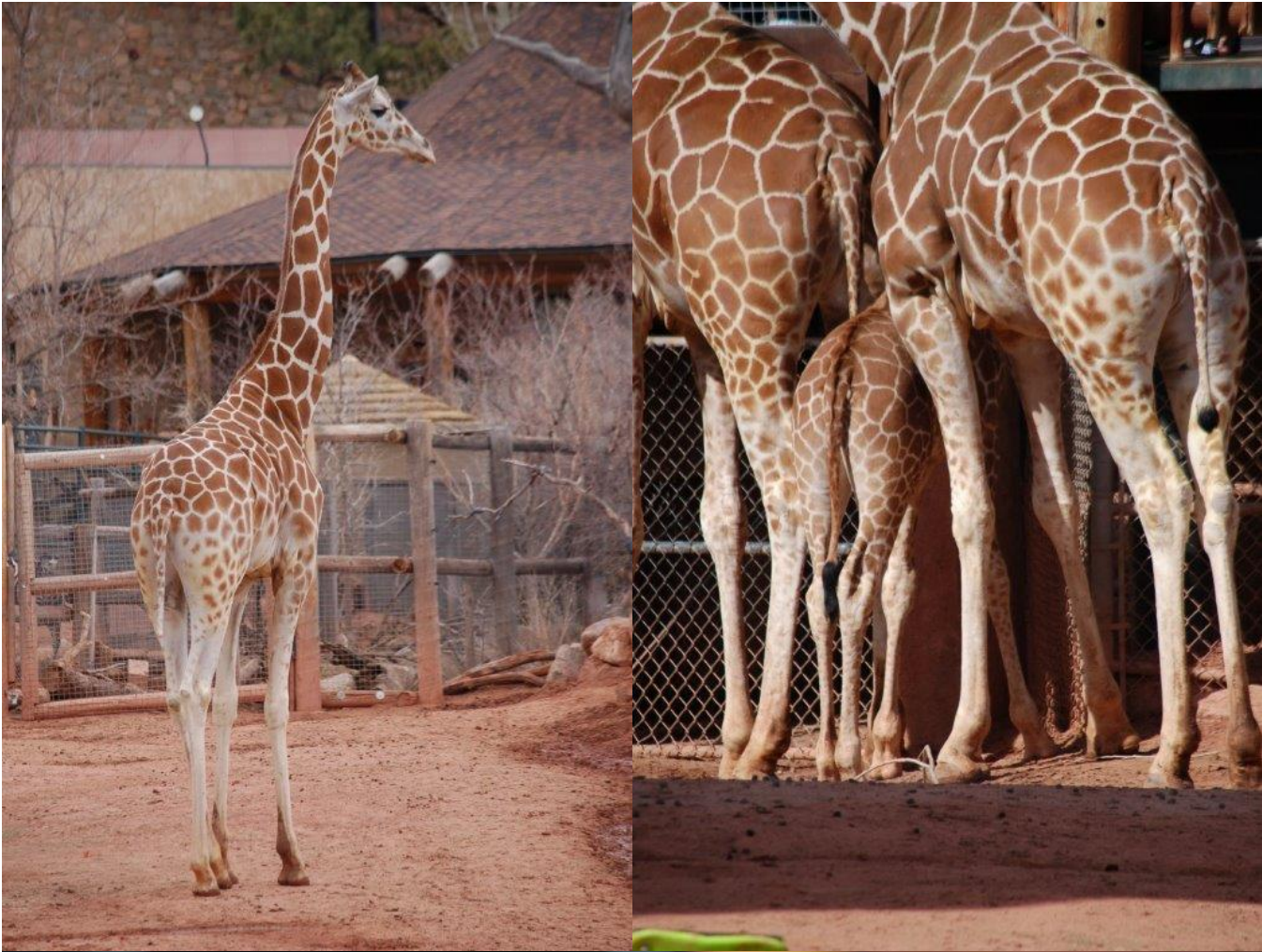
This year, the Zoo is offering five Silent Night evening events. That's one per month from May through September 2021!

The goal at these events is to create a peaceful environment in our natural surroundings, with as little background noise as possible. Come for a quiet Zoo experience with only the natural sounds of animals and the mountainside.

Wednesdays May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug 4, and Saturday Sept 11. Advance e-tickets cost \$7.75–17.75, are required, and are available now at cmzoo.org/silentnight.

Animal Pictures





April Zooline Deadline



The deadline for the **May issue is Wednesday, April 21**. Please send all submissions — information, articles, pictures, etc. — to cmza.zooline@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Linnea McDonald & Joelle Shreves, Editors



Photo Credits

- *On page 5: Atka in his pond taking a drink; Mugambi, the zebra (note the white-tipped ears, which is the easiest way to tell him apart from his black-tipped ear brother Wembe); and Spring Break for the penguins at the “beach” by Susan Hoxie*
- *On page 6: Mashama, the male giraffe with his bald tail, looking majestic; BB squeezing in to get some lettuce; and Wasabi, the prehensile-tailed skink by Susan Hoxie*
- *Pictured this page, Tristan, the tree kangaroo showing his hind feet by Susan Hoxie*

2021 UNIFORM ORDER

NAME _____

Please **PRINT** your name **clearly** above – this is how your name will appear on your uniform pieces or name tag.

XS, S, M, L, XL (XXL)	SIZE	QUANTITY	\$8 EXTRA CHARGE for embroidered items*	TOTAL COST
Men's SS Polo Shirt \$21.00 (XXL \$23.00)				
Men's LS Polo Shirt \$25.25 (XXL \$28.25)				
Lady's SS Polo Shirt \$21.00 (XXL \$23.00)				
Lady's LS Polo Shirt \$25.25 (XXL \$27.25)				
Windbreaker \$38.75 (XXL \$40.75)				
Sweatshirt \$22.00 (XXL \$24.00)				
Men's Fleece Jacket \$35.75 (XXL \$37.75)				
Lady's Fleece Jacket \$35.75 (XXL \$37.75)				
Men's Fleece Vest \$38.00 (XXL \$40.00)				
Lady's Fleece Vest \$38.00 (XXL \$40.00)				
Safari Vest (tan) \$64.00 (XXL \$66.00)				
Heavy Jacket \$52.75 (XXL \$54.75)				
Blue Summer T- Shirt \$17.75 (XXL \$19.75)				
Name tag \$9.00 (indicate pin or magnetic back)				
Fleece beanie (hat) \$22.50			N/A	

* \$8.00 charge for each name embroidered

Total Cost: _____

Return to Susan Gross
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Colorado Springs, CO 80906
Phone # 471-0041
gross.susan@gmail.com

Payment: _____

(cash or check made out to CMZ must accompany all orders)

Orders are due by Thursday, April 15, 2021