



President’s Message – Marsha Fogarty

Whew, what a busy December! I know I had fun “helping” Santa and showing biofacts. We all have gone about our jobs helping to create joy this holiday season among kids of all ages. This was fun but tiring. I hope you all took some time over the holidays to rest and refresh.

I want to thank all of you for all you do! One of the best part of docents is that we all have different talents. I love working with the little kids, doing puppet shows, tours, etc. Many of you relish the opportunity to do tours for middle and high school kids at an academically more advanced level. A lot of animals in the loft make me sneeze — luckily, the Zoom docents absolutely adore all of the animals/reptiles/amphibians and love handling them. Thank goodness we all have different skills and interests. It enhances all we do. Take the new year as an opportunity to look back on the past year and all the positives we helped add to the zoo experience.

It is time to start the new year with resolve to be the best organization we can be and to determine how we can achieve this. I think one of the first ways is to reflect on the **WE BELIEVE STATEMENTS**. I will therefore continue to focus on one each month to highlight.

We believe, because we cannot and should not agree on everything, we should focus on and work extra hard on the things we can agree on.

Here’s to the start of 2023, which will be a productive and busy year and one in which we foster good communication between docents.

Marsha



Beezler (getting that warm late fall sun), photo by Susan Hoxie

DATES TO KNOW

Meetings start at 9:30 a.m.

- Jan 4 Board Meeting ... Safari Lodge
- Jan 11 TE Meeting Safari Lodge
- Jan 14 IE Meeting **LML**
- Jan 25 Education Mtg.... Safari Lodge

- Feb 1 Board Meeting ... Safari Lodge
- Feb 11 Joint TE/IE Meeting..... **LML**
- Feb 22 Education Mtg.... Safari Lodge

CECs and TRAINING

- Jan 7 ... Zoo School starts... Safari Lodge
- Jan 14, 21 & 28 ... Zoo School continues at the Safari Lodge

Note: CECs are available for some Zoo School sessions. See the December Zooline for the Zoo School schedule.

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Vision Statement

“ Every Kid, Every Time, Goosebumps! Every kid, of any age, will have an experience for a lifetime with every visit.”

Welcome 2023 Docent Training Class!

Cate and I are happy to welcome the following new trainees for the 2023 training class:

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| 1. Dawnna Benoit | 7. Debbie Might |
| 2. Julian Benoit | 8. Jeff Oram-Smith |
| 3. Bailey Southard | 9. Mark Steinberg |
| 4. Deena Hartje | 10. Tricia Trifilo |
| 5. Peggy Hayes | 11. Amanda Vanderpool |
| 6. Deb Luttrell | 12. Kimber Ziegelman |

Please be sure to introduce yourself when you see them!

Marianne Brooks, 1st VP

First TE Meeting of 2023 on January 11

The Auxiliary meeting in January will feature Sheva Willoughby. Sheva is the Architect & Project Manager for the Zoo. She will be giving us the latest project design and the most up-to-date information regarding the road, front entrance, and giraffe area. It should be jam-packed with information. Jeff Halter will also be giving the monthly animal report. Immediately following the meeting, the docents who signed up for the Conservation Barn visit on Jan. 11 will head up the hill. I hope to see you at the meeting.

Jeanie Baratono, CMZA President-Elect

First IE Meeting of 2023 on January 14



Join us at the **Lodge at Moose Lake** for our first IE Meeting of 2023. We will have social time and snacks. Also, we'll catch up with some announcements and information about our wonderful docent activities.

After we finish our business, we'll head up to the top of the zoo. Our program, coordinated by Pat Dwyer will be a visit to the Veterinarian Clinic. The new clinic was completed before Covid but we haven't had a docent tour there for some years. The staff will show us the amazing facility. They'll also talk about their work and give us a chance to ask any questions. We'll have enough time set aside if you want to park at the bottom of the zoo for the meeting and then drive to the upper lot for the clinic visit. See you soon at our IE Meeting!

*Charlotte Greene, IE Chair,
Pat Dwyer and Pat Urban, Program Chairs,
Vickie Pokaluk and Anne Wardrop, Education Reps,
Ann Marie Jackson and Linnea McDonald, Secretaries,
Joan Adkins and Doris Banks, Hospitality*

CEC Corner

Happy 2023! We are ringing in the New Year with a fine slate of CEC opportunities!



Foremost, are all the great zoo school sessions you can attend and receive CEC credit for them! The Zoo School schedule was published in the December Zooline. For attending every two learning sessions labeled 'CEC' with an orange box, you earn 1 CEC credit. That works out to .5 CEC per orange 'CEC' box but stay for a morning or an afternoon and get the full credit for attending two of the sessions marked 'CEC'. You will be surprised at the 'new' information you learn — every year a seasoned docent who attends says, "Gee, I didn't know that," because it's really challenging to hear everything the first time through!

We also have some great CEC classes coming up:

- **Feb 15 (Safari Lodge):** Zoogeography! Latitudes, Tectonics and Biomes, OH MY!
- **Apr 1 (Safari Lodge):** Tour Refresher for the new and improved Life Cycles
- **Apr 15 (Safari Lodge):** Of Migratory Birds and Dark Skies

Reminder: to complete your requirements, you must complete 2 CECs each year. There are plenty of chances to do so this Winter and Spring.

While I am re-reading Aldo Leopold's *A Sand County Almanac* this January, as I do every year, I have a whole slew of 2022 books awaiting me. The first up is *The Accidental Ecosystem*, by Peter S. Alagona. The publisher, UC Press, describes the book as "the story of how cities across the United States went from having little wildlife to filling, dramatically and unexpectedly, with wild creatures." We sure do know that from our lived experience here with coyotes, mule deer, bobcats, and the occasional moose. The author says you can thank a bobcat for the book.

The Spring Fling CEC will be released on February 15, with a March 31 deadline. Take this quiz; get a CEC!

Always be learning,

Cris Stoddard, CEC Chair

Field Trip Updates

Hello Docent Friends, right now, you are probably wishing for warm weather. Well, you are in luck! Join us in San Diego, CA, for warm weather and lots of fun in February 2023. Here is the itinerary...

- **Sunday, Feb 5:** Arrive in San Diego however you want to get there
- **Monday, Feb 6:** San Diego Zoo
- **Tuesday, Feb 7:** Safari Park and SeaWorld
- **Wednesday, Feb 8:** Lions, Tigers & Bears Sanctuary
- **Thursday, Feb 9:** Return to Colorado Springs or explore CA at your leisure

I am flying out of Denver on Southwest Airlines and staying at the Kimpton in the Downtown Business area. There are other hotels and flights. I will coordinate in January with docents who are going on the trip.

**MONDAY (DATE TBD) IN MARCH 2023:
CSU Spur, Denver, CO**

A day at CSU Spur has something for all ages — it's a laboratory, veterinary clinic, market, museum, art studio, classroom, garden, innovation center...all in one! The 1.5-hour tour is Free (<https://csuspur.org/>) with LUNCH after for those who want to go.

**EARLY MAY 2023 Bird Migration Identification,
Cheyenne Mountain State Park, Colorado Springs,
and May Natural History Museum**

Learn about birds that migrate to and through the state park. The 1.5 – 2-hour tour begins at 8 am on the hiking trails with a ranger. The cost is \$9 per car or free with a State Parks Parking Pass. The May Museum is Colorado Springs' premier bug museum! You name the bug and they've probably got it. They are located at the base of the beautiful Rocky Mountains between Colorado Springs and Canon City. The museum houses one of the largest private displays of tropical bugs in the world! They have 7,000 insects...that's a lot of bugs! They have everything from giant tropical insects and spiders to thousands of colorful butterflies and moths. The museum is home to squishy beetles, gigantic spiders and deadly scorpions, all perfectly preserved. Families and school groups have been visiting the museum for decades. With this large of a collection, there's a bug for everybody! <https://www.coloradospringsbugmuseum.com/> The cost is \$12 pp with LUNCH after for those who want to go.

For more information or questions, contact me at rorydoggie@gmail.com or 719.201.4815. I hope you join us on these great field trips!

Kathy O'Donnell, Field Trip Chair

Animal Update (November 2022)

- Kelsey Newman spent some time working with the ARV1 team on Rocky Mountain goat voluntary hoof care. The zoo and the goats are so thankful for her expertise and assistance with this project.



*Blanca (note the horns are getting bigger),
photo by Susan Hoxie*

- African penguins “Ichaboe” and “Spheniscus” are separated into the chick-rearing area of the penguin exhibit due to lots of breeding and behaviors that indicate they may lay eggs soon. They are a recommended pair.
- Von der Decken’s hornbill “Dahlia” is training to fly to people for the first time and has mastered her crate behavior.
- Hippo “Kasai” is the final hippo to be trained to cohabitate with the closed garage door. This means all 4 hippos can be alongside the garage door on colder nights, giving them all much more variety in overnight spaces through the winter.
- The apes have received their flu vaccines.
- Lauren has started voluntary blood draw training with Huey, the red river hog, and it is going great.
- Brooke has been working on voluntary crate and injection training with red river hog Pinto to prepare her for her shipment to Houston.
- Rocky Mountain goat Blanca was started on voluntary training in the chute, building comfort with keepers in that space to start toward voluntary injection.
- The colobus monkeys have been doing some new station training and voluntary injection training.
- The domestic goats now go out on walks!
- Amur leopard Anya is working toward voluntary ultrasound and is very close to being ready for her first ultrasound.
- Mountain lion Koda, grizzly Digger, and otter Pivane have been working on voluntary blood draws.
- Red-tailed hawk Apache is learning a voluntary nail trim with the Dremel and has had a few talons trimmed this way.
- Moose Atka did voluntary hoof radiographs in his new indoor training area.



Atka (in his element, cold and snow), photo by Susan Hoxie

- Pallas's cat Nancy has been shifting out onto exhibit with Bo several times per week during zoo hours.
- Six wallabies received voluntary rabies/CDT vaccinations, and tree kangaroo Tristan received both rabies and CDT in the same session.
- Conservation staff participated in a release for black-footed ferrets at Walker Ranch outside of Pueblo. Nineteen ferrets in total were released (4 adults and 15 kit-of-the-year).
- Common warthog Alexander had a procedure to amputate his front left inner hoof/toe. He is doing well after the procedure and is walking on his one-toed foot well.
- African Cape porcupine Waffles went to the Education building to meet guests from the El Pomar Foundation.
- Southern Hornbill Hasira went on a field trip to the Rocky Mountain goat activity yard and got to meet/greet guests.
- Burmese python Shiva is on exhibit next to Mr. Slithers.
- Water's Edge has had a lot of LSS visitors to help improve the water quality.
- Kelsey Walker is leading a Pallas's cat behavioral analysis program involving research and data collection with the goal of improving the Pallas's cat experience for the cats and guests.
- Scutes has been collecting video data on Burmese pythons with the hope of gaining insight into modifying exhibit space to increase welfare and exhibit experience for guests.
- Scutes also put together budgie breeding space for the second year in Scutes' basement.

2023 Manual Available on DRC Computer

The 2023 docent manual is available for download from the computer in the DRC. Please bring your own flash drive to use to transfer the file. This is a PDF version, which allows you to click on a topic or page number in the Table of Contents to be taken directly to that page. This version is too big to be emailed out, so if you want the electronic version, you'll have to go to the DRC or get it from someone who has already downloaded it.

Linnea McDonald

January CMZ Trivia Questions (Who/What Am I?)

- 1) What is used by the vet department to clean bones to be used as biofacts?
- 2) Our species is found in Brazil, which gave us permission to live here. We are a New World animal and our ancients probably rafted to Brazil from Africa.
- 3) We are senior citizens and we two have lived at the zoo for decades. We once gave children rides around the zoo.



Note: Cris Stoddard and Greta Johnson presented an educational and entertaining CEC on November 19. So many interesting questions, so little time! Two to three questions from that CEC will be presented in Zooline each month for the rest of the year for your enjoyment and edification. We won't make you wait a month for the answers; they can be found on the last page of each issue.

Looking for New Zooline Editor (2023–2024)

A new editor for the Zooline will be needed for the 2023-2024 year, as our two terms will have ended. We are willing to provide on-the-job training for a few months before the new editor takes over. Experience using Microsoft Word is a plus. The new editor can take advantage of templates and resources developed by the current editors.

Joelle Shreves & Linnea McDonald, Editors

CMZA Zooline Information

Please send all submissions — information, articles, pictures, etc. — to cmza.zooline@yahoo.com. The deadline for the February issue is Sunday, January 22. Thank you!

Joelle Shreves & Linnea McDonald, Editors

Articles and Information of Interest

- *Zookeepers War* by J.W. Mohnhaupt: the unbelievable true story of the Cold War's strangest proxy war, fought between the zoos on either side of the Berlin Wall.

- Anchorage Daily News, Ancient moose antlers suggest early arrival on Alaska's North Slope:
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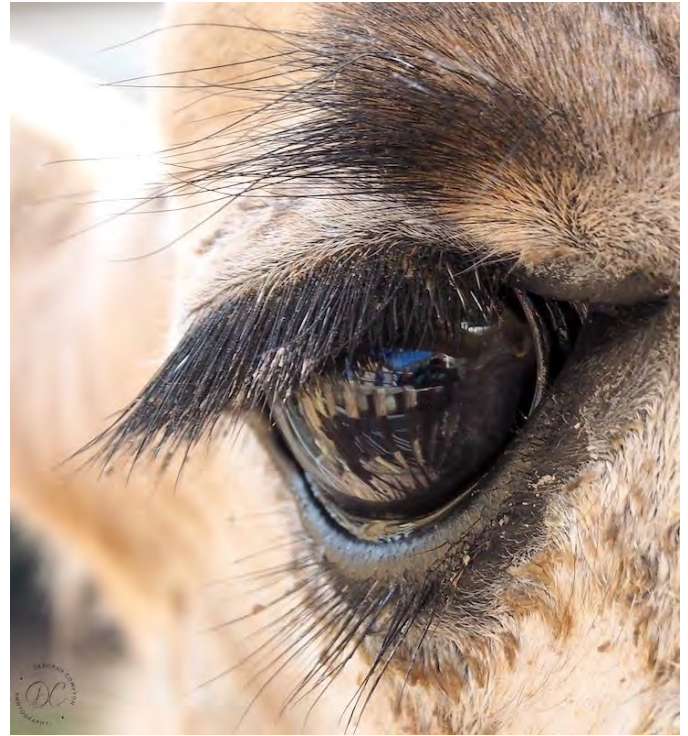
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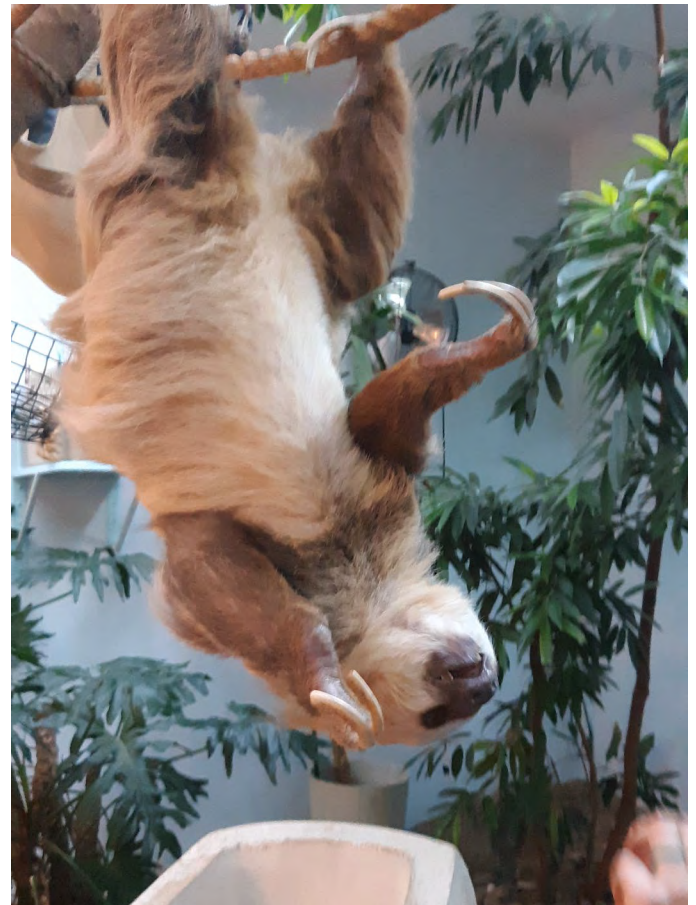
Docent Holiday Party at Marie Poyzer's home



*Dorito, a Saharan Spiny-tailed lizard
(photo by Jeanie Baratono)*



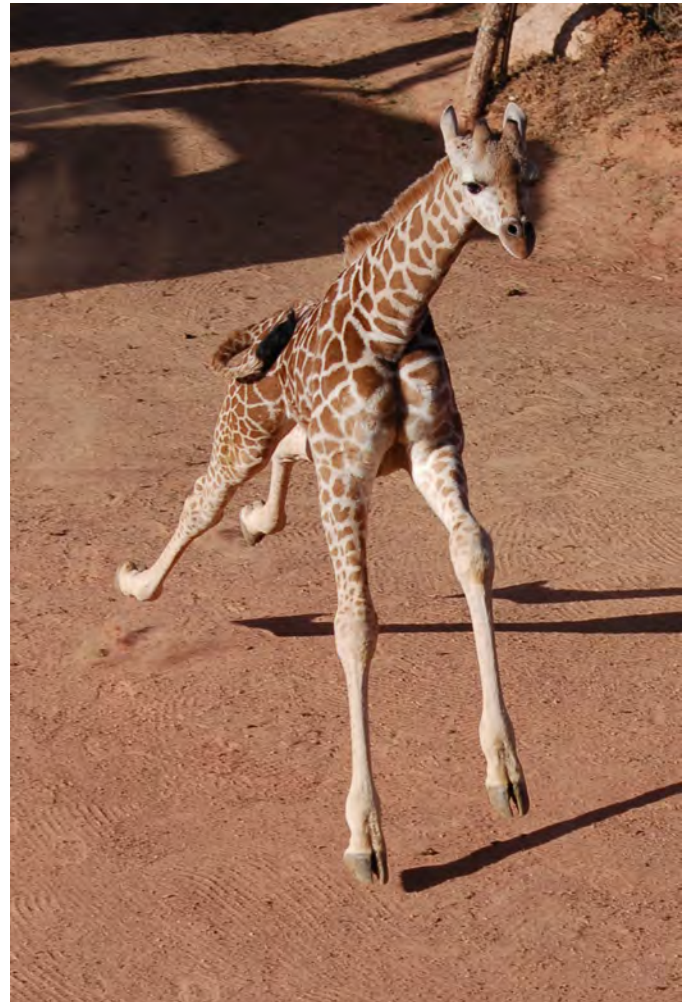
*Giraffe eye with okapi Bahati's reflection in it
(photo by Deborah Compton)*



Boscoe training (photo by Jeanie Baratono)



*Hoosier enjoying his enrichment
(photo courtesy of Alia Cooper)*



*Wednesday — all four hooves off the ground, so she's in
the air — flying (photo by Susan Hoxie)*



*Pandora — she's still a beautiful bird
despite her bad rep (photo by Susan Hoxie)*



*General view of WEA mechanical room
(from IE tour in November)*



Solid waste filtered from hippo pool going into bin for composting (from IE tour in November)



Huge blue canisters are sand filtration tanks (from IE tour in November)



One of honeycomb sediment filters, the mesh micron size determines efficiency of waste material removed from water (from IE tour in November)



Thin long tube is a UV light tube for water purification (from IE tour in November)

January Trivia Answers: 1) Dermestid beetles; 2) Golden lion tamarins; 3) African elephants Kimba and Lucky