



President’s Message – Barbara Kalbli

Hello Delightful Dedicated Docents,

It’s hard to believe that it’s May, and we are nearing the end of our “docent year.” With that being said, there are ample activities available to get your required hours for 2021-22. Please check out opportunities on SignUp Genius. FYI...BBY and Penguins/Pelicans shifts are canceled until further notice due to Avian Bird Flu, however, you are still able to do cart talks. Judy is busy fielding safari/tour requests for area schools and organizations. Some folks are still a bit tentative about getting back on the tour/safari train. If you would like a pep talk, refresher, assistance... whatever, please reach out to me, Judy, Jean, Andrew, etc.

Just a reminder that the TE meeting (May 11) or the IE meeting (May 14) are designated as “required meetings.” You will be voting for next year’s Auxiliary Executive Board and Nominating Committee and must be in attendance to do so. Your input is very important. Kindly send me an email if you are unable to attend one of these meetings.

On Friday, April 22, Jenny Koch (Marketing Director CMZ) shared some awesome news about our awesome zoo. “The 2022 Best of the Springs awards from The Gazette were announced last night. Congratulations to everyone for these awards — every single one of you plays a part in the Zoo earning these accolades,” said Jenny. Cheyenne Mountain Zoo was awarded gold in four categories and silver in one.

Your volunteer efforts are to be applauded. To put this in perspective, Greta shared with me some information on the value of volunteer hours. According to the Independent Sector and The Do Good Institute, the new value of volunteer time is \$29.95 per hour, which is a 4.9% increase from 2021. Pat yourself on the back and know that what we give back to our community is priceless + it feels pretty good.

Lastly, mark your calendars for our end-of-year celebration and potluck. We will be honoring our newest docent class, welcoming new Board members, hosting the Scavenge for Vultures Sale (more from Mindy) AND eating!

Barbara

Vision Statement

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

DATES TO KNOW

Meetings start at 9:30 a.m.

May 4..... Board Meeting ... Safari Lodge
May 11 ... TE Meeting** Safari Lodge
May 14... IE Meeting** Safari Lodge
May 25... Education Mtg Edventure Canopy

June 1..... Board Meeting ... Safari Lodge
June 11 ... Joint IE/TE Meeting** at the Lodge at Moose Lake • 9:30-1:30
One-hour Yellowstone Field Trip update meeting after the Joint Meeting

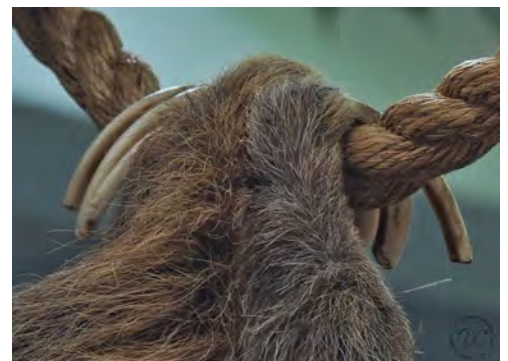
**** Mandatory Meeting: please contact the president or president-elect if you cannot attend. In May, you must attend either the IE or TE meeting, not both.**

CECs and TRAINING

No updates at this time

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TE Meeting on Wed., May 11 at 9:30 am

We will be very happy to have our own Dr. Liza give us the latest Conservation news at our TE Meeting on May 11 in the Safari Lodge. Because of the election at that meeting, the program will be a little shorter. But I am sure if you have questions or want to hear more from Dr. Liza, we can do it! See you then.

Marsha Fogarty, President-Elect

Auxiliary Election Coming Up!

May is here and it's time to hold our election! Docents need to attend **either the mandatory TE meeting on Wednesday, May 11 or the IE meeting on Saturday, May 14** to cast your in-person vote. Please note that attendance is mandatory unless you have cleared your absence with President Barbara Kalbli.



We will be voting for the slate of Executive Board Officers (President Elect, 1st and 2nd VP Elects, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, and IE Chair), as well as the Nominating Committee members for 2022-2023. A BIG thank you to the Nominating Committee for putting together the slate of Board Officers.

The following Executive Board positions are filled through progression and were voted on in the 2021-2022 election. They will now "move up" into their respective positions for 2022-2023:

- President Elect Marsha Fogarty to President
- 1st VP Elect to Marianne Brooks to 1st VP
- 2nd VP Elect Marie Poyzer to 2nd VP
- President Barbara Kalbli to Past President

Official ballots will be available at both the 9:30 am TE and IE meetings. It will take about 10 to 15 minutes to mark your ballot!

Looking forward to seeing everyone coming and voting!

Sue Sallee, Past President

Cart Master Updates

Greetings to all docents, and a special welcome and congratulations to the Docent Class of 2022! I am expecting to see a lot of usage for the carts in the coming weeks!

As everyone knows, we have two elephant tooth biofacts. The larger one currently located in the Elephant/Rhino Cart is a bone clone. The other biofact that is currently off display is an actual elephant tooth. I wanted to let everyone know that we had an issue with the real elephant tooth biofact. The real tooth suffered a

fracture and a portion separated from the main tooth. I contacted Oasis Prosthodontics, LLC and spoke with Dr. Marina Funtik, who also happens to be my dentist, to see if she could help. Dr. Funtik was able to repair the elephant tooth and restore it to its original condition, thanks to the miracles of modern dental adhesive. I wanted to give a shout-out to Oasis Prosthodontics, Dr. Funtik, and her staff for volunteering to assist the CMZA in repairing the tooth! The next step will be to place the tooth in a plastic container to protect it during future display and handling.

Another item to address is that during my monthly inventory of the cart biofacts, I have noticed numerous instances of pelts being folded the wrong way. Please remember all pelts are to be folded with the **fur side in** and the **skin side out**, as best you can. This is to protect the pelt biofact for future use and increase its lifespan.

I want to thank all docents who reach out to me when they discover issues with the carts. Your reporting of issues (empty hand sanitizer and torn biofact bags) really helps me to maintain the quality of the carts and to protect the biofacts. Please continue your vigilant assessment of the carts and biofacts and report any issues to me. I can be reached at (719) 237-1927 or norwich1977@comcast.net.

It appears implementation of the new sign-in sheets for carts is working well. Please remember to only write your name once for each sheet per month (one time for days 1-15 and one time for days 16-30/31). In addition, if you are working Penguins & Pelicans (when we can do so again), DO NOT sign in using the Water's Edge, Africa book. Penguins & Pelicans has its own dedicated book to record hours.

Thank you again for all of your support and see you at the Zoo!

Michael Stein, Cart Master

Animal Enrichment

Thank you to the April cannoli makers: Marianne Brooks (prep as well), Jean Bennett, Anne Wardrop, Greta Johnson, Susan Hoxie, and Marsha Fogarty. **Also, we are in need of more paper towel rolls.**



Ellie Solomon, Enrichment Chair

Reminders about Tours & House Talks

Tour season is now in full swing and many of the TEs have graciously allowed trainees to follow their tour groups. For those tour educators who are going to have trainees follow during May tours, I want to gently remind you that the trainees need to concentrate on the job of being a tour docent during your tour. I have told them to look and act like a docent and not to take over

the role of helper, crowd control, or chaperone. If you, the experienced docent, can spend a few minutes at the end of the tour explaining things you did and answer any of the questions, that would be great. And thank you for allowing these newbies to follow you!

I have been asked by a few docents about house talks: if we still do them and exactly what they are. An IE may take a biofact from the DRC, sign it out, and station themselves at an animal exhibit. They may take their own personal board or pictures containing facts about certain animals and station themselves somewhere to interpret that animal. That would be a house talk and they would sign in for credit on a clipboard in the DRC. A house talk does NOT consist of roaming the zoo or standing at an animal exhibit talking to guests while in docent uniform. Please remember the distinction between the two.

Greta Johnson, 1st VP

April Docent Field Trip

Our April 2022 Docent Field Trip was an amazing experience with the Kearney, Nebraska Sandhill cranes. Seven of us were at the Audubon sanctuary from 6 am to 9 am in a Blind. In 2018, we started this field trip experience celebrating the 100-year signing of the Migratory bird Act by Congress.

We started out at the Wintering Sanctuary in Socorro, New Mexico's Bosque de Apache and have followed these birds. Thank you for taking this trip with me!

Joan Adkins, Field Trip Coordinator



Scavenge for Vultures Sale: Call for Donations!

Animal-themed donations are wanted for the upcoming SCAVENGE FOR VULTURES sale to support vulture conservation on Saturday, June 11, before and after the Joint IE/TE June meeting. If any animal-themed items in your home are no longer bringing you joy, maybe one of your items will bring joy to someone else! More info later, coming by email and a flyer at the May TE and IE meetings.



Mindy Mahler

Articles and Information of Interest

- Arizona PBS: Potential jaguar habitat at U.S.-Mexico border identified by UArizona researchers <https://bit.ly/3Lzfoz2>
 - CNN: Parts of the world are heading toward an insect apocalypse, study suggests <https://cnn.it/3koVz1v>
 - NPR: For the first time in 4 years, a litter of red wolf pups was born in the wild <https://n.pr/3vxXA1L>
 - Smithsonian: The Bald Eagle's Soaring Return Shows That the U.S. Can Change for the Better <https://bit.ly/37TgFSM>
 - USA Today: 10 once-in-a-lifetime wildlife encounters that you can safely experience <https://bit.ly/3y5pjZl>
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CMZA Zooline Information



Zooline

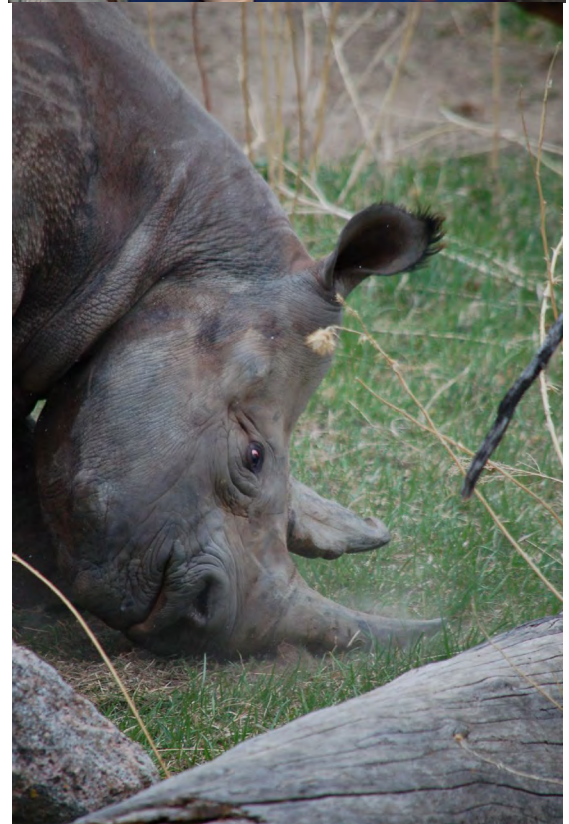
Please send all submissions — information, articles, pictures, etc. — to:

cmza.zooline@yahoo.com.

The deadline for the June issue is Monday, May 23.

Thank you, Linnea McDonald & Joelle Shreves, Editors

Photos









Photos Courtesy of...

Page 1: Hind feet of one of our Hoffmann's two-toed sloths from Deborah Compton

Page 3: Field trip photos: Joan Adkins of the docent and Linnea McDonald, of the cranes landing on the Platte, soaring overhead, and pair bonding

Page 4: Zambezi and Omo from Deborah Compton, Zoopeteers from Sue Corcoran (of Charlotte managing two puppets), and Jumble rubbing his horn in the dirt from Susan Hoxie

Page 5: Zoom program at Centennial Elementary in April from Jeanie Baratono

Page 6: (from top left, clockwise) Omo and Biko saying "hi" through the fence from Susan Hoxie, ring-tailed lemur basking in the sun from Deborah Compton, Cofan wading into his pond from Susan Hoxie, Sumagu and Kera from Deborah Compton, and a rock hyrax from Susan Hoxie

Page 7: Ohe and Mahali lying down in the giraffe yard from Susan Hoxie and Ginger from Deborah Compton