



## President’s Message – Jeanie Baratono

It is hard to believe that our busy summer is over, and Fall is upon us. Our summer numbers were impressive: 2,744 hours with 99 docents giving their time! Thanks to all of you! Now the calendar has turned over to tours and puppet shows with schools.

We had some great special events in September! It was so good to celebrate with everyone who came out for IVAD (International Vulture Awareness Day). Also, thanks to all who participated in the two days of BFF (Black Footed Ferret) Day.

Please be sure to put October 10, at 1:00 p.m. in Safari Lodge, on your calendar as we have a vet coming to speak to docents about the great work with EWASO Lions in Kenya. African lions have declined by 43% in the last 20 years. This decline is primarily due to habitat loss and conflict with humans. There are about 20,000 lions left in Africa and 2,500 in Kenya. EWASO is dedicated to conserving lions and other large carnivores by promoting coexistence between people and wildlife, thus ensuring a future for Kenya’s lions through community-led conservation.

A reminder that September 30 was the last day for the ‘summer’ blue shirts. We are all back to our docent green.

### We Believe Statement

*We believe in holding ourselves to standards that put us above reproach.*



Photo of Basha (Amur leopard cub), by Deborah Compton

## DATES TO KNOW

*Most meetings start at 9:30 a.m.*

*CECs at 9:15 a.m.*

*Education Committee at 10:30 a.m.*

Oct 4 .....Board Meeting (Exec and Supplemental).....SL

Oct 14 ...Docent Meeting.....SL

Oct 25 ...Education Committee ..... DRC

Nov 1 ....Board Meeting..... DRC

Nov 8 ....Docent Meeting and Keeper Appreciation Lunch.....LML

Nov 15 ..Education Committee ..... DRC

Dec 2.....Holiday Party @ Marie Poyzer’s House, 2-5 p.m.

~No Meetings in December~

**Key: DRC = Docent Resource Ctr, LML = Lodge at Moose Lake, SL = Safari Lodge**

**\*\* Mandatory Meeting. If unable to attend, contact the president or president-elect.**

## CECs and TRAINING

*CECs start at 9:15 a.m.*

Oct 18 ...CEC Zoogeography .....SL

## CMZ Upcoming Special Events

Oct 20-22, 27-29, & 31...Boo at the Zoo (4:00-8:30 p.m.)

Dec 7...Electric Moonlight (5:30-8:30 p.m.)

Dec 1-3, 8-23, 25-Jan 1...Electric Safari (5:30-8:30 p.m.)

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## October Monthly Docent Meeting

Please plan to join us on Saturday, October 14, at 9:30 a.m. in Safari Lodge for our monthly Docent meeting. Stacey Graham, Director of EdVenture & Career Development, will be our presenter this month. See you then,



*Marianne Brooks, President-Elect*

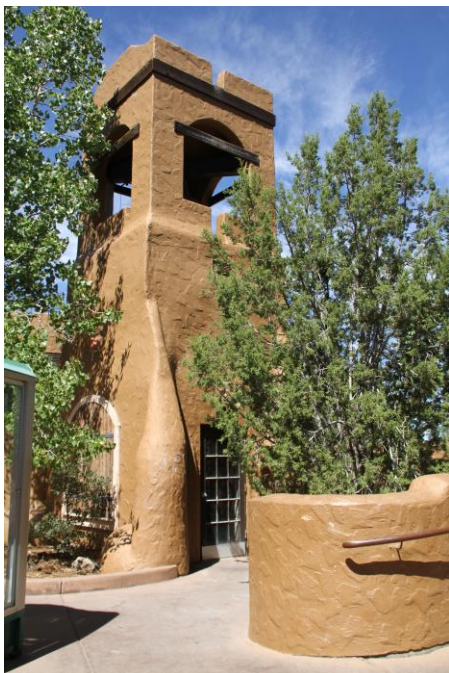


*Photo of Tristan (Matschie's Tree Kangaroo)  
by Susan Hoxie*

## October Cannolis

We will not be making cannolis after the docent meeting on Saturday. Instead, we will be making them on Tuesday, October 17, at 10:30 a.m. Help is always appreciated. Let me know if you'd like to join us.

*Jean Bennett, Enrichment Chair*



*Photo of Bell Tower, Pre-Demolition, by Susan Hoxie*

## CEC Corner

It is finally autumn and colors are popping on the Front Range. CECs are popping, too!

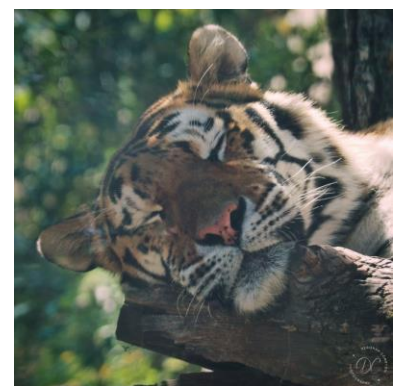
The second in-class CEC of the year took place the last week of September as a refresher on Endangered species and conservation efforts to assist them. Seventeen people certified on this advanced tour, with a total of 50 taking the CEC. Special thanks to Jan Hanley, Janis Henderson, Madalyn Kae and Tricio Trilifo for their research and to Judy Sondermann for creating the certifying quiz!

The next in-class CEC is the re-scheduled Zoogeography refresher — that whirlwind of evolutionary biology, ecology and geology: Latitude, Tectonics, and Biomes, OH MY. See you on Wednesday, October 18. The signup is available in SignupGenius. There is a certifying opportunity for this one!

With the DRC library closing, I took home a few books and started reading one, *The Diversity of Life* by Edward O. Wilson. It's a trip through time to unravel evolutionary forces, adaptive radiation, and the diminishing biodiversity of our planet. For anyone wanting a deeper dive into the importance of biodiversity, this is the book. Wilson is a master wordsmith and best known for his work on Island Geography (which informed the Zoogeography Tour).

Take some time to watch this great video from Arizona Fish & Game, [2023 Arizona Wildlife Views Episode 1](#), featuring cross-fostering of Mexican wolves and a stowaway Colorado marmot. A terrific way to spend 26 minutes!

Always Be Learning,  
*Cris, CEC Chair*



*Photo of Chewy (Amur tiger) resting, by Deborah Compton*



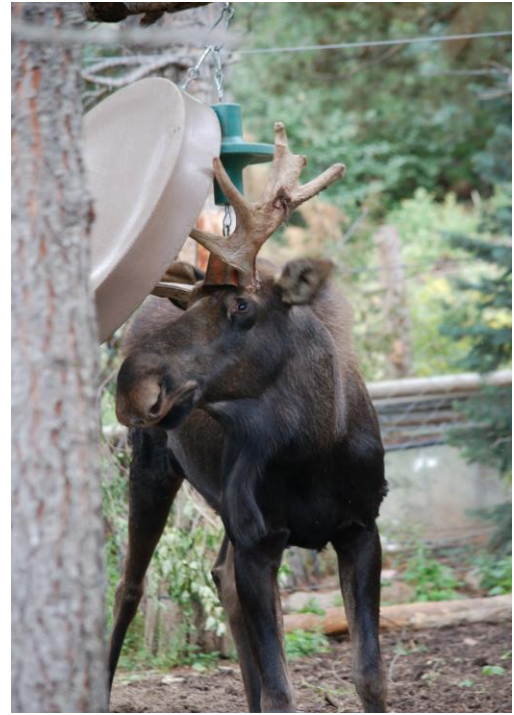
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## Animal Update (October)

- Gorilla, Asha, was observed soliciting, Goma, for breeding. Keepers did not observe any breeding throughout the day.
- Sloths, Boscoe and Aysan, were seen in the same crate two times and next to each other in the tree. Aysan also had her first guest meet and greet.
- Giraffe, Khalid and Bailey, have been spending some mornings together, but no breeding observed.
- Wallaby, Dobby, has been trying to breed with our females but no confirmed births at this time.
- We have lost giraffe, Msichana, salamander, Bruce, Amur tiger, Mila, and a rainbow trout.
- Three of our striped skunks left for their new zoos to become wonderful ambassadors for their species.
- Guinea Pigs, Farrah, Phil, and Irma, entered the Silver Whiskers Lifestyle Community, which is our 55+ guinea pig living center.
- Tree kangaroo, Tristan is transferring to the Denver Zoo on a breeding recommendation.
- Introductions with warthog, Alexander, and hippo, Omo are going well.



*Photo of Wembe (zebra), by Susan Hoxie*



*Atka fighting off his enrichment with BOTH antlers this season, by Susan Hoxie*

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## Important Reminders from Our Cart Master

Let's remember to lock each cart at all times and to shut the clasp! Over the summer, there were two instances of unlocked locks and one clasp that was not shut but the lock was locked!



Especially important is to lock the WEA cart while you are working and keep it covered because this is a box that can easily be carried off by anyone. This picture is **NOT** how to leave this "cart."

The cover on the WEA cart has been replaced. There is now a large two-ft. rip in this cover (see picture below). Also, discovered at the same time, was another broken box clasp. There are now only four working clasps on the red box.

Please be careful and take your time when closing down your station. (It is possible a guest did this damage.) PLEASE, remember to **Lock, Turn** the numbers, and **Tug** on the lock to be sure it's locked!

*Greta Johnson, Cart Master*



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### September Field Trip Memories

On Sunday, September 3, three docents visited the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies to watch a bird banding and take a bird-watching walk. We watched birds being removed from the catch nets, placed in small cloth bags to be carried to the data collection site, and removed from the bags for data collection. Meredith was very knowledgeable and talked about each bird. Data collected on each bird included sex (if possible), weight, molt (if applicable) and amount of fat. For a new bird, age (up to a year), wing size and a tail feather for DNA testing were also collected. Meredith allowed two of the docents to release a couple of the birds. The birds caught for data collection were a Northern Waterthrush (which is a warbler), two Yellow Warblers (this was the third time for one of them), and a Western Wood-Pewee flycatcher. On the birding walk, we saw Snowy Egrets, White Pelicans, gulls, Great Blue Herons, Solitary Sandpipers, Killdeers, European Starlings and a Yellow-Headed Blackbird. It was a great experience and it was followed by lunch in Parker and a visit to the Parker Farmer's Market.

The next field trip will be on **Thursday, October 26, to The Wild Animal Sanctuary** in Keenesburg, CO. [www.wildanimalsanctuary.org](http://www.wildanimalsanctuary.org) Established in 1980, the

Wild Animal Sanctuary (TWAS) is a state and federally licensed zoological facility and a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The educational facility is located outside of Keenesburg, CO, 30 miles northeast of Denver, on 1,214 acres of rural, rolling grasslands, sheltering more than 750 large carnivores! TWAS is the largest and oldest sanctuary of its kind in the world. Their mission is to prevent and alleviate cruelty to animals that are abandoned or were subject to deprivation or neglect by providing care and boarding, and to rescue and provide life-long homes for large, exotic and endangered captive wild animals and to educate the public about the causes of and solutions to the world's Captive Wildlife Crisis. We will order lunch prior to the visit so it doesn't overwhelm the café. Sack lunches are allowed. Please contact me at [rotydoggie@gmail.com](mailto:rotydoggie@gmail.com) if you would like to join us. We will meet and carpool at 7 a.m. from the King Soopers on Baptist Road (SW corner of parking lot). Friends and family are invited. The rate for a day pass is as follows:

- Entry fee for individuals ages 13-69 is \$50
- Entry fee for individuals ages 70+ is \$20

### *Future field trips include:*

#### **Dec or Jan: Downtown Aquarium, Denver**

Downtown Aquarium was purchased by Landry's Restaurants in 2003 when it was Colorado's Ocean Journey Aquarium. On July 14, 2005, Landry's reopened the redesigned complex as Downtown Aquarium. The entertainment and dining complex features a public aquarium boasting more than a million gallons of underwater exhibits that highlight fascinating ecosystems around the world. Downtown Aquarium houses over 500 species of animals, the interactive Stingray Reef touch tank, Aquarium Restaurant, Dive Lounge, the Nautilus Ballroom and amusements for the entire family. With a full-service restaurant, an upscale bar, a fully equipped ballroom, aquatic & geographic exhibits and shopping, Downtown Aquarium has it all! \$16 pp and dinner in Denver for those who want to stay.

<https://www.aquariumrestaurants.com/downtownaquariumdenver/default.asp>

#### **Feb or March: Butterfly Pavilion**

6252 W. 104th Avenue Westminster, CO 80020  
<https://butterflies.org/> \$14.95 for adults, \$12.95 for seniors (65+) lunch in Westminster

**April: Albuquerque BioPark Zoo, Aquarium and Botanical Gardens.** Possibly the Turquoise Museum, New Mexico Museum of Natural History, Petroglyph National Monument

*Kathy O'Donnell, Field Trips*



Yellow warbler (below left), northern waterthrush (Warbler) (below right), and bird being weighed



Bird banding kit

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### Information for The Big Back Yard

Here is a call out to all docents to volunteer in The Big Back Yard (BBY). The docent lunch shifts are 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. every day. The BBY staff appreciates our help while they go to lunch. We watch over the chicken yard and interact with guests. Even on cold days, we can be comfortable in the barn with the warm heat lamp shining down on us! Please contact me to be added to the BBY Signup Genius invite emails, if you are not already on the email list. Email:

[smayhercolo@gmail.com](mailto:smayhercolo@gmail.com) Phone: (719) 661-0743

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### Articles and Information of Interest

- Giraffes range across diverse African habitats – we're using GPS, satellites and statistics to track and protect them, [Click here to read](#)
  - Another rare spotless giraffe found – the first ever seen in the wild, [Click here to read](#)
  - Meet Peanut, the world's oldest chicken – from Chelsea, [Click here to read](#)
  - What I learned documenting the last male northern white rhino's death, [Click here to read](#)
    - The follow-up article: Can this controversial approach save the northern white rhino? (found in National Geographic, premium content)
  - Video: How sloths survive, thrive as nature's couch potato, [Click here to watch](#)
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**CMZA Zooline Information (NOV Issue)**



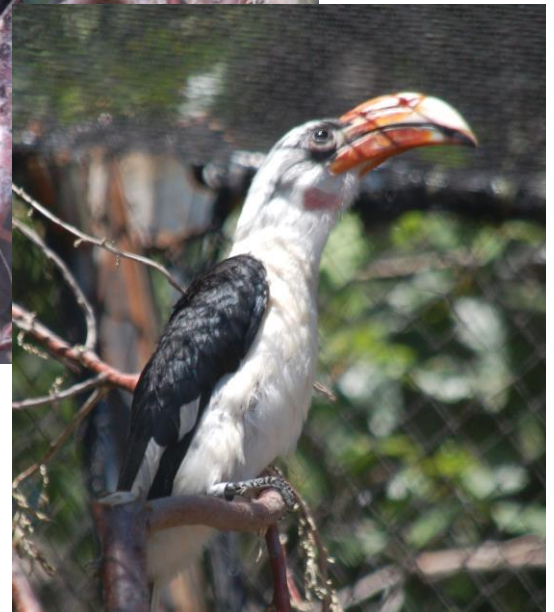
Please send all submissions for the **November** issue – information, articles, pictures, etc. – to [cmza.zooline@yahoo.com](mailto:cmza.zooline@yahoo.com).

The deadline for the November issue is **Sunday, October 22**. Thank you!

*Joelle Shreves and Bailey Southard, Co-Editors*



*Von der Decken's hornbills Dahlia and Karl, by Susan Hoxie*



*Bahati (okapi), by Joelle Shreves*



*Beezler, by Susan Hoxie*

*Bean hanging in the Loft, by Susan Hoxie*





## International Vulture Appreciation Day Photos

