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You are invited to a Special Event Benefitting



Wild Bird Rehabilitation

Schon Boutique, #30 The Boulevard, St. Louis, MO

Friday July 25, 2014 5:30-9:00 pm

Shop and visit with featured artists from the St. Louis area. Enjoy beverages, appetizers and desserts. Suggested minimum donation \$10.00 - additional donations welcome. RSVP by end of business hours Thursday, July 24th to receive a gift bag and enter a door prize drawing. RSVP to 314-726-6909 or e-mail schonbymj@gmail.com

Shopping for the birds - shop online to help area birds by logging into **amazon.com** and selecting the **wish list** for **Wild Bird Rehabilitation**. Select items from the list to ship directly WBR. Thank you for your help!



Wild Bird Chatter

Newsletter of Wild Bird Rehabilitation

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*Please call before you
bring in a bird*

Hours of Operation
9am-8pm Daily

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Our Mission is to provide
the best possible care
for
injured, ill or orphaned
wild birds and release
them back to their
natural habitat

Baby birds take flight

WBR is a center of intense activity during the spring and summer months as hundreds of baby birds receive care. The sound of their chirping permeates every nook and cranny. Then after weeks of hand-feeding and observation, they are released when they are able to exist independently.

Orphaned by pets and habitat destruction

In many cases the rescuer is able to tell us the baby bird's background. Often the bird is orphaned as the result of an attack by a predator. Who are the common predators? The culprit may be a hawk or owl but just as frequently a cat or dog is to blame. The message here is to insure family pets are not preying on neighborhood birds.

Baby birds are sometimes left homeless by destruction of the nesting area. Frequently, habitat is disturbed when trees are trimmed or nursery stock is delivered complete with nest- but mom is left behind. Be sure that you check tree limbs before trimming and either postpone trimming to the fall or move the nest.

Monitoring the baby bird

The bird's development and ability to survive in the wild is closely linked to the training they receive from mom. If you find a bird the ideal solution is to return the bird to the nest so that the normal cycle of life can continue. At WBR we try to simulate their normal habitat as much as possible. Often this requires researching the nesting preferences and diet of each species. There are over 120 species of songbirds that frequent our area so this is no simple task!

Since our end goal is bird release it's important to provide an environment that reflects the bird's stages of development. They start in a cozy little basket but continually advance to a larger area until they are ready for the outdoor aviary. This final step allows them to "test their wings" as we monitor their food consumption and overall health before release.

WBR is totally funded by donations

WBR is a 501(c)(3) and is totally funded by your donations. The average expense for a songbird care is \$57. This can increase if x-rays, veterinary care and medications are required. A bird that was injured by a cat attack requires 10 days of antibiotics. One of our biggest expenses is feeding the insectivores such as bluebirds, phoebes and woodpeckers.

Wildlife rehabilitation is licensed

Wild animal care requires very specific skills and knowledge and WBR is licensed by state and federal entities. We have seen many situations where birds have not been able to recover from the treatment they were given based on recommendations from an internet search or a desire to adopt the bird as a family pet. If possible, please contact us before giving any food or treatment.



A House Finch who was snatched from the nest by a predator; the parents went on the attack but the rescuer could not locate the original nest.

In Honor of...In Memory of

In honor of Bonnie Boime for all you do

Irv & Melody Boime

In honor of Leslie & Nelson Wainwright

Mike & Joyce Patton

In honor of Leslie Wainwright's Birthday

Mary Louise Mellon

In honor of Lynne Breakstone

Mary Ann & Richard Shaw
University of Missouri Extension

In honor of Mike & Sue Tilton

Mike & Joyce Patton

In honor of Debby Martin on Mother's Day

Tim & Stacie Martin

In honor of a little bird I brought to you & you took care of

Charles & Carol Dankenbring

In honor of BJ the Cockatiel

Deborah Werner

In honor of Mama Chickadee & Wren, etc

Al Beletz

In memory of Mary Ann Blakey

Dennis & Carol Chappell
Dennis & Marilyn Bettenhausen
Alan & Mary A. Bowling
Bob & Karen Broz
Allie & Walter Gassmann
Christine Heidenreich
Carol Koenig
J P Loveless
Angela Pifer
Jason & Leslie Thornhill
Wynn & Tricia Volkert
Polly White
Lynne Cooper
Kay Callison

Mr & Mrs Joseph Remeika
Dwayne & Lanelle Baskett
Jay & Judy Bullard
Pauline Crader
Danny & Sally Robb
Dayle Garrett & Sharen Garrett
Barbara Hanson
Dean & Betty Lakin
John & Lacy Pickering
Dexter & Kay Pratt
Evelyn Rogers
Jan Thompson & Emily Clark
Ron West
Karol Wise
Patricia & Charles White
Gary & Julie Thompson
Andrew Twaddle

In memory of Kathie Swan

Irene & John McCracken

In memory of Rosemarie Goldbeck

Jim & Donna Short

In memory of Andrew Wappelhorst

Barbara Normile

In memory of Fritz Luckner

Annerose Crown

In memory of Eleanore Anderson

Brooks Anderson

In memory of John Wiggins

Barbara Wiggins

In memory of Sallie Larimore Lynch

John P Rosenau
Ray & Mary Ann Trombley
Sue & Neal Alexander
Joyce & Mike Patton
Tracy Durrell
Kay Kaiser & John Carr
Karen Schmidt
Benny Johnston & Karen Harmon

Bob Minor & Carolyn Stewart
(Cat's Flooring)
Susie Grunik
Mike & Sue Tilton
Jim & Donna Short
Jerry & Barb Ehnes
Michael & Patricia Kausch
Gary Harris
Ray & Katie Muench
Leslie & Nelson Wainwright
Sarah Yeargain



Eastern Bluebird - Missouri State Bird

In memory of Penelope Rose Mueller

Nan & Stephen Povinelli

In memory of Stumpy aka Stinker pot

Lisa Mueller

In memory of Braunie, Bubba, Bruiser, Axel, Dad Buddy

Annette Harris

In memory of Alberto

Patricia Viamontes

In memory of all the beautiful dogs brutally murdered for food in China & South Korea

Mr & Mrs Raymond Ledford

Here's what's going on at WBR...

As you can imagine we have been very busy since April when the baby birds started arriving. Feeding the birds every 15-30 minutes results in a constant flurry of activity. In addition to direct bird care, our volunteers are busy cleaning the cages, nesting areas and our facility.

Some of the birds we are caring for are: phoebes, a Black-capped Chickadee, wrens, woodpeckers, Blue-gray Gnatcatchers (*not often seen in cities and suburbs*), brown thrashers, bluebirds, song sparrows and a White-breasted Nuthatch.

The number of birds we have seen in May and June has been up considerably over previous years especially among the insectivores. Thank you for spreading the word about our services!

Currently, we are busy preparing birds for release after a stay in the aviary. As the birds develop and become older and more curious we look for creative ways to challenge them to locate their food so that they are preparing for life in the wild by developing their foraging skills.

The American Goldfinches arrive late in the summer. Nesting peaks in late July and decreases in August but can continue until September. Goldfinches are late in the season since they require thistle and other late-maturing plants with fibrous seeds for nest building and feeding their young.

Help!

Due to high volume and the requirement for our volunteers to care for the birds we are not always available by phone but you can find instructions for many common situations on our website www.wildbirdrehab.org select *Bird Care*.

If you have a few hours a week to spare, please help in our call center, responding to inquiries from rescuers regarding bird care. You receive training and support for this valuable service and can work from home which allows our volunteers at the center to concentrate on our birds. Please contact wildbirdrehab9@gmail.com.

WBR Staff & Volunteers



One of our volunteers, Zoe, cleaning cages. She has been a WBR volunteer for 2 years and recently graduated from high school.

Calendar of Events

Volunteer Orientation & Training – call 314-426-6400 for information regarding dates and times.

June 28 - Town and Country Whole Foods; 12-2pm. This kicks off a supply drive where customers can donate purchases to WBR. Also the chance to purchase custom fabric plates – proceeds benefit WBR.

July – **Town and Country Whole Foods supply drive**. Purchase items found on the WBR wish list and place them in the container found near the exit.

July 25 - **Schon Gallery Benefit Event** (see p.4 for more information and how you can register).

Sept 12-14 - **Kirkwood Greentree Festival**. Stop by our information table.

Oct. 4 - **The Bug Store**, 4474 Shaw Blvd, 10am-3pm. Join us for a day of fun events.

November 8 – **Annual Silent Auction & Trivia Night** at Kirkwood Community Center. Email 2014wbrtrivianight@gmail.com to register or if you would like to donate auction items.

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Board of Directors: Diane Bricmont, Bobbie Donaldson, Donna Short, Mary Beth Spangler, Leslie Wainwright, Denise White; **Executive Director:** Tracy Durrell