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## 7<sup>TH</sup> Annual Trivia Night Benefit November 14

The Trivia Night at the Kirkwood Community Center is much more than a test of your knowledge. It's a great time to enjoy the company of friends and family while helping area birds! Also, you'll have the opportunity to shop magnificent auction items and to purchase chances for a one-of-a-kind quilt. This is the major fundraising event of the year for Wild Bird Rehabilitation and we need your help.

### Trivia and More

The silent auction begins at 6 pm and Trivia starts at 7 pm.

Trivia teams consist of eight members and cash is awarded for first and second prizes. In addition to trivia, there will be optional side games and a 50/50 raffle. Water and soda are included and you may bring snacks and alcohol.

### Silent Auction

The silent auction features gift baskets, gift certificates, books, games, decorative items, sports memorabilia,

jewelry, opportunities for unique experiences and special items for bird lovers. We're excited to have a 1982 powder blue Cardinals jersey worn and signed by Whitey Herzog to auction!

### Quilt Raffle



*Raffle tickets available for this unique bird quilt!*

This year we have a unique bird-themed quilt. Chances for the quilt are available at WBR and these locations: Native Traditions Gallery, 310 S. Main St. St. Charles; Wild Birds Unlimited, Chesterfield, 1739 Clarkson Rd; Wild Birds Unlimited, Florissant, Surrey Plaza 1, 2644 N. Highway 67. It's not necessary to be present at the Trivia Night to win.

### Send your entry fee

Send your entry fee of \$160 for a team of eight or \$20 for a single ticket and we'll match you up with a

team. Mail the registration form (*on page 3*) with payment. To pay by credit card, register online at [www.wildbirdrehab.org](http://www.wildbirdrehab.org) in the **Events** section.

If you have any questions, would like to donate an item for the silent auction or discuss sponsorship opportunities, please email Sarah Brewer at [wbrtrivia@gmail.com](mailto:wbrtrivia@gmail.com). Join us for this fun evening and help area birds!

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Like us on Facebook and visit our website [www.wildbirdrehab.org](http://www.wildbirdrehab.org) for information about what to do if you find a bird, WBR events, bird rescue stories and more.



# Wild Bird Chatter

Newsletter of Wild Bird Rehabilitation

Fall 2015

## Wild Bird Rehabilitation

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*Please call before you bring  
in a bird*

### Hours of Operation

9am - 1pm; 5pm – 7pm  
Daily

[www.wildbirdrehab.org](http://www.wildbirdrehab.org)



Our mission is to provide care for injured, ill and orphaned native wild songbirds and to release them back into their natural habitat. We also provide public education regarding the humane treatment of wild songbirds and the conservation of their habitat.

## Native Plants Provide Key to the Future

In the Midwest we have an abundance of plants and animals which thrive when there is adequate habitat diversity. Unfortunately our open spaces, our wildlife, and our natural areas have been compromised. Wild Bird Rehabilitation cares for over 2000 birds a year. Many of these birds were displaced as a result of habitat loss or victims of predators like cats and dogs.

Here are some startling facts:

- Most of the prairies and old-growth forests have been converted into agricultural and developed landscapes.
- Nearly 90% of Missouri's original wetlands have been destroyed, and 99% of the prairies have been eliminated.
- Aggressive non-native, or invasive, species are now listed as the second biggest threat to our native species and degrade the environment.
- Bird populations all over the world are plummeting, due primarily to human causes and habitat loss.

The good news is that there are ways to reduce these losses. Using native plants in landscaping is the single, most important step in attracting

birds, butterflies, and pollinators. It is well known that, as biodiversity increases, so does the environmental health of the landscape and ultimately that of humans.

Author Doug Tallamy, writing on the native plant movement in **Bringing Nature Home** says: "Because life is fueled by the energy captured from the sun by plants, it will be the plants that



*Goldfinch pecking at the seeds of a Coneflower.*

we use in our gardens that determine what nature will be like 10, 20, and 50 years from now. ... If we use plants that evolved with our local animal communities as the foundation of our landscapes, we may be able to save much of our biodiversity from extinction.

In essence, we will for the first time coexist with nature rather than compete with her."

It is in this spirit that WBR now has an impressive variety of native plants growing on the property. You're invited to visit WBR's native plant garden and we hope that it will inspire you to incorporate natives in your yard!

# In Honor of...In Memory of

**In honor of the marriage of  
Tavi Karpilow & Eric Fields**

Leslie & Nelson Wainwright  
Frederick &  
Chryslina  
Schlichter  
Marlin & Ruby  
Andersen  
Hungu &  
Dakshayani Sripal  
Mahendra Gupta  
Srinivas Kompalli  
Jeanne Kurlandski  
Denise White  
Mark & Beverly Luber  
Norma & Carl Wright  
Mary Schwantes  
Deborah Wright

**In honor of Mike Anderson**

Barbara Anderson

**In honor of Tim Kelsheimer**

Mary Kelsheimer

**In honor of Barbara Liberman**

Alex Liberman

**In honor of Miss Peggy Sue**

Laurence Rosen



**In honor of The  
Crow**

Alan & Leigh  
Heisel

**In honor of my  
great horse &  
buddy Trigger**

Sharon Hopen

**In memory of  
Prof C.L.L.J.P.F.**

**Pooh**

Carlotta E. Lewis, Janice & Leslie

**In memory of Margaret Pauline**

Susan Tilton

**In memory of J.E. Gessler**

Nancy Stewart

**In memory of Norman E. White**

Polly White

**In memory of Donald Stuesse**

Michelle Stuesse

**In memory of Glen Foster**

Bruce & Cathy McQuay

**In memory of Tom Mullen**

Robert Evans

**In memory of my little sister Danielle  
Wilson**

Jennifer Wilson

**In memory of the injured robin found  
today on my walk**

Kendra Holliday

**In memory of Gaby**

Mary Cowell

**In memory of Stumpy**

Eric Mueller

**In memory of The Luckiest Lovebird**

Julie Whitmire

*Memorial Bricks are available for a donation of \$250 and provide an opportunity to honor or memorialize your family, friend or pet.*



*Special thanks to Susan Pang, WBR Director of Environmental Affairs & Marketing, whose vision, passion and efforts made the native plant garden at WBR a reality and resulted in a "Gold" award rating by the St. Louis Audubon Society's Bring Conservation Home program. Here a Monarch is nectaring on a milkweed (in our garden) illustrating how quickly native plants can yield results!*

## Calendar of Events

**Saturday, October 17 Native Plant School 10th Anniversary, Shaw Nature Reserve (1-5 pm)** Special event highlighting the insect/bird/plant connection. [www.shawnature.org/nps](http://www.shawnature.org/nps) for more information.

**Saturday, November 14 Trivia Night & Silent Auction, Kirkwood Community Center.** Join us for a fun evening at this annual event which is WBR's major fundraiser of the year. Send the registration form on p.3 or register online on our website.

**This Winter – Dine out with WBR** and help area birds. Watch our web site **Events** section for more information. See [www.wildbirdrehab.org/events](http://www.wildbirdrehab.org/events) for up-to-date information!

**Board of Directors:** Diane Bricmont, S.L. Kotar, Donna Short, Mary Beth Spangler and Leslie Wainwright

**Executive Director:** Tracy Durrell

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

Once again we had a busy spring and summer, caring for baby songbirds of all types. Early May is the busiest time of the year and the rush continues throughout the summer. We made a few improvements this year that were very successful.

Our Call Center was instrumental in insuring that birds brought to the center truly needed our help. These volunteers worked with bird rescuers over the phone to determine the next step and often the bird was able to remain in its home environment, rather than be admitted to WBR.



*Rose Verbena from the garden brings nature indoors for this Hummingbird recovering from a window strike.*

Caring for birds who are under mom's care and are mistakenly brought to us is very labor intensive since we have to coax them to eat. These birds have been cared for and are expecting mom to show up with dinner. A bird that has been truly abandoned is hungry and ready to eat! This is the reason we always stress "call before you bring in a bird".

This year we saw the development of our Missouri native plant garden which has drastically improved the appearance of the area surrounding the center. The garden, which is in its first year, has already attracted countless pollinators in an area equivalent in size to a typical front yard/backyard. In the future we plan to add more of our home-grown seeds and berries to our birds' diets. We are already using plant foliage to provide a more natural environment for our patients.

During the winter months we will be preparing the center for next spring. We always do a thorough cleaning, evaluate our procedures, seek additional training and of course recruit volunteers for next spring. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on our website. We will be conducting orientation classes and advanced classes during the winter months.

As always, thank you for your support!

## WBR Staff & Volunteers

### Trivia Night & Silent Auction Ticket Reservation Form

*Reservations are required and non-refundable.*

I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats (at \$20 each) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I cannot attend but wish to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail form with payment by **Nov 7, 2015** to:

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If available, please include a sheet with the names and contact info of the people for whom you are reserving seats.

**Many thanks to the Volunteers who helped make 2015 a successful year and helped treat a record number of St Louis area birds!**