

Wild Bird Rehabilitation
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"Thank You" to the Volunteers who helped make 2017 a successful year at WBR!

Join us **Saturday, November 11** for a fun evening at Wild Bird Rehabilitation's major fundraising event of the year. It's a great time to enjoy the company of friends and family while helping area birds! The Trivia Night, held at the **Kirkwood Community Center** is much more than a test of your knowledge. You will have the opportunity to shop

magnificent auction items and experiences. Make your reservations early - this event sells out!

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 to first and second place teams. 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, unique experiences and special items for bird lovers.

Send your entry fee early for a discount
Send your entry fee of \$200 for a team of eight or \$25 for a single ticket

and we'll match you up with a team. Mail the registration form (*on page 2*) with payment. To pay by credit card, register online at www.wildbirdrehab.org in the **Events** section. **To receive a \$10 per team early bird discount register online before October 1 or mail your registration by September 23.**

If you have any questions, would like to donate an item for the silent auction or discuss sponsorship opportunities, please email wbrtrivia@gmail.com.



Wild Bird Chatter

Newsletter of Wild Bird Rehabilitation

Fall 2017

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*Please call before you bring
in a bird*

Hours of Operation

Daily

9am - 1pm; 5pm - 7pm

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.

Gardening with a purpose

Many of us enjoy playing in the dirt, spring blooms and of course watching songbirds! Bird populations all over the world are plummeting due primarily to human causes and habitat loss but you can help reduce these losses and experience the satisfaction of “gardening with a purpose” by introducing native plants and trees into your landscape.

Our native plants and wildlife evolved together. Because plants and wildlife are dependent upon each other for preservation, it is necessary to maintain the health of both. Native plants require very little work to thrive versus “alien” plants who call another area of the globe home. You don’t need a large yard for native plants. Start out small and the plants will develop with minimal maintenance.



The Purple Milkweed is a source of nectar for the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail.

One of the important aspects of native plants is that they provide food for our insect population. Though we seem to be conditioned to dislike bugs – they are an important part of the food chain, especially for birds.

Author Douglas Tallamy, writing on the native plant movement says: “a large percentage of the world’s fauna depends entirely on insects to access the energy

stored in plants. Birds are a particularly good example of such organisms. If you count all of the terrestrial bird species in North America that rely on insects...to feed their young you would find that figure to be 96 per-cent – in other words, nearly all of them.”

We can vouch for that at WBR where during



An American Goldfinch surveys the bounty of native plants available at Shaw Nature Center.

baby bird season we feed our patients countless mealworms and crickets!

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. We have many resources in our area to guide us. **Bring Conservation Home** (www.stlouisaudubon.org/conservation), an Audubon Society program, provides assistance in selecting plants. Increasingly many of our local garden shops stock native plants. Visit Shaw Nature Center for inspiration. Now is the time to include native plants in your landscape!

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

We made it through another busy season, dedicated primarily to taking care of baby birds! This year we had quite a few Chimney Swift patients and their constant chatter left no doubt they were in the house!

At this point our patients are primarily migrating birds. We have birds leaving our area and some who migrate here for the winter. Then of course we have our year round residents. Here are some considerations for the

upcoming months. **Bird Feeders:** Make sure your feeders are clean and that the seed is not moldy or wet. **Water:** Water is important year round to keep birds hydrated and it's needed to preen their feathers.



Chimney Swift nestlings in the E.R.

Window Strikes: In excess of one billion birds die every year as a result of window collisions, which are

most common during migration periods. Place decals, tape or hanging strips on the window. **Pets:** Cat attacks are responsible for over 2 billion bird deaths in the U.S. It's important to keep pets under control.

Tree Trimming: Trim your trees this winter to avoid displacing a bird family in the spring by removing the tree branch where their nest is located.

Backyard birds brighten up our gloomy winter days so let's do what we can to keep them safe and healthy!

WBR Staff & Volunteers

New Executive Director at WBR: We welcome Joe Hoffmann to WBR as Executive Director effective September 15. Joe previously served as the Director of Wildlife Rehabilitation at the World Bird Sanctuary, Valley Park, MO where he has supervised and trained employees, volunteers and interns in all facets of the operation. Joe states that "my lifetime enthusiasm for preserving the world's biodiversity is the true asset I bring to Wild Bird Rehabilitation".

Tracy Durrell is leaving WBR to pursue other opportunities and we thank her for her dedication to the rehabilitation of native wild songbirds!

Trivia Night & Silent Auction Reservation Form **Early Bird Discount Available**

Payment is required to reserve your seat. Reservations are required and non-refundable.

I would like to reserve _____ seats (at \$25 each) = \$ _____

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

If available, please include a sheet with the names and contact info of those Included in your reservation.

Please mail form with payment by **November 4, 2017**. Mail by **Sept 23** to receive a **\$10 per table Early Bird Discount**.

Send to:
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In Honor of...In Memory of

In honor of Alyson Barclay
Esco Technologies

In honor of Kristina Inman
Amy Inman

In honor of Ella Hamlin
Catherine Hamlin

In honor of Carol Faintich's birthday
Roz & Ron Teper

In honor of Liam Huynh
Louis Baker
Dan Stiehr

In honor of Tootsie and all the strays that are adopted
John G. Adams, DVM

In honor of Wirby, the Hummingbird
Sherry Hildebrand

In honor of the Robin we rescued and brought in #17-1065
Marcherie Vazquez

In honor of Bootsie
Charlene Bambrick

In honor of JoJo
Jean Harmon



In honor of Shamus
Ruth Vlasak

In memory of Blake Daniel Green
Jim & Donna Short

In memory of Jacob Daniel Young
A random act of Kindness

In memory of Esther Rill
Lisa Bangert

In memory of Doris Fortner
Walter Fortner

In memory of Margaret Pauline
Sue Tilton

In memory of Hermann Bonasch, DVM
Beth Bonasch

In memory of Wanda Morris
Steve & Karen Stetz

Calendar of Events

2017 Native Plant Garden Tour, Saturday September 16 9am-4pm. St Louis Audubon and Wild Ones are collaborating to present this tour of residential gardens in west county. For more information see: www.stlouisaudubon.org/NPT2017

WBR Trivia Night & Silent Auction, Saturday, November 11. Kirkwood Community Center. Save the date for a fun evening at this annual event which is WBR's major fundraiser of the year.

See www.wildbirdrehab.org/events for more information!

In memory of my mother, Anita Jackson
Charlene Schneider

In memory of Joseph & Loyola Ewen
Linda Isbell

In memory of Eleanore Anderson
Brooks Anderson

In memory of Mouse Lamoureux
Keira Anderson

In memory of Sidney-Bert, the parakeet
Glen Stockwell

In memory of Missy, our sweet cat
Mary Kerbler

In memory of Alfie & Bernie
Diana Hart

In memory of Goosey
Eric Mueller



Eagle Scouts Troop 751 to the Rescue...repairing the deck at WBR. Six Eagle Scouts participated in this project which included building a new drop box which is used when birds are dropped off after hours. Thank You!