



News & Notes-March 2011

Its time for FWMA membership renewal. Here at FWMA we are very aware that most of us are still facing tight financial times. Over the past couple of years we have had to tighten our financial belt here at the center while still providing the care that our wildlife patients need to recover and return to the wild. We need the help of all of our members to make it through 2011. Please help us continue our mission to rescue, rehabilitate and return our wildlife patients to the wild.

This year we are pleased to announce our new FWMA Membership Decal – designed by Carole Robertson, a unique design for 2011.

100% of your donation

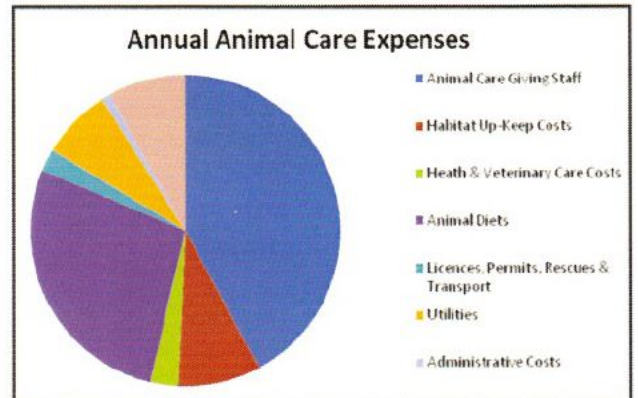
will be used in pursuit of our mission. To show our appreciation we would like to send you your 2011 Membership Decal and three mailings per year keeping you up to date with the events at the center.



We thank you in anticipation of your support and membership renewal!



It's all about the animals!



Animal Statistics 2010

FWMA provided care for 825 animals in 2010:
 39 Domestic/ Exotics, 430 Native Mammals, 310 Native Birds
 22 Native Reptiles
 65% of these animals were returned to the wild, 3.5% were adopted, 5.5% were transferred to other facilities to be used for education or further conditioning, 10% remained in care at FWMA.

EXPENSE ITEM ANNUAL EXPENSE

Animal Care Giving Staff	47,252.72
Habitat Up-Keep Costs	9,689.23
Health & Veterinary Care Costs	3,231.39
Animal Diets	31,046.55
Licenses, Permits, Rescue & Transport	2,572.41
Utilities	8,199.55
Administrative Costs	1,020.66
Fundraising	9,116.81
Total	11,2129.30

New T-Shirt Design!

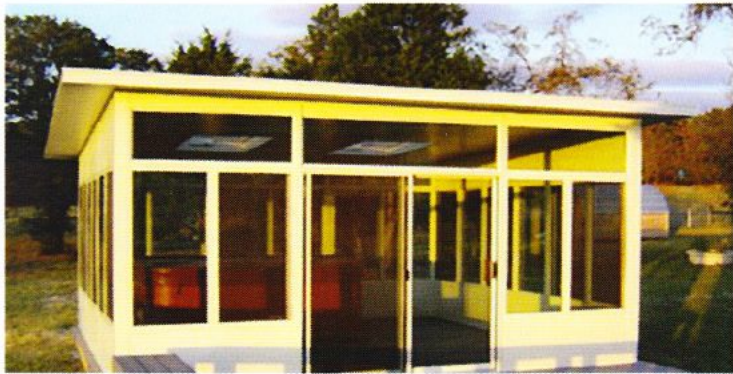
We are so fortunate.....we have been given the most wonderful opportunity to raise money for our wildlife patients. At our 2010 Woodstork Festival we met Carole Robertson, a tremendously talented photographic artist (www.robertsonartgallery.com).

Carole offered to design a t-shirt for FWMA and we took her up on her offer for our 2011 design – she gave her time and talents free of charge and, as you can see, the results are quite spectacular! We are so proud to offer these shirts for a suggested donation of \$20 (plus \$5 shipping and handling) – this design will only be available this year so hurry, please use the member ship renewal form enclosed to order your shirts.



We need your help for the birds!

Despite our name, *Florida Wild Mammal Association*, our center accepts and rehabilitates a large variety of birds. FWMA provided care for 310 avian patients last year of which 50% were songbirds. FWMA is gearing up for our busiest time of the year, that we call baby season. This is when hundreds of songbirds arrive at the center after they have become orphaned. These little birds will need to be fed every fifteen minutes from sun up to sun down until they can eat on their own. This is a tremendous undertaking and as you can imagine you feel quite proud of yourself by the time the baby birds reach the size of their natural mother. But just as important as raising them is the transition to the outside, where they will eventually be set free. In order to acclimate to their outside surroundings the baby birds are placed in an outdoor enclosure, that's where they learn to fly and forage for food. After being in this cage for several weeks they are returned to the wild. It is very important that this cage be made of materials that do not damage their wings and keep all of the harmful predators such as snakes and raccoons out. We are in the process of trying to rebuild our songbird aviary and are seeking screen panels from either pool enclosures or an outdoor screen room. Once the panels are erected we will put on a roof and cover the outside with quarter inch hardware cloth. If you have any supplies towards this project or you would like to help please call Chris Beatty at 363-2351 or email her at choppaotta@aol.com.



FWMA provided care for 310 avian patients last year of which 25% were birds of prey.

Our bird of prey aviary that we use has finally given way to old age and general wear and tear. It is unusable and of course this has happened at the worst time.

In December and January we have received 15 barred owls, 3 bald eagles, 5 red tailed hawks, 1 great horned owl, 5 screech owls and 1 American kestrel.

The USFWS has

wood slats including the roof. The requirements include that the aviary must not use central supports or mesh/wire on the interior.

This is going to be an enormous and challenging project that will require the help of an engineer/architect, some very skilled carpenters, and of course a ton of lumber. Without the repair of our present cage that is 48'x20'x12' we may be forced to transfer our birds of prey to other facilities in Orlando or



The flight photo here is a sample of what we need to build.

established new cage regulations for birds of prey. These standards were created to insure that all rehabilitated birds of prey receive the proper flight conditioning before returning to the wild. Their new standards for the larger raptors require that the caging be 100'x20'x16' and be completely made out of

Pensacola that meet the caging requirements. The birds whose homes are in Wakulla and surrounding counties should stay in this area but **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to make this happen. Please remember all donations are tax deductible.

GIANT YARD SALE

Townsend's Nads Mini Storage
59 Shadeville Road • Crawfordville

All Donations Greatly Appreciated--and tax deductible!!
Items can be dropped off at Nads-Unit Number 43

Thurs., March 10th, Noon - 5pm (Set Up)
Fri., March 11th, 8am - 4pm
Sat., March 12th, 8am - 2pm

Our Ongoing Wishlist!

Rakes • Wheelbarrows • Bleach
Paper towels • Fresh fruits and vegetables
Galvanized tin roofing 8ft
1/4 inch hardware cloth