



We would like to thank all of our very generous donors, supporters, dedicated volunteers and staff for helping us to care for over 700 wildlife patients this year.

News & Notes ~ November/December 2013



Donor Tree

Last year we moved our Donor Tree into the digital age. This turned out to be so successful that we will once again be celebrating the Holiday Season with The Donor Tree Online. Leaves can be dedicated to you or your loved ones and a beautiful card can be sent to the person of your choice. Plus, when you visit our website (www.FWMA.org), you will be able to follow the link to see your dedication on our Online Donor Tree. You can dedicate a leaf on our Tree in honor or in memory of someone special. If you would like to help FWMA and, at the same time, would love to give a great gift to a friend or relative please fill out and return the reply slip in the envelope provided (please ensure that names and addresses are legible and complete!).

In Honor / Memory of (circle one)

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Name _____ Name _____

Please send a card to: _____ Please send a card to: _____

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Donation Made By: _____ Donation Made By: _____



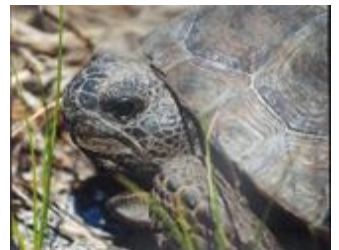
Christmas Trees

Thanks to our creative volunteers we will be decorating Christmas trees to raise funds for FWMA! If you would like a fun gift for a friend or relative, this can be planted and live on well after the Holiday Season to provide a natural habitat for our native wildlife. Trees will be on

sale from November 26th thru December 15th for a suggested donation of \$20. The trees will be available at the center, Just Fruits and Exotics, Crawfordville Animal Hospital, VCA Animal Hospital and a variety of locations in Franklin County including Centennial Bank in Apalachicola.



AND THE WINNERS ARE . . .



The 6th Annual FWMA Photo Contest was a great success, thanks to the photographers who entered and the judges who reviewed nearly 200 photographs. The project generated \$910 in entry fees, and most of the entrants donated their photos so that they can be sold/auctioned to generate additional funds. We had seven categories this year with the addition of macro and black & white categories. In the youth group, the winning photographers are Lacy Barineau in the bird category with a beautiful photo of an Egret, Torreya Rodgers in the other wildlife category with a unique photo of a deer with a single antler, Galadriel Mortenson in the flower/plant category with a photo of a great tree canopy, Torreya Rodgers in the landscape category with an impressive photo of a reflection of the St. Marks Lighthouse on the Gulf water, Lacy Bar-

ineau in the altered category with an intriguing photo of a heron, Lacy Barineau in the macro category with an up-close photo of a dragonfly, and Lacy Barineau in the black & white category with a photo of raindrops on a leaf. In the adult group, the winning photographers are Ralph Van Dusseldorp in the bird category with a beautiful King Eider photo, Sandra Muldrow in the altered category with a majestic bison in the snow at Yellowstone, Gregory Overcashier in the black & white category with a skimming juvenile Black Skimmer, Ralph Van Dusseldorp in the flower/plant category with a photo of good-enough-to eat Chocolate Lilies, Miranda Whaley in the landscape category with a beautiful reflection photo of buildings along a canal, Laura Rich in the macro category with a photo of a tortoise that appears to be eye-to-eye with the camera lens, and Ralph

Van Dusseldorp in the other wildlife category with a headshot of a Mountain Goat. The photo with the highest score overall was the King Eider bird submitted by Ralph Van Dusseldorp. All of the photos will be displayed at the Wakulla Welcome Center in Panacea FL at the beginning of January; the exact dates, hours and directions will be in a subsequent update on Facebook (or email fwmaeast@aol.com for this information). The photos will also be available for viewing on Flickr in December. Congratulations to all of the winners and a great big thank-you to the judges and everyone who entered! Keep those cameras charged up so you can capture a winner for next year's contest. Stay tuned for instructions on how/where to purchase the photos that were donated.



WOW! Our Facebook page now has 1,337 "likes/friends"absolutely fabulous. Thanks to Melissa Starbuck for keeping everyone up-to-date on all the latest news from FWMA.

FWMA.ORG Our new website is ready - please visit us at www.fwma.org. Special thanks to Bash Beard and Nancy Wood for their hard work and doing such a wonderful job, we love our new website! You can still reach our web page at wakullawildlife.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

It is a wonderful time to come and volunteer at FWMA. We have all kinds of indoor and outdoor volunteer opportunities to suit everyone's tastes and abilities. If you would like a fun, interesting and rewarding way to spend some of your free time we would love to welcome you to FWMA. Due to the types of animals that we care for you must be 16 or older to volunteer at the facility but there are many offsite projects suitable for younger volunteers. Please e-mail Chris at choppaotta@aol.com for more information (please title your e-mails "Would Like To Volunteer").

YARD SALE



At Townsend's Nads Mini Storage
Shadeville Rd, Crawfordville
All Donations Greatly Appreciated
This sale will be in March 2014,
dates will be confirmed on Facebook,
WakullaWildlife.org and Wakulla News.

URGENT WISHLIST

FWMA has a brief period where the animal intake is slower than usual, so we try to focus on refurbishing all the cages and straightening out the property. This is a huge undertaking -- the center has been absolutely slammed full this year so the clean up is extensive.

Almost all of the outdoor enclosures have been completely regraded but we still need your help to finish this immense task. We have put together a wish list of items that would help us

Green Outdoor Carpeting (fake turf)
Wheel Barrows
Chest Freezers

New Washer and Dryer
Side-by-side Refrigerator
Truckload of Gravel
Bags of cement



If you can help e-mail Chris at choppaotta@aol.com (please title your e-mails "Wish List Donation").

ANIMAL RESCUES!

Due to the high volume of animals that we are receiving, all of our time is spent caring for them and unfortunately funds do not allow for us to have a member of staff to monitor the phone. If you find sick, injured or orphaned wildlife please bring them directly to the center so that the animal can receive care as soon as possible. Although we are not open to the public, animals can be brought to the center 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Roses are red and violets are blue
A very special thanks
from Pepe Le Pew

We love Dr. H and Dr. O Guhrt

HEARTS GONE WILD~ BIG THANKS!

From The Heart Recording Studio hosted "Hearts Gone Wild", a fundraiser for Florida Wild Mammal Association. This was held on Saturday, November 23 at From The Heart Recording Studio from Noon until 9pm on the grounds of the studio. 100% of the gate benefited FWMA. We can't thank you enough!

ANIMALS TRANSFERRED TO MIAMI ZOO

We would like to thank Zoological Wildlife Foundation for providing a new forever home for 16 of our permanent residents including Tyson the bald eagle and Franklin the peregrine falcon. This facility offers excellent habitats with very caring staff who send us regular updates so we can keep in touch.



MED ROOM REBUILD

Our medical room has provided care for thousands of wildlife patients. Unfortunately, due to its age and heavy use, it is in desperate need of repair. This building is vital to the daily operation here at FWMA. It houses all incoming and critical care wildlife patients. Both the interior and exterior are in desperate need of renovation. If there are any builders / contractors who could help us with this project please contact Chris at choppaotta@aol.com.

