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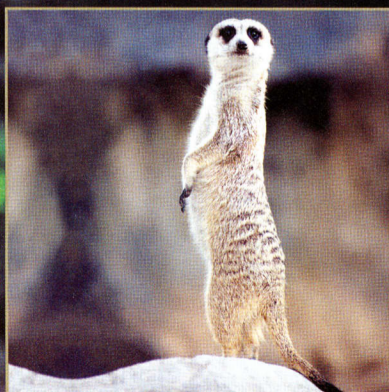
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# THE CUBAN CROCODILE

By Steve Conners  
General Curator

With Miami Metrozoo's focus on Asian and African fauna, there hasn't been much of an opportunity to exhibit animals found closer to home. We have displayed a few South American species, and some North American animals are always used in education programs, but few if any animals from the Caribbean have been the subjects of an exhibit. Now that has changed. Two Cuban crocodiles are replacing the Siamese crocs in their newly renovated exhibit. This is a welcome addition to our collection for a number of reasons.

Cuban crocodiles (*Crocodylus rhombifer*) are considered by many reptile enthusiasts to be the world's prettiest crocodilian. Perhaps only reptile enthusiasts would consider any crocodile pretty, but these crocs often have considerable amounts of yellow spotting which is very attractive when compared to the

drab markings of other members of their clan. This beauty belies a more sinister aspect of the species; stories of the aggressive nature of Cuban crocs are legendary among zoo herpetologists. In the words of Mike Davenport, supervisor of reptiles at the National Zoo since 1977, and an authority on crocs, "Those things will eat you up!" Their running and

leaping abilities are surprising.

Regardless of their nasty reputation among zookeepers and the public, these crocs cause few casualties in their native Cuba. This may be partly due to the fact that they have the smallest range of any of the nine

species of crocodilian found in the Western Hemisphere.

Among reptiles, only the Chinese alligator (with about 500 individuals in the wild) is more endangered than the Cuban crocodile. There are an estimated 1-2,000 Cuban crocodiles living in the wild today. Their habitat is limited to two wetlands in southern Cuba, the



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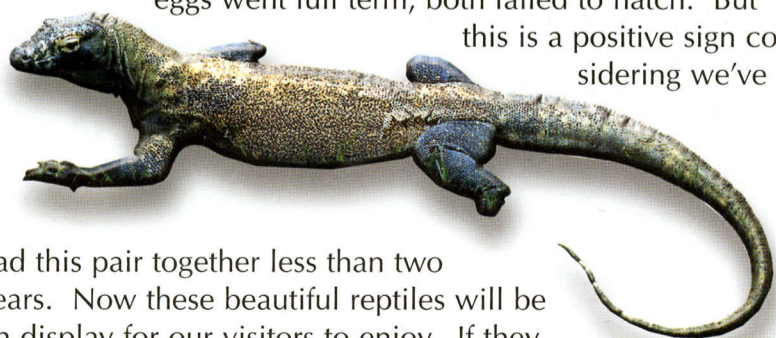
Zapata Swamp on the mainland and the Lanier Swamp on the Isle of Youth. The combined area of these two swamps is less than 300 square miles! At one time they ranged across the island, and fossils show that they even reached the Bahamas. Three centuries of hunting and habitat loss have led to their designation as an endangered species. Current threats include possible hybridization with American crocodiles. The latter, once exclusively coastal on the island, has moved inland thanks to human-induced habitat changes. It is now found alongside Cuban crocs, and hybridization with them will eventually result in a reduction in the total pure populations of both species. You could call it genetic pollution. Ironically, another threat comes from yet a different species of crocodilian. Spectacled caiman were introduced many years ago on the Isle of Youth. Native to Central and South America, they have adapted well and established a population on the island. Since they are only distantly related to the crocs, hybridization is not a concern. They do compete for space and resources, however, and likely prey on young crocodiles.

Today, there are more Cuban crocodiles living in captivity than in the wild. This indicates how poorly the wild population is doing, but also provides insurance for the species should disaster befall the tiny wild populations. The vast majority of these captives are on two crocodile farms in Cuba. One of them is a government facility that has done an excellent job of using captive hatched animals to re-establish the wild population on the Isle of Youth. Despite limited resources, the employees have done some superb work and shown a deep commitment to conserving this endemic reptile.

As an example of how wildlife preservation workers tend to overlook political or ideological differences, the Species Survival Program for Cuban crocs, coordinated by Bill McMahan of the Louisville Zoo, has taken an active role in the Cuban program. Education materials have been distributed to teachers and local school children in order to help them learn to live with and appreciate their crocodile. These efforts eventually snowballed into a Cuban Crocodile Festival held in the year 2000. Children put on a play; there was singing, dancing, food and fun; and all of it was focused on the positive aspects of having this special crocodile living nearby. It's kind of amazing when you stop and think about it.

The Cuban crocs in U.S. zoos number less than 100. Only a handful of these zoos have bred the species. Our tropical climate seems to be the ideal location to establish a pair of first-time breeding animals. If successful, this will add a new bloodline and improve the genetics of the population. Our female, "Princess," has been in captivity for over 40 years, and this year she laid eggs for the first time. Many of the eggs were broken, fertility was very low, and although two of the eggs went full term, both failed to hatch. But

this is a positive sign considering we've



had this pair together less than two years. Now these beautiful reptiles will be on display for our visitors to enjoy. If they behave anything like the former occupants of this area, we can look forward to many baby Cuban crocodiles in the future.

Photo: Steve Connors

## NEW ANIMAL BABIES

### Births and Hatchings

- 3 Red-footed tortoises – August 23
- 1 African spurred tortoise – September 13
- 4 East African crowned cranes – September 14, 15, 23 and 25
- 3 Female and 2 male Asian small-clawed otters – September 19
- 1 Male gerenuk – October 17

### Acquisitions

- 1 Female fly river turtle – August 24
- 1 Male komodo dragon – August 30
- 1 Female green-winged macaw – September 29



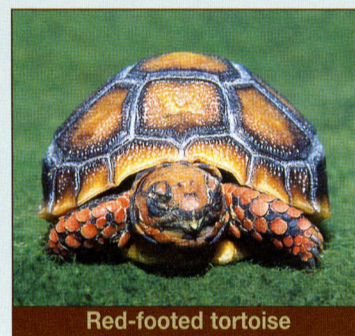
African spurred tortoise



Fly river turtle



Komodo dragon



Red-footed tortoise



East African crowned crane



Asian small-clawed otter



Gerenuk

Photos: Dolara Batchelor



# Meeting Dr. Wilde

By Ron Magill,  
Metrozoo Communications Director

The greatest rewards of traveling around the world to study wildlife are not only the animals and landscapes one encounters, but also the people and cultures that together make up the total environment. It was during my studies of the harpy eagle in the rainforests of Panama that I crossed paths with a most remarkable and inspiring individual who would turn out to be not only a great friend, but also a role model for all the people concerned about our natural world, including myself.

I met Dr. Beatrice Wilde on a tributary of the Panama Canal, surrounded by a lush tropical rainforest, while she was meeting with some of the indigenous people of the area. Raul, my guide, had spoken extensively of what an incredible conservationist Dr. Wilde is. He recounted how she has invested most of her life working in some of the most remote areas in hopes of better understanding and preserving our natural world. Raul told me how

knowledgeable she is of so many aspects of nature and local cultures; how she has an amazing ability to excite people about wildlife and to inspire a greater appreciation for it. My hope was that she would be able to give me information on the harpy eagle and where I might be able to observe it in Panama.

While heading down the river in a dugout canoe, I conjured up a picture of the scientist I would soon meet. For whatever reason (probably stereotypes of the past), I imagined her as a very scholarly individual with graying hair, glasses, and the weathered appearance one would expect from someone who spent so much time in relatively primitive conditions. When we approached the bank of the village where Dr. Wilde was to meet us, Raul pointed her out to me. She had her back to us and appeared to be examining something in the leaf litter. He called her name, and as she stood up and turned, I could only stare! With the stature of a movie star, flowing auburn hair, striking green eyes, and a smile that lit up everything around her, her appearance caught me completely by surprise. She appeared as young and vivacious as a college co-ed, though her knowledge and years in the field would suggest that she must be older.

I stepped out of the canoe, extended my hand and said, "It's a pleasure to meet you Dr. Wilde." She quickly replied, "Oh please don't call me Dr. Wilde - it's much too formal! My friends call me Bea!" She immediately introduced me to the village chief and some of the council elders. We walked up to the village to attend a ceremony that had been planned to honor Dr. Wilde for her tremendous support of the indigenous group that was part of the Wounaan culture.

As I watched with admiration, the chief presented Dr. Wilde with a leather necklace cradling a beautiful carving of a sloth made from

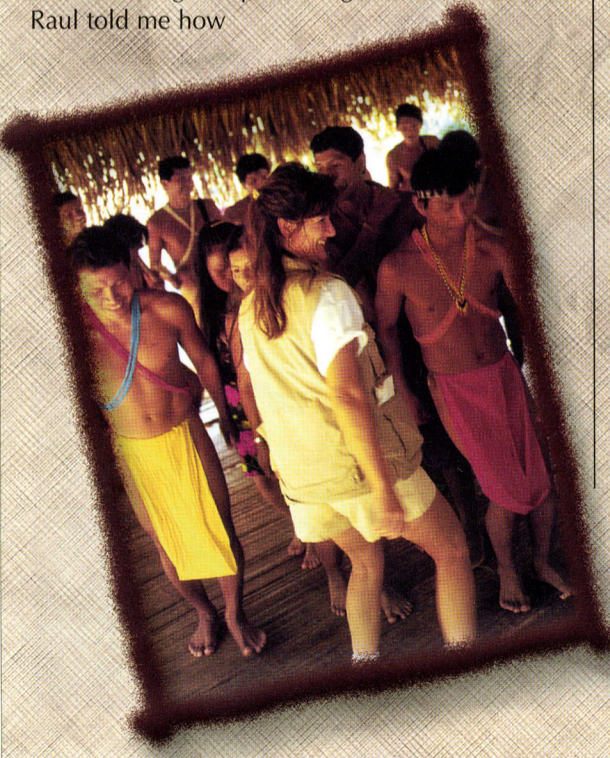


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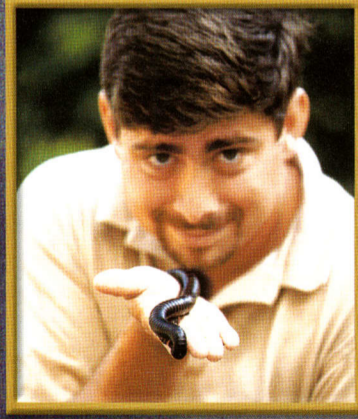
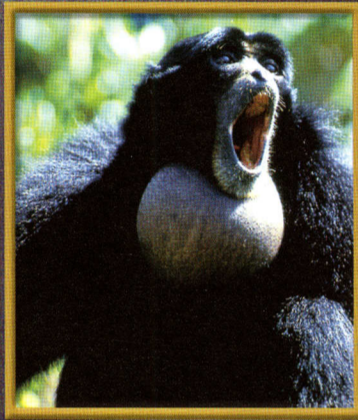
These nuts are sometimes called vegetable ivory and are actually a type of palm seed found in the rainforest. In addition, she was presented with a beautiful wooden staff with a howler monkey carved on it. Raul explained that Dr. Wilde was being made an honorary member of the Wounaan culture. The villagers were tremendously grateful for her undying efforts to help protect the surrounding rainforests and preserving the traditions of the Wounaan people.

After the ceremony, I sat back and watched Dr. Wilde dance with the village people in celebration of her efforts. Later she swam in the river with the children who flocked around her as if she were a special gift. I realized that she was indeed a special gift, not only to the Wounaan people, but to all who care about the wonders of our world's wildlife and the desperate need to protect it for generations to come.

Little did I realize what a special role she would play at Miami Metrozoo in the weeks, months, and most likely, years to come. Be sure to read the next issue of *Toucan Talk* to learn more about "Dr. Wilde's World." Metrozoo is the only place you will be able to experience those wonders for yourself!



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I want to especially recognize Ed Soto who deserves a great big "Thank You" from all of us for serving as President of the Zoological Society of Florida's Board of Directors over the past two years. Thanks, Ed, for a job well done!

And to all the donors and friends of Miami Metrozoo, I express my deepest appreciation. We are grateful for each and every donation and very mindful of the community of goodwill reflected in each gift.

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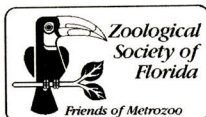
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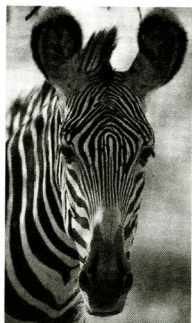


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- Boa constrictor
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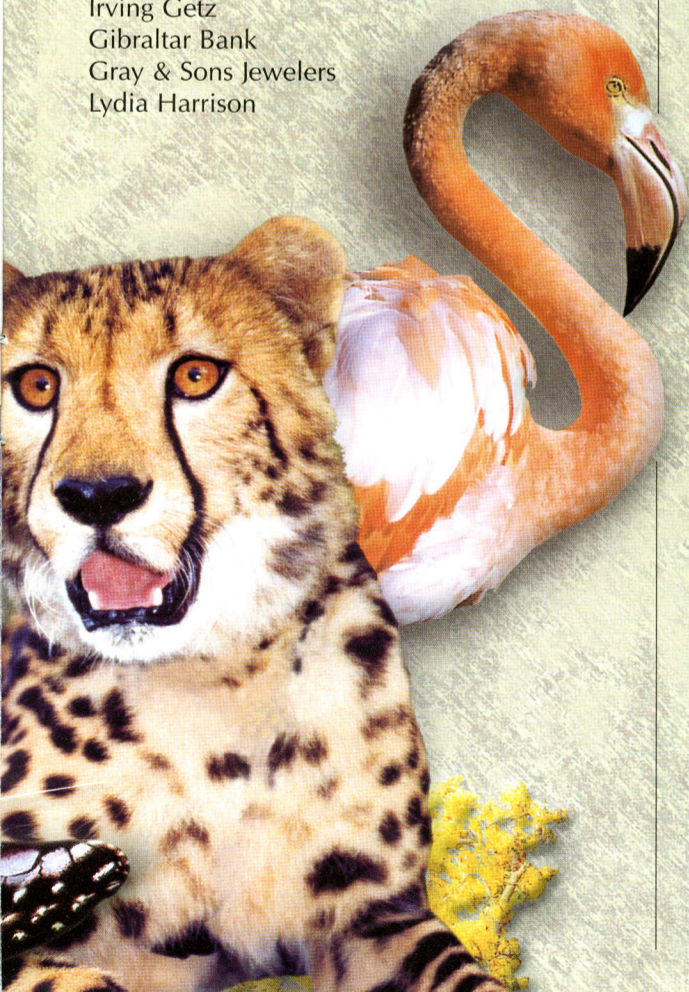
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- **Carnival Cruise Lines Kids Program** enabled low-income neighborhood children to cruise for scholastic success with classes taught by ZSF education specialists.
- **Zoo Magnet Program** provided a unique hands-on experience for junior zoologists for middle school students.
- **Environmental Latino Initiative Promoting Science Education (ELIPSE) program**, made possible by a grant from the Smithsonian's Latino Initiative Fund, encourages Hispanic middle school students to become more involved with science.

October, 1999:

- "Pokémon" Mania
- MetroBOO!
- Pops, The Oldest Grevy's Zebra On Earth, Died At Age 30. Pops was one of only three remaining founder Grevy's zebras listed in the AZA Species Survival Program (SSP).

2000

January:

- **Second Annual Big Bug Out** was a fabulous success!

February:

- **Jungle Jog 5K Run and Walk** returned to Metrozoo.
- **The First Annual Kids' Fest** gave children something new and fun to do at the Zoo.
- **African Marabou Stork** made a very rare hatching in captivity at Metrozoo!

March:

- **Ball of the Wild** created an upbeat twist to Metrozoo's annual fundraiser. Chairperson Jennifer Getz and her committee put the FUN into fun-draising! Lucent Technologies was the presenting sponsor of a dazzling night of exotic Asian entertainment and cuisine to honor two of Metrozoo's great philanthropists, George E. Batchelor and R. Kirk Landon.

April:

- **Earth Day's 30th Year Anniversary** was celebrated at the Zoo through a joint program by Miami-Dade County's Department of Environmental Resources Management, Miami Metrozoo and ZSF
- **The Great Metrozoo Egg Safari**

May:

- **An Evening With Jim Fowler** of Mutual of Omaha's "Wild Kingdom" and "Animal Planet."

June:

- **Boogie For The Animals**, a fundraising dance to purchase puzzle enrichment devices for the animals was created and sponsored by ZSF Trustee member, Carole Cotton, and generated over \$12,000.
- **An afternoon with The Kratt Brothers** of "Kratt's Creatures" and "Zoomoobafoa."

June-August:

- **Cool Zoo Experience...**This year we added more misters and chickee umbrellas, two rain rooms, and Sunday afternoon music at the Lakeside Grille.

July:

- **The Meerkats Arrived!** Seven spunky meerkats entertain Zoo visitors daily in the Children's Zoo. Their arrival on July 1, 2000 was heralded with a two-day **African Festival** and a 25-ton meerkat sand sculpture.

August:

- **Africa Through The Eyes Of Our Youth** was an essay contest created by Metrozoo's Goodwill Ambassador, Ron Magill. Ruth Cason, an eighth-grader won a Safari to Africa with her uncle, correspondents from WTVJ-NBC6 television, and Ron Magill.

September:

- **Barbecue Fundraiser For The Damien Kong Jamaican Iguana Exhibit** raised more than \$18,500.
- **Miami Metrozoo Conservation & Research Committee** awarded over \$20,000 to eight different projects from our Newly Established Conservation Fund.

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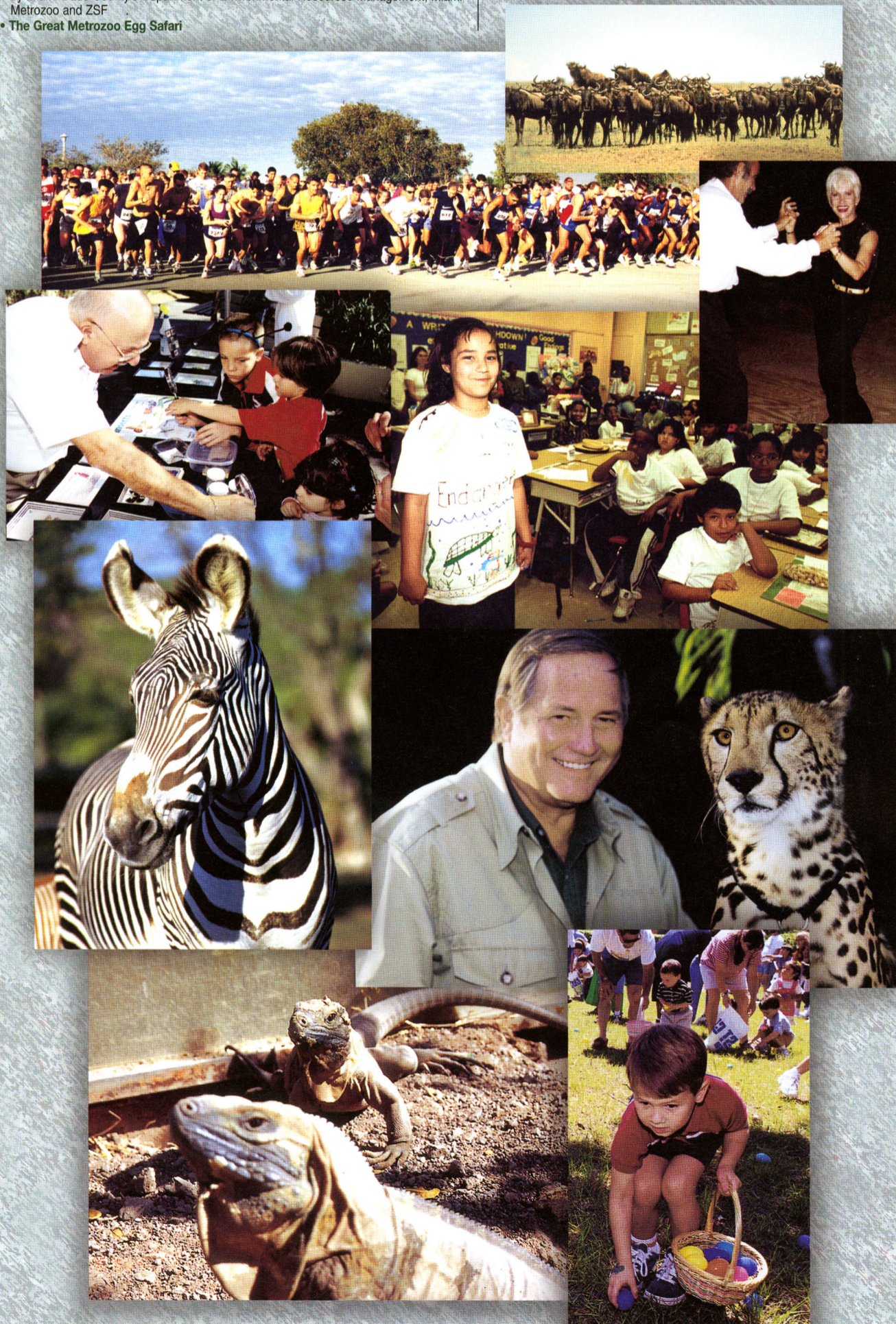
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**"Wild Nights" at Metrozoo**



Join us for a pizza party and a fun behind-the-scenes adventure! Available for adults and children 6 and older.

**Dates:** Wednesday, January 17, 2001  
Wednesday, February 21, 2001  
**Times:** 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** Members \$20.00,  
Non-members \$25.00

**Pine Rockland Safari**



Bring your boots and pith hat for an unforgettable backyard safari! Join us for a walking tour of this endangered habitat located just

steps from Metrozoo's public walkways. With the help of a ZSF naturalist guide, you'll learn to appreciate the native plants and animals that make South Florida's Pine Rocklands unique.

Available for adults and children 12 and over.

**Date:** Saturday, January 13, 2001  
**Times:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
**Cost:** Members \$8; Non-members \$10  
**Pre-registration required**

**Mini Camp**

Off from school and home with nothing to do? Join our minicamp for an adventurous day exploring the Zoo with your own Zoofari guide.

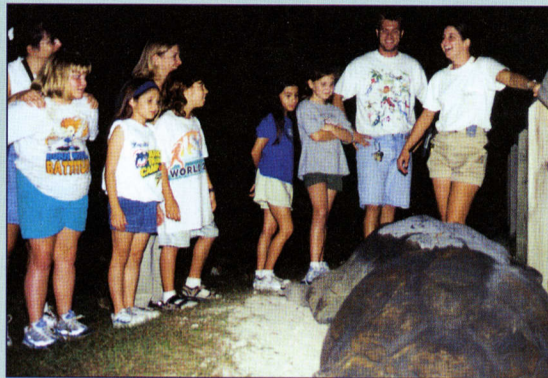
**Date:** Friday, January 26, 2001  
Monday, February 19, 2001  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** Members \$45.00; Non-Members \$55.00  
**Pre-registration required**



**Zoo Inns**

Come have a slumber party with the animals! Every Friday and Saturday night we offer our Zoo-Inn program. Be treated as VIP's and let our Zoo-Inn guides show you the Zoo after dark. What better way to experience the Zoo? Available for adults and children 6 and over.

**Date:** Fridays and Saturdays  
**Times:** 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.  
**Cost:** \$34.95 per person  
**Pre-registration required**



**Zoodler Academy**

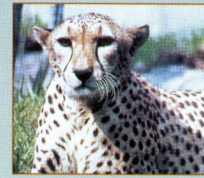
**2-3 year olds**  
**Dates:** Thursday, January 25 - *Who Comes Out At Night?*  
Thursday, February 8 - *Animal Talk*  
Thursday, February 22 - *Walk, Run, Slither, Crawl*

**3-4 year olds**  
**Dates:** Thursday, January 18 - *Cuddly Babies*  
Thursday, February 1 - *Florida Friends*  
Thursday, February 15 - *Zoodlers Down Under*

**Times:** 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** Members \$8.00; Non-members \$10.00  
*(Price includes one adult and one child; \$4.00 per each additional child.) Children must be accompanied by an adult.*  
**Pre-registration required**



**Eat or Be Eaten**



In the animal world, survival pits predator against prey. Whether they rely on claws, venom, or camouflage, in the struggle for survival it's "eat or be eaten!" Join us for this exciting presentation on the adaptations that make carnivores skilled

hunters and the counter-adaptations that make prey difficult to detect. The results of nature's arms race will amaze you! Recommended for adults and children over 6 years.  
*Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

**Date:** Saturday, February 3, 2001  
**Times:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
**Cost:** Member Adults \$8; Children \$4  
Non-member Adults \$10; Children \$6  
**Pre-registration required**

**Zoo Babies**



Metrozoo's family is growing fast, so come and meet some of our newest residents! Children embark on a narrated tram tour to discover Zoo babies and learn about their family lives. Available for adults with children ages 3-5.

*Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

**Date:** Saturday, January 20, 2001  
**Times:** 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**Cost:** Members (one adult and one child) \$10; each additional child \$4.  
Non-members (one adult and one child) \$15; each additional child \$6.  
**Pre-registration required**

**Animal Architects**



When it comes to home-sweet-home, every animal has its own distinct sense of style. Whether it's the ultra-modern design of a classic beehive or the country elegance of a bird's nest, form always reflects function. In this workshop, kids make their own bird's nest crafts after learning about animals and their wild decorating ideas. Feathering a nest has never been more fun! Recommended for adults and children over 3 years.  
*Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

**Date:** Saturday, February 17, 2001  
**Times:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
**Cost:** Member Adults \$8; Children \$4  
Non-member Adults \$10; Children \$6  
**Pre-registration required**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Space is limited for all our education programs...so call (305) 255-5551 and register early to secure your spot.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ I'm a Member: Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ I'm not a Member \_\_\_\_\_

**For children's programs, complete the following:**

Parent's or Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment (Please do NOT send cash):** Credit card holders may register by phone.

Check  American Express  MasterCard  VISA Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Customer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Program/Session	Name of Participant	Age/Grade	Fee

Mail this completed form with your payment to:  
Education Department / Zoological Society of Florida  
12400 SW 152nd Street • Miami, FL 33177-1499

All program registrations subject to a \$10 cancellation fee.

TOTAL: \$

# Zoodler Academy

By Cristina Heredia, Education Specialist

**W**elcome to Zoodler Academy, a program designed especially for tiny tots looking for a wild adventure! Here they come! Small, curious 2 to 4-year olds shuffle through the door and settle down in a circle on their favorite mat for a story. Leaping

Lizards, Itsy Bitsy Bugs, Backyard Buddies, just some of the fun topics we've covered. Story time may include puppets, pop-up books, prizes and animal sounds.

Next, it's time to move to the biofact table, where little fingers get to touch animal skins, sheds, bones, turtle shells, and much more. Soft, hard, scaly or spiky? They'll decide. All of the children's senses are stimulated and it's fun, too! But wait! We're not finished



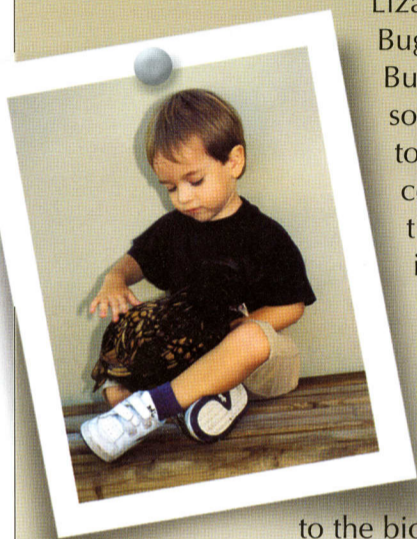
yet! Just as the tots settle back down on their mats, live animals from our Children's Zoo are brought out for a short, interactive presentation. Everyone from "Pete" the bearded dragon to "Boris" our pot-bellied pig, join in the fun. Best of all, they're hands-on, and they usually represent the animal in the story. Our "Zoodlers" get up-close and personal with our furry and feathery friends.

Craft time is next. The toddlers' imaginations and creativity are put to work on various take-home projects. A cart ride to an animal exhibit tops off the afternoon.

Here are some quotes from our Zoodler regulars: Ian Tornquist and Joshua Cortes say: "This is awesome." Nicole Johnson says: "I like to come to the Zoo."

Finally, a program designed for toddlers that's fun and educational with a wild twist!

For more information call the Education Department at (305) 255-5551. To sign up, use the registration form on page 9.



## Tropical Flowering Tree Society Plants Trees at Metrozoo

By Tom Trump,  
Supervisor of Maintenance and Horticulture

**M**etrozoo is very grateful to the Tropical Flowering Tree Society (TFTS) for its donation and the planting of flowering trees along the Zoo's entrance road. The Society planted nineteen Rain Trees (*Albizia saman*) and twenty-seven Long John Trees (*Triplaris cumingiana*) along the entrance drive leading into the Zoo.

The Rain Trees along the east side of the roadway are found throughout the tropics. They will eventually grow to 50-60 feet in height with a crown 50-60 feet in width. That is why they were given a generous spacing at the time of planting. The trees will flower between March and May with lovely pink blossoms.

The Long John Trees planted on the west side along the Zoo's perimeter moat belong to a species from tropical Amazonia, and will grow to approximately 50 feet in height and provide us with scarlet blooms from January through March.

Last year, along the promenade at the Zoo's entrance, the Tropical

Flowering Tree Society planted twenty-three Floss Silk Trees (*Chorisia speciosa*) and twenty-three Desert Cassia (*Senna polyphylla*). This planting has greatly added to the beauty of Metrozoo as will the most recent additions.

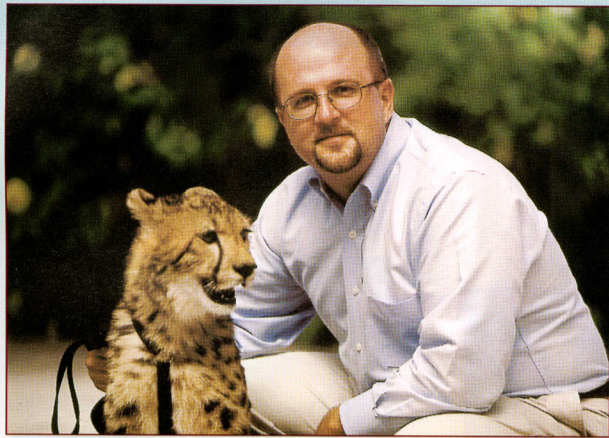
Instrumental in coordinating the volunteers were TFTS members Dr. Lewis Eastlick, President, Rob Bobson, Vice President, and Larry Schokman, member of the TFTS Board of Directors.

The Tropical Flowering Tree Society was recently recognized for its voluntary planting efforts at Miami Metrozoo by TREEmendous Miami, Inc., which is an organization of volunteers united to build community pride by planting, protecting, and preserving trees in Miami-Dade

County. The Tropical Flowering Tree Society was presented with their award at TREEmendous Miami's annual awards luncheon held in November, 2000.

The Zoo greatly appreciates the generous donation of the flowering trees to further "color the horizon" of Miami Metrozoo.





## Eric Stephens Receives Service Award

Eric Stephens, Director of the Miami Metrozoo has received the American Zoo and Aquarium Association's (AZA) "Outstanding Service Award." Mr. Stephens accepted the prestigious award at a special presentation on September 26, 2000 during the AZA's 76th Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.

The Service Award recognizes Mr. Stephens' outstanding efforts as Board of Regents Chairperson, his years of dedication and continued support of AZA and its mission. AZA President Richard Lattis said, "Eric is a highly regarded and distinguished member of the association. I commend his high standard of professionalism and service."

## WE JUST LOVE SAYING THANK YOU!

- To the Moses and Beatrice Goodman Trust and the Edward K. and Gladys E. Manship Trust for bequests supporting the Zoological Society's mission;
- To the Lennar Foundation for a gift to fund Lennar Learning at Metrozoo;
- To the Boyer and Meyrovitz Charitable Foundation for its gracious donation to the Zoological Society of Florida;
- To the Harry Kramer Memorial Fund for helping us to extend the reach of ZSF's Education Programs;
- To Union Planters Bank for its kind support of ZSF's work at Miami Metrozoo;
- To generous friends: Greenberg-Traurig, Burger King, John Seykora, Jr., Earl and Sally Weiner for supporting the mission of the Zoological Society of Florida.
- To Burger King, COAST 97.3 FM, Concert Association of Florida, Eckerd Corporation, Florida Marlins, Kmart, Sedano's, Target, Toys "R" Us, Twizzlers for generously sponsoring MetroBoo! 2000.

## IN MEMORIAM - LEE R. BYNUM



The Zoological Society of Florida and Miami Metrozoo family was saddened by the passing of Lee R. Bynum on October 5, 2000. Lee and her partner Betty Miller have been involved with work at Metrozoo for several decades. Lee was devoted to the welfare of animals, and her many projects at the Zoo included emergency repairs to the perimeter fence, the design of a reptile house, and a hurricane-safe shelter for

the Children's Zoo animals. Metrozoo has lost a real friend, and we miss her lively spirit.

## Angels Hatchery Koi Pond Workshop

**Saturday, February 3, 2001**  
**9 a.m. - Noon**

**Fruit and Spice Park**  
**24801 SW 187 Avenue, Miami**

Come enjoy an informative lecture covering all aspects of Koi health, pond management, nutrition, filtration, disease prevention and construction. Following the question and answer period after the lecture, there will be a tour of an ornamental fish farm.

Cost: \$15 per person

Proceeds are donated to Metrozoo

To register: call (305) 248-7777.

**JUNGLE JOG**  
2·11·01

**5K Run & Fun Walk**  
Sunday February 11, 2001  
6:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Start the week with an invigorating 5K (3.1 miles) run among the animals at Metrozoo. For serious runners this is an USATF certified course. Be warned! It will be hard to run and not be tempted to stop and observe our wonderful animal ambassadors from around the world.

A fun walk will follow five minutes after the race. The fun walk is not judged, and there will be no awards. But entertainment from the animals is a sure bet.

All participants are welcome to wear animal costumes. A special award will be given to the best costume in age categories 12 & under, 13-19 and 20-70 plus. Participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt.

**Cost:** Pre-registration \$20 per runner; On race day \$25.

**Zoo Admission:** Free to all Jungle Jog participants and their families until 9:00 a.m. the day of the race. After 9:00 a.m. ZSF members and children under 2 free; Non-member Adults \$8; Children \$4.

**To register:** Call Split Second Timing at (954) 384-7521.

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**JANUARY 2001**

**Kids Fun Fest  
at the  
ZOO**

Saturday 1/13 - Monday 1/15  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



**COMING 2001:  
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**FEBRUARY 2001**

**JUNGLE JOG  
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**5K Run & Fun Walk**

Sunday 11  
6:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Organized by and benefiting  
Miami Metrozoo, the Rotary Club  
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the Zoological Society of Florida.  
To register, call Split Second Timing  
at 954-384-7521.

**MARCH 2001**



**BALL OF THE WILD**

Saturday 3  
7:30 p.m. -midnight



"Out of Africa" (Safari chic)  
ZSF Annual Fund Raiser  
For information call 305-255-5551.

**APRIL 2001**

**THE GREAT  
METROZOO  
EGG SAFARI**

Sunday 15



**MAY 2001**



**Mother's  
Day at the  
Zoo**

Sunday 13

**JUNE 2001**

**Father's Day at the Zoo**

Sunday 17



**JULY 2001**

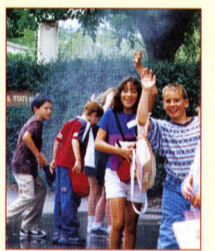


**SUMMER  
ZOO FARI CAMP**

June 18 - August 17  
(305)255-5551

**COOL ZOO SUMMER**  
Misters & Water Play Entertainment  
June - August

**AUGUST 2001**



**SEPTEMBER 2001**

**Back to School  
Fun Time at Metrozoo**



**OCTOBER 2001**

**MetroBoo!**

Saturday 27-Sunday 28  
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



**NOVEMBER 2001**

**WILD LIGHTS AT  
MIAMI METROZOO**

Wednesday 11/21- Monday 12/31



For information on any of these events, please call the Zoological Society of Florida at (305)255-5551

**TOUCAN TALK**

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