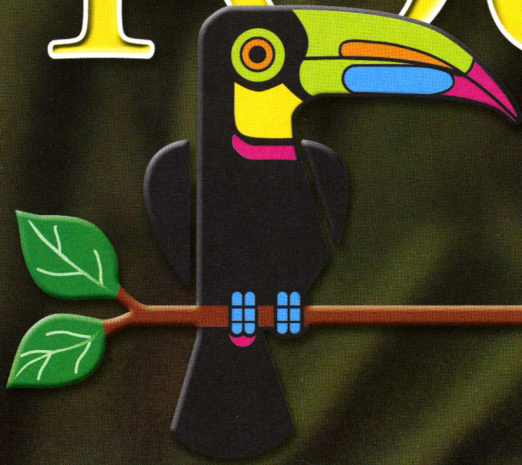


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# TOUCAN TALK

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# NEW at the ZOO

## Births, Hatchings & Acquisitions



Eastern Dollarbird



Blue-Faced Honeyeater

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### BIRTHS AND HATCHINGS

- 1 Female Dama Gazelle ..... Nov 2
- 2 Female Greater Kudus ..... Oct 26, 9
- 1 Male Addax ..... Oct 16
- 6\* South American Red-footed Tortoises ..... Sept 30 - Oct 11

### AVIARY HATCHINGS

- 3\* Javan Pond Herons ..... Nov 1, Oct 31, 3
- 1\* Nicobar Pigeon ..... Oct 31
- 5\* Red-throated Parrot Finches ..... Oct 23, 20
- 1\* Bartlett's Dove ..... Sept 24

### ACQUISITIONS

- 3 Male, 3 female Grosbeak Starlings ..... Nov 17
- 1 Female Golden-crested Mynah ..... Nov 15
- 2 Female Ring-tailed lemurs ..... Nov 10
- 1 Male Indochinese Tiger ..... Nov 6
- 1 Female Aldabra Tortoise ..... Nov 6
- 1 Male Javan Banteng (birth) ..... Nov 3
- 1 Male, 1 female New Guinea Singing Dogs ..... Nov 3
- 1 Female Black Duiker ..... Oct 29

### ACQUISITIONS (continued)

- 1\* Toco Toucan ..... Oct 29
- 1 Male Collared Finch-billed Bulbul ..... Oct 15
- 1 Male, 1 female Chestnut-bellied Tree Partridges ..... Oct 15
- 2 Male, 2 female Blue Poison Dart Frogs ..... Oct 13
- 1 Male, 1 female Yellow-billed Hornbills ..... Oct 7
- 11\* Brown Pelicans ..... Oct 7
- 1 Female, 3 male Squirrel Monkeys ..... Oct 5
- 1 Male American White Pelican ..... Oct 5

### NEW BIRDS FOR THE AVIARY

- 2 Male White-headed ducks ..... Oct 21
- 1 Male, 4 female White-breasted wood swallows ..... Oct 15
- 1 Male, 1 female Dollar Birds ..... Oct 15
- 1 Male Bamboo Partridge ..... Oct 15
- 1 Male Blue-faced Honeyeater ..... Oct 7
- 1 Male Lesser Green Broadbill ..... Oct 5

\* Gender undetermined

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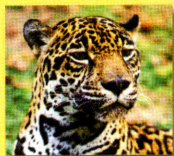
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## To all of the friends of Miami Metrozoo and the Zoological Society of Florida:

In the summer of 2002, a plan to dramatically transform Miami Metrozoo was presented to the people of South Florida. The Zoo, the Zoological Society of Florida and the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department unveiled their bold and innovative Master Plan to create the world's pre-eminent tropical zoological park on the current Metrozoo site.

From the start, we knew that the expansion would require public and private funding. Thanks to your overwhelming support of the General Obligation Bond at the polls in November, we are on our way to building

the world's finest zoo. All of us at the Zoo and the Zoological Society owe a debt of gratitude to the thousands of volunteers who worked long and hard to tell the Metrozoo story in the weeks before the election. It is a victory not only for South Florida, but also for all who care about the world's animals and their survival.

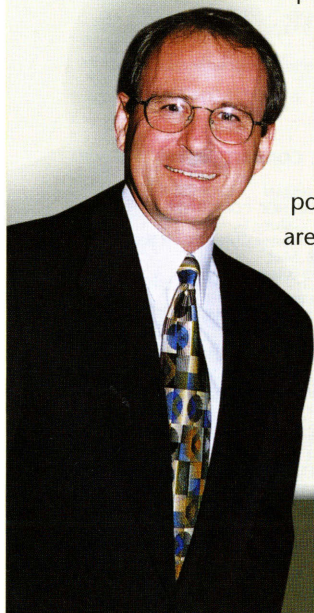
Having won a great victory, we know you'll agree that we can't rest on our laurels. We have \$87 million worth of momentum to ensure that the Master Plan will move ahead. But significant funding from private sources will be required to make the new Metrozoo a reality.

In January, we will be unveiling plans for Metrozoo's *Tropical America*, the next phase of the 20-year long expansion. At 27 acres, *Tropical America* alone will be larger than the average American Zoo. Visitors will be immersed in several varied environments of Tropical America, where they will encounter 20 mammal species, 50 bird species, 25 reptile species and a wide variety of amphibian, fish, insect and

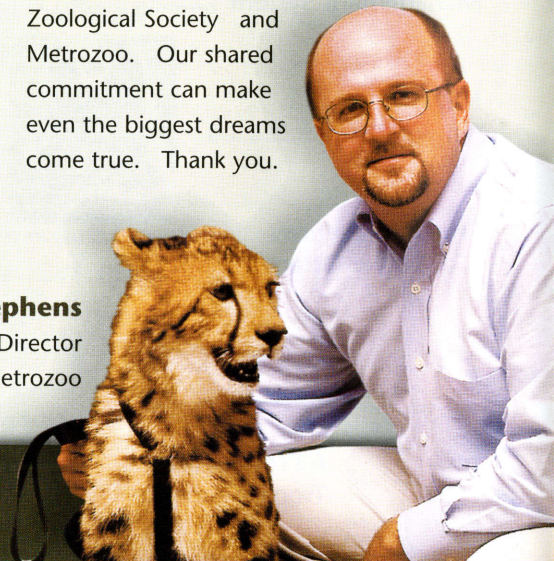
butterfly species. On pages 7 and 10, you will meet some of the animal stars of the new project.

The development of a world-class zoological park in South Florida will support public education of the natural environment, advancing zoological science and increasing public awareness of the importance of conserving the environment and creatures in the wild. It will provide a place of recreation and relaxation for visitors of all ages. And the new Zoo will provide significant economic benefits to the Miami-Dade community.

Without you, the friends of Metrozoo and the Zoological Society of Florida, none of this would be possible. We are also privileged to be working alongside the dedicated staff of the Zoological Society and Metrozoo. Our shared commitment can make even the biggest dreams come true. Thank you.



**Glenn Ekey**  
President  
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### Meet New Board Member Nancy Denison

In her most recent position, Nancy was Vice President, Client Relationship Management, for Assurant Group (now Assurant Solutions), a specialty insurance company. She joined American Security Group in 1991 (which later became Assurant Group when it merged with American Bankers Insurance Group) as senior legal counsel in charge of litigation and employment issues. She later served as counsel for direct response insurance products for both U.S. and Canadian operations and was the department head for all claims and customer service operations for a period of two years. During her tenure with Assurant Group, Nancy was also a frequent coach for Assurant's parent company, Fortis, Inc.'s Center for Emerging Leaders, an organizational development program. She is still involved with that program on a consulting basis, though she retired from Assurant in October 2003.

Prior to joining Assurant, Nancy was an attorney with Fisher & Phillips and Swift, Currie, McGhee and Hiers, where she practiced labor law and insurance defense litigation, respectively.



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Above: Joint Application Design (JAD) group; Inset Photo: AZA International Animal Data Information System (IADIS) Committee workshop



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# Zoological Information Management System (ZIMS) Workshop at Miami Metrozoo

By Kathryn Medford and Rachél Watkins Rogers

During November 6–11, 2004, Miami Metrozoo hosted the last of five Joint Application Design (JAD) workshops involved in the development of ZIMS, a global animal management system that will enhance zoo collection records management and international conservation efforts. Participants representing zoological organizations from Costa Rica, Japan, Venezuela, Denmark, South America, Australia, Germany, Canada, the U.S. and the UK gathered at Metrozoo for this important task.

The International Species Information System (ISIS) is developing this new system with the help of CGI, a global technology company. ISIS was formed in 1974 with 55 members, and has grown to more than 600 members from more than 70 countries. ISIS has played a key role in establishing standards and sharing globally-pooled specimen records among the zoological and aquaria community and their associated cooperative breeding programs or studbooks.

Zoos and aquariums need a global information network and information database to support sound, everyday collection management decisions to help meet increasing conservation responsibilities. To date, almost 500 ISIS members representing almost 200 organizations have been involved in the project to organize the ZIMS program. ZIMS will consolidate reports into one comprehensive record that will be available, worldwide, to instantly provide studbook, specimen records, medical records and genetic management of a specimen into one animal record. Testing of this new web-based software is scheduled for late 2005–06, and release of the program is hoped to be late 2006.

For more information, visit [www.isis.org](http://www.isis.org) or [www.zims.org](http://www.zims.org)

Natural habitats are fast disappearing or becoming untenable for wildlife due to human encroachment. Unfortunately, zoo populations of many species may be all that we have left as animals become extinct in the wild. Today, zoos serve as a global insurance policy to ensure that some threatened animals are not lost forever. The Arabian oryx was extinct in the wild, but through captive breeding, it was successfully re-introduced into its natural habitat and is no longer extinct in the wild. Bali Mynahs are being bred in zoos to augment their threatened wild populations. Metrozoo has an all-male flock of Bali Mynahs to educate the public about their plight. Metrozoo has been instrumental in the rescue and rehabilitation of American crocodiles and their release back into the wild.

Miami Metrozoo along with 22 other zoos and aquariums was a recipient of the **North American Conservation Award** for the group's partnership to conserve the Puerto Rican Crested Toad through the Species Survival Plan (SSP). The award was given in September 2004 at the annual AZA National Conference.

# New Guinea Singing Dogs

**NEW!**

## ...AT MIAMI METROZOO

By Terry Webb, Curator of Mammals

Miami Metrozoo is excited and pleased to announce the arrival of a new carnivore species. On November 3, 2004, a pair of New Guinea Singing Dogs became part of the Zoo's collection. The two dogs are captive born and were donated to Metrozoo by the National Zoological Park in Washington, DC.

Both dogs are 12 years old. The male, "Daru" is very friendly with his keepers. The female, "Enga" is also friendly, but can be a little shy. They are both trained to wear a collar and leash and are taken for daily walks. They will be on display in the Australian (Koala) lobe of the Zoo and daily on the public walkway at 3:30 P.M. for a keeper talk. **It is important that you do not try to touch the dogs, as they are not pets.** However, they are accustomed to their caregivers and are able to be handled by trained staff.

New Guinea Singing Dogs, *Canis "hallstromi,"* are a species from the Central Highlands of New Guinea and range at elevations between 800–1400 meters.

Outsiders first observed these unusual dogs in 1957, and genetic research has shown them to be unique with behavioral and physical characteristics different from domestic dogs and wolves. They have a long soft palate that hangs down into the back of the mouth, which is not present in domestic dogs. This enables them to produce a melodious, haunting, and highly modulated communal howl at the beginning and end of each day. The singing dogs do not bark repetitively as our domestic dogs do, but instead their complex vocalization includes yelps, whines and howls.

There are about 100 New Guinea Singing Dogs in captivity. Population numbers in the wild are difficult to determine because of their remote and harsh habitats. Reports now indicate that they are absent from parts of their historic range.

Be sure to visit Metrozoo during the cool winter months to enjoy these beautiful animals as well as the rest of the park.



PHOTOS: RON MACGILL



## Tropical America, A Sneak Preview Of What's To Come

The excitement is building at Miami Metrozoo as we get ready to unveil our plans for the next expansion phase of the Zoo. Dense, lush tropical foliage, cool mist and the heartbeats of some of the neatest animals in this hemisphere are going to unfold in a 27-acre recreation of the tropical American rainforest. Here and on page 10, we want to give you a sneak preview of what's to come.

### The Giant River Otter (waterdog)

**Size:** Adult otter can reach 6 feet and 70 pounds

**Predators:** Jaguar, crocodiles

**Diet:** Fish and crabs

**Lifespan:** 14 years

Endangered Species



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## Dear Members and Friends of the Zoological Society of Florida and Miami Metrozoo:



It is a great honor to present the Zoological Society of Florida and Miami Metrozoo's 2003-2004 Honor Roll, recognizing our friends who have donated \$1,000 or more between October 1, 2003 and September 30, 2004.

Our dreams are fast becoming a reality as we embark on the most exciting time in our Zoo's history. Plans for the next major phase of our Master Plan - Tropical America - are well underway. Tropical America will be critically important for conservation efforts in the region because of Miami's role as the crossroads of the Americas. Metrozoo is unique in being the only zoological park located in a sub-tropical region of the continental United States. Dr. Richard Leakey, one of the world's most respected paleoanthropologists and environmentalists recently said that Metrozoo is "uniquely located to be the conservation gateway to tropical America."

We have a vision to become one of the greatest zoos in the world. Tropical America is the next step in achieving this goal. We thank you for your kind generosity and for making all of our accomplishments possible. Let's beat San Diego!

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 Adolfo L. Danguillecourt  
 Nancy Denison  
 EDSA  
 Philip Freedman and Ronn Glanz  
 Jerrold and Jane Goodman  
 Dr. Bernard and Jacki Gran  
 The Honorable Sally A. Heyman  
 Chris Lones \*  
 Iliana Maceiras  
 Donald and Luanna Marx \*  
 Miami Air International\*  
 Plantscapes, Inc.\*  
 Radio Disney \*  
 Ruben Romeu Photography\*  
 Valerie H. Seasholtz  
 Washington Mutual \*  
 The Waterside Group\*  
 Thom A. Wolek

**Blue Morpho Circle (\$1,000.00 +)**

A Hidden Garden\*  
 Herbert E. and Sandra M. Allenson  
 Amarula\*  
 AMC Liasons\*

**Blue Morpho Circle (Continued)**

Appleton Estate Jamaica Rum\*  
 American Heritage School  
 Angels Hatchery  
 John E. & Nellie J. Bastien Memorial Foundation  
 Vincent L. Berkeley, Jr.  
 Luis and Lourdes Boue  
 The Bill, Brent and Rebel Bowden Fund  
 Boy Scout Troop 616\*  
 Boy Scout Troop 825\*  
 The Brazilian Court \*  
 Bruce Camacho  
 Capretto Shoes \*  
 Sarah E. and Paul Christensen  
 Joseph R. Coulter, III and Susan S. Coulter  
 Carole D. Crocker  
 Anthony R. and Ileana Davide  
 Nancy Jean Davis  
 Victor H. and Betty de Yurre  
 DeSimone Consulting Engineers  
 The Paul J. DiMare Foundation  
 The Diplomat Country Club & Spa \*  
 Doral Golf Resort & Spa \*  
 EAS Engineering  
 Glenn and Diane Ekey  
 Fairchild Tropical Garden \*  
 FB&A Advertising & Marketing  
 Finlandia\*  
 Flor de Cana\*  
 Marshall Frey Photography\*  
 Peter V. Fullerton  
 Jennifer B. and Samuel Getz  
 Gibraltar Bank  
 Andrew M. Gottlieb  
 GRG Consulting Engineers  
 Gulliver Schools  
 James C. Hartenstein  
 G. Glenn Huber  
 Intercontinental Hotel \*  
 Kelly Foundation, Inc.  
 Joyce I. and Peter Kory  
 Robert M. Kramer  
 The Lewis Family Foundation  
 Henry V. and Margaret Lione



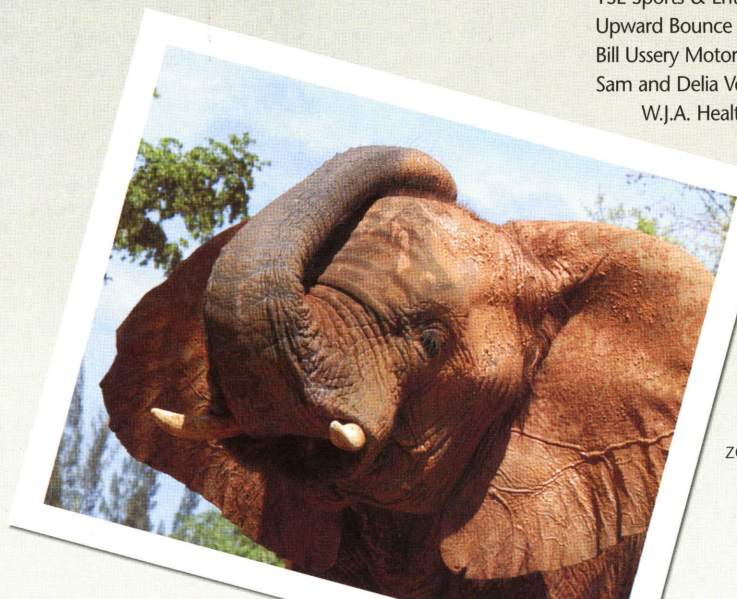
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Judy Loft and Joe Reid  
 Jack and Natasha Lowell  
 Ron and Rita Magill  
 Kathryn and Ronald A. Medford  
 Miami Country Day School\*  
 Bonnie Michaels  
 George R. and Holly A. Miller, III  
 Dr. Peter and Maria Millheiser  
 Sanford B. and Denise Miot  
 The Honorable Jimmy L. and Dori Morales  
 Anthony R. and Elizabeth Ann Morgenthau  
 Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Company  
 Peter and Marion Mosheim  
 Michael A. Nuzzo  
 Original Impressions  
 Oxygen Lounge and Sushi Bar\*  
 Alan S. and Barbara Pareira  
 Anne-Marie and Scott Partridge  
 The Dr. M. Lee Pearce Foundation, Inc.  
 Ferdinand and Barbara Phillips, Jr.  
 Earl W. and Christy Powell  
 Douglass Ray  
 Charles W. and Karen S. Roberts  
 Federico Sanchez  
 Valerie and Max Scanavino  
 John E. Seykora, Jr.  
 Elaine M. Shumate  
 Betsy S. and Dr. Douglas H. Singer  
 Southwest Airlines\*  
 Byron L. Sparber and Jacqueline Ford  
 Sports & Entertainment \*  
 Senator Paul B. Steinberg  
 T.A. Maranda Consultants  
 The Perfect Party Place \*  
 Carol A. Tomlinson \*  
 TSE Sports & Entertainment  
 Upward Bounce Program\*  
 Bill Ussey Motors, Inc.  
 Sam and Delia Verdeja  
 W.J.A. Healthcare, Inc.

Warm Fuzzy Enterprises, Inc.\*

Andrew H. Weinstein  
 Ellen Kail Winger  
 WJS Foundation, Inc.  
 Louis and Ellen Wolfson

\* Gift in-kind



ZOO ANIMAL PHOTOS: GEORGINA SALUP

## Tropical America, A Sneak Preview Of What's To Come

### Mata Mata Turtle

**Size & Weight:** 12–18 inches, up to 40 pounds

**Predators:** Crocodiles

**Diet:** fish, amphibians, and crab-like creatures

**Lifespan:** 15 years

### Jaguar

**Size & Weight:** 5–8.5 feet, 79–348 pounds

**Predators:** Do not have any

**Diet:** Deer, peccaries, monkeys, tapirs, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, small rodents and domestic stock if readily available. Jaguars can survive on anything from herd animals to insects.

**Lifespan:** In the wild, about 11 years, up to 22 years in zoos

**Endangered Species**

### Harpy Eagle

**Size & Weight:** 36–40-inch wingspan, up to 20 pounds

**Predators:** Jaguars, snakes and anacondas

**Diet:** Opossums, monkeys, sloths

**Lifespan:** 25 to 35 years

**Endangered Species**

### Baird's Tapir

**Size & Weight:** 6.5–6.7 feet, up to 700 pounds,

**Predators:** Mountain lion, jaguar, humans

**Diet:** Plant matter, including fallen fruit

**Lifespan:** 30 years

**Endangered Species**

### Tropical American Hummingbirds

**Size & Weight:** 2-8.5 inches, 0.056-0.67 ounces

**Predators:** small hawks, orioles, flycatchers, lizards, snakes, and praying mantis

**Diet:** Nectar from various flowers

**Lifespan:** 4 years

**Many species are endangered.**

### Panamanian Golden Frog

**Size:** 1-2 inches

**Predators:** Snakes

**Diet:** Very small insects and other invertebrates.

**Endangered Species**

### Tropical American Butterflies

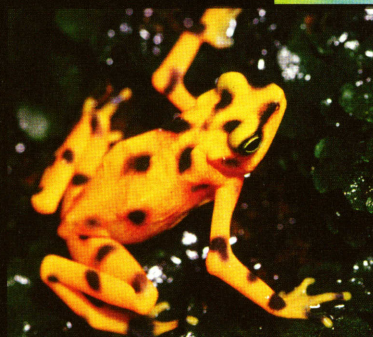
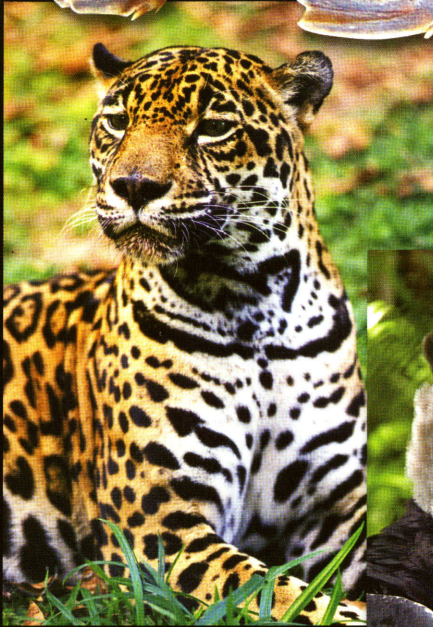
**Size:** range from 2.36-3.94 inches

**Predators:** birds

**Diet:** adult butterflies don't eat but drink liquids; they eat plants during the caterpillar stage.

**Lifespan:** average 2–3 weeks

**Many species are endangered.**



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MATA MATA TURTLE PHOTO: DOLORA BATCHELOR

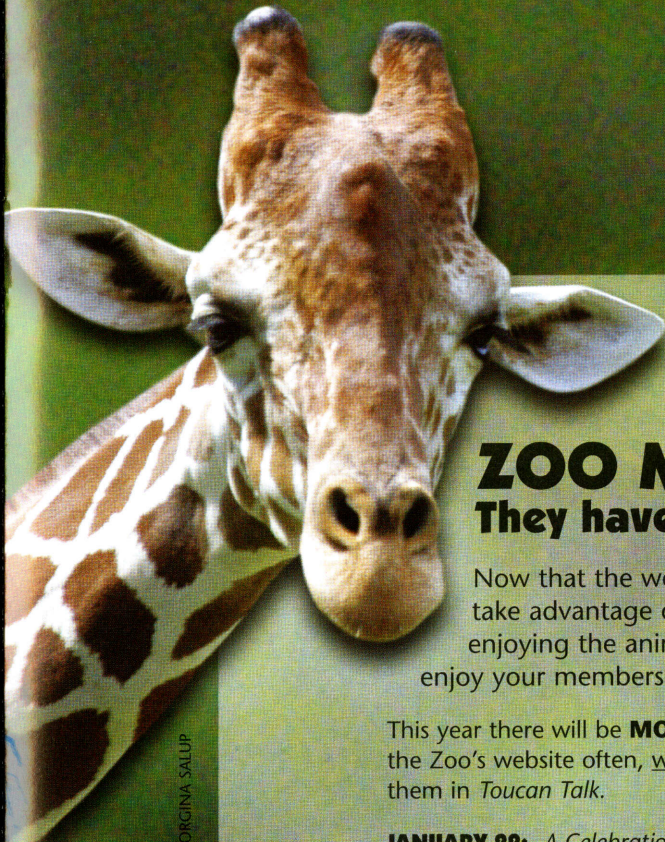


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## ZOO MEMBERS BENEFIT! They have more fun! And they save!

Now that the weather is cool and nice, it's the perfect time to take advantage of your Zoo membership. In addition to enjoying the animals and the park, there are many other ways to enjoy your membership benefits.

This year there will be **MORE MEMBERS ONLY EVENTS**. So be sure to check the Zoo's website often, [www.miamimetrozoo.com](http://www.miamimetrozoo.com). You can also read about them in *Toucan Talk*.

**JANUARY 22:** *A Celebration of Africa* with Ron Magill

**JANUARY 29:** The first of the 2005 Lecture Series, *The Painted Dog* with Greg Rasmussen

**MARCH 5:** Get Together with Wildlife Ambassador Joan Embery

**APRIL (TBA):** Members Family Picnic

**More zoos, aquariums, wildlife centers and attractions have been added to the Reciprocal List.** And to make it easier for you, we've included the phone number for each and indicated exactly how many people are admitted with your Miami Metrozoo membership card. Check out the list on our website. Remember the reciprocals make their own rules, not Miami Metrozoo.

### **20% Discount to even more South Florida Attractions!**

**Book your child's birthday party, a family reunion, a wedding or any other special event at the Zoo and you will get a 10% Members Only discount off our facilities fees, Zookeeper Tour and Zookeeper-for-a-day program!**

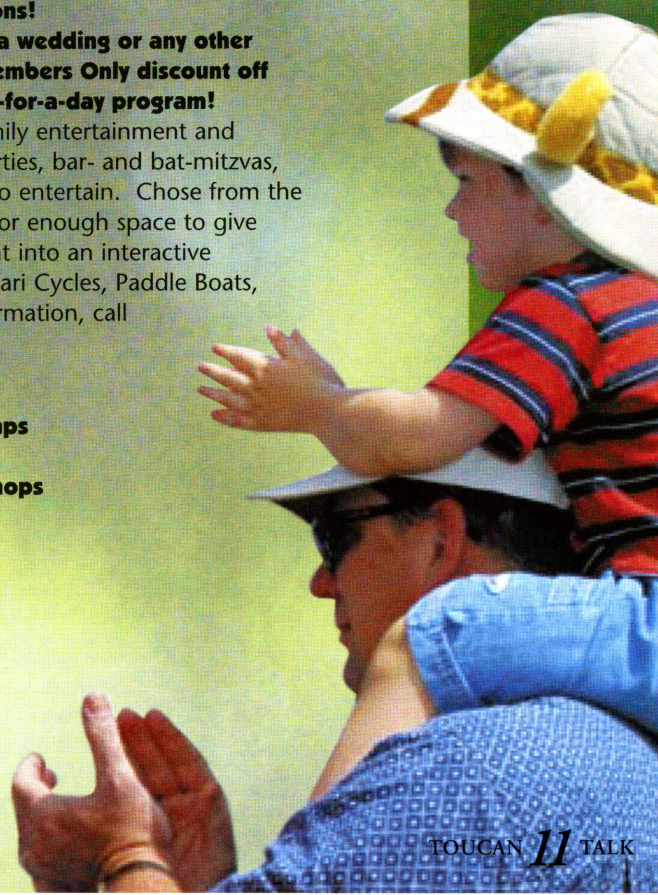
Take advantage of the Zoo's facilities for all your family entertainment and celebrations. Remember the Zoo for graduation parties, bar- and bat-mitzvas, dinner parties, anniversaries, and any other excuse to entertain. Chose from the Special Events Field, Meadow, and Aviary Tent pad for enough space to give wings to your own creativity. Turn an ordinary event into an interactive memory-making Fun-Safari with our Tram Tours, Safari Cycles, Paddle Boats, Animal Encounters and Keeper Talks. For more information, call Group Sales at (305) 251-0400, ext. 244.

- Free admission to Miami Metrozoo all year long
- Discounts on educational programs and Zoo camps
- Invitations to new exhibit openings
- 10% Discount on merchandise in the Zoo's gift shops
- Discounts on Travel Programs
- Family fun all year long!

**GET A FRIEND TO JOIN THE ZOO AND  
GET \$10 OFF YOUR NEXT RENEWAL!**

Call the Membership Services Department  
at (305) 255-5551, ext. 136.

*Offer expires March 31, 2005*



**NEW!**

## Pelican Feeding Station

By Jennifer Wadsworth and West Phillips-Anderson

With the help of Pelican Harbor Seabird Station Inc., Lowell Park Nature Center, and Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary, Metrozoo has adopted 11 Brown Pelicans and 5 American White Pelicans. All 16 rehabilitated pelicans have permanent injuries that prevent them from being released back into the wild.

Feeding wild animals isn't a great idea; in fact, it can be a danger to both humans and animals. At Miami Metrozoo, we are allowing our guests to feed the pelicans under trained supervision while keepers educate the public to the dangers wild pelicans normally face when being fed by people.

We've all heard of pelicans stealing a prized catch, earning them the reputation of being pests. This is a result of public feeding. Pelicans have lost their fear of humans and have become very bold, often stealing fish right out of our hands. Ninety percent of rescued pelicans have had fishing hooks, fishing line and large fish bones removed from them. Pelicans are also fed scraps of food by passing fishermen. The problem is the pelicans naturally hunt smaller "bait-size" fish, and are not able to safely swallow the bones from larger fish. The bones can become impacted, causing the pelican to die a slow death.

**We invite you to learn more about pelicans and to feed them daily at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., located behind the Toucan Trader Gift Shop.**

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PHOTO: GEORGINA SALUP

*A gift from the heart*

**Adopt an Animal for Valentine's Day:** For many animals on the Endangered Species List, survival is a rare gift. You can give them that gift. Sponsoring an animal through Metrozoo's Adopt-An-Animal Program will help Metrozoo participate in conservation and preservation programs fighting for the survival of these species. Give the gift of survival and make a bold statement of your commitment to our planet's wildlife by sponsoring an animal in the Species Survival Program. It makes a wonderful gift for any animal lover, and everyone will take great pride in knowing they've done their part in saving these irreplaceable animals.

**Be a Friend for only \$25:** You can become a Friend by contributing just \$25 towards the sponsorship of any animal of your choice not listed below.

**Animals in Metrozoo's Species Survival Program (\$50-\$2,500):** African elephant, African lion, African wild dog, American flamingo, Asian small clawed otter, bongo, chimpanzee, clouded leopard, crocodile monitor, Eastern black rhinoceros, gibbon, Grevy's zebra, Indian rhinoceros, Komodo dragon, lowland gorilla, Malayan sun bear, orangutan, pygmy hippo, red ruffed lemur, reticulated giraffe, scimitar-horned oryx, siamang, and Siamese crocodile.

**Your Gift:** You will receive an adoption certificate, a fact sheet and a 4" x 6" color photo of your animal and an auto decal. Most of all, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that YOU have made a difference in the life of your adopted animal.

**For complete details, please call Micelle Lloret at (305) 255-5551 ext. 109 or visit our website at [www.miamimetrozoo.com](http://www.miamimetrozoo.com).**

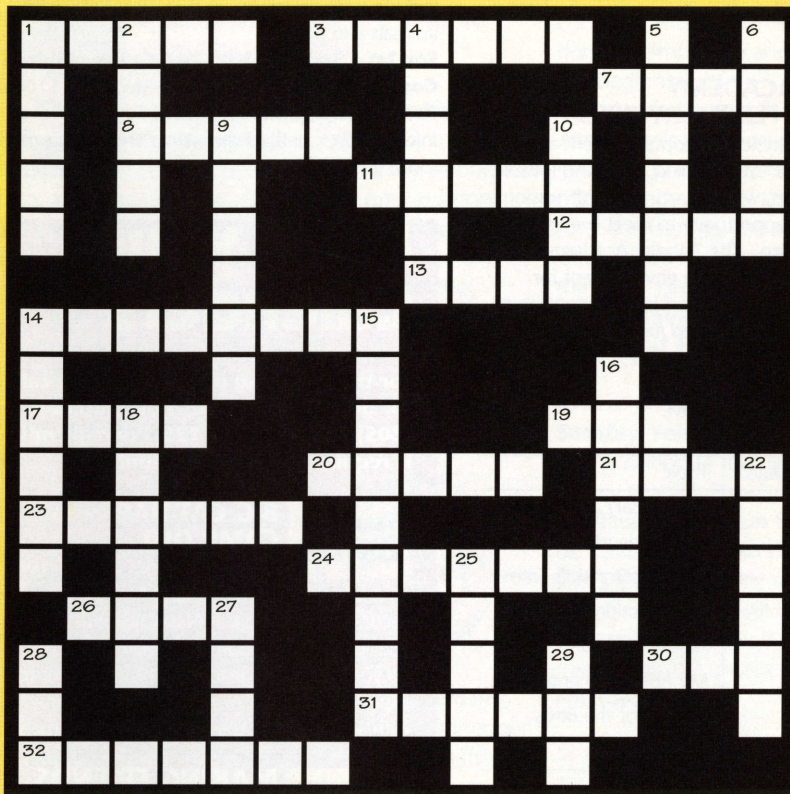
# KIDZOODLE

FUN AND GAMES  JUST FOR KIDS!



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

THEME: WILDLIFE OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

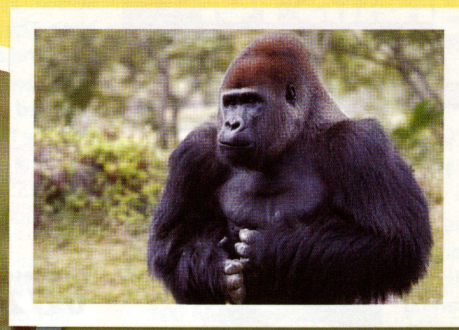
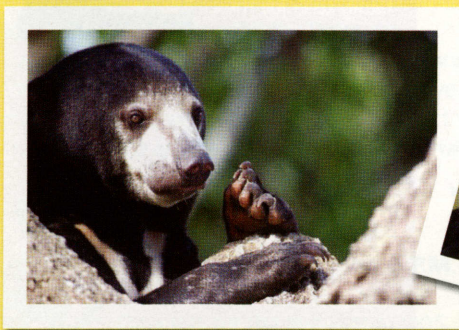


PUZZLE: CAROL TOMLINSON

USE THE CLUES ACROSS AND DOWN TO SOLVE THE PUZZLE.

Clues Across	Clues Down
1. Moves very slowly	1. Slithers when it moves
3. Alligators' relative	2. Playful aquatic animal with dense fur
7. Hibernates sometimes	4. Looks like a small dinosaur
8. Piglike body with small trunk	5. Similar to a pig or boar with fur
11. Large colorful bird	6. Another name for Macaw
12. Lives in Andes, like a camel	9. A colorful hook-billed bird
13. They live in colonies	10. Night birds of prey
14. Constricting reptile, likes water	14. Has thick wool, related to a camel
17. Also called a panther	15. Small animal with flexible hinged body armor
19. Flying mammal, hangs upside down	16. Big cat, resembles a leopard
20. Bird of prey called "Harpy"	18. Has long limbs & tail, lives in trees
21. Similar to sheep, has little horns	22. Bird with large colorful beak
23. Large vulture, lives in Andes	25. Related to donkeys
24. Flesh-eating fish	27. Cold water mammal with flippers
26. They live in hives	28. Common spiders weave this type of web
30. Large reptile, squeezes its' prey	29. Has a bushy tail and lives in a den
31. Nocturnal cat with rosette spots	
32. Hard-shelled insects	

## FIND US AT THE ZOO...



From Left to Right:  
Malayan Sun Bear,  
Southern Ground Hornbill  
& Lowland Gorilla.

PHOTOS BY GEORGINA SALAS

ANSWER KEY: CROSSWORD PUZZLE  
 Answers Across: 1. Sloth; 3. Gaiman; 7. Bear; 8. Tapir; 11. Macaw; 12. Llama; 13. Ante; 14. Anaconda; 17. Puma; 19. Bat; 20. Eagle; 21. Goat; 23. Condor; 24. Piranha; 26. Bees; 30. Boa; 31. Ocelot; 32. Beetles  
 Clues Down: 1. Snake; 2. Otter; 4. Iguana; 5. Peccary; 6. Arara; 9. Parrot; 10. Owl; 14. Alpaca; 15. Armadillo; 16. Jaguar; 18. Monkey; 22. Toucan; 25. Asses; 27. Seal; 28. Orb; 29. Fox



# Zoo Education Programs For Teachers

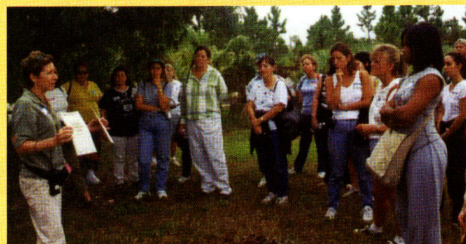
## FIELD TRIP CLASSROOM PROGRAMS

Miami-Dade County Public School classroom programs are grant-supported and free for grades K-12. For private schools and public schools not in Miami-Dade County public schools, the cost is \$30 per program. Class length is 30 minutes. Outreach programs are also available. For more information call: **Education Department** at (305) 255-5551.

## PINE ROCKLAND GUIDED TOUR

Have your students walk through this fire dependent habitat that the gopher tortoise, great horned owl and the Florida panther call home. Learn about the county's largest remnant of the rare native pinelands that exists nowhere else on earth and enjoy a fun game with your students. Walking tours are scheduled through the **Education Department** at (305) 255-5551.

## EDUCATOR'S DAY:



**Saturday  
01/29**

### TEACHERS' WORKSHOP 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

This workshop is designed to show teachers how Miami Metrozoo can serve as an educational resource with an emphasis on our newest exhibits. Participants are awarded ten (10) Master Plan points upon completion. To register, call the Teacher Education Center at (305) 887-2002.

# Zoo Programs For Members

**Saturday  
01/22**

### WILD ABOUT ART 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

Curious and creative children who enjoy art and animals, will explore drawing and art concepts. The subject, of course, is wildlife at Metrozoo, inspired with an animal encounter.



**Pre-registration is required and class size is limited.** Materials are included.

**Ages:** 7 – 12

**Fees:** Members \$12.00 per person  
Non-Members: \$16.00 per person

**Saturday  
01/08  
Friday  
02/04**

### WILD NIGHTS

**6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.**

Take an adventuresome behind-the-scenes tour to see wild animals up-close in their night habitats! Guided by a knowledgeable Zookeeper, you will experience the roar, scent, and behaviors of the great beasts under an evening sky. Guests are served a pizza dinner before a trek into the wild!

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person

ZSF Members \$20.00 per person

Children must be at least 6 years old and in first grade to participate. **Pre-registration is required.** Or Select a Special Date for a Private Group. To register, or to reserve a date for a group of 15 or more, call the **Education Department** at (305) 255-5551.

### ZOODLER ACADEMY JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2005

Bring your toddler to our popular parent and child program for two. Story telling, featuring lovable animal characters, with an arts and craft session is followed by an opportunity to meet live animals in our Zoo classroom. The Zoodler Academy provides a safe and friendly environment for children to meet animals and learn about nature.

**Pre-registration is required for all participants (adults and children) and class size is limited.**

**Ages:** 2 – 4

**Times:** 3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

**Dates:**

Tuesdays, Thursdays	Topic
January 4, 6	Fluffy, Scaly and Spiky
January 11, 13	Forest Friends
January 18, 20	Old MacDonald's Farm
January 25, 27	Construction Animals
February 1, 3	Animal Wrappers
February 8, 10	My Animal Valentine
February 15, 17	Strictly for the Birds
February 22, 24	Jungle Jive

**Fees:** (per session)

Members: \$13 per child with one adult; \$5 per additional person (child or adult)

Non-Members: \$15 per child with one adult;

\$6 per additional person (child or adult)

Alumni of Zoodler Academy 2004-2005

Season: \$2 discount per session

Note: The Zoodler Academy program is for one adult and one child.

Class sizes are limited and **pre-registration is required** of all participants. Registration forms must be filled out completely with full payment.

For more information call

(305) 255-5551, ext. 125. There are no refunds or credits for missed classes.

**Wednesday  
02/26**

### JUNIOR REPTILE CLUB 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

Don't miss the Junior Reptile Club where reptile lovers will explore native species, and share super cool information about these fascinating



creatures. **Pre-registration is required.**

**Ages:** 6 – 12

**Fees:** Members: \$18 per child with one adult

\$4 per additional person (child or adult)

Non-Members: \$22 per child w/ one adult

\$5 per additional person (child or adult)

**Monday-Friday  
03/21-25**

### SPRING CAMP

**9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

Some animals crawl, some fly, others do not move at all! In Spring Camp at Miami Metrozoo, children will learn how some amazing living creatures make use of a variety of skills as part of their peculiar survival strategies. This super fun spring program at the Zoo will also include a special lesson on how to care for wild animals and pets!

**For 1st – 3rd and 4th – 6th-Grade children**

**Cost:** Members: \$140.00; Non-Members: \$160.00

**Pre-registration is required.** For more information, call the **Education Department** at (305) 255-5551.

# Mark your Calendars

For the following programs please call for details and registration materials, (305) 255-5551 ext. 125. **Pre-registration is required and space is limited.**

**Saturday  
03/19**

### BIG CAT-NAP CAMP OUT

For children ages 6 and up with an adult. Participate in Miami Metrozoo's Second Annual Big Cat-Nap Campout! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 19, pack up your camping gear, and come on over to experience a night of wilderness, complete with sound effects (provided by Zoo animals)!

**Saturday  
04/09**

### MAKING FRIENDS WITH BUTTERFLIES

Recommended for children ages 4 and up accompanied by an adult. Bring your family to enjoy these fascinating insects in our Butterfly Garden, and learn from an expert which plants will attract them to your yard! You'll even take home, as a gift, a favorite butterfly plant!



**Saturday  
04/23**

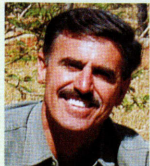
### POSITIVELY PRIMATES!

Recommended for children ages 6 and up accompanied by an adult. There is no business like primate business. Come learn funny and interesting facts about our Zoo's resident apes, monkeys and lemurs.

PROGRAM EVENTS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. For more information, please call the Zoological Society of Florida at (305) 255-5551 or visit the Zoo's website at [www.miamimetrozoo.com](http://www.miamimetrozoo.com).



# At the Zoo



## A JOURNEY THROUGH AFRICA WITH RON MAGILL FOR MEMBERS ONLY!

Saturday, January 22, at the Amphitheatre, 7:00 p.m.

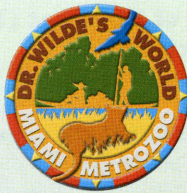
Embark upon a wild journey through Africa, as Miami Metrozoo's Goodwill Ambassador Ron Magill treats you to the breath-taking images of his photography in a narrated slide show. Ron will introduce you to some of Africa's animals on the stage, and you will be immersed in the many moods of Africa through its music. This is an evening of adventure and fun for the entire family!

**R.S.V.P. to the Zoological Society of Florida at (305) 255-5551.**

## WONDERS OF TROPICAL AMERICA: AMAZON ALIVE!

Opening January 22 at Dr. Wilde's World 10:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Enjoy a unique hands-on, interactive adventure into the very heart of Tropical America. Back by popular demand, this fun exhibit features new animals from centipedes to the goliath bird-eating tarantula, Amazonian fish and funky-looking mata mata turtles. Awaiting you in the George Batchelor Theater is a movie with surround-sound to immerse you into the tropical rainforests of Panama, Central America and northern South America. Inspect the artifacts and crafts made by the indigenous rainforest people, marvel at the live animals, and be challenged to identify hidden wonders throughout the exhibit. There are storybooks, puzzles, puppets and rubbing stations for children. Future plans include a working beehive and a corral where children can climb in and interact with tortoises (sorry, no adults allowed inside the corral).



## THE PAINTED DOG FOR MEMBERS ONLY!

Sunday, January 23, 2:00 P.M.

Join members of the Board of Directors for the first in the 2005 Lecture Series as Greg Rasmussen gives us an in-depth look at Africa's Painted Dogs. Greg is the founder and director of the Painted Dog Conservation Project (PDC). He has worked with wild dogs for the past 15 years in Zimbabwe, and earned his title as "the most enthusiastic and dedicated conservationist." The goal of PDC is to

conserve and increase the range and numbers of wild dogs in Zimbabwe and other range countries. Since the beginning of the project and through the combined efforts of PDC and the local communities, Zimbabwe's wild dog population has increased from 400 to 700 individuals. The wild dog is now the number one animal that tourists most want to see! After the lecture, you will have an opportunity to view Miami Metrozoo's painted dogs with Greg and the dogs' keepers.

**Please RSVP by January 20 to the Zoological Society of Florida at (305) 255-5551.**

## RADIO DISNEY BIRTHDAY BASH

Sunday, February 27, 12:00 Noon - 4:00 P.M.

Come celebrate four years of Disney magic! Pajama Jen and the Radio Disney Fun Squad will be celebrating Radio Disney AM 990's fourth birthday at Miami Metrozoo. There will be all kinds of awesome games, musical and variety acts on stage, contests, prizes, and other exciting interactive entertainment.



## SEX AND THE ANIMALS (ADULTS ONLY!)

Saturday, February 12, 7:30 p.m.

Metrozoo Goodwill Ambassador Ron Magill will present his critically acclaimed slide show, "Sex & the Animals" on Valentine's Day evening at the Zoo's Amphitheater. This "adults only" presentation has been called a "Best Bet" by *The Miami Herald* and a "real crowd pleaser" by the *Florida Times Union*.

**Cost:** Members: \$10, Non-members: \$15

## DAILY! NEW KEEPER TALK SCHEDULE

Tiger	11:00 A.M.	Himalayan	
Orangutan	11:30 A.M.	Black Bear	2:00 P.M.
Otter	Noon	Giraffe	2:30 P.M.
Meerkat	12:30 P.M.	African Elephant	3:00 P.M.
<b>NEW!</b> Indian Rhino	1:00 P.M.	<b>NEW!</b> New Guinea Singing Dogs	3:30 P.M.
Pygmy Hippo	1:30 P.M.		
Chimpanzee	2:00 P.M.		

## NEW!

**PELICAN FEEDINGS** • 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.  
Behind the Toucan Trader Gift Shop



## HOW TO REACH US

- Educational Programs** (305) 255-5551, ext. 124
- Membership** (305) 255-5551, ext. 136
- Adopt an Animal** (305) 255-5551, ext. 109
- Corporate and Individual Gift Giving** (305) 255-5551, ext. 138
- Volunteering/ Walking Tours** (305) 255-5551, ext. 124
- General Information** (305) 251-0400
- Group Sales/ Picnics** (305) 251-0400, ext. 230
- Birthday Packages** (305) 233-8389
- Email:** [www.info@zsf.org](mailto:www.info@zsf.org)
- Website:** [www.miamimetrozoo.com](http://www.miamimetrozoo.com)

The Membership Department is updating its records, so please be sure to send your EMAIL address to [www.gbaquero@zsf.org](mailto:www.gbaquero@zsf.org). We want to keep you up-to-date with the latest Zoo News and Special Events.

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# BALL OF THE WILD 2005

## RHYTHM OF THE TROPICS



Joan Embery with armadillo

### Saturday, March 5, 7:00 P.M. – Midnight

"Ball of the Wild guests will journey into an exotic tropical paradise, catching a glimpse of what will be Miami Metrozoo's next exhibit, Tropical America," said Ana Milton, Chair of Ball of the Wild for the sixth annual fundraising gala benefiting the Zoological Society of Florida's education and conservation programs on behalf of Miami Metrozoo.

Rhythmic sounds greet you at the front entrance of Miami Metrozoo, where you may enjoy a tropical cocktail. Stroll the Zoo's pathways encountering wild animals along the way. Then, bid on original artwork, fabulous trips and pampering packages at the silent auction, and journey on to the air-conditioned tent where you will enter a realm of tropical paradise. Indulge in the culinary delights of award-winning Barton G., treat yourself to one of the extravagant live auction offerings, and dance away the night to tropical rhythms.

### JOAN EMBERY TO BE HONORED

Animal Ambassador Joan Embery will be the recipient of the 2005 Wildlife Ambassador Award. Joan has championed wildlife and conservation for over 34 years, and has appeared numerous times on television shows such as the *Tonight Show* (with both Johnny Carson and Jay Leno), *Good Morning America*, *CBS This Morning*, *Live with Regis and Kathie Lee* and *Entertainment Tonight*.

**Ball of the Wild is considered one of the premier social events of the season. Call now, as only a limited number of seats are still available. For more information about Ball of the Wild or to make a reservation, please call the Zoological Society of Florida at (305) 255-5551, ext. 138 or visit [www.zsf.org](http://www.zsf.org).**

### FOR MEMBERS ONLY! Mark your calendar now!

Meet Joan Embery at the Zoo (location to be announced in the March – April issue of *Toucan Talk*) for a special Members Only Get Together on Saturday, March 5 from 12 Noon – 2:00 P.M.



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