



President’s Message – Barbara Kalbli

Hello Wonderful Docents,

You know you’re pretty wonderful when your organization is recognized on social media. In case you didn’t see it; the “Docents” got a shout out on the CMZ Facebook page. Not only were we recognized in glowing terms; we received lots of loves and positive comments from the community.

While the calendar tells us that Spring is here, Mother Nature may have other ideas. We had a few March tours and as April and May roll around, please check the weather and plan accordingly. In almost all cases, we proceed with tours rain (snow) or shine. Look for lots of tours and safaris to be posted soon. If it’s been a while since you’ve led a tour or safari and would like to shadow for a refresh, please don’t hesitate to ask.

Bob gave a general Zoo update at the March TE meeting. You can expect to see the beginnings of renovations as early as this Spring. Eventually, the main road will be moved to facilitate better (and safer) pedestrian flow. The entrance will get a facelift and the giraffe exhibit will be enlarged, as well as several other projects. As you can imagine there are lots of details and logistics to be worked out.

If you are in need of an ice breaker for your group, try these:

How does the bee brush her hair? With a honeycomb.

Or

Why did the bee tease the other bee? Because he was acting like a bay-bee.

Wow...guess I better not quit my day job! Hope to see you at the ZOO.

Barbara



Kale visits Zoo School



Tim Tam & Clifford wrestling

DATES TO KNOW

Meetings start at 9:30 a.m.

Apr 6.....Board Meeting ... Safari Lodge
 Apr 9.....IE Meeting Safari Lodge
 Apr 13.....TE Meeting Safari Lodge
Thirty-minute Mission Wolf Field Trip meeting follows the IE & TE meetings
 Apr 27.....Education Mtg.... Safari Lodge

May 4.....Board Meeting ... Safari Lodge
 May 11....TE Meeting** Safari Lodge
 May 14....IE Meeting** Safari Lodge
 May 25....Education Mtg.... Safari Lodge

June 1.....Board Meeting ... Safari Lodge
 June 11....Joint IE/TE Meeting** at the Lodge at Moose Lake • 9:30-1:30
One-hour Yellowstone Field Trip update meeting after the Joint Meeting

**** Mandatory Meeting - please contact the President or President-Elect if you cannot attend. In May you must attend either the IE or TE meeting, not both.**

CEC – starts at 9:30 a.m.in Safari Lodge

Apr 2..... Life Cycles Tour CEC

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Vision Statement

*Every Kid, Every Time, Goosebumps!
 Every kid of any age, will have an experience for a lifetime with every visit.*



CMZA 2022-2023 Executive Board SLATE OF OFFICERS

President-Elect..... Jeanie Baratono
 1st Vice-President..... Marianne Brooks
 1st Vice-President-Elect..... Cate Kelly
 2nd Vice-President Marie Poyzer
 2nd Vice-President-Elect..... Sue Sallee
 Corresponding Secretary Judy DeGroot
 Recording Secretary Mac McPherson
 Treasurer..... Nancy Hochman
 IE Chair Charlotte Greene

The positions above, as well as the 2023 Nominating Committee, will be voted on at the **MANDATORY May 11th (TE) and May 14th (IE)** meetings.

The following Executive Board positions are filled through the progression from the 2021-2022 “Elect” positions, or from President to Past President and are not voted on by the membership:

President..... Marsha Fogarty
 Past President Barbara Kalbli

The incoming and outgoing Executive Boards will meet to choose the Supplemental Activity Chairpersons. ZOOM docents & Zoopeteers choose their group chairs.

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR THE 2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE BALLOT

Updates to the Docent Manual

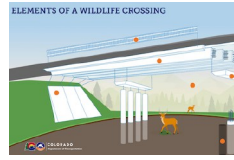
Ecology Tour, page U-17 mentions the rhino statue and the oxpecker on top of it. The oxpecker is no longer part of the statue, it was broken off. When Jumbe is not out you can still use the rhino statue to talk about mutualism with the (missing) oxpecker.



ARV Tour, page V-7. The zebra sculpture mentioned at the beginning of the tour is no longer visible in the yard as you come to the entrance of ARV. It was deteriorating and has been mostly removed or covered.

TE Meeting on Wednesday, April 13th at 9:30 am

We are very fortunate to have Karen Voltura from Colorado Parks and Wildlife presenting a program on CPW's new program of Wildlife Passages and Corridors.



It is a game-changing solution for the number of animals that are involved in collisions with vehicles each year. It has now been operating near us on I-25 for some time and also has been instituted in other parts of the state. It should be a very interesting program, for all, to see the impact the corridors are having.

Marsha Fogarty, President-Elect

CMZA Operational Budget Purchases



If you are responsible for a line item in the budget and need to buy supplies, please have the bill to me by April 25th. If we do not spend our budget, the remaining funds are returned to the Zoo.

It is important that I submit our reimbursement requests before the end of April. If I get them too late, the reimbursements are charged against next year’s budget.

Please take a few moments and think about what you might need. If your line item is currently over its limit, check with me before buying anything. You may still be able to make your purchase as not everyone will spend their allotted amount. Thanks.

Nancy Hochman, Treasurer

Animal Enrichment



Many thanks to the March cannoli makers: Jean Bennett, Anne Wardrop, JoAnne Warren and Kathy O’Donnell. We could use more paper towel rolls. Thanks,

Ellie Solomon, Enrichment Chair

Field Trip Information Meetings



Following the April 9th IE and April 13th TE meetings there will be a short meeting with those signed up to go on the Mission Wolf Field Trip. Approximately 30 min.

Also, after the June 11th Joint IE/TE Meeting the group going to Yellowstone will meet for updates on the Yellowstone Trip. Plan on approximately 1 hour.

Thanks,

Joan Adkins, Field Trip Chair

2023 Nominating Committee Candidates

Circle ONE from each GROUP:

<p><u>Group 1:</u> Patricia Tolleson 96 Paul Tolleson 96 Yvonne Weeres 96 Eileen Deery 03 Sue Mayher 03 Mary McCann 03 Kay Bard Gray 04 Doris Banks 14 Linda Gray 14</p>	<p><u>Group 2:</u> John Nickle 15 Sharon Nickle 15 Judy DeGroot 16 Sharon Ledlow 17 Gisele Miyamoto 17 Gary Fry 18 Micha Rhude 18 Judy Sondermann 18 JoAnne Warren 19</p>	<p><u>Group 3</u> Sally Goldstein 69 Ellie Solomon 69 Greta Johnson 82 Lovena Porter 86 Kaiti Poehlmann 87 Nancy Hochman 88 Marie Poyzer 89 Dona McBride 90 Cindi Carroll 91 Sheree Lira 96 Judy Rhoads 96</p>
<p><u>Group 4</u> Don Haller 99 Jim Hunter 99 Patsy McAteer 01 Wendy Seglem 03 Gina Bryant 04 Mack Silvertooth 04 Louise Garrison 05 Lovice Riffe 07 Michel Lira 08 Jody Schmitz 08</p>	<p><u>Group 5</u> Pat Coleman 10 Kathy Kidd 10 Carol Royse 10 Marcia Morris 11 Jennifer Farnsworth 12 Judy Schlei 12 Paula Charles 13 Joan Adkins 14 Susan Gross 14 Ann Marie Jackson 14</p>	<p><u>Group 6</u> Dawn Brizendine 15 Gayle Flora 15 Julie Hall 15 John Kleiner 15 Suzanne Twohig 15 Deborah Compton 16 Pat Dwyer 16 Kim Katalin 16 Mindy Mahler 16 Gloria Wiersema 16</p>
<p><u>Group 7</u> Cris Stoddard 17 Matt Brickell 18 Janet Carlisle 18 Tami Dickens 18 Jane Emerson-Brown 18 Mac McPherson 18 Torrie Smith 18 Pat Urban 18 Anne Wardrop 18</p>	<p><u>Group 8</u> Kim Bunch-DeCou 19 Susan Corcoran 19 Sherry Cripps 19 Sandy Greenspoon 19 Janie Levis 19 Kathy O'Donnell 19 Nancy Rogers 19 Joelle Shreves 19 Marianne Brooks 19</p>	<p><u>Group 9</u> Jean Bennett 20 Diane Brewner 20 Susan Hoxie 20 Sharon Jamison 20 Laurie Lindsley-Peterson 20 Vicki Pokaluk 20 Michael Stein 20 Vicki Unger 20</p>

These groups contain a combination of IE's, IE/TE's, and TE/IE's.

Members of the 2022 Nominating Committee are not included on this ballot, as a Docent cannot serve two years in a row on the Nominating Committee. The 2022-2023 President (Marsha Fogarty), President-Elect (Jeanie Baratono), 1st VP-Elect (Cate Kelly) and 2nd VP-Elect (Sue Sallee) are also excluded from this ballot.

Barbara Kalbli, as the 2022-2023 Past President, will chair and facilitate this Nominating Committee, without a vote.

Recording and Reporting Service Requirements

We believe that changes are good and see them as areas of growth. As we know better, we will do better.



The 2021-2022 year was a big year of change for our Auxiliary.

This was especially true when it came to how we record and report service requirements for service hours, CECs, Zoo memberships and, of course, reporting on award status milestones in years and hours served. With the best intentions, both the Technology Committee and the Board made a decision one year ago to move signups and the recording of service requirements into Better Impact.

We can all pat ourselves on the back for negotiating this major change. The roll-out to Better Impact went more smoothly than imagined! The biggest lesson here is that our little band of merry green docents is far more capable of navigating technology than we often give ourselves credit for.

That said, it became clear last tour season that the software was not meeting our needs, especially when it came to signups and the reporting of various numbers. In fact, we clearly saw that other zoos who use Better Impact actually had paid staff who managed the software full-time. It is time consuming! Thus, it became evident that we could do better for ourselves with the simpler tools we had been using, SignUpGenius and an online spreadsheet.

We transitioned back to SignUpGenius without much fuss or muss. Electric Safari and Tours/Safaris were posted again in SUG, starting in December, with hardly a blip on the radar.

Now as Spring has sprung, we are bringing back the spreadsheet which allows us to see at a glance how we are doing as a whole and individually. Even the new sign-in sheets were readily accepted by all of us. We are doing better!

By the time you read this, an email explaining the spreadsheet will have been sent out. Here is a 12-minute video that explains how to read the spreadsheet:

<https://youtu.be/tB6VhuR59nI>

Here is the link to the new spreadsheet - bookmark it to check it any time!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lfjLP4GzASNN772A64pl-7OX2Yz4nbvfnnXERHW6Frs/edit?usp=sharing>

On behalf of the Tech Committee, we thank you for all your patience and willingness to change and grow as we find together the best ways to record and report service hours. There are lots of people to thank, but let's take a moment to reflect with gratitude on how well we all navigated the headwinds of change this year. With the support of each of you, we all succeed, we all grow, and we all thrive.

The Tech Committee

Articles and Information of Interest

- African Wildlife Foundation – Zebra Stripes Are on the Line: <https://bit.ly/ZebraStripesOnLine>
- Smithsonian Magazine – How animals moved from Asia to Europe: <https://bit.ly/LostContinentLink>
- Science News – Mountain Goats may be disappearing in coastal Canada: <https://bit.ly/MtnGoatsinCanada>
- National Geographic article about a brown bear in human care evacuated from Ukraine. Even if you are not a National Geographic subscriber, you may be able to read up to 3 online articles per month at no charge. <https://bit.ly/3iRtgrv>

Animal Update (February 2022)

Box Turtle from the Humane Society transferred into the Loft

Animal Training / Enrichment Updates:

- Canadian Moose Atka continues to do well with training for hoof care and presents his back right hoof to keepers and allows them to use a Dremel tool to remove hoof growth.
- Canada Lynx Migina has been training for voluntary eye drops and keepers have successfully been able to get saline into her eyeball.
- Bald Eagle is starting to eat in front of keepers.
- Baby Hippo Omo has been reliably taking food from keepers. He is learning to associate snacks with keepers which is a great start to a training program!
- Warthog Alexander has started up walking again on a harness and is quickly getting back into his walking routine.
- African Penguins and Pink-backed Pelicans got 80 small live trout released into their pools. All the trout were gone within 15 minutes and it was a huge enrichment win for the birds!



- Two-toed Sloth Chalupa received her yearly rabies vaccine through voluntary injection.
- Mountain Tapir Cofan participated in voluntary ultrasound to have his kidney checked by a specialist and is looking healthy.

Other Significant Animal Updates:

- Canada Moose Atka is limping on his front left foot and thermal images show a warm spot on the lateral claw.
- Grizzly Bear Digger broke his bottom left canine tooth and the dentist is coming to fix it.
- Hippopotamus Kasai is experiencing symptoms of pseudopregnancy again. She experienced these symptoms at this time last year.
- Giraffe Mashama has been crossing his front legs, left over right, and holding his front left leg up. In the past, this has been a sign of discomfort / pain with him.
- We did a wallaby dental day and were able to get dental radiographs complete on Clifford, Alif, Bugsy and Matilda.
- Siamangs Wayan, Eve and Rahsia are scheduled to be transferred to the Albuquerque Zoo in the next month or two. Keepers have begun working on crate and injection training for pre-shipment health exams and transfer.
- On February 6th, elephant Malaika shifted back into the barn after being outside in a paddock with increased stiffness in her left hind leg. She continued to present with decreased mobility and appeared to be uncomfortable. Over the next 3 weeks she continued to have mobility reduction and, later, GI issues. After about a week of GI disruption, she was back to normal with water and food intake. Currently, she is moving better than when her challenges started on February 6th – eating, drinking & training normally.

Barbara Kalbli from CMZ Mission and Programs Update (reported February 8, 2022)

2022 Trainee Biographies – Part 2

Dennis Akkola

Dad was a pilot when I was born at Randolph Air Force Base in 1944 so I attended school wherever dad was stationed: Arizona, Germany, Alabama, and Okinawa. After graduating from high school on Okinawa, I joined the Army and was flying UH-1 helicopters in Vietnam at age 20. After the Army I returned to school and graduated with a BBA in Management & Finance from the University of Oklahoma.

My working years were spent with the FDIC where I worked as a bank examiner. After retiring in 2002 in

New York City, my wife and I moved to Houston. I began volunteering at Brazos Bend State Park. When we moved to Colorado Springs, I became a docent here at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo for four years spending most of my time in the Loft and Scutes Family Gallery. In 2018, we moved to Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas and I became a docent at the San Antonio Zoo and then the Cibolo Nature Center. Now we're back in Colorado Springs and I'm anxious to be a docent again at the world's best Zoo.

Denise Billington-Just

I was born in Minneapolis, MN. While most of my adult life I lived in various communities throughout the state, I discovered the Colorado Springs area in 1986 while living in Manitou Springs. Our relocation at that time did not stick but I have spent time with my family vacationing in this glorious state over the years since then. My two children fell in LOVE with it! Our youngest received a scholarship from UCCS and since we were nearing retirement age, decided to go full circle, and returned here in 2019. I discovered the Zoo and Docent opportunity shortly after that and am thrilled that COVID management has afforded the opportunity to learn through this role!

I enjoy music, pottery, culinary arts, photography, all outdoor recreational activities, and the highs, lows, and in-betweens that life's journey presents. I look forward to getting to know each of you while learning and sharing information, with guests of all ages. Cheers to Volunteers!

Lori Emge

I was born and raised in San Diego County. Most of that time I lived in the small rural community of Ramona. Around 10 years ago, my husband, Curt, and I starting discussing leaving "crazy California". We came to the Colorado Springs/Elbert area seven years ago, and we love it.

I love retirement! I love to quilt, and now I have time to do it. I love to fool around with a camera, and I have time to do that also. I love to garden. (That is harder to accomplish at 7,500 feet of altitude, but I am still trying to get a productive garden going.) Curt and I love hanging around Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. We try to go at less busy times, and wander and enjoy. I have wanted to be a docent for several years, but I wanted to wait until both knees were replaced, and I could do it in less pain. Now I can do it without any pain, and I look forward to getting to be more knowledgeable about the zoo and its inhabitants.

Rylee Fortenberry

Rylee is a Texas native. After her husband's years in the military they found their way to Colorado where they have decided to settle. As a mother of five little ones, she has spent countless time at zoos and aquariums wherever they have been. In January of this year, she and her husband celebrated ten years of marriage. Having recently completed a Master's of Jurisprudence in Risk Management at Texas A&M University, she decided to expound on some of her other interests which led her to searching for opportunities within our zoo. She feels like the opportunities to embrace the zoo family culture and to get to work alongside other animal lovers are going to be an exciting new adventure.

Barb Haldorson

I am originally from Hamilton, Ohio, lived in Dallas, TX for most of my 20's and was lucky enough to get to move here to Colorado Springs in 1993 to work for MCI. I have worked as a Software Developer, a Registered Nurse, and a school volunteer.

I am very excited to be a part of the next Cheyenne Mountain Zoo docent class! My husband Ray and I have been coming to this zoo since we first moved here, and I have loved watching it evolve over the last 28 years. We have a daughter, Rachel, who is a college student, and she was part of the Teen volunteer program at the Zoo for over 4 years. I was amazed at the experiences she was able to have in the teen program and I wished that I could be a part of this zoo. Now I have that opportunity!

Madalyn Kae

Living just down the hill from the Zoo, I can often hear the Lions roar. Over the years as I heard that roar, I wondered what it would be like to be an active participant at CMZ. And, here I am! My experiences as a wilderness ranger, a docent at the Tucson Museum of Art, and as a ceramic artist/teacher have all contributed to my belief that when we can share our knowledge of nature with enthusiasm, everyone benefits.

Jessica Mann

Born in Missouri, lived in Tennessee for 40 years. Retired in August 2019 after 36 years as Controller for an international non-profit. I was a docent at the Memphis Zoo for 30 years. I moved to Colorado Springs in May 2020.

Shauna Naous

I have always had a love of the outdoors and critters; having spent much of my childhood, when not in a swimming pool, in the woods surrounding the family home in rural Ohio, catching crawdads and minnows to fish at Old Man's pond. I even had a pet raccoon brought home as an orphaned baby by my brother and

nursed him and raised him until he was old enough to return to the wild. This love of the outdoors and critters followed me into adulthood here in Colorado.

My favorite place is Yellowstone where one can find me at least twice a year backcountry hiking, watching for wolves and other wildlife. I have learned a great deal about the wildlife of the West, including wolves, bears, ungulates, raptors, etc. Nothing thrills me more than the simple pleasures of seeing a hawk flying on the thermals above, deer and elk grazing in the meadow where I run each morning, or a wolf hunt on the flat lands of Lamar Valley in Yellowstone. It is this passion I have for wildlife that has drawn me to service as a Docent with CMZ in the hopes of inspiring others towards a lifelong love of our global environment.



Fearless Zoo School leader Greta Johnson is "all ears" when working with trainees and presenters. Taken at the Denver Zoo during the Docent field trip in November 2021

CMZA Zooline Information

Please send all submissions – information, articles, pictures, etc. – to:

cmza.zooline@yahoo.com.

The deadline for the May issue is Thursday, May 21.

Thank you, Linnea McDonald & Joelle Shreves, Editors



Zoo Photos



Photos in this Issue

Page 1: Kale by Barbara Kalbli; Tim Tam and Clifford by Susan Hoxie

Page 2: Puppet Show by Jeanie Baratono

Page 4: Pandora's crest by Deborah Compton; Atka by Susan Hoxie

Page 6: Greta Johnson by Kathy Kidd

Page 7: Top - Final Trainee class session by Linnea McDonald

Clockwise from right: Bahati by Barbara Kalbli; Captain molting, Chalupa, & Ohe by Susan Hoxie; Pandora showing territorial behavior by Deborah Compton

