



## President’s Message – Marsha Fogarty

In between bouts of snow and ice, we all have been getting out doing our jobs. Zoopeteers are busy eliciting belly laughs from the little guys. I love hearing their delight at our puppet shows. I hear from neighbors and friends how much they enjoy watching the penguins and Omo and visiting the zoo in winter. Thanks for all you do to make that possible. I heard a visiting Denver docent was blown away by our work in the Loft. Keep up the good work!

Some coming things to note: the first Safari of the season was the end of February or first of March. So, it begins! We are going to be really busy. We have TWO all-school tours coming! Marie Poyzer and Judy Sondermann will provide details soon. **THIS WILL BE ALL HANDS ON DECK!** Another fun thing is on April 15, about 30 Denver docents are coming for a tour and potluck lunch with us. These will be fun tours where you ask them what they want to see and then go for it. The Loft will be a **BIG** piece of this; they are very interested! Get your taxes done early so you are ready to play that day.

Lastly, several of you traveling last week contacted me and were sorry you had to miss the Joint Meeting. We had a blast. The potluck was amazing, Basia’s program was amazing (she is amazing), and we discussed the reorganization the board has been working on with vigor. It was well received. You will receive the full set of Bylaws Changes in April and they will be voted on in May. Here are the main bullet points:

- New Organization Chart (you were sent this by the Secretary).
- We are going to try once-a-month meetings alternating between Saturdays and Wednesdays. We will see if it works. If we don’t like it, we will change it.
- We are going to all be docents. We keep doing IE/TE work, we will just all be called docents.
- 1st VP and VP Elect will now be Education VP and ED VP Elect. 2nd VP will now be Outreach VP and Outreach VP Elect.
- The Membership Chair will be called Recruitment.
- The IE Chair position is going away. The new position will be On-Grounds Program Chair. Charlotte Greene is creating the job description.
- The role of the Education Committee was never fully fleshed out in our rules and regs. We spelled out the membership of the Education Committee to be: VP Ed – Chair of the Education Committee; VP Education Elect; VP Outreach (or designee attending); CEC Chair; On-Grounds Program Chair; Recruitment Chair; Member at Large.
- The Straw Ballot will be called the Proposed Nominations Survey, which more accurately describes what it is — suggestions on who ought to fill jobs.

That sums it all up for now. Enjoy March! Hopefully, we will get at least some warm weather while we work around the zoo.

**Marsha**

## DATES TO KNOW

*Meetings start at 9:30 a.m.*

**\*\* Designates mandatory meeting**

Mar 1	..... Board Meeting.....	Safari Ldg
Mar 8	..... TE Meeting .....	Safari Ldg
Mar 11	... IE Meeting.....	<b>LaML</b>
Mar 22	... Education Mtg.....	Safari Ldg
Apr 5	..... Board Meeting.....	Safari Ldg
Apr 8	..... IE Meeting.....	Safari Ldg
Apr 12	.... TE Meeting .....	Safari Ldg
Apr 26	.... Education Mtg.....	Safari Ldg
May 3	..... Board Meeting.....	Safari Ldg
May 10	... TE Meeting** .....	Safari Ldg
May 13	... IE Meeting** .....	Safari Ldg
May 24	... Education Mtg.....	Safari Ldg

## CECs and TRAINING

- Mar 4, 11 and 18, Zoo School continues at Safari Lodge. Start time usually 9:15 but check schedule.
- Note: CECs are NOT available for the March Zoo School sessions.**
- **Spring Fling** (included in this issue), due March 31
  - **CECs:** Life Cycles Mar 29 and Apr 1, and Bird Migrations & Dark Skies Apr 29, Safari Ldg

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***We believe being a docent should not be “just a Job”, nor is it a right, but instead a responsibility a docent has toward the organization and its mission.***

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## Upcoming All School Tour! (FREE HOURS)

BOGO! There is a new "All-School" tour scheduled for Friday, May 19. If you do one of the 9:45 am tours (ARV, Lifecycle, CO Lifezones or AM Enhanced) plus one of the 12:00 pm tours (Coats & Colors), you will receive **2 bonus hours** in addition to a 45-minute rest in between. **That is a total of 6 hours!**



In addition, please remember there is a very large ECO tour scheduled for Friday, May 12.

*Marie Poyzer, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP*

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## MEETING Program for Wednesday, March 8, 9:30 am, Safari Lodge

The Wednesday, March 8, program will include a visit from Bob, an animal report from Halter, and a program from Julia Zoltowskt from horticulture. If you recall, she inquired about docents volunteering to help with the grow pods. No, this is not a recruitment program! It will be interesting to learn more about the grow pods and other horticulture projects around the zoo. I hope to see you there and don't forget to bring your interest forms for next year's chair positions!

*Jeanie Baratono, President-Elect*

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## MEETING Program for Saturday, March 11, 9:30 am, Lodge at Moose Lake

Join us for our monthly IE meeting at the Lodge at Moose Lake. There will be lots of important announcements and information. Barbara Kalbli, Chair of the Nomination Committee, will have some Proposed Nominations Surveys (formerly the Straw Ballot) in case you missed the joint meeting last month. The suspense date of 1 March was given but she is willing to extend it since our meeting is before the committee meets again. ANYONE who is interested in serving in a leadership position should make sure their name gets put forward to the committee. Also, we are going to have a vote in May on significantly changing our Docent Board. Information will be given at the meeting for you to consider when the vote comes up at our May 13 meeting.

We'll have a drawing for those who worked in chickens for an encounter with an animal in the Loft or BBY. The keepers really appreciate our help and are willing to let the lucky winner participate in one of the training sessions or feedings.

The program will be our second brainstorming session for the "Story/Anecdote/Fact Project." There's been lots of talk since we did the first information-gathering session last fall. Stories and anecdotes connect our guests with our animals and when connections are made,

conservation is supported. Vickie P. and Anne are ready and very willing to get a new program organized. There's lots of information already put together and we will carry that forward. Your input is needed so the stories and anecdotes are useful, accurate and available for all of our on-grounds programs. Vickie is planning an interactive session that gives each of us an opportunity to be heard.

Don't miss this important meeting. Your input is so vital for the health and sustainability of our wonderful CMZA. We've only had one person sign up for snacks so if you can, please bring a snack to share. Coffee will NOT be provided since the training class is still in session. See you soon.

*Charlotte Greene, IE Chairperson*

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**Kay Atteberry**, who was an active docent from 2000–2016, passed away on December 8, 2022, in Colorado Springs. She was 85 years old. Kay was born in Modesto, California on November 13, 1937, to Dr. Harry E. Kingman and Helen Kingman. Kay

received a bachelor's degree in education from Colorado State University in Fort Collins and a master's degree in education from the University of Colorado in Boulder. Kay taught and worked in numerous capacities for the Colorado Springs School District 11 from 1970-2008.

Living a glorious and fruitful life, Kay spent much of her time reading books, traveling, hiking, bird watching, playing card games, enjoying theater, and cheering on the Colorado Rockies and Denver Broncos. Her community connections included Yay Yay sisters, Kappa Delta, St. George's Anglican Church, volunteering at the Old Colorado City Historical Society and Museum, and being a docent at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo for 20+ years. Read Kay's full obituary here: <https://bit.ly/3KFfBTt>.



**Garnier (Gar) King Puryear**, who was an active docent from 2010–2018, passed away on December 26, 2022. He was 85 years old. Gar was born on July 3, 1937, to Mary Emily (King) and Sidney Garnier Puryear. Gar studied at the University of Arkansas, graduating with a business

degree. During that time, he was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity and a Razorbacks cheerleader.

In 1961 he married Ann Martin and settled in Little Rock where he established himself in the banking industry. In 1978, they moved to Colorado Springs where Gar became president of Exchange National Bank. In 1986, he transitioned into investment banking.

Gar actively participated in the business community (Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and Convention/Visitors Bureau, Colorado Bankers' Association). He was a volunteer leader in organizations he believed in, including Board or Trustee roles with First United Methodist Church, Colorado Springs Symphony and Fine Arts Center, Center for Christian-Jewish Dialog, President's Council at Colorado College, and the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. He greatly enjoyed his membership at the El Paso Club.

After Ann's death in 1993, Gar married Patricia Corey. After Patricia's death, he married Susan Heim. Gar will be remembered for his hospitality, strong will, sense of humor, and commitment to every endeavor. He enjoyed fine wine, his family, music, travel, playing bridge, and until recently, a long brisk walk every day. Read Gar's full obituary here: <https://bit.ly/41qrwup>.

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## 2023 Field Trips

Hello docent friends! This is a reminder of the last two field trips that will occur this year. If you did not sign up already and want to attend, please email me at [rorydoggie@gmail.com](mailto:rorydoggie@gmail.com).



**CSU Spur, March 20:** The next trip is to CSU Spur in Denver on **MONDAY MARCH 20, 2023, 1-2:30 pm**. Lunch will be before the tour (probably at Denver

Central Market at 1130) if you want to join us. A day at CSU Spur has something for all ages — it's a laboratory, veterinary clinic, market, museum, art studio, classroom, garden, innovation center...all in one! The 1.5-hour tour is Free. They opened a new building on Jan 6. For more information go to <https://csuspur.org/>

**Cheyenne Mountain State Park, May 7:** On **SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023**, at 8 am, we will go to Cheyenne Mountain State Park in Colorado Springs to learn about birds that migrate to and through the state park. The 1.5–2-hour tour begins at 8 am on the hiking trails with a ranger (Barry). The cost is \$9 per car or free with a State Parks Parking Pass. After the bird tour, we can go to the May Natural History Museum or have lunch first and then go to the museum. The May Museum is Colorado Springs' premier bug museum! You name the bug, and they've probably got it. Located

near Cheyenne Mountain State Park, the museum houses one of the largest private displays of tropical bugs in the world! They have 7,000 insects... that's a lot of bugs! They have everything from giant tropical insects and spiders to thousands of colorful butterflies and moths. The museum is home to squishy beetles, gigantic spiders and deadly scorpions, all perfectly preserved. Families and school groups have been visiting the museum for decades. With this large of a collection, there's a bug for everybody! For more information go to [www.coloradospringsbugmuseum.com](http://www.coloradospringsbugmuseum.com). The cost is \$12 pp unless you have a Pikes Peak Attraction Pass, then it is free for you and a guest.

*Kathy O'Donnell, Field Trip Coordinator*

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## March Cannolis

Come join us for cannoli-making after the meeting on Saturday, March 11. I will collect paper towel rolls and toilet paper rolls at both March docent meetings to save you a trip to the DRC. Let me know if you can help make cannolis!

*Jean Bennett, Enrichment Chair*

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## CEC Corner

Welcome, March! Tours and Safaris are already ramping up, and we have a slew of spring CEC activities.

Importantly, the Spring Fling is here and included on the last two pages in this issue. The Spring Fling is an essay on a basic tour theme or cart theme. Studies have shown that writing something out helps to secure it in your knowledge bank better than a multiple-choice quiz. Also, with your permission, I'll be submitting a few well-written essays to the Zooline and providing them to our trainee class — you get to not only refresh your skill set but help advance the next generation of docents! The Spring Fling is due on March 31, 2023.



Sadly, due to the weather, we had to cancel the Zoogeography CEC last month. Not to fret, we can always boot that Wednesday session up next fall! Also, a correction to my column from last month, the Bird Migration CEC is on April 29, not April 15.

What I am reading now, you ask? Your essays! Well, I am still knee-deep in *A Brief History of Earth* by Andrew H. Knoll. Hopefully, I'll start a new book by the end of March.

Always be learning,

*Cris Stoddard, CEC Chair*

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## Docent Applications

Applications for the next docent class are available on the Zoo website. This is now the way to apply for each training class, and no waitlists are kept. People interested in becoming docents have to apply each year if they are not selected for the current class. The application can be found by searching "Docent application." The application will come to the top of the list and clicking on the words downloads the PDF form to your computer.

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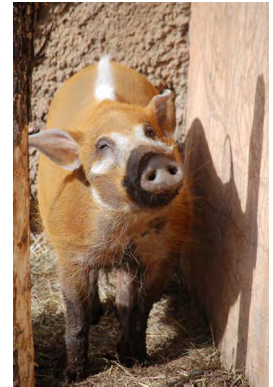
## Animal Update (January 2023)

- African Lion Boma has started crate training with Kelsey and Savannah.
- Gorillas Asha and Goma have had a long-term breeding recommendation from the SSP that the zoo is going to pursue. They are not taking Asha off of birth control quite yet but will be in the near future (maybe this spring). This will be very beneficial to the gorilla population because Goma's genetics are not well-represented in the genetic pool.
- Gorilla Asha is working on closing into a den again (a behavior she had done in the past), in preparation for skills she might potentially need for having a baby safely.
- African penguins Ichaboe and Spheniscus are one of our SSP-recommended breeding pairs. They have laid two eggs and the zoo is monitoring them to see if they are fertile.
- Al Carrier has been working on taking African Penguin Napoleon to new places and teaching him to walk calmly inside new buildings.
- Erin Henninger has been working on an open-mouth behavior with Omo, the baby Nile hippo. He is learning very quickly and able to participate in most feedings the same way the adults do!
- The Water's Edge team trained voluntary injection with adult female Ring-Tailed Lemurs Allagash and Rogue. Both are now up to date on the rabies vaccine.
- AUS is seeing egg laying from the budgie breeding colony in the basement. They currently have eight eggs total from three different pairs. In comparison, they only had one pair producing last year.
- The skunks have been separated into appropriate pairs (Digby and Padfoot) in case breeding occurs.
- The azure-winged magpies were moved to the Loft where keepers are working to habituate them to humans.
- Red-Necked Wallaby Bentley continues to do well and celebrated a birthday in January. He turned 16!



Goma by Deborah Compton

- Black and White Colobus Monkeys Rudi, Dezi, Sudi and Tisa learned and trained for a new scale behavior off the ground, which includes their tail weight. With this new method, the keepers have been able to get more accurate and reliable voluntary weights on them.
- Red River Hog Pinto continues to do amazing work with crate training in preparation for her upcoming transfer.
- Red River Hog Zena (pictured right) started voluntary hoof presents for her back feet. They hope to trim her dew claws in the future with this method. She is already putting her foot up on a fire hose block!
- Alia has begun work with the Australian shelducks and getting them more comfortable with keepers sharing space with them.
- Savannah and DeeAnn were able to get blood voluntarily from Giraffe Msichana while she was having a challenging week health-wise (only her second time doing this). She was awesome!
- Amy S. and Kelsey N. have maintained giraffe Bailey's blood draw behavior super well and were able to get blood from her again!
- Giraffe Mahali is stable, and his condition has not changed in the last month. Giraffe Msichana had a challenging week in January health-wise but then steadily improved.
- Rachael started training Giraffe Wednesday with target and injection. Wednesday is doing well off of supplemental milk. She continues to nurse from mom Bailey and is steadily gaining weight.
- Asiatic Bear Beezler celebrated her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday with a tea party and lots of love from staff and Facebook fans!



Zena, by Susan Hoxie

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## March CMZ Trivia Questions (Who/What Am I?)

Look for answers on the last page of the pictures in this issue.

- 1) We are the iconic image of the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. Our species has been here since 1954. That said, one of us is not like the other and is a different sub-species. Name him and his species.
- 2) I am a two-fingered fellow and live in the rafters (my father lives in another building). My claws are actually distal phalanges poking through my skin



and covered with keratin. I only have 18 teeth, too.  
Who am I?

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### Articles and Information of Interest

- The 2023 – 40th Annual Crane Festival will be held March 10–12 in Monte Vista. Learn more here: <https://mvranafest.org/>
- Smithsonian Magazine, *Is It Ethical to Hunt Captive Lions?* <https://bit.ly/3EFzqgc>
- Video shows 2,000-year-old mummified crocodiles in Egyptian tomb: <https://bit.ly/3Y8exuu>
- National Geographic (note: NatGeo only offers three free articles per month), *To reach an uninhabited island, this mountain lion did ‘something totally unexpected’* <https://on.natgeo.com/3Y9lvQ3>
- National Geographic (note: NatGeo only offers three free articles per month), *Mountain hares are built for snow. That may become a problem.* <https://on.natgeo.com/3ZfoJmn>



*Hootenanny with her stuffed duck, by Jeanie Baratono*

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### CMZA Zooline Information



Please send all submissions – information, articles, pictures, etc. – to [cmza.zooline@yahoo.com](mailto:cmza.zooline@yahoo.com).

**The deadline for the April issue is Tuesday, March 21.** Thank you!

*Joelle Shreves & Linnea McDonald, Editors*

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### Photos



*Rock hyrax on one of his favorite spots (top deck of the ARV Tower), by Susan Hoxie*



*Abuto enjoying a beautiful day, by Susan Hoxie*



*Eye of New Caledonian Giant Gecko, by Deborah Compton  
(Nocturnal geckos have long, narrow pupils similar to  
keyhole, which can be seen in this photo)*



*Courtesy of Alia Cooper*



*BB doing well at the Denver Zoo, by Susan Hoxie*



*Rock hyrax and colobus monkey standoff, by Susan Hoxie*



*Zambezi and Omo, by Deborah Compton*



*One of our beautiful mountain lions, by Susan Hoxie*



*A look at Missy's molars, by Deborah Compton*



*Proof rock hyrax exists!, by Deborah Compton*



CMZ Veterinary Clinic Field Trip on Saturday, Jan. 14



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Zoopeteers at Centennial Elementary School on Valentine's Day



Charlotte Greene at Midland Elementary, by Sue Corcoran

**March Trivia Answers:**  
 1) Ohe, a Rothschild giraffe;  
 2) Bean, the sloth



## Spring Fling 2023

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This Spring Fling is worth 1 CEC. Each active docent is required to complete 2 CECs for the 2022–2023 docent year. **Complete and return the Spring Fling by March 31, 2023**, to receive credit.

**The 2023 Spring Fling is a written essay.**

Compose a document on your computer. Any of the following formats can be submitted: .docx, .doc, .odt, .pages, .pdf, .txt or .rtf. **Email the document as an attached file to Cris.** Contact information is in the Directory.

If you do not have a computer on which to compose a document, you may return the Spring Fling by postal mail. Please contact Cris prior to deciding to return by postal mail.

For your essay, choose one (only one) of the following topics. The essay should be **3-5 paragraphs** in length (not longer or shorter). Use at least **ten (10) vocabulary terms** from the docent manual in your essay, highlighted in **bold**.

**Topics (choose one):**

1. Explain a theme or concept of one of the following tours: **AM**, **ARV**, or **ECO**. Provide examples comparing and contrasting CMZ species on that tour to illustrate the theme or concept you have chosen.
2. Provide a theme or concept for a cart talk using **one of the 10 CMZA carts**. Describe the use of a biofact (one or two biofacts) from that cart to illustrate the theme/concept of your cart with regard to the species you would interpret at that cart.

Updated information on these three tours and all carts, including the content of the carts, is in the 2023 Docent Manual, which you can view and download here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/tepul3db3ebbkfz/2023%20Docent%20Manual%20FINAL.pdf?dl=0>

**Notes:**

- It is not necessary to use citations; this is an informal essay.
- Grammar and spelling will not be scrutinized, this is not English class.
- A conversational tone is fine.
- Use full sentences, not fragments or bullet points.
- Do not include images in the document: text only.

The essays will be compiled and distributed to our graduating trainee class to share your knowledge to the new group. Exceptional essays may be published in the Zooline.

There are only a few more opportunities left to earn CEC credits for the year:

- This Spring Fling
- The Life Cycles CEC on Mar 29 or Apr 1
- The Migratory Birds CEC on Apr 29
- There are some other ways to earn CEC credits. Please reach out to Cris (soon) if you need more information.

***See Next Page***

### **Examples of essays for each topic:**

#### **TOUR ESSAY OUTLINE**

Look at the “Essential Questions” or “Tour Focus” or “Overall Concepts” section if you have trouble thinking of a theme. See sections T, U or V of the Docent Manual. Do not provide a comprehensive overview of the entire tour, just one aspect of it. Once you have an outline, you can start writing paragraphs!

**Theme:** ECO – Life in a community (opening paragraph)

**Examples** (your three paragraphs)

- Mutualism between cattle egret and giraffe, or agama lizard and African lion.
- Competitive exclusion: giraffes are browsers, they trim trees; zebras are grazers, they mow the lawn. Adaptations for these feeding styles.
- Migration: zebras migrate with the rain to find new sources of grass; giraffes may migrate if they deplete all the acacia trees of leaves, during the dry season.

**Wrap it up** (closing paragraph): The importance of conservation to preserve communities, or why it’s not great if the community falls apart.

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#### **CART ESSAY OUTLINE**

See Section X from the Docent Manual. This essay differs from an actual cart talk in that generally you want guests to lead the conversation at a live cart talk.

**Theme:** The awe of predation (opening paragraph)

**Examples** (your three paragraphs, or maybe you squish this into one paragraph) using the lion skull from the Lower Lion cart

- Lions have carnassial teeth like kitchen shears and their utility.
- Lions have powerful jaws and the importance of that for a neck-biting predator.
- Lions have front-facing eyes, the better to hunt with.

**Wrap it up** (closing paragraph): the importance of predators to an ecosystem and the role of CMZ conservation towards lions.

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The Guidelines (once more):

- Must be on a theme/concept from the AM, ECO or ARV tour or a Cart.
- If a cart, must include the use of one or two biofacts.
- Must use 10 vocabulary terms, highlighted in bold.
- Must be at least 3 and no longer than 5 paragraphs.
- Use complete sentences, no bullet points.
- A conversational tone is fine.
- Don’t cite sources, use the Docent Manual.

The zoo is your limit! Enjoy!