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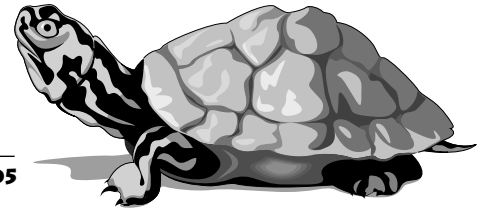


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Black Bear Exhibit

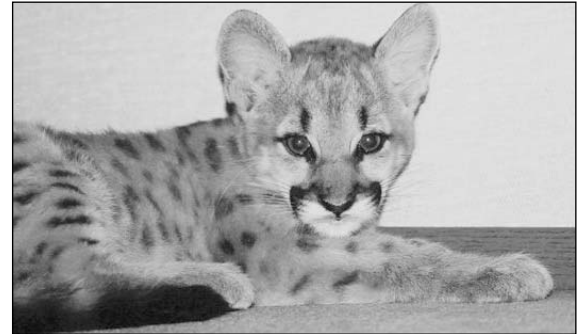


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Cougar



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with mixed emotions that I have come to the decision to resign as president of the Zoological Society. For the past seven years I have proudly served as president. I have worked with the County on projects close to my heart and have fulfilled the goals and objectives that I set for myself. This is a bittersweet moment in my life; it is time for a new president to take charge of the Society.

It has been so gratifying to see all of the new improvements that the County has made to the zoo. Surely we must applaud the vision and commitment of County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, Jr. for all of the improvements that are so obvious at the zoo.

Thanks too to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, especially Patricia Sebold, Freeholder Vice President and Liaison to Turtle Back Zoo, who have supported the many new improvements, and also to Dr. Jeremy Goodman and the zoo staff for the creative ideas that they have implemented at the zoo.

Much thanks to the Board of Trustees and to you, the membership, for your support over the past seven years. My resignation as president will in no way mark the end of my commitment to the Society and Turtle Back Zoo. I intend to remain on the board and to support the new president in any way I can.

It has been a privilege to serve as president on this very dedicated and productive Board of Trustees. Thank you for this privilege.

Sincerely,

Constance S. Williams, President

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☛ Web site: <http://www.turtlebackzoo.com> — to find out what's happening at the zoo, including children's workshops and upcoming special events

## SOCIETY TALK

### Next Society Open Meeting

The Zoological Society meets in closed session every month with the exception of August and December. Open meetings are held in March, July, and October, and Society members are encouraged to attend. The next open meeting is Tuesday, March 29. Open meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held in the Education Center at the zoo.

### Trustee News

The Board of Trustees of the Zoological Society is pleased to announce the reelection of the following Trustees currently serving as Board members: Andrea Curley, Glenn Floyd, Bob McMurtrie, and Marianne Steinbach. The term of office is 3 years, and a Trustee must be a member in good standing of the Society.

At the same time, the Board announces that it has accepted with regret the resignation of Richard A. Flora. The Trustees thank him for his contributions during his service as Treasurer and as Trustee.

### Society Kicks Off New Membership Program

This year's opening day begins an exciting new year for visitors coming to see the biggest, best, and most extensive Turtle Back Zoo ever. With three new main exhibits, twenty smaller

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exhibits, a state-of-the-art Veterinary Hospital, and the new Black Bear Exhibit, our members can take great pride in the role they've played in making Turtle Back Zoo what it is today and what it will be tomorrow.

With this being such a special year for the zoo as well as the Society's 30th year, this is the perfect time to introduce an upgraded membership program that packs more value, fun, and exciting new features into Zoological Society membership. The program adds bonuses, special tours, and privileges to an expanded group of membership options. Membership fees have increased slightly—the first increase since 1991—because there's a lot more zoo to support. Even so, membership in the Zoological Society is still the best buy in Essex County.

The most interesting levels of membership offer the chance to get behind the scenes. Members at the \$500-and-up levels are eligible for zoo staff-led guided tours of animal enclosures, normally off-limits animal care and treatment areas, and other special parts of the zoo that most visitors never get to see. So look over the new membership program and consider upgrading your level. Membership is your key to enjoying the "new" zoo experience to the fullest as well as supporting Turtle Back Zoo itself—every membership dollar helps the Society support the zoo, its animals, and its environs.

To get a copy of the new Membership Renewal form call (973) 731-5800 or download an application at <http://www.turtlebackzoo.org>.

	Unlimited Admission	Turtle Talk Newsletter	Reciprocating	Free Night Moves	Behind the Scenes Tour	Rounds with the Vet	Director's Breakfast	VIP Zoo Events	Buffet for 30 people
Individual \$25.00	*	*	*	*					
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## Happy 30th Anniversary to Us!

This year, the Zoological Society of New Jersey, Inc. turns 30! This milestone is a time for reflection—a time to look back with pride at all we have accomplished during those years and a time to look forward with anticipation to Turtle Back Zoo's bright future.

The Zoological Society is the fund-raising arm of Turtle Back Zoo. It was started in 1973, ten years after the zoo opened, but was not incorporated until April 15, 1975. It acts as an advisory body for development, as well as educational and fund-raising purposes. Monies raised through memberships, gifts, and grants are used to expand the zoo's animal collection and existing exhibits.

In 1979 the Society began its Adopt-an-Animal program, in which zoo animals are "adopted" for a year for a listed fee. In 1983 it launched its Animals-to-Go program, making it possible to take zoo animals to schools and offsite exhibits. (This is now run by zoo personnel.)

By the mid-nineties, when the zoo was in a state of disrepair and the County was thinking of closing it, the Society spearheaded a campaign to save the zoo. It sent letters to schools throughout Essex County, urging school children to write to County officials, pleading for the repair of the zoo. The County responded, making needed repairs as well as a commitment to keep the zoo open. Soon after, the Great Plains and Scottish Highland Cattle Exhibits were built, and the Society purchased a pair of bison, elk, and Scottish Highland cattle for these new exhibits.

In 2000 the County and the Society hired an engineering firm to design the zoo's Cat and Otter Exhibits. Once the exhibits were constructed, using

\$3.3 million of County money and \$60,000 of Society funds, the Society purchased two bobcats, two cougars, and two river otters. The Society also realized it would be an important step for Turtle Back Zoo to link up with other zoos and so paid for the zoo to become part of ISIS—the International Species Information System, a computerized inventory of more than 60,000 living animals. In 2004 the Society was awarded a \$500,000 Green Acres grant for the construction of a Black Bear Exhibit. This was added to the \$200,000 the Society raised. This exhibit is scheduled to open in spring 2005.

Over the years, the Zoological Society has initiated a number of successful fund-raising activities. During its Paver program, it sold more than 350 engraved paver stones, which are installed in the zoo's entrance pavilion. Its Adopt-an-Animal program is still going strong, as are its popular Loving Memory and Celebration Critter cards. The Wall of Tiles fund-raiser program was launched in 2002. Phase I and Phase II were sold out and the engraved terra-cotta memorial tiles are now installed on the side of the Otter Exhibit. In 2005 Phase III was started and is currently being sold.

The Society's biggest fund-raiser, though, is selling memberships. And with the continuing help and support of more than 2,500 members, the Zoological Society continues in its goal of making Turtle Back Zoo a better recreational facility for its visitors and animals.

To celebrate the Zoological Society's 30th anniversary and the untiring commitment and support that generations of its members have unselfishly provided to Essex County's Turtle Back Zoo, Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. will be hosting a dinner for Trustees and invited guests this spring.

## Wall of Tiles Phase III Begins

Due to the popularity of the Wall of Tiles, the Society is again making these beautiful terra-cotta memorial tiles available for purchase. Many friends of TBZ have used the Wall of Tiles as a way to remember a special person or animal companion, to promote a business—and show their support for TBZ in a meaningful way. If you have someone or something that you want to recognize in this unique, and lasting, way, simply fill out the form on the back cover of the newsletter and send it in with your check.

Phase III will be your last opportunity to purchase a memorial tile, as it is the final phase in this fund-raising endeavor.

## Wall of Tiles Phase II Dedication

On November 21, the dedication of Phase II of the Wall of Tiles was held at TBZ. Many friends and benefactors of the zoo turned out for the unveiling. Chairperson Joan B. Daly presided over the ribbon cutting. Freeholder Vice President and Liaison to Turtle Back Zoo Patricia Sebold and Society Vice-President Michael Zichelli addressed the guests, thanking them for their generosity and confidence in the future of TBZ. The Society is very gratified that so many see the Wall of Tiles as a way to support TBZ.



The Wall of Tiles Phase II is dedicated.

## Kean University Welcomes Sage

A special Welcome Sage Day was held at the zoo in November to greet the newest addition to TBZ's Cougar Exhibit — a female cougar kitten named Sage. She was born May 20, 2004, and came to TBZ from Woodland Zoo, in Pennsylvania.

University alumni, administration personnel and students, as well as TBZ staff, Society trustees, and docents were present to welcome Sage to her new home. During the festivities, university officials presented a check for \$1,500 to Connie Williams, President of the Zoological Society, as part of the university's commitment to support the zoo's cougars. The nursery school at Kean had also been busy and hard at work, filling a piggy bank. Enrichment toys for the cougars will be purchased with their donation.

What did Sage think of her new home? When she was introduced into the enclosure, she ran around, apparently enjoying its spaciousness—and then fell into the pond.

Sage and Scout, TBZ's male cougar, are the official mascots of Kean University.

## West Orange Rotary Club Donates \$10,000 to TBZ

The West Orange Rotary Club has donated \$10,000 to the Zoological Society to help create a South American Pampas Exhibit. The club will also be in charge of funding its maintenance. The gift is the largest ever received from a service organization. Members expressed the idea that Turtle Back Zoo is a community zoo and as such should be supported by members of the community.

The West Orange Rotary Club is a division of Rotary International, which has 31,000 members worldwide. The local group formed more than 75 years ago and is made up of people who live and work in West Orange. Other projects supported by the local group include giving dictionaries to local schools and making donations to the township's first aid squad.

Zoo director Dr. Jeremy Goodman was delighted with the contribution. He also noted that gifts totaling more than \$300,000 have been donated to the zoo's new Black Bear Exhibit, which will open in May. Plans for other additions to the zoo include a Veterinary Hospital that will open this spring and a Reptile House scheduled to open in 2006.

## 2004 Corporate Gifts, Grants, and Sponsorships

The Society thanks the following foundations and corporations for their generous donations, grants, and matching gifts during the 2004 calendar year: A.T.&T. Foundation, J.P. Morgan Chase Foundation, Chase Manhattan Foundation, Pfizer Foundation, Doris & Sanford Slavin Foundation, Home Depot, Rubenstein Foundation, Winston Exeter Fund of Fidelity Investments (Mr. & Mrs. R. Stegens), Chester M. & Lillian R. Verdon Family Foundation, Prudential Foundation, American International Group, Eli Lilly Co., Unilever U.S., Inc., U.P.S., Goldring Family Foundation, I.B.M., Exxon Corporation, Time Warner, Novartis Pharmaceutical Company, Thomas Glasser Foundation, Zickler Family Foundation, and Green Acres Grant committee.

The Society would also like to thank Kean University for its continuing support of the Cougar Exhibit and Montclair State University for its continuing support of the Red-tailed Hawk Exhibit.

## Adopt-an-Animal Program and Sponsors

A big thank-you to the following for adopting a TBZ animal in 2004: Amsterdam School-First Grade, Blee Family, Barbara Beerman, Brownie Troop 2102, Bunny Blum, Ellie Brennan, Maddy Broderick, Olivia Broderick, Buchan Family, In Memory of Dorothy Burke, JoAnne Candura, Anand Chivukula, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Cicchelli, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cinquina, Zach and Garrett Collins, Matt, Tom, and Kate Corwin, Matt Coyne, Evan Creedon, Owen Creedon, Liam Creedon, Mary Ann Cuoco, Jason Delaney, Scott Delaney, Delta Phi Epsilon, Robert J. Desch, Erin Duffy, Joseph and Annie Duffy, East Hanover Childcare Pre-K Class, Barbara Eicher, Bridget Farley, Colleen Farley, John Farley, M.D., Kevin Farley, Jessica L. Feldman, Jack Friebely, Forest Avenue School 4th Grade, Thomas P. Giblin, Girl Scout Troop 1046, Sara and Richard Gonzalez, Harrison Gordon, Graeme Gorra and Second Grade Students of Mrs. Kusic's Class at Glenwood School, Liana Greenberg, Amy Grimm, Jonathan, Matthew, and Michael Gross, Julian Gulla, Tyler Gulla, Rebecca Hodgson, Gennard and Marissa Ilaria, William Jeffrey, Junior Women's Club of Arlington, Elizabeth Dale Keene, Patrick Keller, Amanda Kiem, F.V. Kostelnik, M.D., Laning Avenue School 4th Grade Class, Mrs. Leister's Fifth Grade Class 2004-2005, Littleton School Kindergarten Room 3, Margaret Lucas, Joseph Madden, Erin Marano, Matthew Marano, Addy Makish, Sean Patrick McCarty, Michele McDonald, Jessica McLaughlin, Kyli McQueen and Cheryl Pinderhughes, Meisner Family, Mills Family, Robert Navarro, Nathaniel O'Malley, Julie Padinha, Annalise Pandolpho, Anna and Ryan Pekins, Auguste Perl, Roberta Reichenberg, Redwood Elementary School Grade 5F, Myra A. Rivera, Bridget J. Robinson, Morgan S. Robinson, Allison and Laura Romanski, Natasha Rosenthal, Gabriel Rosenthal, Ava Russo, Justin Russo, Samantha Russo, Saint Cloud School Student Council, Kimberly Sauer, Save Club of Kearny High School, Bill Savino, Nancy and Terry Schaffer, Science 6 Lakewood School, Freeholder Patricia Sebold, Vivek Shimpi, Carly Sibilia, In Memory of Scott Miklos Sloan, Naomi and Alan Specht, Logan Spinelli, Sprinkler Fitters Local 696, Sara and Jeff Stanton, Elizabeth V. Steinbach, M.D., M.L. Steinbach, Strugger Family, Marcia Suarez, Briana Tedesco, Chaz Tedesco, Purnell and Brenda Thompson, Cherish Tom, Sarah Vargas, Vicenti Family, Alexandra, Anthony, and Austin Vecchio, Andrea Marie Vibbert, Damon Weber, Rich "Weaser" White, Margaux and Tristan Whitehead, Connie and Les Williams, Les Williams, Jr., Emilia Young, Isabel Young, and Sam Michael Zichelli.

## Jim Garahan and His Surprise Bags

When TBZ is open, Jim Garahan is a fixture, selling treat-filled bags to TBZ visitors. This past year alone, he has contributed \$9,000 toward the Black Bear Exhibit. Over the years, thousands of dollars from the sales of these bags have helped Jim's dream of a Black Bear Exhibit become a reality. Jim, thank you for your dedication to TBZ.

## Volunteer of the Year

Albert Daly has been named the Zoological Society's 2004 Volunteer of the Year in recognition of his contributions to the Society. Mr. Daly, who is also a Docent, redesigned the format for reporting the Society's finances so that they are easily and quickly understood. A certificate of appreciation and an honorarium were presented to him at the Society's annual dinner.

## The Story Behind a Donation

When the Society receives a donation, it is occasionally accompanied by a personal note. We would like to share a special story with you. Amy Grimm asked her friends to make a contribution to TBZ rather than have them bring gifts to her ninth birthday party. Her mother, Lynn Zehr, enclosed an Adopt-an-Animal brochure with each invitation. Amy's friends donated \$285 to this important zoo program. This is the third year in a row that Amy and her friends have made this generous gesture. Our sincere thanks go to Amy, her mother, and her birthday party friends for thinking about TBZ's animals in this special way.

**Membership Renewals**  
All TBZ memberships are valid for one year from the month stamped on your card. To avoid any delays, please fill out your Membership Renewal Form completely and return it promptly with your check, payable to the Zoological Society of New Jersey, Inc., as it takes approximately 3 weeks to process. You must present your Zoological Society Membership Card and an ID to the cashier when visiting the zoo in order to be guaranteed free admittance. Memberships are not sold by zoo cashiers. They are sold by mail only through the Zoological Society. **Membership Cards are not transferable.**

# ZOO TALK

## Director's Message

Welcome to the "New" Turtle Back Zoo. The 2005 season promises to be an exciting one with new animals and exhibits throughout the zoo and plenty of parking (see "What's New" below). Also new for 2005 is the zoo's new logo. It was designed by volunteer graphics artist Lou Simeone. I would like to thank Lou as well as Society Trustee Lydia Gnau for their efforts in the creation of the new logo!

The zoo is full of renewed energy and through commitments by County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, Jr. as well as the efforts of the Zoological Society, the zoo's Docents, and our dedicated and talented staff, we continue to grow and thrive. All of these improvements and positive energy are helping us as we prepare to apply for accreditation from the American Zoo and Aquarium Association.

On a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Society President, Connie Williams, who will be stepping down this year after almost a decade of service to the zoo. Connie has devoted countless hours supporting the zoo and is a prime example of how someone can make a difference through his or her efforts and support of the zoo. So the next time you visit the zoo, consider adopting an animal, purchasing a tile for our Wall of Tiles, or volunteering your time and efforts, because this is how we will continue to grow and your support does make a difference. I look forward to seeing you at the zoo!

Jeremy Goodman, Director

## What's New

by Dr. Jeremy Goodman

Getting to the zoo is now easier than ever. With the construction of a new park-and-ride facility, the zoo also received a new entrance off of Northfield Ave. Our new entry with its brightly colored banners allows for safer and easier access coming to and leaving the zoo complex. Guests now pull into a newly paved lot with ample car and bus parking. Once inside, visitors will find new animals throughout the zoo. For the first time ever, Turtle Back Zoo will have North American black bears. They will reside with a family of red fox in our new bear habitat, "Bears in Your Backyard," which will open this spring. There are surprises around every corner in this exciting exhibit and the opportunity for face-to-face bear encounters as well as a chance to become a wildlife tracker.

The Tortoisry building is now home to animals from the South American rainforest and is inhabited by our new toucan, sloth, and red-footed tortoise. Our new female cougar, Sage, can be found residing in our naturalistic cat exhibit. The zoo has also obtained a female Andean condor. (The condor is the largest flighted bird and can have a wingspan of more than 10 feet.) The zoo also welcomes a pair of rheas, which will be joining our llamas in a new South American Pampas Exhibit, sponsored by the West Orange Rotary Club. At the top of the zoo children of all ages will delight in the new Essex Farmyard. Our new farm features a large central barn that visitors can walk through as well as a petting corral, pony rides, paved visitor paths, and new farm animals. With the new barn, the farm will now remain open all year (pony rides and petting corral are still seasonal and subject to closure during inclement weather).

Also new to the zoo is our state-of-the-art Animal Hospital. The hospital, located opposite our hawk exhibits, is not open to the public; however, it serves all of the zoo's residents and ensures that they receive the highest level of medical care.

The zoo is constantly changing, and no two visits are ever the same. Make sure to visit throughout the season so that you don't miss other new surprises that we will be adding throughout the year.

## Your Contributions in 2004 Helped Make This Happen

The Zoological Society—and TBZ's animals—extend a giant THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to the Society through a membership, matching gift, fund-raising campaign, or one-time donation. During 2004, your generosity made it possible for the Society to donate money for the construction of the Black Bear Exhibit, purchase six wallabies, refurbish the penguin pool exhibit, and overhaul the Cougar and Otter Exhibits, to name just a few areas where your money was used. In total, the Society contributed more than \$123,000.

Due to your help, the Zoological Society is able to help Essex County improve the quality of life for the zoo animals and make TBZ an even better place for you, the visitors. The continuing generosity of all of the Society's contributors is greatly appreciated.



## PENGUIN FEEDING SCHEDULE

The public feeding of TBZ's penguins—Gorby, Ferret, Bo, and Susmer—takes place daily: Monday-Saturday: 11:00 A.M.; Sunday 12:00 noon. (Please note that times are subject to change without advance notice.)



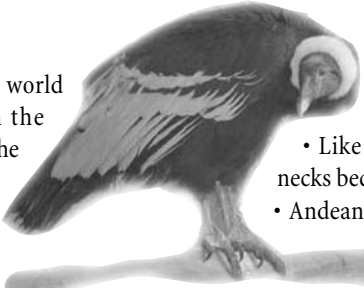
## King (or Queen) of the Andes

by Evelyn Neunteufel

Above the second highest mountain chain in the world soars the Andean condor. Competing with the California condor for the title of largest flying bird, the Andean condor is 3 to 4 feet high. It hardly ever flaps its wings, but usually stretches them out so that they measure up to 10 feet from one wingtip to the other. That is so large that an adult person could lie on top without reaching the tips of the wings. (Of course people are much too heavy for a bird to carry.)

It takes condor chicks 6 to 7 months to learn to fly. While small birds such as pigeons or sparrows can immediately take off into the sky, even experienced condors need quite a running start to lift off from the ground and prefer to drop off cliffs into the air. Condors are able to find currents of warm air, which rises upward. The birds then use these currents to lift them to great heights. With a spectacular view, the condors search for food with their excellent eyesight. They might glimpse a chunk of meat from several miles away or notice other birds feeding already and join in the feast. Of course, their large size is always a plus when approaching a crowded buffet.

Come and meet Eve, TBZ's new Andean condor, the next time you're at the zoo.



Eve, TBZ's Andean Condor

## Andean Condor Fun Facts

- The Andean condor (*Vultur gryphus*) is the largest vulture in South America. Males can weigh 24 to 33 pounds, and females weigh from 18 to 24 pounds.
- Like most vultures, Andean condors have naked heads and necks because their feathers would get dirty when they eat.
- Andean condors can soar to altitudes of 18,000 feet. In order to keep their heads warm at this great height, they tuck their heads into their downy white neck ruff.
- Like all other American vultures, Andean condors are silent because they have no syrinx. (This is the organ that produces a bird's voice and is similar to your larynx.) Condors wheeze, cough, and grunt.

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## Andean Condors in the Wild

Condors are often seen in flocks of up to 60 birds. But recently their numbers have been reduced. One reason is that their habitat is being lost. Another is that some peoples in the Andes value their feathers and use them for decoration. A third reason is that farmers consider them pests and shoot them. (While condors do occasionally eat newborn animals or the eggs of seabirds, their normal food is carrion.) Condors are not yet considered "endangered," but they are "critically imperiled."

### 2005 ZOO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### APRIL

- 9.....Grand Opening/Wolf Birthday .....11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 10.....Grand Opening continues .....12:30 - 5:00 p.m.

#### MAY

- 4-8.....County Fair  
 21.....Conservation Day .....11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### JUNE

- 23.....Night Moves .....8:00 p.m.

#### JULY

- 3.....Red, White, and Blue Zoo Day .....11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 8.....Night Moves .....8:00 p.m.  
 19.....Night Moves .....8:00 p.m.  
 26.....Zoological Society Open Meeting .....7:30 p.m.

#### AUGUST

- 4.....Night Moves .....8:00 p.m.  
 21.....Night Moves .....8:00 p.m.

#### SEPTEMBER

- 17.....Night Moves .....8:00 p.m.  
 30.....Night Moves .....8:00 p.m.

#### OCTOBER

- 28 & 29.....Rat & Bat Night .....6:30 p.m.  
 30.....Pumpkin Patch .....11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 30.....Junior Rat & Bat Night .....6:30 p.m.

Zoo opens for the 2005 season on April 9th  
 (11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Daily hours are Monday - Saturday,  
 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
 Train operates daily, depending on weather  
 and track conditions.

### 2005 WILDLIFE WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

Presented by the Docents of Essex County's Turtle Back Zoo  
 Fee: \$5.00 per child for each workshop.

Checks are payable to: Turtle Back Zoo, 560 Northfield  
 Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052

All workshops are for children 3-5 years old with an adult.

Pre-registration is required, as limited space is available.

For more information, call (973) 731-5800.

Tuesday, May 3.....1:30-2:30 p.m. ....Animal Wrappers

Saturday June 4 .....10:30-11:30 a.m. ....Animal Wrappers

Thursday, July 7 .....1:30-2:30 p.m. ....Leaping Lizards and Snakes

Tuesday, August 2 .....1:30-2:30 p.m. ....Heads and Tails

Thursday, August 25 .....1:30-2:30 p.m. ....Your Big Backyard

Saturday, September 17 .....10:30-11:30 a.m. ....Your Big Backyard

Tuesday, October 11 .....1:30-2:30 p.m. ....Creatures of the Night

# CONTRIBUTION TALK

*There are so many ways to help the animals of Turtle Back Zoo. One of these is right for you!*

## Wall of Tiles Memorial Tiles

The Zoological Society is continuing the fund-raising project that is a wall of tiles being erected on the side of the Otter Exhibit in the middle section of the zoo. Terra-cotta tiles are currently available in the following sizes and price ranges: 6x6" tiles for \$150; 6x12" tiles for \$250; and 12x12" tiles for \$500. Each size tile has room for 2 or 3 lines of copy, with a maximum of 13 characters per line (spaces are considered a character). The tiles will be permanently and prominently displayed on the wall. Order your tile by filling in the form on the back cover of the newsletter and sending it in with your check.

## Join TBZ

When you become a member of the Zoological Society, you are entitled to unlimited free admission to TBZ for one year from the month stamped on the membership card; free admission to all Night Moves; free admission to a number of participating zoos across the country; and a copy of the Society's biannual newsletter, *Turtle Talk*. Memberships can be purchased at any time during the year, and there is a wide range from which to choose. To avoid delays, please fill out the membership form completely and return it promptly with your check, as it takes approximately three weeks to process. If you are already a member, why not consider upgrading your membership? And remember — a membership in the Zoological Society makes a great gift or honorarium because it keeps giving all year long. **Note: Membership cards are not transferable.**



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**Be the first to adopt Mortimer. He's brand-new, both to TBZ and to the Adopt-an-Animal Program.**

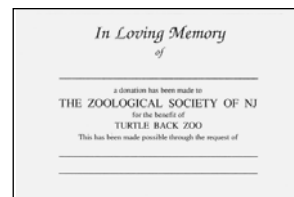
## Adopt-an-Animal Program

The Adopt-an-Animal Program continues to be a favorite way to remember a birthday or anniversary, to say thank-you, or to honor someone special. Donations range from \$25 to \$500; shared adoptions are \$30. Those who have adopted an animal will receive a photograph and fact sheet about their special

animal as well as a certificate of appreciation, bumper sticker, and guest pass to the zoo. Their name will be listed on the Adopt Board located just inside the main gate, and they will be invited to the Society's annual Adopt-an-Animal Party.

## TBZ Tribute Cards

Celebration Critters and In Loving Memory tribute cards are a lovely way to tell someone that you are thinking about them—and about TBZ's animals. Just send a check for \$10 for each card with a note giving your name and address, plus the type and amount of each card you want.



## TBZ's Penny Machine, a Perfect Souvenir

Looking for a great memento of your wonderful day at Turtle Back Zoo? Why not try the penny machine located to the left of the main entrance. Put in two quarters and a penny, and choose from among four popular animal designs (cougar, bison, boa constrictor, and otter). You get back a flattened penny stamped with the animal of your choice, plus the words "Turtle Back Zoo." A portion of the proceeds from the penny machine goes to the Zoological Society for the care and purchase of zoo animals.

## Matching Funds and Grants

Many employers have a Matching Funds Program and will match their employees' gift to the zoo. Several members of the Zoological Society have supported TBZ by taking advantage of this program. Your employer can provide you with the necessary form. Just complete and mail it to the Zoological Society with your check, and we will handle it from there.

## Remember Turtle Back Zoo

A lasting way to help the zoo animals is to name the Zoological Society in your will. You can also designate it as a beneficiary of your 401(K) or IRA. If you would like to remember and assist the animals of Turtle Back Zoo in this manner, the Zoological Society would be happy to discuss this with you further.

## And Last But Not Least

Please consider sending an additional tax-deductible gift today. No donation is too small. All money is used solely for the zoo animals and their exhibits.

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**When making a donation or contribution, make checks payable to the Zoological Society of N.J., Inc. (not Turtle Back Zoo), 560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052.**

# COMMUNITY TALK

## Connie Williams and Jim Garahan Honored by Freeholders

At the annual Zoological Society dinner last October, Freeholder Vice President and Liaison to Turtle Back Zoo Patricia Sebold presented Society President Connie Williams and Trustee/Docent Jim Garahan with framed Resolutions lauding their dedication in their efforts to construct

the Black Bear Exhibit at TBZ. Connie Williams was thanked for spearheading the revitalization of TBZ and being the driving force in the construction of the exhibit. Jim Garahan was cited for his tireless efforts to make this exhibit a reality. Over the years, Jim has sold bags filled with toys to TBZ visitors and donated thousands of dollars in proceeds toward the Black Bear Exhibit.

## ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF N.J., INC. WALL OF TILES MEMORIAL TILES

Your support for Essex County's Turtle Back Zoo should be set in stone. Purchase a terra-cotta tile in our Wall of Tiles and your support of Turtle Back Zoo will be on public display for years to come.

To participate, simply fill out this form and mail it along with your much-appreciated payment.

YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT TURTLE BACK ZOO AND THE WALL OF TILES.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6 x 6" tile, 13 characters per line, 2 or 3 lines \_\_\_\_\_ \$150.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6 x 12" tile, 13 characters per line, 2 or 3 lines \_\_\_\_\_ \$250.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12 x 12" tile, 13 characters per line, 2 or 3 lines \_\_\_\_\_ \$500.


Maximum of 13 characters per line. \*Spaces are considered a character.

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