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Rosamond Gifford Zoo Hosts Fifth Annual 'Art Gone Wild!'

Syracuse, N.Y. (November 3, 2014) – The Rosamond Gifford Zoo, in conjunction with the zoo's chapter of the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK), will host the fifth annual "Art Gone Wild!" art exhibition through November 21.

Art Gone Wild!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 | 10 AM - 4:30 PM

"Bamboo" by Siri: Asian elephant

"Trick or Treat" by Misha: Amur tiger

"Autumn Flight" by Teja: red panda

A UNIQUE DISPLAY OF ANIMAL ARTWORK presented by THE ROSAMOND GIFFORD ZOO AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ZOOKEEPERS
RECEPTION, ART SALE AND AUCTION | FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2014

The collection of extraordinary works-of-art created by animals living at the zoo will be on display throughout the zoo's lobby and café. Viewing is free with regular zoo admission and for zoo members.

Members of the zoo's keeper staff have been working diligently with the animals under their

care to create the art featured in the 75-piece collection. The exhibition includes several pieces produced by trunks, paws, feet, hooves, scales, skin and, of course, brushes.

"It is exciting for us to once again showcase a wonderful selection of art and the results of this type of enrichment experience for our animals," said Ted Fox, zoo director. "The works represent many of the species in our animal collection. Each year, our visitors enjoy seeing artistic expressions created by our Asian elephants, siamang apes, large cats, primates, birds, domestic animals and reptiles – among many others."

At the conclusion of the "Art Gone Wild!" exhibition, an art auction will be held to raise funds to benefit the zoo's AAZK chapter. The auction is Friday, November 21 beginning at 6 p.m. at the zoo.

Admission is \$5 per person; children 6 and under are free. Admission includes non-alcoholic beverages and light appetizers; a cash bar will be available.

Tickets for the auction may be purchased online at rosamondgiffordzoo.org/art-gone-wild or in-person at the zoo's membership desk.

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Founded in 1914, the Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park is among the top 10 percent of zoos in the country as an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and is dedicated to connecting people to the natural world by providing engaging guest experiences, exceptional animal care, and unparalleled conservation education.

The zoo actively collaborates with Friends of the Zoo to provide its guests "the best day ever," ensuring experiences that excite, memories that endure, and knowledge that inspires worldwide conservation.

The Rosamond Gifford Zoo is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults (19-61), \$4 for youth (3-18) and \$5 for seniors (62+). Children two and under are free. For more information, call the zoo at (315) 435-8511 or visit rosamondgiffordzoo.org.

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