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## Rosamond Gifford Zoo Hosts Sixth Annual 'Art Gone Wild!'

Syracuse, N.Y. (November 2, 2015) – The Rosamond Gifford Zoo, in conjunction with the zoo's chapter of the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK), is hosting the sixth annual "Art Gone Wild!" exhibition now through November 20.

The collection of wildly unique works-of-art created by animals living at the zoo is on display throughout the lower and upper lobbies and in the Jungle Café seating area. Viewing is free with zoo admission and for zoo members.

Zookeepers have been working diligently with the animals under their care to create the paintings featured in the 75-piece collection. The exhibition includes artwork produced by trunks, paws, feet, hooves, scales, skin and, of course, brushes. Featured artists

include, among others, the zoo's Asian elephants, siamang apes, Humboldt penguins, red pandas, large cats, reptiles and birds.

"Each year we enjoy showcasing these extraordinary works of art created by a variety of species in our animal collection and the results of this type of enrichment experience," said Zoo Director Ted Fox.

At the conclusion of the “Art Gone Wild!” exhibition, a reception, art sale and auction will be held to raise funds to benefit the zoo’s AAZK chapter. The event is Friday, November 20 beginning at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person; children 6 and under are free. Admission includes non-alcoholic beverages and light appetizers; a cash bar will also be available.

Tickets for the auction may be purchased at the door, in-person at the zoo’s membership desk or online beginning this week at [rosamondgiffordzoo.org/art-gone-wild](http://rosamondgiffordzoo.org/art-gone-wild).

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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](http://rosamondgiffordzoo.org).

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