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Rosamond Gifford Zoo Presents Annual 'Art Gone Wild!' Animal Art Showcase Through November 18

Syracuse, N.Y. (November 3, 2016) – The Rosamond Gifford Zoo, in conjunction with the zoo's chapter of the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK), is hosting the seventh annual "Art Gone Wild!" exhibition now through Friday, November 18.



The 75-piece collection of wildly unique works-of-art created by animals living at the zoo is on display throughout the lower and upper lobbies and Jungle Café seating area. Viewing is free with admission and for zoo members.

Zookeepers have been working with the animals under their care to create the paintings. 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, primates, Humboldt penguins, red pandas, African lions, Amur tigers, reptiles and birds.

"We are thrilled to showcase a wonderful selection of priceless artwork created by a wide variety of species that live at the zoo. As a component of our zoo-wide training and enrichment program, 'painting' is just one of the activities that many of the animals choose to participate in," said Zoo Director Ted Fox.

At the conclusion of the exhibition, an art sale and auction will be held to raise funds on behalf of the zoo's AAZK chapter. The event is Friday, November 18 from 6-8 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person; children 6 and under are free. Admission includes non-alcoholic beverages and light appetizers; a cash bar is also available. Tickets may be purchased at the door, in-person at the zoo's membership desk or online at 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.

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