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Trivia Night & Silent Auction, Friday October 21



The *Trivia Night & Silent Auction* is Wild Bird Rehabilitation's major fundraising event of the year and we hope to see you! This is a great opportunity to visit with friends and family and shop for unique auction items and experiences, bird-themed items, jewelry, photography, home décor, crafts and more.

We are excited to announce that **Carol House Furniture** will be the Presenting Sponsor this year and we thank them for their support of WBR's mission.

This event is held at the **Kirkwood Community Center**. The silent auction begins at 6 pm and Trivia starts at 7 pm. Trivia teams consist of eight members and cash is awarded to the first and second place teams. Reserve your table or buy individual tickets on our website at www.wildbirdrehab.org/trivia-registration-2022.

Register online with a credit card or print the Table Registration Form on page 2 and mail with your check.

We also welcome your donations to the Silent Auction. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Email wbrtrivia@gmail.com or call (314) 426-6400 for additional information or questions.

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Please Consider Helping.

Use the enclosed envelope to send your tax-deductible donation or visit our website www.wildbirdrehab.org to donate or set up a recurring donation... Many area employers will match your donation... Remember WBR in your year-end giving – we operate all year caring for injured and orphaned song birds... When you purchase from **Amazon**, identify WBR as your charity, checkout at smile.Amazon.com and a percentage will be donated.



Wild Bird Chatter

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*Please call before you bring
in a bird*

Hours of Operation

Daily

8 am – 7 pm

www.wildbirdrehab.org



Wild Bird Rehabilitation's mission is to ensure survival of native songbirds through professional medical care and education regarding their value and needs.

Helping Birds All Year at WBR!

Although the busiest time of the year at WBR is "baby bird season" which occurs during late spring and early summer, WBR sees patients throughout the year as a result of various natural and man-made situations.

Summer baby bird season closes with American Goldfinches "orphans". According to www.allaboutbirds.org: pairs do not nest until mid-summer, when thistles and other weeds have gone to seed.

In the **Fall**, many of our patients have been injured in migration accidents, primarily collisions. Birds, confused by lights, often fly into buildings. St. Louis is within the Mississippi Flyway, which is used by 60% of the songbirds in North America. Many birds migrate at night to take advantage of cooler temperatures and evade predators. Lights from buildings and homes can cause birds to become disoriented, leading to the death or injury of millions of birds from collisions into buildings and windows.

Winter patients are victims of the weather and a limited food supply. Another common occurrence is conjunctivitis which is primarily found in finches (House and American Goldfinch). It is a highly contagious infection that results in red, swollen eyes and heavy ocular discharge which severely



Feeding the American Goldfinch Nestlings a protein blend.

impairs the bird's vision. These birds often require many weeks of antibiotics and care.

Early **Spring** brings window collisions as birds protect their territory and fly into windows and even vehicles when they see their reflection and mistake it for a bird intruding in their territory! Also, the spring migration brings more collisions due to lights. In late Spring, we see the first baby birds, usually a House Finch or Mourning Dove.

Throughout the year many birds are injured by pets.



Black & White Warbler recovering from a collision during migration.

Cats are the main causes, but dogs are culprits too. Cornell Lab estimates "there are 60 million to 100 million free-ranging, unowned cats. These are non-native predators that, even using conservative

estimates, kill 1.3–4 billion birds...in the U.S. alone." Any bird that has been handled by a cat is immediately put on a seven-day course of antibiotics. Cats carry bacteria on their teeth and claws that lead to life-threatening infections for songbirds. See **Help Birds Throughout the Year** on page 3 for ways you can help birds face these challenges!

In Honor of...In Memory of

In Honor of Marselino Soliz
Francisco Lopez III

In Honor of Tom Feiner
Mary Alice Feiner

In Honor of Dr David Kersting
Sandra & Ken Birenbaum

In Honor of Chantal Incandela
Daniel Incandela

In Honor of Charlene Bambrick
Jen Schwarz

In Honor of Captain S Kotar
Connie Carpenter

In Honor of Debby Martin
Timothy Martin

In Honor of Buddy & Chibbi
Mary Kriegshauser

In Honor of this little guy making it!
Anonymous

In Honor of Juncos Brightening a Winter Day
Michael Zeloski

In Honor of all the wild birds in our yard – even the hawk
Mary Kerbler

In Honor of Walter Pigeon
Marian Isaac

In Memory of Susie Moore
Julia Blumstein

In Memory of Mary Beth Spangler
Sue Alexander
Jim & Donna Short
Greg & Kathy Sicard

In Memory of JoAnn Flottmann
Bill Flottmann

In Memory of Doris Fortner
Walter Fortner

In Memory of Margaret Giblin
Daryl Giblin

In Memory of Mark Rusciolelli
Carin & Erik
Thyssen

In Memory of Joseph Rudolph
Kevin & Sandra
Redhage

In Memory of Mistopheles Nefertiti
Barbara
Anderson

In Memory of Maya & Ajax
Leslie Lenz

In Memory of Lucky Bird & Pachi
Margie Lauman

In Memory of Dan Reed
Rich George



Yellow-billed Cuckoo Nestling

In Memory of Howard (Nick) Carter
Sheri Curran
Cynthia Kahn
Jan & John Hamilton
Elizabeth Carter
Frances Taormina
Joy Rodman
Jeffrey Izquierdo-Malon

Trivia Night & Silent Auction Table & Seat Reservations

I would like to reserve ____ **tables** (at \$250 each) = \$ _____ (table of 8)

I would like to reserve ____ **seats** (at \$35 each) = \$ _____

PAYMENT IS REQUIRED TO RESERVE YOUR SEATS AND TABLE(S).

My check (made payable to *Wild Bird Rehabilitation*) is enclosed for the total amount of \$ _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Please mail payment and completed form by **October 14, 2022** to:
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Volunteer Corner



Thank you to Jeremy, Ryan & Amanda!

We have a new deck thanks to Ryan Clark! Ryan began volunteering with us this year and has been a wonderful asset in helping with some of our old building challenges, and of course birds. When we approached Ryan about checking our

deck for safety and possible repair costs, he immediately volunteered to do the work for us. So on one only moderately hot July weekend he and his wife Amanda, and friend Jeremy Spencer spent the entire weekend taking apart the old deck and building a wonderful new one for us. It is so nice to have a safe and welcoming entrance for all of our volunteers and staff.



The finished product!

In addition to this work, Ryan has also repaired a number of plumbing issues in the building over the past several months. We are extremely grateful for all the work he has done and the money that has been saved due to his time, skills and expertise. Ryan helps on the floor in our nursery each week on Tuesday evenings. We are grateful to have welcomed him to our WBR family this year. Our volunteers are amazing and we remain grateful for each and every one of you. Our work could not happen without you!

Join the WBR Volunteer Team

We invite you to be a part of our volunteer team or apply for one of the Intern positions available in 2023. Here are some of the volunteer opportunities available now!

Trimming & Maintaining our Native Plants. Native plants are beneficial to birds, wildlife and pollinators but they need attention throughout the year! We need help trimming them back and thinning them so they don't obstruct our signage, driveway and parking.

Aviary Cleaning. There is an ongoing need for most of the year for volunteers to clean between bird transitions and at the end of the season. It is a very important part of our operations and the last step for birds before our work culminates in their release. Volunteer on our website: <https://wildbirdrehab.org/get-involved>.

Thank you!

*Volunteers,
Interns,
Staff and
You the
Rescuers
and Donors
for your
support in
2022!*



Help Birds Throughout the Year

- If you see an injured or orphaned songbird, contact WBR. Our phone team will advise you.
- Control family pets when they are outdoors.
- Limit outdoor lighting, particularly during spring and fall migration.
- Keep feeders stocked, especially in the winter months.
- Clean feeders often to prevent the spread of conjunctivitis.