



American Association of Zoo Keepers

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- 1993 San Francisco Zoo, Greater Bay Area Chapter AAZK,
Denver Zoological Gardens, Natl. Aquarium in Baltimore
- 1994 Lowry Park Zoo, Suncoast Chapter AAZK
- 1995 Utah's Hogle Zoo and Utah Chapter of AAZK
- 1996 Milwaukee County Zoo & Milwaukee Chapter AAZK
- 1997 Woodland Park Zoo and Puget Sound Chapter AAZK
- 1998 San Diego Chapter AAZK and Greater Kansas City Chapter AAZK and
1999 Kansas City Zoological Gardens
- 1999 John Ball Zoo and ZooKeepers at the John Ball Zoo
- 2000 Tulsa Zoo
- 2001 El Paso Zoo
- 2002 Lake Superior Zoo and Northern Lights Chapter of AAZK
- 2003 Seneca Park Zoo
- 2004 Great Plains Zoo and Robin Shewokis
- 2005 North Carolina Zoological Park, North Carolina Zoological Society and
North Carolina Chapter AAZK
- 2006 Central Florida Zoo
- 2007 Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium
- 2008 Minnesota Zoo AAZK Chapter and Zoo
- 2009 Jenkinson's Aquarium
- 2010 Roosevelt Park Zoo
- 2011 Happy Hollow Zoo



Wine for the Wild



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Maybe a little too much



Svengoolie for the Wild



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65% of Costa Rican species. 2.5% of the world



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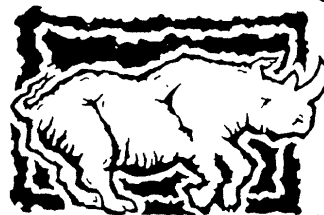
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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

The Certificate of Appreciation is given by the Board of Directors of the American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. (AAZK) to an individual or organization outside of AAZK in recognition of outstanding contributions to the American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc.



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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Be it known that on this date
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The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. presents this award to

Robin Shewokis

The Leather Elves

In sincere appreciation for serving as Advisor to the
Behavioral Husbandry Committee.



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A stylized black and white silhouette of a rhinoceros, facing right, enclosed within a decorative, irregular border.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

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The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. presents this award to

Tammy Root - Indianapolis Zoo

2007 - 2011

in special recognition of the service she has given to the Association by serving on its Board of Directors. Her dedication and commitment to guiding the course of the Association and her unselfish efforts to that end are sincerely appreciated by all members of AAZK. Furthermore, her continued support and service has contributed towards AAZK's growth as an international professional association dedicated to promoting excellence in captive exotic animal management among all those involved in this field.



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The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. presents this award to

Shane Good
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

In sincere appreciation for serving as the Co-Chair of the
International Congress of Zoo Keepers.



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Photo taken in off exhibit holding area at Disney's Animal Kingdom





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The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. presents this award to

Dawn Neptune
Hogle Zoo

In sincere appreciation for serving as the
Animal Welfare Committee Liaison.



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The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. presents this award to

Jennifer MacNaughton
Busch Gardens

In sincere appreciation for creation of the Bowling for Rhino video.



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CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

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The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. presents this award to

Mark DeDenus

In sincere appreciation for serving as the AAZK Insight Editor.



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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT IN CONSERVATION AWARD

The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. (AAZK) is the administering organization of the Certificate of Merit in Conservation presented by the AAZK Awards Committee. The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding keeper-initiated contributions to conservation of wildlife and their habitats. It is hoped that recognition of outstanding efforts by keepers to contribute to conservation will provide incentive to keepers to continue to be leaders in this important endeavor.

The Certificate of Merit in Conservation Award was established in 2010 by the Conservation Committee, Amanda Kamradt, Chair. The award is presented at the annual AAZK National Conference.


No nominees this year.



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**MAZURI ANIMAL NUTRITION
AWARD**

The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. (AAZK) is the administering organization of the Mazuri® Animal Nutrition Award (MANA) presented by the AAZK Awards Committee. The purpose of this award is to recognize individuals in the zoological community who have been actively involved in projects/studies/research concerning zoo/aquarium nutrition. The award will carry a cash award of \$500.00 funded by the Mazuri® Foods Division.

The MANA was established in 2005. Mazuri® proposed the award to the AAZK Board of Directors. Bruce Elkins, Curator of Waters at the Indianapolis Zoo, and Heidi Bissel, nutritionist at the Memphis Zoo, assisted in the development of the judging criteria for this award. The award is presented at the annual AAZK National Conference.


No nominees this year.



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**CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE IN
EXHIBIT DESIGN RENOVATION**

The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. (AAZK) is the administering organization of the Certificate of Excellence in Exhibit Renovation (CEER) presented by the AAZK Awards Committee. The purpose of the award is to recognize institutions or organizations in the zoological community for the design and renovation of existing animal facilities which involved active keeper participation in the process.

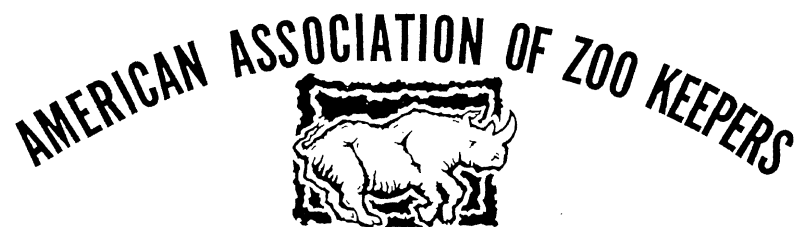
The CEER was established by Janet McCoy, 1990 CHAIR. Bill Whittaker proposed the award to the AAZK Board of Directors. The award is presented at the annual AAZK National Conference.

The evaluation of each nomination is broken down into four categories based on the general guidelines outlined for the award. The four categories are: Keeper Involvement, Exhibit Functionality, Exhibit Management and Visitor Point of View/ Other Information.

No nominees this year.



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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT FOR ZOO KEEPER EDUCATION

The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. (AAZK) is the administering organization of the *Certificate of Merit for Zookeeper Education (CMZE)* presented by the AAZK Awards Committee. The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals, institutions and organizations in the zoological community most actively promoting educational programs for zookeepers. Examples of such support are: reimbursements for formal education, keeper training courses and staff seminars.

The CMZE was founded by Jeff Roberts, 1976-1978 CHAIR, in 1978, to compliment the work of the AAZK Education Committee that had been formed at that time. The award is presented at the annual AAZK National Conference.

No nominees this year.

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LEE HOUTS EXCELLENCE IN ENRICHMENT AWARD

The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. (AAZK) is the administering organization of the Lee Houts Excellence in Enrichment (LHEE) Award presented by the AAZK Awards Committee. The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding keeper-initiated contributions to the art and science of environmental enrichment. It is hoped that recognition of outstanding efforts by keepers to improve animal care and welfare through environmental enrichment will provide incentive to keepers to continue to be leaders in this important endeavor.

The Lee Houts Excellence in Enrichment was established in 2001 by the AAZK Enrichment Committee. Lee Houts proposed the award to the AAZK Board of Directors. The award was renamed in Lee's memory, and to honor her many contributions to the field of enrichment, following her death in 2005. The award is presented at the annual AAZK National Conference.



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Lee Houts Excellence in Enrichment Award

Be it known that on this date

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The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. presents this award to

*Jennie Zeigelmeyer Archibeque and Hollis Ferguson
Happy Hollow Park & Zoo*

for developing and implementing a daily calendar system for enrichment with the goal of increasing the variety and frequency of enrichment to as many species as possible in the zoo. Each routine has a whiteboard calendar listing which of the twelve categories the keeper should choose enrichment from, for each exhibit and has a high rate of participation among both the full-time and part-time Zoo Keepers.



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**JEAN M. HROMADKA
EXCELLENCE IN
ANIMAL CARE AWARD**

The purpose of this award is to recognize achievement and determination of an individual in the animal care field and in fostering professionalism. Animal care is a science combining zoology, biology, animal management, behavioral observation and daily record keeping on the species in their care. This is essential knowledge for maintaining a species effectively in captivity. The excellent animal care professional must excel in one or more of these areas.

The Jean M. Hromadka Excellence in Animal Care Award is named in memory of her outstanding contributions to the furtherance of AAZK through her work as President of the Association. This award is presented at the annual AAZK National Conference.

The winner of the Jean M. Hromadka Excellence in Animal Care Award receives a cash award in the amount of \$500.00, endowed by a generous donation through the Lutz Ruhe Family Educational Trust for the American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. The award is endowed by the Ruhe Trust primarily to aid winners in making travel and registration arrangements to attend the AAZK National Conference in the year of their award, to receive the award and be recognized in person at a gathering of their peers.



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**JEAN M. HROMADKA EXCELLENCE IN
ANIMAL CARE AWARD**

Be it known that on this date
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The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. presents this award to

Harry Hofauer
Toronto Zoo

in recognition of his outstanding commitment to professionalism during his distinguished career as a zoo keeper. Specially noted is his outstanding animal husbandry, initiative, exhibitory, new keeper training, working with the High School Co-op Program, conservation, and exemplary performance in the line of his duties. Also noted is his help in developing the Bactrian Camel Training Program.



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Lutz Ruhe Meritorious Achievement AAZK Professional of the Year Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize professional members of AAZK, in good standing in the association, for their day-to-day professionalism within their facility. This includes participation in AAZK/AZA conservation projects, dedicating time to other facility-related projects or programs (BFR, conservation, wildlife education and individual breeding projects). Commitment and dedication to AAZK at a Committee or Chapter level enhances the nomination. The award was established in 1982 as a means of recognizing work done above and beyond the criteria of the Excellence in Animal Care Award. You have to be a professional member of AAZK in order to qualify.

The winner of the Lutz Ruhe Meritorious Achievement Award - AAZK Professional of the Year Award, receives a cash award in the amount of \$750.00, endowed by a generous donation through the Lutz Ruhe Family Educational Trust for the American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. The cash award is endowed by the Ruhe Trust primarily to aid winners in making travel and registration arrangements to attend the AAZK National Conference in the year of their award, to receive the award and be recognized in person at a gathering of their peers.



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Lutz Ruhe Meritorious Achievement AAZK Professional of the Year Award

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The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc.
presents this award to

Amanda Ista
Milwaukee County Zoo

in recognition of her outstanding commitment to professionalism during her distinguished career as a zoo keeper. Specially noted are the multiple husbandry programs she initiated in Big Cat Country, wolverine reproductive research, service on the green team and enrichment committees, Polar Bears International and AAZK Arctic Ambassador. She also is the AZA Short-crested Rockhopper Penguin Studbook Keeper/Green SSP Coordinator, the Long-crested Rockhopper Penguin Red Studbook Keeper, and the Small Carnivore TAG Striped Skunk Point Person. Also noted is her service to AAZK on a Chapter and National level and AKF articles.



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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. (AAZK) is the administering organization of the Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the AAZK Awards Committee. This award is to be given at the end (retirement) of a keeper's career. The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding commitment to professionalism as a zoo keeper over a long period of time and significant contributions to the community.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was established by the 1993 Awards Committee, Janet McCoy, Chair. Rachel Rogers proposed the award to the AAZK Board of Directors. The award is presented at the annual AAZK National Conference.

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Lifetime Achievement Award

Be it known that on this date
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The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc.
presents this award to

Knox Martin
Memphis Zoo

in recognition of his outstanding commitment to professionalism in his distinguished career as a zoo keeper. Specifically noted has been his work as coordinator of the Raptor Rehab program, educational outreach in the Tri-State area, conservation and the development of the off-site Mid-South Raptor Center. Also noted is his service as Chapter treasurer, working countless events throughout the years and as a member of national and international conservation and rehabilitation groups.

Such action earns the praise and respect of all members of the zoological profession and community.

Janet McCoy
Awards Chair, AAZK, Inc.

Bob Cisneros
President, AAZK, Inc.



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The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc.
presents this award to

Oliver Claffey
Toronto Zoo

in recognition of his outstanding commitment to professionalism in his distinguished career as a zoo keeper. Specifically noted is his high level of mentoring for anyone entering the zoo profession and his animal management and husbandry techniques have impacted many of the Zoogeographic areas of the Toronto Zoo. He has submitted articles for AKF and helped develop the Bactrian Camel Training Program. Also noted is his service to AAZK on a Chapter and National level, the Chapter's driving force to host two National Conferences and the song "Zoo Keeper Blues". His career was an amazing journey of passion, commitment and conservation initiatives.

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CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

For extraordinary initiative and support of the American Association of Zoo Keepers and its' worldwide membership, for the Chapter's commitment to conservation and helping to fulfill the vision of animal care professionals.

BATTLE CREEK AAZK CHAPTER

