

2012 AAZK Award Recipients

Lifetime Achievement Award

OLIVER CLAFFEY

Toronto Zoo.

This award is 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. Such action earns the praise and respect of all members of the zoological profession.

Oliver began his zoo career as an Animal Care Keeper in 1974 when the Toronto Zoo first opened its doors to the world. He has seen many changes in the zoo industry but one thing has and will always remain the same: "Keepers Care". His high level of mentoring for anyone entering or in the zoo profession is hard to match. He has maintained a large network of professional zoo contacts which helped him remain current in animal management and husbandry techniques. Zoogeographic areas at the Toronto Zoo that have been affected by his influence include the Canadian Domain, IndoMalaya Pavilion, Americas Pavilion, Australasia Pavilion, Africa Paddocks, Eurasia Paddocks and the Children's Outreach & Discovery Section.

Ollie has served on both the National AAZK's Board of Directors as both Vice President and President and on the Toronto Zoo Chapter's Board of Directors. As National President, he was the first non-American to hold this position. He has attended upwards of thirty AAZK National Conferences and was one of the driving forces to host two National Conferences in 1981 and 2001.

Ollie was the recipient of the AAZK Certificate of Excellence in 1985. He co-authored publications in the *Animal Keepers Forum*; "Captive Reproduction of the Sheltopusik (*Ophisarus apodus*)" in 1982 and "Breeding the Tawny Frogmouth at the Metro Toronto Zoo" in 1985. He also helped develop the Bactrian Camel Training Program.

His passion for zoo keeping has spilled over into his love of music when he penned the song "Zoo Keeper Blues" which is still requested at zoo events. He retired this year as an Animal Care Supervisor. Ollie's thirty-eight year career was an amazing journey of passion, commitment and conservation initiatives.

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KNOX MARTIN

Memphis Zoo

This award is 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.



Knox started at the Memphis Zoo as a volunteer caring for injured or orphaned birds. For fifteen years he worked as a dependable and dedicated swing keeper in all the mammal areas at the zoo. He became the coordinator of the Raptor Rehab program at the Memphis Zoo, which became one of the largest rehabilitation programs in the Mid-South, rehabbing over 200 birds each year.

Through this program he served as an ambassador for the Memphis Zoo, sharing his passion about raptors through educational programs both on site and in the Tri-State area.

He continued to work in the Bird Department after the Raptor Rehabilitation program was cut from the Memphis Zoo and found the means to begin an off-site raptor rehabilitation program, the Mid-south Raptor Center. Many of these birds can be released back into the wild, but for those that can't, Knox is able to give them a home at the Center, or in facilities around the country. The Mid-South Raptor Center not only provides rehabilitation services for the birds in the Tri-State area, but parts of Alabama and Kentucky as well. Through it's educational programs, annually over 10,000 people have the opportunity to not only see live hawks, eagles and owls at close range, but also learn about raptors and their function in the ecosystem.

Knox served over ten years as the Memphis AAZK Chapter treasurer and volunteered for countless events throughout the year. Even though he retired in January, he is still a welcome sight at monthly meetings. He is also a member of several national and international conservation and rehabilitation groups including: National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association (past member of the Board of Directors), International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council, Tennessee Wildlife Educators & Rehabilitators Association, Tennessee Ornithological Society (past state officer), National Audubon Society, Sierra Club, and the American Birding Association.

After twenty-five years as a zoo keeper, Knox's service to the community continues at the raptor center by amazing, delighting and educating Mid-Southerners about these incredible creatures.



AMANDA ISTA
Milwaukee County Zoo

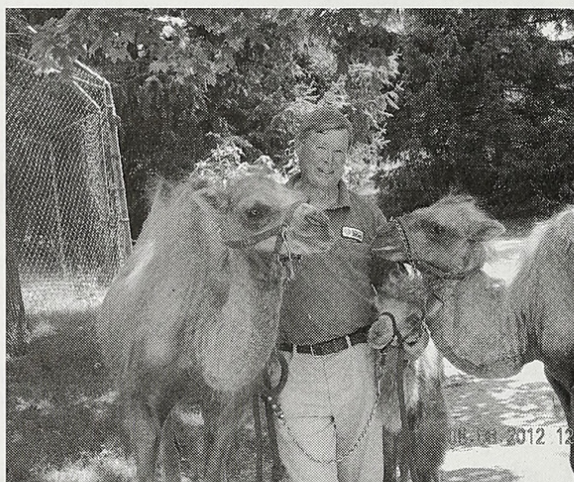
This award is in recognition of her outstanding commitment to professionalism during her distinguished career as a zoo keeper. Specially noted are the multiple husbandry programs she initiated in Big Cat Country, wolverine reproductive research, service on the Green Team and Enrichment Committees, and Polar Bears International/AAZK Arctic Ambassador

program. 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.

Jean M. Hromadka Excellence in Animal Care Award

HARRY HOF AUER
Toronto Zoo

This award is in recognition of his outstanding commitment to professionalism during his distinguished career as a zoo keeper. Specially noted is his outstanding animal husbandry, initiative, exhibitry, 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.



Lee Houts Excellence in Enrichment Award



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.

Certificate of Recognition

TAMMY ROOT

Indianapolis Zoo, for serving on the AAZK Board of Directors

SHANE GOOD

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, for serving as Co-Chair of the International Congress of Zoo Keepers

ANGELA BINNEY

Disney's Animal Kingdom, for serving on the Behavioral Husbandry Committee

DAWN NEPTUNE

Utah's Hogle Zoo, for serving as the Animal Welfare Committee Liaison

JENNIFER MACNAUGHTON

Busch Gardens, for creation of the Bowling For Rhinos video.

MARK DE DENUS

For serving as the AAZK *Insight* Editor

SETH GROESBECK

Rosamond Gifford Zoo, 2012 National AAZK Conference Chair

Certificate of Appreciation

ROSAMOND GIFFORD ZOO

2012 AAZK National Conference Host Institution

ROBIN SHEWOKIS

The Leather Elves, for serving as Advisor to the Behavioral Husbandry Committee

Distinguished Service Award

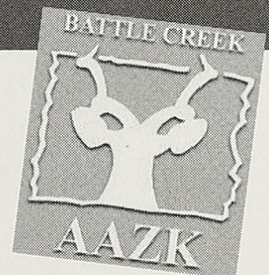
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Chapter of the Year

BATTLE CREEK CHAPTER OF AAZK





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