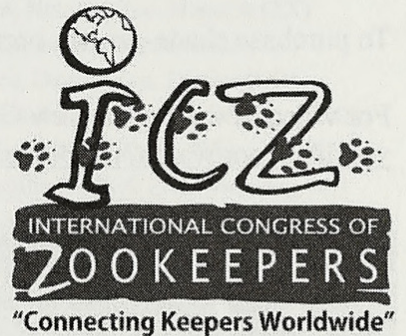


AAZK Announces New Representative to the ICZ

AAZK is pleased to announce the appointment of Sara Wunder Steward as the newest representative on the ICZ Steering Committee. Sara will fill the vacancy created when Shane Good stepped down from the ICZ, and joins Norah Farnham as AAZK's second representative.

After graduating from the University of Kansas in 2003, Sara worked at the Kansas City Zoo before moving to a warmer climate. Since 2005, Sara has worked at Busch Gardens, Tampa, Florida as a Senior-I Keeper of the rhinos. Sara is an active member of the International Rhino Keeper Association (IRKA) and serves as the Scholarship Chair and Coordinator for the Rhino Conservation Calendar Fundraiser. She also serves as the President of her local AAZK Chapter, Tampa Bay. Sara is a recent graduate of George Mason University with a Master's in Zoo & Aquarium Leadership, Collections Management. Sara has also found time to attend AZA Professional Training School in Wheeling, WV., and is looking forward to meeting and learning from our international zoo colleagues and finding yet another opportunity to serve AAZK as an ICZ representative.



The American Association of Zoo Keepers is one of nine professional zoo keeper associations within the International Congress of Zookeepers (ICZ). Each of these associations has two representatives on the ICZ's Steering Committee.

Kansas City Chapter of AAZK

The Greater Kansas City Chapter of AAZK has been very busy doing a lot of animal paintings lately! Every 3rd Friday of the month we are featuring animal art at the Englewood Art District. Each month is a different gallery and the art is specific to the designated conservation program we have chosen for that month. Also we are featuring animal art at the Coda Bar and Restaurant at the Crossroads every 1st Friday. These proceeds also go to the designated animal conservation project. We have been experimenting with new ways to present the animal art, such as on wine glasses. Our art booth set up at the annual Kiss & Tails event on February 4th was a great success. We are having lots of positive feedback at all of these events! March is just as busy, as we continue the art events and add Pancakes for Penguins to the list for art sales and a fundraising event at BD's Mongolian BBQ. We will have a table set up for Party for the Planet on April 14th and our annual BFR is set for April 21st at Mission Bowl in Shawnee Kansas. If you would like to bowl, sponsor or donate items please contact our Chapter at kcaazk.webs.com. The membership drive in February brought in a lot of new people with great ideas; welcome aboard! Last but not least, back in December, we elected new officers for 2012, President: Jacque Blessington, Vice President: Erin Black, Treasurer: Stacie Beckett, Secretary: Lindsay Jaquier.





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