## Buttonwood Park Zoo's "Art Gone Wild" showcases paintings by animals!



Contribution from one of Buttonwood Zoo's Elephants!

The animals at the Buttonwood Park Zoo have been busy beavers — literally! Not sure if you have taken up any new hobbies this winter to help pass the time until spring arrives, but some of our animal residents have perfected their painting skills over the past few months. Yes, they like to stay busy too! With a little assistance from our zookeepers, our elephants, seals, bears, chickens and beavers have created some of the most unique works of art that you can imagine while spending quality time with their caretakers.

Personally, this fundraiser has been one of the most rewarding fundraisers that I have had the pleasure with which to be involved. As the Director of Society Operations for the Buttonwood Park Zoological Society, to witness their charismatic expressions on canvas has been quite endearing. It

makes you realize the individual contribution each animal resident has to our Buttonwood Park Zoo!

What do the paintings look like? How can you purchase one? You can view the animal's paintings and bid on your favorite with the Buttonwood Park Zoo's "Art Gone Wild!" online auction. "Art Gone Wild!" will run from April 1st to 30th. Go to www.bpzoo.org, pick out your favorite creation and place a bid. It is that easy!



Stop by the Zoo or bid for the artwork online, through April!

Place your bid today and add a splash of wild to your home or office! The paintings range in size from  $8 \times 10$  to  $36 \times 48$ . Many of our community restaurants, businesses and libraries have very generously agreed to display the paintings. Check them out at:

The 99 Restaurant — Dartmouth, Bristol County Savings Bank — Dartmouth Branch, Bristol County Savings Bank — New Bedford North End Branch, Buttonwood Park Zoo, Chase Farm Veterinary Hospital, CliftonLarsonAllen, Cravings Café & Cakery, Destination Soup, The Green Bean, Lawler Library, Millicent Library, Dr. Mills & Dr. Ghenta, D.D.S., New Bedford Main Library, Orthodontic Specialists of Southeastern Massachusetts — Dr. Oliveira & Dr. Wolkowicz, Riccardi's Restaurant — Fairhaven, South Coast Physicians Group — Dr. Dehner & Dr. Frias Pediatrics, Southworth Library, Stephen & Co. Salon and Spa, and Webster Bank — South Dartmouth

Proceeds from "Art Gone Wild!" help support the care of the animals at the Buttonwood Park Zoo. All of the paintings will return to the Zoo to be displayed for your viewing pleasure between April 26 and 30th. View the complete collection online and place your bid now at www.bpzoo.org. Go wild with "Art Gone Wild!". The Buttonwood Park Zoological Society strives to make our zoo members and the community as proud of the Buttonwood Park Zoo as we are!

While placing your bid and supporting the "Art Gone Wild!" fundraiser, please take your time to navigate through our newly designed website. Visitors to the new website can expect a sleeker design as well as easier navigation to all the essential zoo news, visitor information and animal facts. The website features beautiful photo galleries, a colorful design, a calendar to which visitors can subscribe, and online auction capabilities. The website was designed and donated by Design Principles, Inc. of Marion, MA. We would like to express our deepest appreciation!

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