



MICHIGAN WILDLIFE REHABILITATORS ASSOCIATION 2010 CONFERENCE

"From Field to Release: Finding your Way and Moving Forward"

Networking ~ Informing ~ Communicating ~ Educating

Location: Causeway Bay Hotel and Convention Center, 6820 South Cedar Street,
Lansing, Michigan 48911, Reservations ~ 800-333-8123

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8TH 6:30 PM TO 9:30 PM (Registration 5:30 PM TO 7:00 PM)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH 7:00 AM TO 4:30 PM (Registration 6:45 AM TO 7:15 AM)

Wildlife rehabilitators, sub-permittees, volunteers, animal lovers, veterinarians and anyone interested in becoming a wildlife rehabilitator are encouraged to attend!!

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The MWRA is pleased to again be hosting the  
INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

### **Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation Class**

This is a two day course required to get your Michigan permit or may be used as a continuing education credit to renew your current permit. It will be held Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM each day at Michigan's new Wildlife Disease Laboratory in Lansing, Michigan (just a short distance from our conference at the Causeway Bay Hotel). To register for this class, please contact the IWRC online at their new web site <http://theiwrc.org>. (On the main page select Continuing Education, at the top of the page, scroll down to physical classes and click; you will see our Lansing, Michigan class.) If the site is unavailable due to technical problems or you wish to register by phone, call the IWRC at 1-866-871-1869.

### **CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

(At this time, MWRA Conferences do not count as continuing education towards the renewal of your existing permit.)

We will kick off the conference on Friday evening at 6:30 PM in University Rooms #3 & 4 with an icebreaker where you can meet other rehabilitators and our guest speakers. This will be followed by roundtable discussions on a variety of current subjects with our guest speakers and other well-known speakers from our organization. Light snacks will be available.

Saturday will start bright and early with breakfast and opening remarks by MWRA President, PJ Garner. We are very pleased to have Dr. Erica Miller, DVM of Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research, Inc., in Delaware as our keynote speaker this year. Dr. Miller speaks around the country as well as offering workshops at the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association symposiums and is a frequent author of articles in the NWRA Wildlife Rehabilitation Bulletin. Dr. Miller will be presenting "Iatrogenic Problems", treating and preventing problems that occur when keeping wildlife in captivity.

Dr. Susan Shibley of Ohio will be here again speaking in both our general sessions and also in the beginner class. We also have Cynthia Murray from Ohio coming in to speak about waterfowl.

Concurrent 1-½ hour and hourly sessions will run all day Saturday, covering avian and mammal topics such as freeze branding deer, diseases, diarrhea and problems; pigeons & doves; medication and wildlife; raccoons; rehabbing common birds; formulas and more. We are also again offering a separate all-day Beginners Class as well as two (2) hour-long, hands-on workshops on necropsy and wound management.

A continental breakfast on Saturday along with a buffet lunch (including vegan choices) will be provided. After lunch, we will hold the annual membership and Board meeting, along with a silent auction to benefit the Kim Christo Memorial Scholarship Fund. There will also be several tables set up with items crafted by the talented among us, as well as the ever-popular "swap table" so bring those extra rehab supplies to share (clean and in

good shape). Breaks will be provided so that you may take items you've purchased to your room, use the sandbox, or briefly attend to other business.

Dr. Erica Miller and Dr. Susan Shibley will be jointly hosting a general session right after lunch, cleverly titled, "Ask the Vets". This is your chance to get the real dirt about those funky things we sometimes see while rehabbing but don't quite or don't always require making a trip to our own vet to ask. You will be provided an index card to record your questions in your conference folder; additional cards will be available at the cashier's table during lunch.

### **Schedule Guide**

This year your conference folder will include a quick schedule guide for both days with a layout of the Causeway Bay Hotel's conference rooms on the reverse side so you don't get lost.

### **2010 Conference Rooms - New Location**

Exit the elevator and walk straight ahead, passing the Hummingbird Restaurant. At the end of the hall will be the Friday night registration table. Saturday breakfast and lunch will be in the same area as last year; go past the Atrium Lounge, through the glass doors, then turn right (you will see our registration table). Saturday sessions will start at 8:30; exit the breakfast room and go straight down the hallway, turn left at the corridor before the West Entrance door and follow the signs to the University Rooms which are in the South Entrance corridor area.

### **Conference Certificates**

Certificates for Attendance to the 2010 Conference will be displayed on a table located in the University Rooms hallway area after 3 PM on Saturday. When picking up your certificate and before departing the hotel, PLEASE deposit your name badge into the box provided on the table so we may use them again next year. Certificates for the Workshops and Beginners class will be given out at the end of each session.

### **Beginner's Class**

The Beginners Class is back for another all day Saturday session with an overview of the following: what wildlife rehabilitation is all about, what you need to do to get a permit in Michigan, Michigan laws, natural history, recordkeeping, diseases and hygiene along with a demonstration on how to read a syringe, photos of caging and enrichment items and much more. Dr. Susan Shibley will be presenting in morning and again in the afternoon. Pre-registration is required for this class and there is a limit of 20 people (walk-ins will be accepted during Friday evening and Saturday morning registration if the class is not full). **Your conference fee must be paid in order to apply for the beginner's class.** Please see Beginners Class Sign-up sheet in this packet for more information.

### **Beginner's Class Manual Sales and Additional 2010 pages available**

Last year we had several requests for purchasing the manual for the beginners' class by some of our veteran rehabbers and people who did not attend the class itself. The manual will be available for purchase at the cashiers table ONLY at lunch on Saturday from 11:30 to 1 PM. The cost is \$35.00 (pre-paid; see registration form).

Also available at the cashiers table will be the new 2010 pages for the beginners manual for attendees of the 2009 class. There will be a small fee to cover the cost of printing.

### **Workshops**

NEW this year! We are offering two different workshops: Necropsy, and Wound Management. Class size for each workshop is limited to 20 people. Each workshop will be 2 hours long and the cost for each one is \$15 (to cover supplies). (Note: At this time these workshops DO NOT count as continuing education.)

**Pre- Registration is required to attend and your conference fee must be paid in order to be registered for either workshop.** The classes will fill up quickly and registration is on a first come, first serve basis.

Registering early is suggested to secure a seat. You must attend the entire 2 hours of the workshop to receive a certificate.

The instructor for each workshop will be Dr. Erica Miller, DVM from Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research, Inc.

Workshop registration: send in your conference registration form, conference payment, and include the workshop sign-up form. **DO NOT SEND WORKSHOP PAYMENT.** You will be sent confirmation if you are scheduled to attend a workshop and will pay the \$15 workshop fee when you sign in at the conference registration table.

### **Kim Christo Memorial Scholarship Fund and Silent Auction**

We will once again be holding the Kim Christo Memorial Scholarship Fund silent auction. Proceeds from this auction will be used to fund the Scholarship, which this year will allow selected members to attend the conference for free. The remainder of monies collected will go into our general fund since, as each year passes, costs rise and we need to find ways to offset them so that we may continue to offer our members a yearly conference and keep the MWRA solvent. Not an enviable or easy task! Because funding avenues for our organization are limited, we have decided it would be prudent to utilize a portion of the silent auction monies as a way to not only help out individual members by offering educational opportunities, but to also help subsidize the organization as a whole. This creates a win-win since everyone will benefit.

Members may nominate someone who is in need, including themselves. Now is the time to put some thought into who you know that may be needing help this year.

We are looking to our members for donations to supply the silent auction. There are many talented people in our organization who engage in hobbies and this is a chance to display and donate your artwork for a good cause. Paintings, crafts, photography, rehab supplies, gift certificates, wildlife books/manuals, whimsical items or anything else that may be of interest at an auction would be most welcomed donations. Use your imagination!

This is a great opportunity to get involved with the MWRA and in the process help out colleagues in need as well as the organization as a whole. Please put your thoughts together on what you may be able to contribute and expect to find some fabulous things at the auction!

If you will be able to donate to the silent auction, please contact Sue Good (231) 597-9662 [sgood@straitsarea.com](mailto:sgood@straitsarea.com)

### **How the Silent Auction works:**

For those of you who are unfamiliar with a silent auction, here's how it works. Donated items are placed on tables with a bidding form that includes a description of the item, who donated it and a minimum opening bid amount. To place a bid on a desired item, you sign your name and record your bid amount on its form. It's important to return frequently to see if you have been outbid; if so, you may bid again, and you may bid on as many items as you choose. Closing bids will be called during lunch time and you will have an opportunity to bid one more time before bidding ends. When bidding has closed and you have won your item(s), you proceed to the cashiers table with item(s) and the bidding form(s).

**Payment is by cash or check - sorry, NO credit cards.** If you have any items to donate to the silent auction, please be sure to note this on the registration form and call Sue Good at 231-597-9662.

**NOTICE: We have allotted time after lunch for you to take your purchase(s) to your hotel room. The Michigan Wildlife Rehabilitators Association and/or the Causeway Bay Hotel will not be responsible for any items left unattended in any conference room our group has occupied.**

### **Crafters Tables**

For all of you crafters out there, we will have tables available for you to display and sell your artwork or craft items. We're asking for a \$10 donation to use a table to display your wares, payable at the registration table. Your donation will be used for our equipment fund, allowing us to purchase some much needed audio/visual equipment which will help defray costs at future conferences. If you're interested, please contact Linda at [lin1@bex.net](mailto:lin1@bex.net) to reserve your table.

## **HOTEL DIRECTIONS & ACCOMMODATIONS for CONFERENCE and IWRC ATTENDEES:**

The Causeway Bay Hotel and Convention Center is located at 6220 S. Cedar Street, Lansing MI. From the North take I-75 South toward Saginaw, take exit 249 to merge onto US-127 South toward Lansing/Clare. Take the exit onto I-96 West to exit 104 for I-96 BUS toward Holt/Cedar Street. From the Detroit area, take I-96 West to exit 104 Holt/Cedar Street. For further directions call 800-333-8123.

You will be responsible for making your own reservations and/or cancellation; please call the Causeway Bay Hotel directly: 800-333-8123. Rooms will be available for both IWRC class and MWRA conference attendees beginning Wednesday night through Saturday night at a reduced rate of \$79.00 per room plus applicable taxes. You must mention the **Michigan Wildlife Rehabilitators Association and/or IWRC** to receive the discounted price. Please note: the discounted block of rooms will be held only until September 29, 2010 – so make your reservation soon. Other hotels may be found online by searching for hotels in the Lansing area.

## **CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS and CANCELLATIONS**

Registrations must be postmarked by September 27, 2010. No registrations will be accepted by mail after this date. If you are not sure you can attend the conference, we suggest you walk-in to register.

Walk-ins will be accepted on Friday evening and Saturday morning. So that we may provide you with a name tag, certificate, program, and include you in the breakfast and lunch headcounts, you will need to call Linda BEFORE October 1, 2010.

If you have any additional questions about this registration packet, please contact Linda at 734-854-7610 or 419-283-2638. Messages left will be returned the same day. You may also email Linda at [lin1@bex.net](mailto:lin1@bex.net) before Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup>. Starting October 7<sup>th</sup> she may be reached only at 1-419-283-2638.

**Cancellations for the conference MUST be received in writing and postmarked on or before October 1, 2010.** Mail them to: MWRA Conference 2010, Cancellation, 4658 W. Erie Rd, Temperance, MI 48182. NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.

~~~~~ Come Learn and Network! ~~~~~

Permission is given to copy the registration information for distribution to other rehabilitators or anyone else who would be interested in coming. Students may also post it at their college.

If you are using double-sided printing to print this Registration Packet, please change to single sheets from this point on due to the forms that need to be returned with your registration.

2010 Michigan Wildlife Rehabilitators Conference Beginners Class, Saturday October 9, 2010
Causeway Bay Hotel and Convention Center, 6820 South Cedar St, Lansing, MI 48911

Beginners Class Sign-up Sheet
Saturday October 9, 2010, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

This all-day class is for people who are interested in or just getting started in wildlife rehabilitation (2 years or less). It provides an overview of how to get started and what it takes to work effectively as a wildlife rehabilitator, and includes one copy of the beginners' class reference manual. This class will NOT provide you with a permit to rehabilitate wildlife. For Michigan DNR Permit requirements, contact Casey Reitz, Permit Specialist, DNRE - Wildlife Division at 517-373-9329.

Topics include: what is wildlife rehabilitation; how to obtain a permit, current Michigan DNR and federal laws; natural history; recordkeeping; hygiene, zoonotic diseases; imprinting vs. habituation; euthanasia. Supplies needed for rehabilitation will be on display as well as resource books and where to get them. There will also be a demonstration on how to read a syringe and a presentation on various caging and enrichment items for mammals and birds. Dr. Susan Shibley will be the guest speaker.

Attendance is limited to 20 people. The cost is \$25 and it must be paid with your conference registration fee. You will be notified separately when your registration for this class is accepted.

If you wish to attend this class, please fill in the form below and include it with your conference registration form and all necessary fees.

Please print clearly

Your Name _____ Email _____

Address, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Years of experience in rehabbing: None 1 year 2 years

Office use only:

Date Rec'd: _____ CK #/Cash/Mo _____ Amount _____

Date Confirmation sent: _____ Initialed by _____

Workshop Information

This year we are offering 2 workshops in addition to the general sessions. Each workshop is 2 hours long and pre-registration is required. Class size is limited to 20 participants each; due to safety concerns, no one under the age of 18 will be admitted. The cost for each workshop is \$15.00 (to cover supplies).

The instructor for each workshop is Dr. Erica Miller, DVM from Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research in Delaware. Dr. Miller has presented numerous workshops at the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association Symposiums. These sessions will cover both avian and mammal species.

Necropsy Workshop

This is a hands-on workshop and you will be doing a necropsy on either a mammal or an avian carcass. Surgical instruments, including scalpels will be used. You will be provided with masks, aprons, shoe covers and gloves.

Wound Management Workshop

This workshop teaches you how to identify and manage wounds. You will be using surgical instruments, including a needle and syringe on either a mammal or an avian carcass to debride wounds; you will learn how to irrigate/ lavage; learn about dressings, bandaging, covering wounds and more. You will be provided with masks, aprons, shoe covers and gloves.

Your conference fee must be paid in order to be put on the registration list for a workshop. Include the workshop sign-up form with the conference registration form and send both forms with the conference fee (only) to the address below. Do not send payment for the workshop at this time. You will be sent a separate confirmation of your workshop registration before the conference. Workshop payment is made when you register on site at the conference (Friday night October 8th from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM or Saturday morning October 9th from 6:30 AM to 7:15 AM). **All conference registrations with a workshop registration request must be postmarked no later than September 22, 2010.**

Workshop confirmation notification will be made by either email or snail mail by September 29th. **Your letter of acceptance (please print out the email) must be brought to the conference and presented at the registration table when you pay for the workshop.**

If either workshop does not fill up we will open registration to anyone who wishes to attend (regardless if you've already been accepted into one of them) on a first come, first served basis at the registration table at the conference. If you send in your request but do not receive a workshop confirmation notification letter, please check at the registration table at the conference for available seats.

SEE WORKSHOP SIGN-UP SHEET BELOW

Workshop Sign-up Sheet

Michigan Wildlife Rehabilitators Association Conference 2010

Both workshops are on Saturday Oct 9, 2010.

Your conference fee must be paid in order to register for a workshop.

To allow the greatest number of people to attend a workshop, **please sign up for only one.**

You will be notified either email or snail mail by September 29th with confirmation of your registration. If notified by email, please print the letter; your letter of acceptance must be presented when you register for the conference. This is when you will pay the workshop fee.

You must bring your letter of acceptance to the workshop to be allowed entry into a workshop.

No one will be admitted to a workshop if they have not signed the Hold Harmless Acceptance form.

Hold Harmless Acceptance Form

I acknowledge and verify that I have been sufficiently informed by the Michigan Wildlife Rehabilitators Association that in the workshop(s) I will be attending I will be handling dead mammals and/or bird carcasses, as well as scalpels, syringes with needles and other surgical items with which I may nick, cut, or otherwise injure myself. By my signature below I am releasing the Michigan Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, its Board of Directors and its members, the instructor, Dr. Erica Miller, and the Causeway Bay Hotel and Convention Center from any and all costs or liabilities resulting from any injuries to myself because of my participation in the necropsy and/or wound management workshop at the Causeway Bay Hotel and Convention Center on October 9, 2010.

Attendee's Signature

Date

WORKSHOP FORM

_____ Necropsy Workshop 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

_____ Wound Management Workshop 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Please print clearly

Your Name _____ Email _____

Address, State, Zip _____ Phone # _____

Send this form along with your conference registration form and conference fee to the address on the conference registration form. **Do not send money for the workshop at this time!**

Questions? Email Sue Good at sgood@straitsarea.com or call (231) 597-9662.

Office use only:

Date Rec'd: _____ Date Confirmation letter sent: _____ Initialed by: _____

Michigan Wildlife Rehabilitators Conference 2010 Registration Form

Conference Date: October 8-9, 2010

Causeway Bay Hotel and Convention Center, 6820 South Cedar St, Lansing, MI 48911

Call (800) 333-8123 for reservations

- To attend the IWRC Basic Class please register at: <http://theiwrc.org> (Education-physical classes)
- Pre-registration is required for all workshops and the beginners class.
- To receive a certificate of attendance you must be present at the conference until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.
- One registration form per person. Please print clearly on all forms and fill in the total amount enclosed.
- Students must send a photo copy of current college ID with registration form and fee for a free 2011 membership.
- Cash, check or Money Orders only. Sorry, NO Credit Cards.
- Except where noted, registrations must be postmarked by Monday, September 27, 2010.
- Walk-ins accepted; please call before Oct. 1st so we can have a name badge, folder and certificate ready.
- Cancellations must be received in writing and postmarked on or before Friday, October 1, 2010.
- Questions? Call Linda Richter at 734-854-7610 or 419-283-2638 or email at lin1@bex.net.

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| Name: | County: |
| Address: | Phone: |
| City/State/Zip: | Email Addr: |

Please check selections below.

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| Days attending the Conference | Friday | | Saturday | | Both | |
| Are you staying at the Causeway Bay Hotel? | Friday | | Saturday | | Both | |
| Meals | Omnivore | | Vegetarian | | Vegan | |
| Will you be bringing Silent Auction Items? | Yes | | No | | Undecided | |

| Please mark ALL amounts and the final total enclosed. | IWRC Class & MWRA Conference | | MWRA Conference Only | |
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| | FEE | | FEE | |
| Member (2010 dues paid as of August 1, 2010) | \$ 65 | | \$ 75 | |
| Students (free 2011 membership w/copy of current college ID) | \$ 65 | | \$ 75 | |
| Non-member | \$ 75 | | \$ 85 | |
| 2011 Membership application (also available at the conference) | \$ 15 | | \$ 15 | |
| Beginner's Class (class size limited; pre-registration required); separate fee | \$ 25 | | \$ 25 | |
| Beginner's Class MANUAL ONLY (if not attending the class); separate fee | \$ 35 | | \$ 35 | |
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| Total Enclosed (check/money order only; payable to "MWRA") | | \$ | | \$ |

Send ALL forms & payment to: MWRA Conference 2010, 4658 W. Erie Road, Temperance, MI 48182

Office use only:

Date Received _____ Check #/Cash/MO _____ Amount _____

Beginner's Class _____ Workshop _____

Beginner's Manual only _____

KIM CHRISTO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2010 APPLICATION FORM

This year's scholarship will cover the cost of admission to the October 8TH & 9TH, 2010 MWRA conference in Lansing. It includes our Friday night icebreaker session, hotel accommodations on Friday night October 8TH at the Causeway Bay Hotel and all regular Saturday sessions, and breakfast and lunch. (The workshops and the beginners' class are not included.) Any MWRA member is eligible and licensure is not mandatory; licensed wildlife rehabilitators, their subpermittees or volunteers who are current MWRA members in good standing all qualify. You may nominate yourself or someone you know.

Two letters of recommendation must be included with the application form. Letters of recommendation should include the names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses (if available) of referring persons, such as permitted rehabilitators, veterinarians and others who have affiliation with wildlife rehabilitation (if any).

Applications must be postmarked no later than Monday, September 10th, 2010 for consideration.

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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| Name: | Phone: |
| Address: | Fax: |
| City: | Email: |
| State: | Zip: |

CONTACT INFORMATION OF INDIVIDUAL YOU'RE NOMINATING (if for yourself leave blank)

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| Name: | Phone: |
| Address: | Fax: |
| City: | Email: |
| State: | Zip: |

WILDLIFE REHABILITATION EXPERIENCE

If you're nominating another person, please have them complete this section.

Please indicate current permit status (if applicable): _____
