

# WILD WINE, BEER & FOOD SAFARI

Saturday, June 3, 2023  
6:00 - 9:00 PM  
Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo



Dear Friend,

On Saturday, June 3, 2023, our most popular event of the year will welcome 1,200 guests from Fairfield and New Haven counties to sample wine, beer, and food from over 40 vendors in an exotic atmosphere. Featuring live entertainment and a large silent auction, all proceeds will support Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo's mission of conservation, education, recreation, and research.

As conservation becomes more important with every passing year, the Zoo has risen to meet the challenge of preserving wild animals and wild places for future generations. We have been the birthplace of endangered animals like Amur tigers, Amur leopards and red wolves, and we have created new habitats that provide space for animals to engage in free choice and natural behaviors. Every renovation, re-imagination and new exhibit seeks first to make a safe and appropriate home for animals, and then to open a window to a new world where we can learn from observing the playful spider monkeys, the sleek river otters, or the heritage breeds in the New England Farmyard.

We hope you will consider donating a unique item for our silent auction. We expect over 1,200 guests to join us and help raise funds by bidding on items including vacation rentals, art, gift baskets, gift certificates, event tickets, and more. Your support will be clearly identified in our event program and prominently displayed at the event. Because we are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all donations are tax-deductible.

Enclosed is our auction donation form. If you would like to donate an item or service, please contact us to coordinate receipt or pick-up of your gift.

If you have any questions regarding the event or donation, contact Ashley Volkens, Development & Marketing Manager, at 203.394.5522 or [avolkens@beardsleyzoo.org](mailto:avolkens@beardsleyzoo.org). We look forward to speaking with you and thank you for your support consideration.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregg Dancho".

Gregg Dancho  
Zoo Director  
Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo

Thank you for  
your support!

*Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization owned and operated by the Connecticut Zoological Society.  
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## Silent Auction Donation Form

Item or Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

We will mail/deliver items to the address below.

Please contact us to arrange pick-up.

Mail to:

Ashley Volkens, Development & Marketing Manager  
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