



























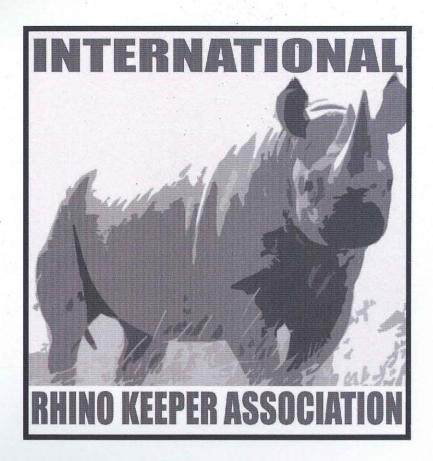
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100 percent of the proceeds from the sale of this calendar will go towards rhino conservation.



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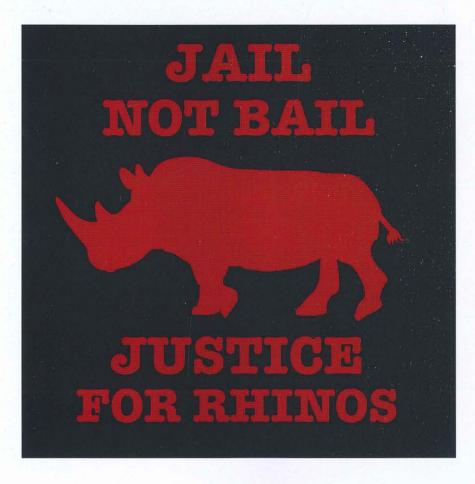
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The International Rhino Keeper Association (IRKA) is dedicated to sharing knowledge related to the five species of rhinoceros. Information gained through experience in captive management and studies in the field are viewed as critical to the rhinoceros' survival. To this end, the IRKA conducts the Rhino Keeper Workshop every two years to learn and discuss the most up-to-date information in the fields of rhino biology, management, nutrition, and training. This is a membership based organization that strives to both serve its members as they work to become the best care takers and managers of the rhinos in their care and depends on them to participate in the association's interests and growth. For more information, please visit www.rhinokeeperassociation.org.



The International Rhino Foundation (IRF) is dedicated to the survival of the world's rhino species through conservation and research. For more information about the IRF please visit their website at www.rhinos-irf.org.



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The International Rhino Keeper Association (IRKA) and the International Rhino Foundation (IRF) produced this 2012 Rhino Conservation Calendar with pictures submitted by rhino enthusiasts from around the world! This is the IRKA's first endeavor as an organization to actively participate in an in-situ rhino conservation project through the IRF. As of October 2011, over 300 rhinos have been poached and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) predicts close to 500 rhinos will be poached this year. Rhino-related crimes are not often successfully prosecuted or convicted in court because defense attorneys challenge the way evidence has been collected and recorded. Funds raised from the sales of the 2012 IRKA/IRF Rhino Conservation Calendar will assist in purchasing supplies to help increase effective protection of the rhino populations and the successful prosecutions of wildlife crimes, specifically in selected areas in Zimbabwe and the Republic of South Africa. Security staffs in some conservation areas do not even have basic equipment, such as GPS, flashlights, tents, fingerprint kits, binoculars, radios, night vision goggles, and other components of a basic field 'kit'. Meeting these basic equipment needs will improve the monitoring and protection of rhino and other wildlife in the selected areas and contribute to the collection of crime evidence when poaching events occur, increasing the probability of successful wildlife crime prosecution.



A group of rhinos is called a crash.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day	2 New Year's Day Holiday (UK)	3	4	5	6	7
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Paul Montecalvo



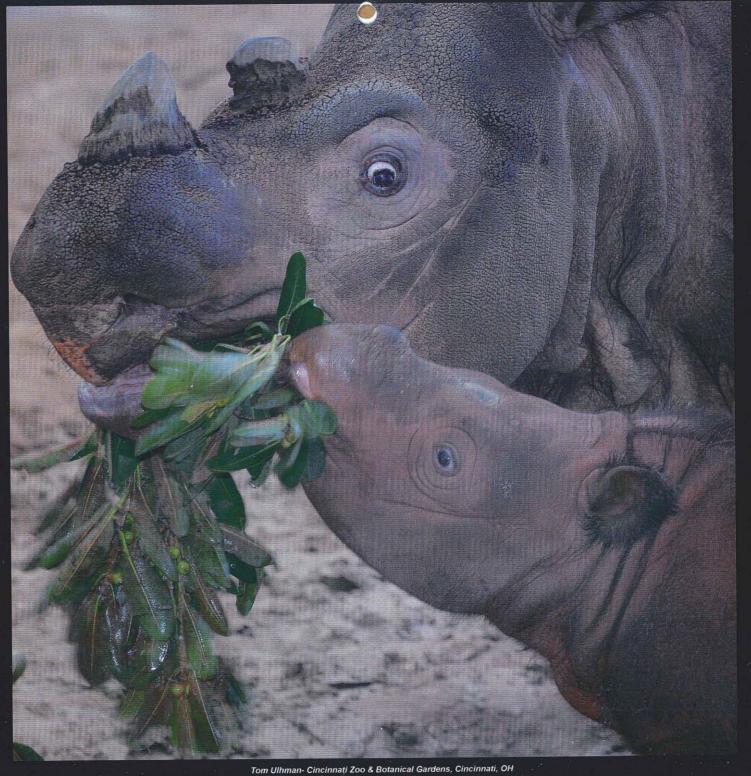
Claire McPhee



**Dave Parkinson** 



Lance Weldhagen



Tom Ulhman- Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens, Cincinnati, OH "Emi & Harapan"

## Sumatran Rhino Numbers: approximately 200

February

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Patty Pearthree



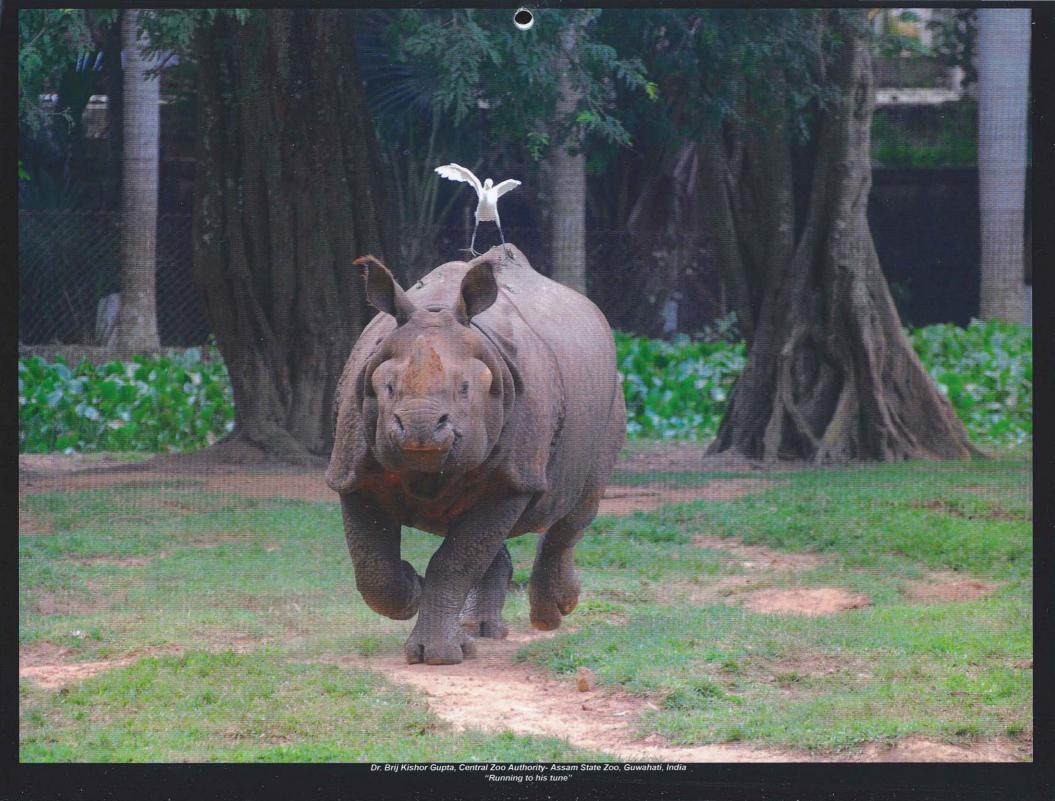
Tina Fess



Ann Littlewood



loe Evans



The white rhino & greater one-borned rhino are the second largest land mammals after the elephant.



2012

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February       S     M     T     W     T     F     S       1     2     3     4       5     6     7     8     9     10     11       12     13     14     15     16     17     18       19     20     21     22     23     24     25       26     27     28     29     8     9	S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30			1	2	3
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11 Daylight Saving starts	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31







Cyrielle Leturgeon

Note: The IRKA Board of Directors Meeting this month.



Rhinos bave existed on Earth for more than 50 million



2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5	6 Good Friday	7
8 Easter Sunday	9 Easter Monday	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27	28
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**Mike Connolly** 

Note: The IRKA Scholarship Application for the 8th Rhino Keeper Workshop in San Diego is now avaliable.



Helen Massey- Chester Zoo, U.K. "Ema Elsa & Bashira"

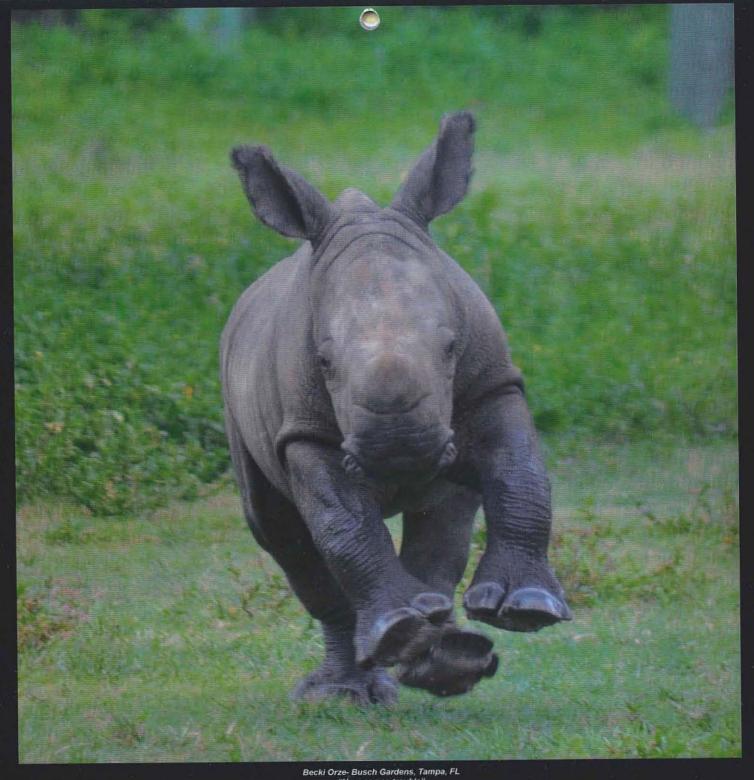
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6	7 Early May Bank Holiday (UK)	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Victoria Day (Canada)	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		

Join the International Rhino Foundation on Saturday, May 5, 2012 for the third annual Cinco de Rhino celebration! Throw a party with friends, share fun facts, & donate to support research & conservation of the world's rhino species. For more information please visit www.rhinos-irf.org. Note: This photograph was turned into a painting by Dave Brunger. To purchase a limited edition print please visit www.dbartworks.co.uk. Proceeds will go to the Mkomazi Rhino Project.



Becki Orze- Busch Gardens, Tampa, FL "Here comes trouble"

Rhinos have three toes on each foot. Their closely related to tapirs & horses.



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3	4 Spring Bank Holiday (UK)	5 Diamond Jubilee Holiday (UK)	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30







Note: Photography Contest for the IRKA/ IRF 2013 Rhino Conservation Calendar starts June 1st & end July 31st. Please check www.rhinokeeperassociation.org for details.



Greater One-borned Rhino Numbers: approximately 2,850



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Canada Day (Canada)	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7
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Zoo Basel, Switzerland "Henna climbing Ellora"



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26	27 Summer Bank Holiday (UK)	28	29	30	31	
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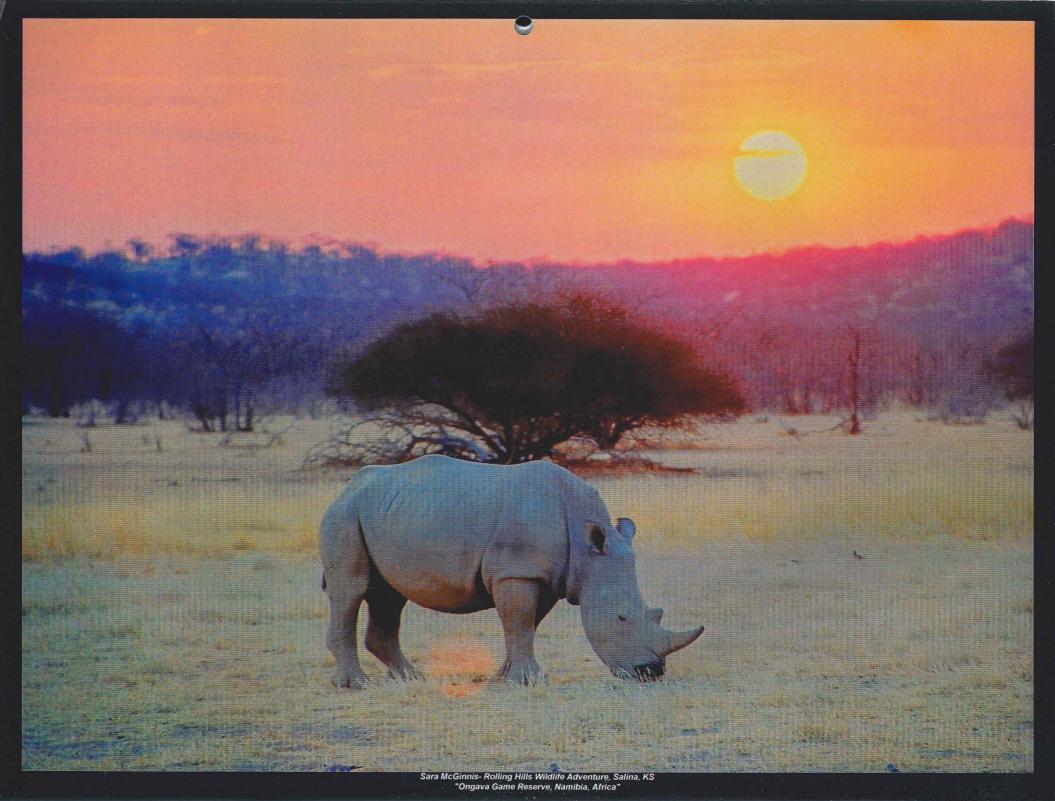




**Christine Olarte** 



Note: Voting starts this month for your favorite photographs to be in the IRKA/IRF 2013 Rhino Conservation Calendar. Please check www.rhinokeeperassociation.org for details.



Southern White Rhino Numbers: approximately 20,150

## September

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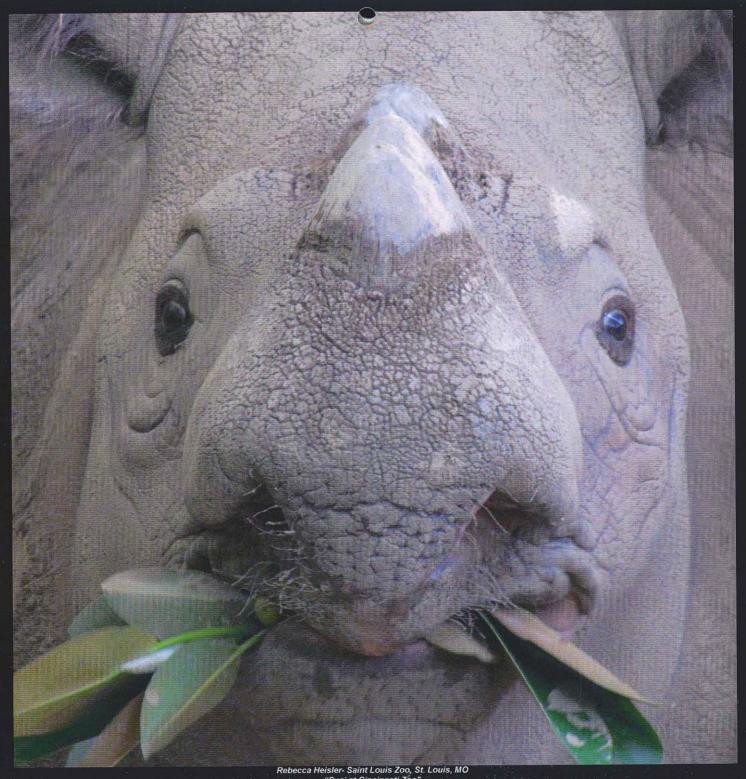
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2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 World Rhino Day
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29



Superstitions & myths about rhino horn are behind the illegal trade in rhino horn.

Scientific analysis has proven that rhino horn has NO Medicinal Effect on people. Rhino poaching is a crime of GREED, NOT a crime of NEED!

Note: The Bowling for Rhino money is due September 1st for the Lewa trip.



Rebecca Heisler- Saint Louis Zoo, St. Louis, MO "Suci at Cincinnati Zoo"

Javan Rhino Numbers: approximately 27-44 (Note: The picture is not of a Javan rhino.)



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28	29	30	31 Halloween			November  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30





Note: IRKA Scholarship Applications are Due Oct. 1st



Kate Ranos- Lowry Park Zoo, Tampa, FL, submitted photo on behalf of Steve Vander Kooi- "Jaya"

Rhinos can run 30 mph for short distances & turn on a dime.



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**Roxane Losey** 



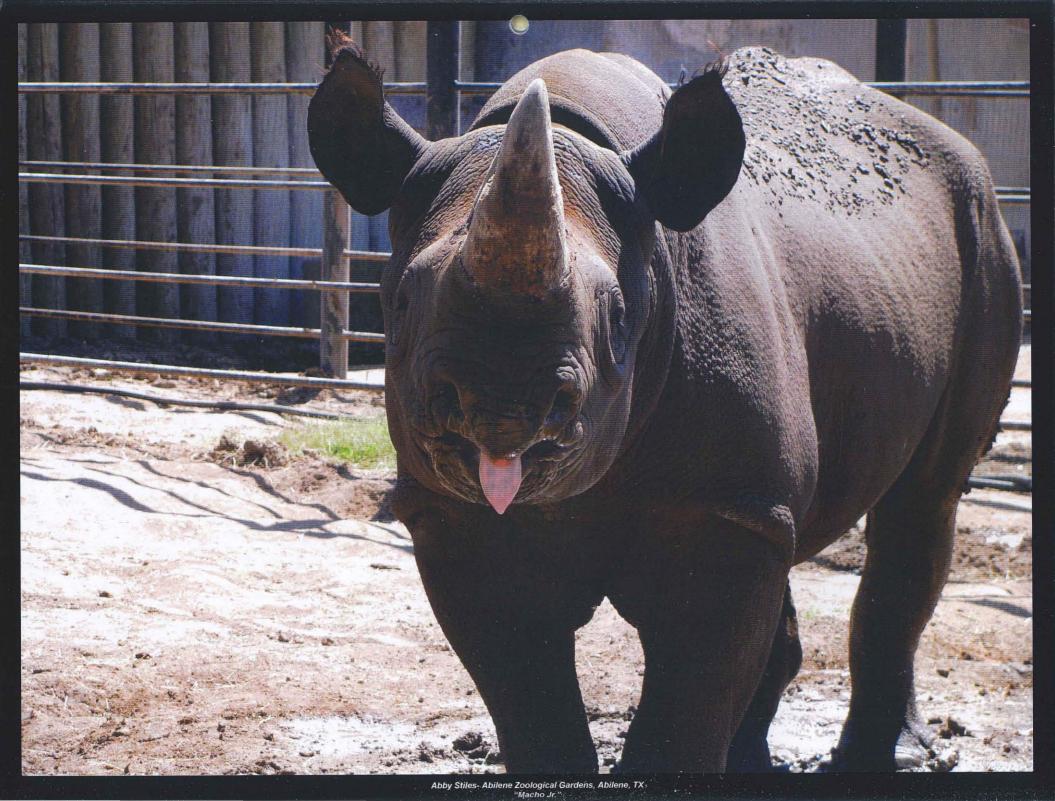
**Tom Roy** 



**Brian Czarnik** 



Sara Wunder



Black Rbino Numbers: approximately 4,240

## December

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November  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31					1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25 Christmas	26 Boxing Day (Canada)	27	28	29





Don't forget to order your 2013 IRKA/IRF Rhino Conservation Calendar!