

# The Bear Facts



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## Happy Holidays To You And Your Families!

Winter is in the air and we haven't yet thanked you, our loyal friends, for your wonderful support at the Gala "**Arrowhead Goes Wild**" 2011. We have been challenged by the economy, but we have not sacrificed any of the care to the animals. Wildhaven Ranch has had to depend on our volunteer staff only, so Roger and I have been filling in for all the animal care when life happens and volunteers need to cancel. For the past year, we have been working steadily with few days off, except for the Banff Bear Symposium Diane attended with bearhandler, Nancy Anderson, along with bear experts from all over the world. Please forgive us for the delay in our grateful appreciation of your support, and the prayers offered on our behalf. The Gala was a great event, and we were able to raise \$25,000 to pay for wildlife staff, needs and supplies. **Our mountain businesses** were a great part of this success. Thank you so much!



From bears to eagles: Little Bear, Xena The Golden Eagle, Wiley The Coyote, and Lexus The Bobcat by Austin Raishbrook

## SBMWS Board of Director's Report

We have experienced a challenging year here at The Ranch. But we have full confidence in Roger and Diane Williams as administrators of **The San Bernardino Mountains Wildlife Society (SBMWS)** mission, goals and operations at Wildhaven Ranch. Not only have they successfully responded with material evidence at the CDFG hearings, but they have managed to run The Ranch well under undue stress while exhibiting our Animal Ambassadors and giving off-site educational programs.

Congratulations to Wildhaven Ranch for receiving the **BECF Crystal Vision Award of \$25,000** presented to Executive Director Diane Dragotto Williams on December 1, 2011. This grant is for a purchase of a front wheel drive Ford Transit that will transport birds of prey and small mammals to schools and events off-site for an educational program called "**Wings N' Things Will Travel.**" Also, the Board is proud to announce that Cal-Osha found no violations in its final inspection, and that U.S.D.A. has continued to give us semi-annual inspections finding no violations. Thank you, Volunteer Staff, and Roger and Diane for providing excellent care for our wildlife sanctuary!

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Preserving wildlife

★ BE A BLESSING FOR OUR WILDLIFE WHO NEED YOUR HELP.

## WILDHAVEN'S HOLIDAY AND NEW YEAR WISHES

- ★ New or Renewed Memberships to help with operations of Wildhaven Ranch;
- ★ End of the Year Donations from supporters;
- ★ Matching company donations from employee charitable programs;
- ★ Gift cards from Home Depot, Lowe's, Staples, and Costco;
- ★ In-Kind donations of animal needs (chicken, nuts, produce, jerky, eggs, kibble, hay);
- ★ Adoptions of Wildlife Animal Ambassadors for Month or Year;
- ★ Purchase of Woodie's Emporium store products at Wildhaven Ranch;
- ★ Gift Certificates from Wildhaven Ranch for tours, programs or memberships.



**From the Executive Director**  
– Diane Dragotto Williams

What I have to report is good news! Bayley, our youngest black bear has been moved to Bear Creek Habitat and is learning to trust the den for her hibernation; we are finished with our CDFG hearings and the Judge is waiting for our final briefs for closing after which time, he will give his recommendation in 30 days to Fish and Game Commission (they have 100 days to decide); and we are initiating a new program called "Wings N' Things Will Travel" that will bring needed income to Wildhaven Ranch with off-site school presentations all over the Inland Empire. We look forward to a new year of prosperity, success and "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness!"

*During incredible times of pressure, our true friends have drawn close. That has certainly been the case with us this last year. Extraneous activities have resulted in the most needless robbery of time, energy, funds, staff and wildlife rescues and releases. We have dedicated our lives to what we believe is important: to preserve wildlife for the following generations. All this has not dampened our spirits, but has caused us to fight the good fight of faith. We would not have been able to endure if it were not for you, our faithful supporters, volunteers, friends and family who have held up our arms when we were weary in well doing. All of us have grown in the knowledge that we can depend on each other in hard times. We are grateful to all of you, and there are too many to name. We can only bless you for the gift of you in our lives and what you have done for the wildlife in our forest. Please know how much you are loved and appreciated!*