

REALLY RHINOS!

6: 2 & 3, Summer/Fall, 1992

Dear Rhino Readers, You are not crazy. It is double, and it includes issues #2 and #3. As you all know, these newsletters haven't been getting out on time. Well, rhinobuddies, it will get worse before it gets better. As of August 11th, I will be working two jobs and going to graduate school, squeezing in some much needed fitness training and a few hours of sleep. I believe I can still publish the newsletter, giving you four issues per year, BUT they won't come out every four months like clockwork. So, my faithful readers, your opinion, please. Does anyone really mind the newsletters being late (as long as you get them) or must your issues be received in a timely fashion? If, and only if you have a problem with this schedule, please write or call and leave a quick message (602-327-9048). I may have to cease publication or turn it over to someone else if the majority of you object. If I don't hear from you I take that to mean unequivocal support.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR SURVIVAL GEAR?

Has anyone ever said your skin was as thick as a rhino's? Wearing this new hand treated t-shirt, will prove it. It's a greenish-gray mottled shirt which looks like rhino skin and has a great black rhino on the front. It's from Animal Republic Survival Gear which is "fighting to preserve and protect animals throughout our world that are endangered." A portion of the sales go to organizations that share their commitment in saving wildlife. Write: Animal Republic Survival Gear, 13621 S. Main Street, L.A., CA 90061.

2nd ANNUAL RHINO WALK

I was fortunate to participate in the 1992 Save the Rhino Walk at the San Diego Wild Animal Park. Michael Werihke once again led the

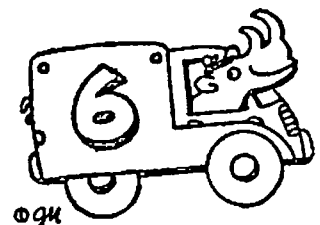
troops. Not being as spry as the other walkers, and having gotten lost twice along the route (!), I finally crossed the finish line with \$400 in pledges (including donations from you- my wonderful subscribers) under my belt. It was a personal best, albeit an exhausting one and I was proud to raise so much money locally. Michael looks great and there's talk he wants to go to Asia next. You know the worst illegal trade is in Southeast Asia so be careful what products you buy from Thailand, Korea, China and Taiwan. If there's a rhino walk next year, Jeff Jouett will know. Contact him c/o San Diego Zoological Society, Public Relations, PO Box 551, San Diego, CA 92112-0551.

Gentle readers, **NOW** is the time to let me know about any rhino sightings as we get closer to the December holidays. Be on the lookout for rhinos for sale or artists who will make rhinos on demand. Let me know ASAP.

TONS OF RHINO CHEER TO THE FOLLOWING BIRTHDAY BABES

Corey Chandler	8/20
Bill Argersinger	8/23
Todd Comi	8/23
Stan Bland	9/15
Rob Del Sesto	9/15
Bob Neillie	9/9
Michael Henderson	10/22

Amazing how many rhinophiles share the same birthday; is it fate or what? If you never filled out your questionnaire, let me know and I'll send you one. At least send me your birthdate. Good things happen to those that do. By the way, our birthday boys' ages range from 7 - 51. Now that's what I call a range of rhinophiles!



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In July I did an online computer search of companies who use the words "rhino" or "rhinos" or "rhinoceros" in their title or product. I found 151! This 42-page printout can be yours too. Though the search cost more than \$100 to run, you can have a copy for \$15. That's less than 10¢ per business! Send your check to Really, Rhinos! I will donate the money to the Denver Zoo. (see below)

A DENVER FIRST

The following was sent to us by rhinophile Jill Henderson, of Littleton, CO. Jill and her husband Michael are also the artists who created those terrific Christmas rhino cards! Write and bug Michael (just a little) to make some new cards for us this year.

We only saw her once but she held a very special place in our hearts and the hearts of many other folk in Denver. We had spent that hot July day marching through city streets with Michael W. [Werihke] on his 1991 Rhino Walk and we lingered afterward at the zoo for a glimpse of her. The afternoon clouds rolled in and we sought shelter under a tent from the summer storm. As we waited for the rain to end, one of the keepers ran to fetch her. She charged playfully across the muddy field, following the zookeeper as if she were a pet dog. Later as the television cameras rolled, Michael W. held her large bottle while she sucked noisily, milk dripping from her chin.

Her name was Kwanza, which means "first" in Swahili. She was born at the Denver Zoo on October 4, 1990, the first offspring of black rhinos, Onyx and George. Three weeks after birth she was discovered trembling in her stall, unsteady and reluctant to move or nurse. When her condition worsened the next day, she was moved to the zoo hospital for treatment and hand rearing. Over the next few months, Kwanza underwent exhaustive tests including two CAT scans, a dye enhanced CAT scan, two spinal taps and examination by a veterinary neurologist, but still zoo staff and doctors were puzzled by her neurological ailment. She contracted the intestinal bacteria salmonella and was quarantined from other zoo animals and visitors. In spite of this, Kwanza's condition stabilized for a time. She accompanied Dr. Kenny, the zoo vet, on his early morning jogs through the zoo's grounds and was featured regularly on local TV stations.

Kwanza's health began to deteriorate again in November, 1991. Although 15 months old, she weighed only 453 pounds - half the

usual weight for a rhino her age. No longer recognizing her keepers, she shook in fear at the sight of them. Every effort had been made to save her but, finally, zoo officials sadly made the decision to euthanize her on January 30, 1992. We did not know that she was gone until a friend came by that evening to comfort and console us.

The autopsy revealed that Kwanza suffered from a neurological disorder called encephalomalacia which had destroyed approximately 85% of her brain. Only four black rhinos, all females, have been diagnosed with this disease in the U.S. Several of these females were related, but a genetic link has not been firmly established.

We miss Kwanza. Her struggle for survival is symbolic of the plight of her species, teetering on the brink of extinction. She accomplished a lot during her short life to increase folk's awareness and interest in the black rhino. The knowledge gained about her illness may someday help to save others.

Sunny weekend afternoons find us at the zoo again, videotaping Kwanza's little brother, Tony, born March 27, 1992. We're happy to report that he is healthy and quite the star attraction!

[Jill Henderson, 8763 W. Star Dr, Littleton, CO 80123]



Rhino Joke

A guy elephant took his girlfriend, an avid movie fan, to a film opening. While she waited in the lobby, he went off to buy a couple of bags of popcorn. An aggressive rhinoceros lumbered up to the pretty elephant and introduced himself. "Hi," he said smoothly. "My name's Neal." The elephant trumpeted loudly and fainted. In the confusion the rhino fled. The guy elephant rushed up to his date. "What happened?" he asked. She batted her eyelids and answered, "I just met Rhino Neal!"

Rhinophile Mark Knapp of Austin, TX celebrated his summer birthday at Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, a 3,000 acre ranch in Glen Rose, TX. Numerous African endangered species are there including 5 white rhinos and 2 blacks. On his 2 night/3 day safari at Fossil Rim, Mark and his wife spent time with naturalists who took them around and explained their projects and animals. The lucky couple were able to pet two whites and one black. They also got to feed the white rhinos oranges. The safari which includes gourmet meals runs about \$375 per person but Mark says it was well worth it. Of course, the beer of choice was Rhino Chasers (1-800-788-HORN) which donates 53% of the profits to rhino protection and conservation. Mark finished off the safari in the

gift shop where he found some great rhinobilia including a music box ("You Light Up My Life") and a string puppet.

FOSSIL RIM

A 9 1/2-mile drive through a non-profit, 2,900-acre conservation center, home to 1,500 endangered and exotic wildlife representing 30 species, largely in herds. Petting pasture, nature trail, restaurant, snack bar. Opens daily at 9 a.m. Handicap accessible. Hwy. 67, 3 miles W. Glen Rose, TX. (817) 897-WILD.



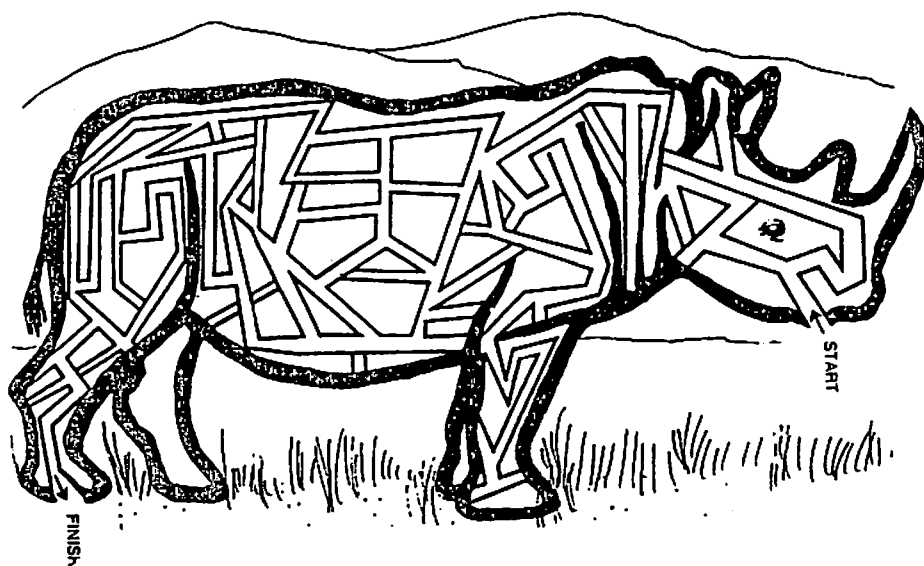
Black Rhinoceros, Head Montage Overall 17" X 21" 950 S/N

by Tom Matarrese. Print costs: ????? Original painting is available. Call artist at (702) 649-1040.

Order prints from Peter G. Lynch 541-86th Street, Suite Three, Brooklyn, NY 11209 (718) 748-1498

RHINOCEROS MAZE

Place your pencil on the point of the start arrow. Find your way to the finish arrow without crossing any lines.



'SO MANY CAUSES, SO LITTLE TIME!'

If that's what you're saying then you'll want to get informed with ARIES (Animal Rights Info. and Education Service). This organization disseminates information through a monthly newsletter and computer database, acting as a network for numerous animal related sources. You'll be kept up to date with the who, what and where of animal projects and campaigns all packed into one source. Each issue covers such topics as hunting, legislation, factory farming, product boycotts, companion animals and other news. You'd have to read over 600 articles/periodicals a year to get all this info! \$12/year. For subscription info: ARIES, PO Box 332, Rowayton, CT 06853-0332 (203) 866-0523. [from *Pettpourri*, Spring, 1992, p. 2]

Did you see a recent article in the New York Times about the "immigration" of black rhinos from Zimbabwe to ranches and wild animal parks in the U.S. and Australia? Some of the rhinos are being pampered at La Coma Ranch, Calvin Bentsen's 2,200 acre spread about 25 miles northeast of McAllen, Texas. In fact, thanks to an unusual alliance of rich Texas ranchers and conservationists from three continents, south Texas will

become home to the largest population of black rhino outside Africa. The newly formed International Black Rhino Foundation (anyone have the address??) has agreed to contribute \$30K - \$60K per rhino to the Zimbabwe government which also retains ownership of the rhinos and their offspring. Don Farst, director of the Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville was named to work with the conservation group and the ranchers to save the Southern black rhino. Farst says he was pressed into service as the only zoo keeper friendly with both the ranchers and the conservationists. [© 1992, New York Times]

NOW YOU SEE US... SOON YOU WON'T

You probably have rhino soap, but do you have a rhino washcloth? I was sent one from Maine (thanks, Tom) and one all the way from Paris (merci, Eileen). Actually it's made in Portugal and I believe it's available through The Body Shop which is an English franchise cropping up in the States. There's a yellow rhino on a purple background (like you've seen this color scheme in bathrooms a lot, right?).

SPEND YOUR TAX REFUND YET? The following conservation projects were edited from *Around the Horn*, published by The Wilds, in association with the Cincinnati

Zoo Center for Reproduction of Endangered Wildlife, Robert Reece/Karen Wachs, Editors, 85 E. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215. (Please send funds/inquiries directly to the Center.)

Conservation of White Rhino in Zimbabwe: Effects of Horn Removal

Objectives include: (1) to evaluate the effectiveness of dehorning in reducing poaching risk; (2) to characterize phenotypic variation in horn size and growth, and to document rates and form of regrowth; (3) to examine interactions of both horned and dehorned rhinos with predators; and (4) to investigate the influence of horn and body size variation in dominance and reproductive performance. Project coordinator: Dr. Michael D. Kock. Funds requested: \$47,000.

Veterinary Assistance for Black Rhino Conservation in Zimbabwe and Namibia.

Mike Kock and Pete Morkel have a continuing need for darts, immobilization drugs, medical equipment and supplies, and treatment drugs to help them better care for black rhino during capture and relocation efforts, follow-up and/or routine exams, and dehorning operations. Project Coordinator: Dr. David A. Jessup. Funds requested: \$12,000/year.

Field Sampling and Importation of Blood Samples from Free-Ranging Black and White Rhino from Namibia and Zimbabwe. A number of promising fields for biomedical research which could enhance the health and long term survival of both black and white rhinos require the ability to obtain and compare tissues, blood, or components of blood from free-living animals to captive animals, or to compare samples from several populations. Capture of rhino for relocation, marking, or dehorning presents the opportunity to obtain these samples at little additional expense and risk. Samples can be field frozen in dry nitrogen shippers and returned to the U.S. or to other appropriate locations. Project Coordinator: Dr. David A. Jessup. Funds requested: \$10,000/year.

Radio Collaring of Five Northern White Rhino in Zaire. A dehorning operation in Garamba National Park in Zaire involves immobilization for horn removal which provides the opportunity for equipping the animals with radio collars to facilitate tracking. Funds are being sought to cover the cost of the radio collars and receivers. Project Coordinator: Dr. Peter Morkel. Funds requested: \$5,074.

Conservation of Greater One-Horned Asian Rhino in Nepal. There is a critical

need for a vehicle to travel between and within Chitwan and Bardia National Parks for tracking and translocation projects involving the greater one-horned Asian rhino. Funds are also needed for immobilization drugs and medical equipment which are in short supply. Project Coordinator: Dr. Sunder Shrestha. Funds requested: amount not specified.

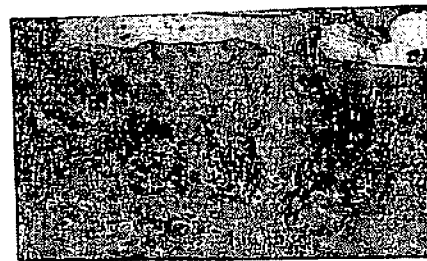
Tanzania Rhino Project. It is estimated that 95% of Tanzania's black rhinos were killed by poachers between 1975-1989. A detailed nationwide survey of the remaining scattered individuals and populations of black rhino has been initiated to determine their population structure, reproductive status, and threats to survival. Potential release areas for translocated rhino are also being surveyed in terms of their ecology, security, and carrying capacity. The survey will be followed by the preparation and implementation of a rhino conservation plan for the whole country that may or may not include proposals for translocating animals. Project Coordinator: Andrew Laurie. (a *Really, Rhinos!* subscriber!) Funds requested: amount not specified.

SHHHHH!
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I am having a silent auction, right now! Thanks to rhinophile Stu Friedlander of Beverly Hills Jewelers (in Pittsburgh, sorry), a ceramic rhino has been donated to the cause. Here's how it works. You send me a postcard

with your name, address, phone and your bid (minimum bid is \$25). Highest bidder wins the ceramic rhino pictured below (retail value \$50). You'll get the satisfaction of (1) experiencing a silent auction; (2) having fun; (3) donating to rhino conservation.

Remember, only the highest bidder will win the rhino. If you know anyone else who would care to donate a rhino for another silent auction, let me know. I think Stu's generosity is to be commended. Next time you're in Pittsburgh, please stop and visit him.



BONUS! Stu has also offered to sell any rhino collectibles to *Really, Rhino!* subscribers at a great discount! His prices probably have changed since he sent me some literature, but you can buy the following (and maybe more) through him and save money too!

Ceramic Black rhino mother & child

(William Holden Wildlife Foundation)

Retail: \$120

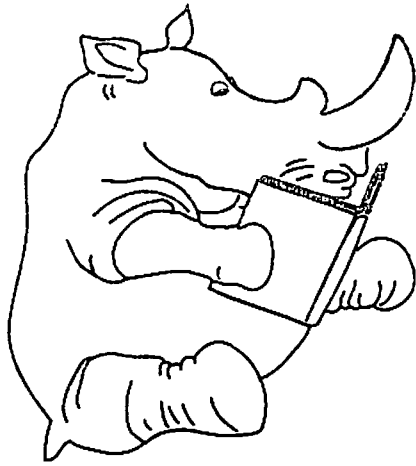
Rhinophile price: \$82.50

Hand cast White Rhino

(Earth Home UniteDesign 3.1 lbs 7" x 4.9" x 4.8")

Retail: \$90

Rhinophile price: \$65



RHINOS IN SUPPORTING ROLES...

With your sixth rhino sense you can ferret out children's books that have rhinos as ancillary characters in them, especially in the picture books. The rhinos aren't necessarily drawn accurately, but to see them included with the other wildlife is gratifying. Below are just a few stories which include the rhinoceros in words and pictures. All are delightful and appropriate for elementary students. All should be available at your local bookstore.

Rhinos for Lunch and Elephants for Supper! by Tololwa M. Mollel. Illustrated by Barbara Spurll. Clarion Books, 1991. \$14.95. A Massai tale that you've probably heard in some variation, has rabbit returning to her den when a booming voice tells her to stay away. ("I eat rhinos for lunch and elephants for dinner!" Rabbit is frightened away but soon means a cadre of jungle animals who all pompously think they can rid the den of the monster but all fail miserably. It is lowly frog who finally succeeds and the group is embarrassed and amazed to see who was really in the den. Great illustrations and good use of African motif borders.

Circus Days by Roger Pare. Annick Press, 1988. \$4.95. A very simple, primary paperback in rhyme with amusing illustrations about the circus. "He's big and he's heavy, Look out below! The high-wire rhino is the darling of the show."

Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock retold by Eric A. Kimmel. Illustrated by Janet Stevens. Holiday House, 1988. \$5.95. In Africa, Anansi the spider is as mischievous as the coyote is in the Southwest. Anansi discovers a magic rock and tricks the other animals so he can steal their food. The rhino is among them. A great story to read or to tell.

Two Ways to Count to Ten retold by Ruby Dee. Illustrated by Susan Meddaugh. Henry Holt, 1988. \$12.95. A Liberian folktale in which the king of the jungle looks for a successor. He has a context which challenges the animals to throw a spear so high into the air they can count to ten before it lands. Of course, we know the rhino doesn't win, but he at least tries.

"Not Me," Said the Monkey by Colin West. Harper & Row, 1987. \$3.95.

A playful monkey causes trouble for all the other animals of the jungle but denies it to the end. Written in pattern language for primary children.

Stuck in the Mud by J. Croser and S. Vassiliou. Educational Insights, 1987. \$2.95. Ellie (elephant) is stuck in the mud and the other animals try to get him out. It is the clever parrot who finally comes to Ellie's rescue. A very simple, basic primary story.

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE?

I have five copies of a paperback book called **Mission Rhino** from the SOS Save Our Species series distributed through Steck-Vaughn publishers. It has 46 pages, many color photos, simple text and would be excellent for elementary grades. I am donating the entire proceeds to adopt a rhino at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha. Please send a check for \$5 (includes postage) to Judyth Lessee, Really, Rhinos!, PO Box 1285, Tucson, AZ 85702-1285. When they're gone, they're gone. I mean the books!!

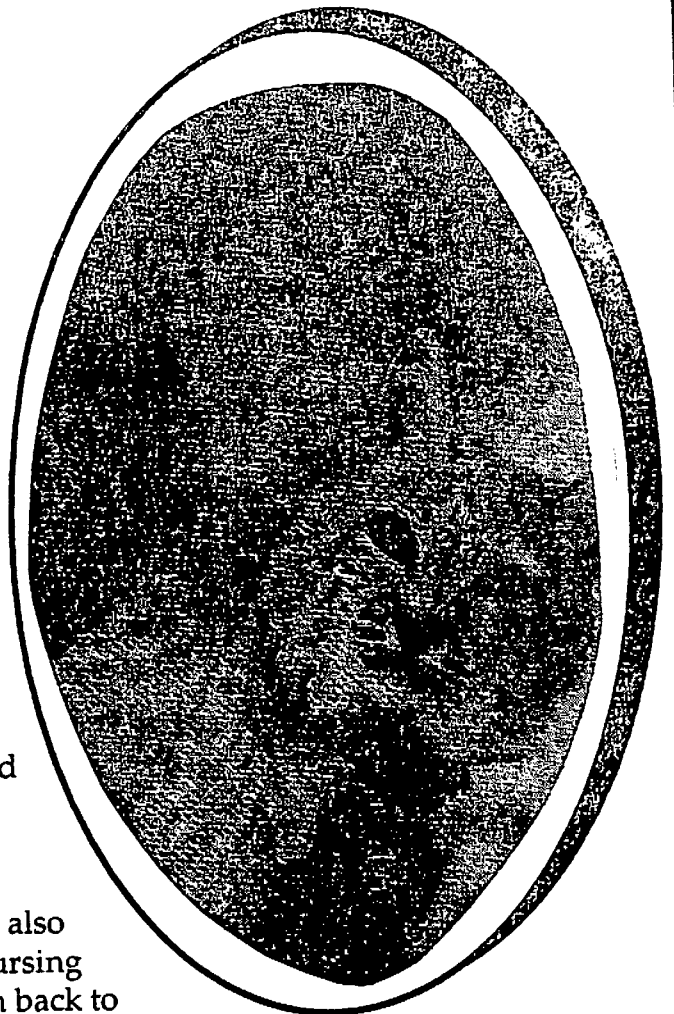
RHINOPHILIGHTS

"Art on Safari" with Judith Smith Wilson

"I have two things in common with the black rhino. I've poor eyesight and I'm a very shy person."

I had the great pleasure of meeting Judith Smith Wilson at the International Rhino Conference in San Diego in May, 1991. Judith was kind enough to exhibit some of her wildlife artwork at Claremont High School during one of Michael Werihke's rousing speeches. I bought one of her exquisite rhino drawings and was astounded at the variety of animals she paints. It's all those travels to Kenya, East Africa, and Rwanda that give Judith the inspiration to create such realistic impressions of some of the world's vanishing breeds. In addition to the rhino, Judith's "art on safari" also include the orangutan, lion, cheetah and charging elephant (lithograph).

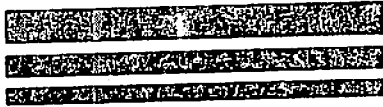
In addition to her artwork, Judith is committed to animal ecology and wildlife conservation. She has also cared for many injured wild and exotic animals; nursing them back to health and eventually returning them back to their natural habitat. One of these animals, a bobcat named "precious" was adopted by the Wilson family and remained in the artist's home as a beloved friend for more than eighteen years before its untimely passing last year.



Among her many collectors was the late Amanda Blake ("Miss Kitty" of "Gunsmoke" fame) and Wilson has exhibited throughout the Southwest. Her works hang in the Meridian Hotel in Kigali, Rwanda, Rowland Ward, Ltd., The Monico Gallery and The Sarang Gallery. Last November, Judith was awarded a Committee Award for Theme Interpretation at the 'Whaletail' Wildlife Exhibition in Nairobi. Her work is reasonably priced and is sure to increase in value. Judith has graciously donated two rhino sketches for a box of stationery I am developing. Three cheers for her generosity and excellence as a wildlife artist. Thank you, Judith!

For more information on her portfolio, write:
Judith Smith Wilson c/o 10437 Escaderra Drive,
Lakeside, CA 92040. (619) 448-6879.

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"Rhinos need all the friends they can get, and she is the best one they ever had." So writes Desmond Morris in the forward of **RHINO: At the Brink of Extinction** by Anna Merz. Anna is the founder of Ngare Sergoi Sanctuary. Determined to get things right from the beginning, she went to India, Nepal and South Africa to see how they did things there and how other rhinos behaved. Her tales of the adventures among the wild mountainous terrain north of Lewa Downs are as stirring as any derring-do, with helicopter chases, long hauls through dense prickly bush following spoor, pursuits in and out of hot ravines, crashed planes. Eventually the first breeding core of the Ngare Sergoi rhino population was secured.

Before you put this lavish folio on your coffee table, read it from cover to cover. **Rhino** by Daryl and Sharna Balfour is a feast for the eyes. The 176 page text, with 100 color photos and maps, covers all five species of rhinos, includes a pictorial essay, the complete life cycle of the rhino, its status, prognosis and conservation efforts. It is more recent than the rhino book by

Malcolm Penny. Published in South Africa, it is distributed by Appleton Communicator PO Box 50148, Pasadena, CA 91115-0148. (818) 577-5550. FAX (818) 584-7159. \$42.95 includes postage. Add 8.5% sales tax if you live in CA. Check or money orders only.

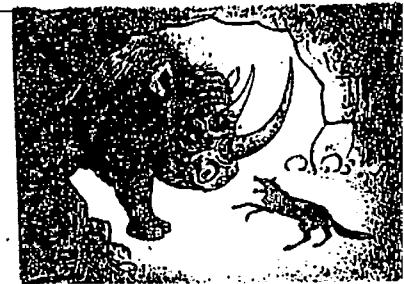
See the beauty of the beast.

ANNA MERZ
RHINO
**AT THE BRINK
OF EXTINCTION**



One of the most touching episodes is Anna's interaction with Samia, an infant she hand-raised who today can be seen trotting along with Anna on her daily walks in the bush. With many color and black & white photos, it is an excellent yet easy read. Purchase the book from Rafiki Books, 45 Rawson Avenue, Camden, ME 04843 (\$28.95). All proceeds go directly to Ngare Sergoi Rhino Sanctuary. P.S. Tony and Julia Nichols visited Anna on their trip to Africa earlier this year. Maybe we can get Tony to share his experiences in our next issue. Lucky devil got Anna to autograph the book personally!

Woolly Rhinoceros, written by Rupert Oliver, follows a woolly rhinoceros through her day as she encounters many other inhabitants of her prehistoric world during the Pleistocene Ice Age. It's nonfiction but written like a story with excellent facts in the back of the book. Great for elementary students. 1986. Rourke Enterprises, Inc. Vero Beach, FL 32964. Price ?



RHINO CONNECTION'S GIFT PURCHASE BARGAIN SHEET

- 1. CARDS
 - Loon Art Card Birthday or Blank
 - Parrot Paper Rhino Shaped Card
 - Leftfielder Rhino Get Well Card
 - Paper House Die-Cut Rhino Card
 - Portal Contemporary Rhino Blank Card
 - Portal Rhino Twins Photo Card
 - Paper Moon Rhino Card
 - Rhino Card Set (i of each mentioned)

- 2. CERAMICS
 - Sandicast snoozer rhino
 - Living Stone Sleeping Rhino
 - United Design Limited Edition Mama Rhino & Baby rhino
 - United Design itty bitty critter rhino
 - Contemporary Artesiana Rhiconadra ceramic rhino pair
 - William Holden Wildlife Reserve Rhino

- 3. METALS & BONE CHINA
 - Bone China thimble
 - Bone China 4 inches long rhino
 - Bone China miniature rhino
 - Pewter limited edition Hudson rhino pair
 - MYSTICA .9999 Fine silver rhino
 - William Holden Wildlife Bronze Rhino

- 4. PAPER
 - Gift Wrap by Cape Shore rhino design in strips
 - Gift Wrap package of rhino design 4 sheets pkg.
 - White rhino 8 x 10 portrait
 - rhino note cards by Mark Maglio limited supply
 - rhino stationery sets limited supply by Mark Maglio
 - rhino note cards by Cape Shore
 - Rhino Trilogy Books (set of 3)
 - Rhino Padimals

- 5. CLOTH
 - Wildlife Boxers featuring endangered species on black, yellow, red squares
 - Rhino T-shirts by design
 - United Design Earth Home Rhino
 - Rhino definition on Ecru color T-shirt
 - Once-A-rhino full body or trophy head
 - Screen print brownish rhino with small sunset
 - Watercolor Rhino T-shirt by Harlequin
 - Pseudo Rhino Surfwear T-shirts
 - Zoo Doo Rhino T-shirt
 - Rhino T-shirt from Ringling Bros.
 - Rhino Pillow Kit

- 6. MAGNETS
 - Rhino Full Body Magnet
 - Living Stone Magnet
 - Portrait white background magnet

- 7. RUBBER STAMPS
 - Comical rhino
 - Serious rhino
 - New Full body rhino

- 8. PLUSH
 - Dakin Rhino
 - Ganz Rhino
 - Applause Rhino
 - Lady Slipper Design Rhino Male or Female
 - World Wildlife Fund
 - Rhino Bean bag

- 9. SPECIAL ITEMS
 - Zoo Doo Flower Kit- (Plastic Pail, Zoo Doo, Wildflower seed asst)
 - Rhino Soapstone sculptures all sizes available

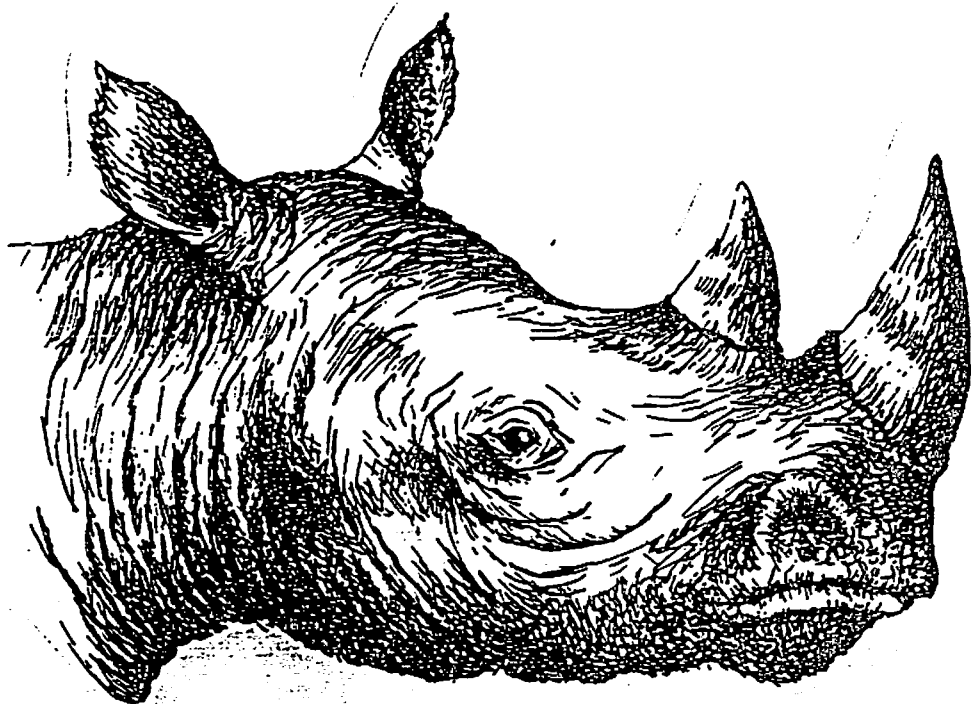
NEW! Rhino line of ceramics with an illustrated book

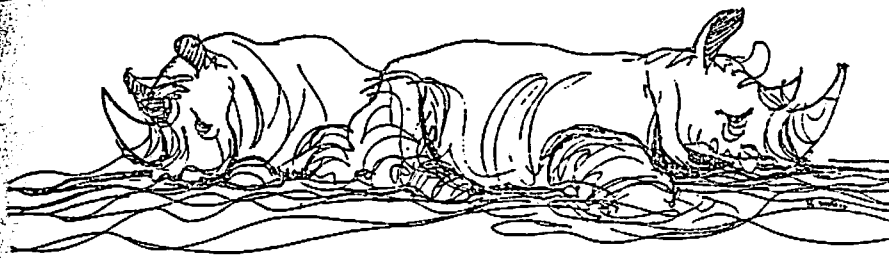
1. Cards 1.50 - 2.00 or set runs \$10.00
2. Ceramics 4.95-29.95
3. Metals & Bone China 3.99- 575.00
4. Paper 4.95-6.95
5. Cloth 14.95-22.00
6. Magnets 4.95-7.95
7. Rubber Stamps 6.95-11.95
8. Plush 14.95-39.95
9. Special Items 15.95-? the new line of rhino ceramics is still unavailable from r

If you want a specific rhino item found please call me at 1-800-423-2066 and I'll see what I can do for you and any other rhinophiles that might be also interested in additional rhino items.

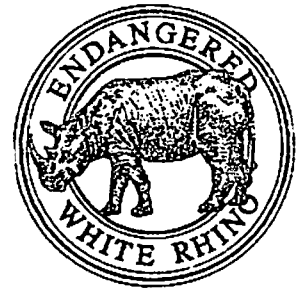
Thank you and Keep Charging'

Debbie





STAMP YOUR HEART OUT



S438 Endangered White Rhino

Finally, a new rubber stamp! This ENDANGERED WHITE RHINO stamp is only \$8.20 (incl postage). The company is donating a percentage of the proceeds to agencies dedicated to saving those species and their environment. Using them can renew our pledge of respect for all living things. The series includes panda, manatee, peregrine falcon and grey wolf. Write: Graphistamp, Imprints Graphic Studio Inc, PO Box 3656, Carmel, CA 93921 (408) 373-1565. [When you order something mentioned in *Really, Rhinos!*, let the vendor know. It might encourage them to produce more rhinos and maybe they'll let R,R! know ahead of time what's available so you get first dibs.

OMAHA MAMA & PAPA

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo is offering "Tons of Fun" to anyone who wants the honor of being a parent but not the responsibility. For \$40, you can adopt a white rhino and receive an adoption certificate, a white rhino fact sheet, your name on the animal adoption donor board, an adoptive parent window decal and an 8X10-inch bronze foil artist rendering of a rhino. That is a great bargain folks. At my zoo in Tucson, the cost is \$750!!!! No lawyer or M.S.W.. needed. Just send your check to Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, 3701 S.10th Street, Omaha, NE 68107-2200. Remember I will be adopting a rhino for *Really, Rhinos!* (that's you folks!) with the proceeds of the Mission Rhino book sales.

A SUBSCRIBER SPEAKS!

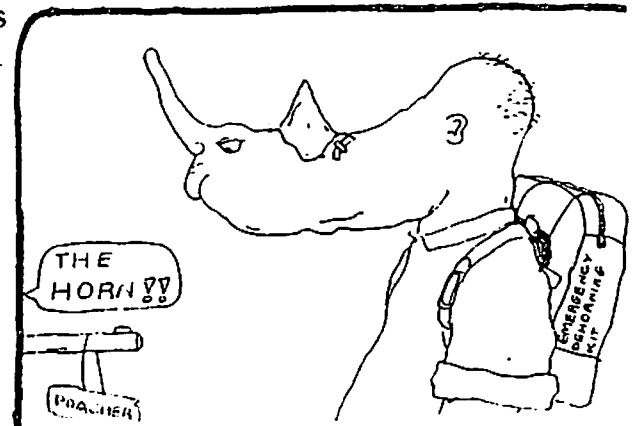
Penny Stevens of Annandale, VA. writes, "I recently read a mystery that your readers might be interested in. It is a newly published book by Mary Willis Walker called **Zero At the Bone.** (St. Martin's Press, 1991, \$18.95) Much of the story takes place in an Austin, Texas zoo, and there is one

great scene of first time love between Teddy, a young rhino and Ursula, an older more experienced rhino. This is one aspect of rhinoceros habits that I am unfamiliar with so I can't testify that it is completely accurate but it is a charming scene. It begins on page 170 of the book." [ed. note - This book was nominated for an Edgar, the mystery book equivalent of an Oscar.]

Remember what a *karnaf* is? This cartoon of a karnaf was created by a reader all the way from Israel. Igal Gabbay writes, "Shalom! Enclosed is a caricature for *Really, Rhinos!* Rhino Person (kind of reverse anthropomorphism) delivers the message of 'What would you feel if you were in a rhino's place.'" The situation in which such a magnificent

creature is killed for an outgrowth of its skin is more than absurd and requires odd solutions such as dehorning (practiced in Namibia and Zimbabwe)." Toddah rabbah, Igal.

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Debbie Byrne's Rhino Connection has added some unusual pieces including a now discontinued t-shirt from Ringling Bros./Barnum & Bailey Circus. Her latest product list is being sent with this double issue of the newsletter.

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