

REALLY RHINOS!

6:4, Winter, 1992

ARE THERE ANY RHINO COLLECTORS OUT THERE?

Get some nice comments about my newsletter (thank you) but I still wonder how many of you buy any of the items mentioned in each issue? How committed a rhinophile are you really? I ask because I've noticed a great drought in rhinobilia lately. Do you give feedback to rhino vendors or encourage artists to make rhinos? Remember, we are not just interested in keeping rhino vendors in business to provide future collectibles but we want to inform other vendors, artists and the public in general about our concern for the rhino in the wild. I have seen some great rhinopossibilities but can't purchase them because a minimum quantity is required. As a group we have stronger buying power and influence than any one of us individually. I encourage you to make one new year's resolution for 1993: support our known rhino vendors. Give them feedback; encourage them to seek out new and different rhinos; and then when offered, please purchase them!

Remember your best rhino vendors are Debbie Byrne's *Rhino Connection* (1-800-423-2066) and Bud Meech's

Rambunctious Rhino (813-752-5466). Use them or lose them.

AS THE YEAR EXPIRES, SO WILL YOUR SUBSCRIPTION to *Really, Rhinos!* I have decided to make subscriptions renewable once a year. Thanks to those of you who already renewed your subscription. Some of you are actually getting this issue free. As of January 1, 1993, all subscriptions will run from January - December. Anyone else who wishes to continue receiving the newsletter, please send your check (still \$15!!) by January 30th. I will not be sending out renewal notices or reminders. If there are questions, drop me a line or call and leave a message on the horn (602-327-9048).

TONS OF RHINO CHEER TO THE FOLLOWING BIRTHDAY BABE

Debbie Byrne 1/27

Debbie's first rhino was Scott Alexander's rhino book back in 1984. Her most unusual rhino is made from blue lapis. She has more than 300 rhinos. You can send personal rhino greetings to Debbie c/o the *Rhino Connection*, 1125 South Rogers, Clarksville, AR 72830. [Ya think president-elect Clinton ever shopped in Debbie's emporium?]

If you never filled out a rhino questionnaire, please let me know and I will send you one. The more we know about each other, the more we can support us!

A GONGAI*

Price/slash on a limited edition (300) solid pure silver rhinoceros sculpture. Only fifteen remain. Rumor has it one gentleman from New Jersey bought one to add to his 6,500 piece rhino collection. (and you thought I had a lot!) The black rhino sculpture was \$575 but is now \$378.50. Check, MC or VISA are welcome. *Mystica & Co, Inc.* 1265 Birchrun Road, Chester Springs, PA 19425. (215) 469-0535. FAX (215) 469-0999.

*Arizona slang for bargain.

NOW SAVE \$200

Black Rhinoceros Sculpture
Limited to 300 pieces
Signed & Numbered by artist
Solid Fine Silver (.999)
(3-1/4" x 3/4" x 1-3/4")



DRAGONS DRAW RHINOS AGAIN

Concerns that the 2002 ban has put a temporary increase in the amount of Asian rhino horn imported into Yemen - one of the main consumer markets - could be a signal for renewed increase approaching 2003 annual harvests of the rhino horn almost to extinction. A sharp decline in the economy and the use of both water buffalo horn and plant-based alternatives of the rhino horn supply was already in the mid 1980s. The decline in rhino horn is about 20% a year. Now it seems that between August 1990 and March 1992, at least 2000 rhino horns were produced, which is about 70% of the total supply of at least 260 black rhinos. The dealer, who is based in Yemen's capital Sana'a and is the country's main producer of daggers with rhino horn handles - accounts for more than 30% of Yemen's rhino horn imports. According to him, almost all of the horn was supplied by Tanzanians of Yemeni origin and by Koreans. Large consignments used to go by air to Sana'a despite a 1982 law banning rhino horn imports. But a few years ago the government lightened up the customs control of the airport and only small quantities of horn now slip through, mainly in the personal luggage of Sudanese businessmen and teachers working in Yemen.

Where is the rhino horn coming from? Some may be from old stocks still held in Burundi or elsewhere, but the crafts men carving the handles are not complaining that the horns are riddled with raised holes, which is what happens when they have been stored for some time. It is more likely that some shipments are originating from Tanzanian rhinos, and probably also from a few animals killed in northern Mozambique and Kenya. But much of it may be coming from Zimbabwe, where the worst poaching in Africa has been taking place, more than 250 rhinos were killed between late 1990 and March 1992.

From 1988 until at least 1990, Zimbabwean rhino horn was being taken to Lusaka, Zambia, and shipped either by air to Swaziland or by road to South Africa where Taiwanese businessmen were buying it for re-export to Japan. Now, though, the south African authorities have clamped down on this trade and Taiwanese dealers have become more interested in Asian rhino horn, which they prefer for both medicinal and investment purposes.

Whatever the sources and trade routes, possession of rhino horn once it has arrived in Yemen is not illegal, which is why Yemen's foreign minister Dr. Abdul Karim al-Hayari has said he will ban the internal trade in raw rhino horn in order to ban its use. The workshops of dagger producers will be inspected regularly and if any craftsman is caught carving raw rhino horn, he will be fined.



✓ CANCELLED ✓

A 36-year-old female northern white rhino at Dvůr Králové Zoo (Czechoslovakia) suffered a prolapsed vagina in her tenth month of pregnancy and aborted a well-developed female fetus. There is a high risk of recidivism of the condition with a future pregnancy. Two younger females are also at Dvůr Králové and one of them has been mated and is believed to be pregnant. Zoo officials are hopeful that breeding of northern whites will continue at Dvůr Králové. If you would like to contribute to these efforts, purchase one of the remaining rhino pictures for sale from the International Rhino Conference. All proceeds go to Dvůr Králové. Pictures are in color, hand-painted, about 27 x 30 and sell for \$35 (infrared). Let me know if you are interested.

WORLD WILDLIFE FUND

World Wildlife Fund has recently requested that its members contribute to the purchase of a large quantity of rhino horns for the purpose of conservation.

It is estimated that poaching of rhino horns has cost WWF to take emergency measures to protect highly endangered rhinos in Asia and Africa. Although rhino horn trade is now illegal under CITES, slaughtering continues at a record pace. In Malawi, the price of rhino horn has quadrupled and wealthy Asian businessmen have begun to view rhino horn as a good investment. Many investors are purchasing horn from wholesalers and stockpiling it as a high priced commodity that will skyrocket in value as the last rhino vanishes from the face of the earth.

Destruction of habitats continues at an alarming rate. Additional assistance and supplies are desperately needed to adequately patrol reserves. We must take action now to raise essential funds needed to secure the survival of the rhino.

Javan Rhino Poaching is the biggest enemy of the Javan rhino. But limited habitat in the one remaining reserve in Indonesia and disease are also major concerns and have already been seen to consider taking action projects for this

small population. WWF is working with arrangements in Southeast Asia on high priority conservation projects that will create and manage new sanctuaries for this desperately imperiled rhino species.

Sumatran Rhino Parks have used this species in captivity. However, it has not been successful to date. A rhino species to be viable in the wild only if it is through improved protection of existing sanctuaries and the establishment of new reserves. We must proceed full force with increased funding for projects in Kerinci-Seblat National Park and the Gunung Leuser National Park in Sumatra, two areas large enough to maintain viable populations of this species.

Black Rhino Wildlife authorities in Zimbabwe (home to about half of the world's population) have launched a last ditch effort to save dwindling black rhino populations. WWF recently joined this race against poachers by pledging over \$250,000 in emergency aid to support dehorning operations. Officials hope that these efforts will head off killing of the animals for their horn. The horns are sawed off while the rhino is tranquilized and grow back at the rate of several inches every two or three years.

White Rhino Effective conservation efforts after 1970 have resulted in a steady increase in the surviving population of southern African white rhinos living in the Uruolozi Game Reserve. In the mid-1960s, their numbers had

fallen to 25 animals. As a result of its success, white rhinos were captured and released to their former range and the animals were removed from the endangered species list. By contrast, white rhinos in the two vital areas in southern Africa have suffered severely from poaching in recent years and the population has declined to only 24 animals in the Sabi National Park in eastern Zimbabwe. There is an urgent need to protect those remaining white rhinos in the northern part of the African continent.

Adequate protection is vital to the preservation of the species.

Greater One-Horned Rhino

On the brink of extinction. By the 1960s only 75 animals in Nepal's Royal Chitwan National Park. Since then, careful management of existing populations has developed through cooperative action by WWF and the Nepalese government. Today the estimated number of one-horned rhinos living in the wild in Nepal is only 400. In Kaziranga National Park, located in northeast India, fewer than 100 rhinos existed at the early part of the century. Today at least 1,200 rhinos roam the park. Of course this species is still seriously endangered and WWF is currently involved in a five-year plan to continue protection. Increased funding, more equipment and additional project staff members are needed presently. The animals and the rhinos are transferred to Royal Bardia

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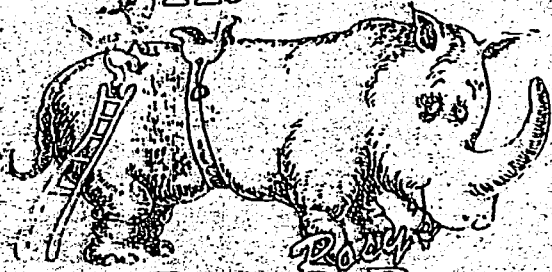
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WHICH DR. SEUSS BOOK INCLUDES THIS ILLUSTRATION?

The 3 R's by Dr. Seuss & His Friends



Reading, Rhyming and Rhinoceros

I'll send you a rhino stationery pad if you have the answer and a free rhino mug if you find me the actual book)

GapKids PROMOTES ENDANGERED SPECIES through their Earth League. Kids can pick up a free endangered species pin (Ask for two and please send me one, thank you.) T-shirts sell for \$12. Trading cards with endangered animals and stickers have been seen in *Sports Illustrated for Kids*. Visit your local GapKids store and see what they have.

WHO'S THAT MAN?



Rhinophile and paleontologist extraordinaire, Dr. Donald Prothero recently appeared on "Jeopardy" and did a great job. Too bad there weren't any rhino questions but Dr. P. really knew his chemistry! Congratulations, Donald!

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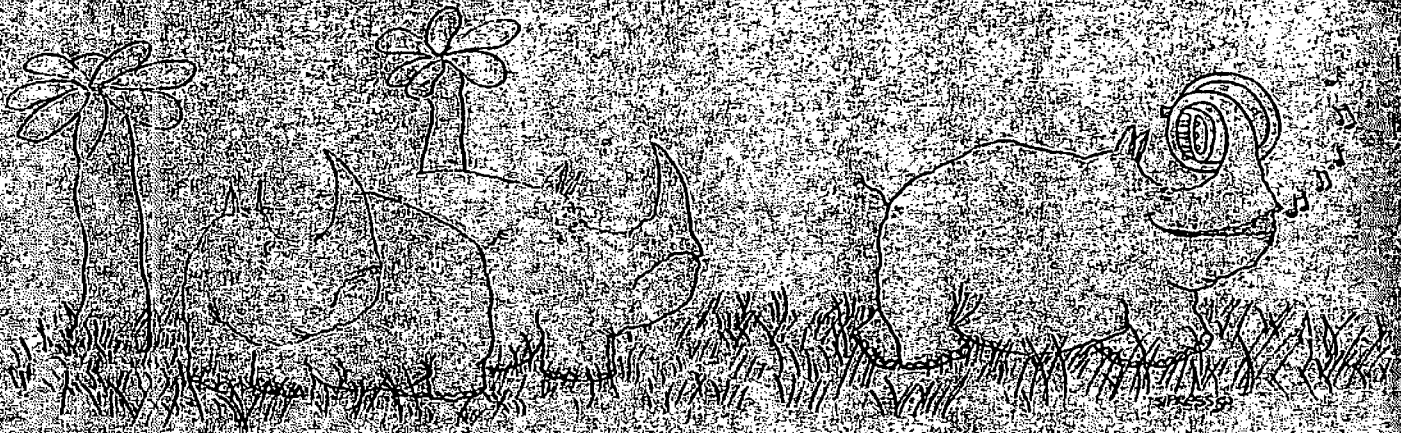
How many words can you find? Any language is o.k. as long as it is a real word. Send me your list and I will publish it in the next issue. Maybe a treat for the one with the longest list? Hmmmmm?

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A California law says that a tollgatherer may prevent from passing through his tollgate or tollbridge any animal that has not paid the toll.

[from the paperback *Crazy Laws* by Dick Hyman, Scholastic, 1997]



The very merriest of holiday seasons. Wishing you health, happiness and peace. Thank you for your continued support of Really, Rhinos! and for your love and concern for unicornis and bicornis everywhere.

Judyth



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