

THE PELIGRAM



PELICAN MAN'S BIRD SANCTUARY

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SAVE OUR SANCTUARY!

A CRITICAL NEED FOR OPERATIONAL FUNDS OR THE SANCTUARY MAY CEASE TO EXIST ANNOUNCING THE "WE ARE FOR THE BIRDS" DONATION DRIVE

Dear Friends;

As 2005 draws to a close, we look back on a remarkable achievement. Our dedicated staff & volunteers have worked tirelessly to rescue, rehabilitate, release & relocate injured, orphaned and sick native and migratory wild birds. Staff & volunteers have built many new and improved habitats for our resident, long term care birds.

The Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary would like to thank all of our members, volunteers, donors, staff and the community for their continued support. Each wild bird that is rescued, rehabilitated, released, relocated, or provided with a permanent home, is because you cared enough to support the Sanctuary's efforts on a day-to-day basis.

Founded in 1981 by the late Dale Shields (b.1927-d.2003), affectionately nicknamed "the Pelican Man", the Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary, the Wildlife Rehabilitation Hospital & Education Center, Sarasota, Florida, is one of the largest non-profit, wild bird rescue, rehabilitation, release, relocation & education centers in the U.S. and is totally dependent upon private donations & volunteers.

Since its inception, the Sanctuary has been able to rescue & rehabilitate approximately 150,000 wild birds and return 90,000 back to their home.

As 2006 approaches and we enter our 25th year we wish to continue the Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary mission however, we have reached a critical financial crossroads.

The rising costs of rehabilitation hospital care in combination with the impact of last year's hurricanes, the rising cost of fuel for rescues, continued loss of Thrift Store revenue, and a slow tourism season has depleted our day-to-day operational funds.

As the first step in a cost-saving action we have closed the Sanctuary's Thrift Stores in Sarasota & Venice. After holding clearance sales to generate needed cash flow, all remaining thrift store inventory has been donated to local charities.

The Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary is developing its master plan for the future including improved & expanded rehabilitation hospital facilities & education programs, however, the future reality of those plans is totally dependent upon the immediate success in our ability to afford to operate the Sanctuary over the next few months.

Over the last few years we have had some generous donors who set aside dedicated funds to provide the Sanctuary with a start to our future Capital Campaign for new, expanded hospital facilities and related educational programs, however, these donations are not allowed to be used to offset our day-to-day operational costs.

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P.M.B.S. ANNOUNCES A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors of the Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary, the Wildlife Rehabilitation Hospital & Education Center, is pleased to announce that Jeffrey A. Dering assumed the position of Executive Director on October 13, 2005. Mr. Dering replaces Ms. Judith-Ann Ragona, a member of the Board of Directors, and Acting Executive Director.

Mr. Dering has 30-years of professional experience directing and developing non-profit and for-profit organizations. As Executive Director, Mr. Dering will be responsible for directing and managing all operations including rehabilitation and educational programs.

Prior to joining the Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary, Mr. Dering was Director of Marketing & Fine Art Management of The PhilanthArt Foundation, London, UK, a private, charitable foundation.

His experience includes being the Museum Director of Explorers Hall for The National Geographic Society, Washington, D.C. and the Director of Long Range Planning

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THE COLOR PURPLE GOES BACK INTO THE WILD

A clutch of orphaned Purple Martins were rescued and brought to the Sanctuary by a caring person from Sarasota. The birds were fed by hand at regular intervals for two weeks until they were able to fly, when they were moved to a flight aviary. Here they had to learn how to feed on their own. Martins feed on the wing, and to help them, a low wattage light was installed to attract moths and other insects. Once we were sure that the birds were feeding on their own, they were returned to the wild.



The New Heronry

Construction of the NEW Heronry, one of the most ambitious habitat re-construction projects at the Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary, is well under way thanks to many donations including those from Nancy & Jim Curtis and the Sarasota Bay Parrot Heads. Soon to be the home of the Yellow-Crowned & Black-Crowned Night Herons, the Little Blue Heron, the Snowy Egrets, Cattle Egrets and White Ibis, the new Heronry will be one of the largest and most advanced habitats at the Sanctuary.

The new 1500 sq ft habitat is the result of merging four of the original Sanctuary habitats into one, and the focus will be on water & native wetland plants. It will be the first of the Sanctuary's habitats to utilize a water filtration system minimizing maintenance and disturbance to the birds. Construction is being undertaken by the Sanctuary's staff & volunteers as well as members of the ever-supportive Sarasota Bay Parrot Heads.



A HAWKISH VISITOR CAUSES A FRIGHT NIGHT



A juvenile Cooper's Hawk decided to take up residency at the Sanctuary, and caused panic among our long term care, resident 'small' birds. To the relief our smaller resident birds, the hawk was finally caught after days of trying by our wildlife rescuers and the bird was taken to an area near Myakka State Park, about 25-miles from the Sanctuary. However, to the consternation of our songbirds, the powerful Cooper's Hawk beat our rescue truck, back to the Sanctuary!

Fortunately for the resident songbirds, the Cooper's Hawk left on his own accord the following day.

OWL PARENTHOOD

A number of our long term care, resident birds earned their keep this year by becoming surrogate parents to a number of the rescued baby birds. Angie the American Crow, Rusty the Red-Tailed Hawk, and Lady Sophia & Bram the Ospreys all performed admirably and helped the young birds become aware of precisely who & what they were.

Perhaps the birds that deserve the most credit are our six Eastern Screech Owls who at one time were helping raise 15 baby Owls! Once the young Owls were released our resident birds were rewarded with an upgraded habitat.





ADOPT PELI THE PELICAN



Peli the Pelican lives in Habitat-20 after being found entangled in fishing line. Sadly the damage to her wing was such that she could not survive in the wild. She is the Sanctuary's mascot and the only bird available for Cooperative Adoption. By adopting Peli the Pelican, you will receive her book, A Little Pelican Book, a Peli the Pelican T-Shirt, a large photograph, free entry to the Sanctuary and more. \$50 + \$4.50 S&H.

Makes a great holiday gift!

"For The Birds" continued

Simply stated, unless we improve our immediate operational cash shortfall during this new donation drive, the Sanctuary may have to cease all operations.

Therefore, today we announce the "We are for the Birds" Donation Drive scheduled to launch in a few days.

We have great long term plans & programs to unveil in a few months on the future of the Sanctuary within our community, but, to get to that point, we must now, very humbly, reach out to our friends, our members, our supporters and our community for immediate donation help in order to bolster our operational funds.

With the continued support of the Board of Directors, we will work to create strategic alliances with universities, foundations, and corporations in order to expand the Sanctuary mission to promote the well-being of wild birds, to expand the rehabilitation hospital facilities, to conduct scientific research and to provide educational programs on maintaining a healthy environment for the birds and for ourselves.

Our community is blessed with residents and visitors who are dedicated to many worthy local causes and institutions, including fine arts, performing arts, healthcare, community issues and the human condition. We applaud your support of those causes, however, we ask you now to please find it in your heart to make another donation, in any amount, to help us continue to help the wild birds of our community on a day-to-day basis.

Without immediate donation help from our friends, the legacy of Dale Shields, the Pelican Man, will vanish and the Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary will cease operations.

Let me repeat that last statement.

Without immediate financial donations, the Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary will cease operations.

Please, please help the Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary in whatever way you can.

As the year end and tax season approaches, a friendly reminder that the Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary is a 501C3, non-profit organization. Corporate Donations, In-kind Donations and New Volunteers are welcomed.

Thank you again for your continued support and have a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

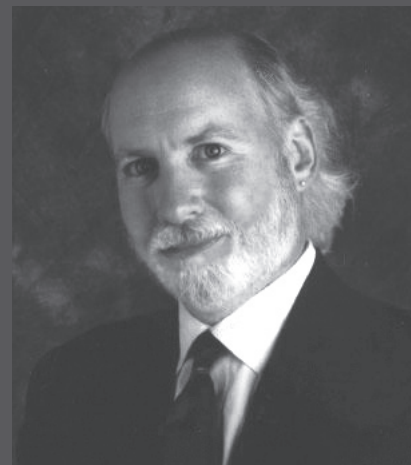
Jeffrey A. Dering
Executive Director, Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary

"New Director" continued

& Exhibitions for the development of the New Orlando Science Center.

A resident of the Sarasota community since 1993, Mr. Dering has been an international consultant to museums, science centers, zoos and aquariums such as the Kalmar Museum, Sweden; Lisbon Zoo, Portugal; NASA; National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution; National Zoological Park, Smithsonian Institution; Peoples Republic of China; Sea World of Florida; the Vatican Museum; and, Walt Disney World. Recent projects include Golden West History Theme Park, Sacramento; Scriptorium at the Holy Land Experience, Orlando; Madison Square Garden NYC Sports Museum; and the China Seas Aquarium, Wuhan, China.

Mr. Dering, with the support of the Board of Directors, will work to create and foster strategic alliances with local schools, universities, foundations, corporations and governments in order to expand the mission to promote the well-being of all wild birds, and to provide educational programs on the importance of maintaining a healthy environment for the birds and for ourselves.



Jeffrey A. Dering



Some great ways to contribute & help save the Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary

DONATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS – The Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit corporation (IRS number 65-0017378) is delighted to accept Individual Donations of any size. For further inquiries, please contact Tina Baran at Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary.

MEMBERSHIPS - Membership allows free entry to the Sanctuary for a year, 10% discount at the Gift Shop and the Peligram Newsletter.

\$35 Individual Membership (Allows Free Entry for 1-person for 1-year).

\$50 Family Membership (Allows Free Entry for 6-Visitors for 1-year).

Holiday Gift Special

Receive a large Pelican Soft Toy, A One Month Adoption of a Rescued Bird, including photograph (\$25 value*), a Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary Tote Bag, a Pelican Lapel Pin and a Holiday Greeting Card. \$54.95 plus \$4.50 S&H. FL residents add 7% sales tax.



**Supports the care & feeding of our resident birds*

ADOPT A BIRD PROGRAM - Adopt one of our resident birds for life. Availability of specific species change from day-to-day. For details on available adoptions, visit our website at www.pelicanman.org or contact Tina Baran at the Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary. Prices range from \$300 to \$600 Annually according to species.

BUY A BRICK - Have an 8" x 4" Commemorative Brick added to the Wildlife Honor Roll Wall engraved with your personal message. \$100 per Brick (Limited Availability - Message limited to 17-characters per line including spaces. Max of 3-lines).

PELICAN MAN'S BIRD SANCTUARY GIFT SHOP - Visit our Online Gift Shop at www.pelicanman.org and visit the Sanctuary's Gift Shop for a great selection of gift merchandise.

HABITAT SPONSORSHIP - Sponsor the development of one of our habitats for our long term care birds who educate our visitors. For details contact Jeffrey Dering, Executive Director, Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary. Sponsorships range from \$1,000 as a Joint Habitat Sponsor to \$10,000, or more, for Sole Habitat Sponsorship.

**Number of Joint Sponsorships available per habitat may vary according to species needs.*

CAPITAL EXPANSION, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, OR RESEARCH PROJECTS DONATIONS OR SPONSORSHIPS

The Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit corporation (IRS number 65-0017378) with a wide variety of on-going and future capital projects designed to improve and expand the Sanctuary's capabilities in wild bird rescue, rehabilitation, release, relocation, research & education. For further inquiries, please contact Jeffrey A. Dering, Executive Director, Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary.

REMEMBER THE PELICAN MAN'S BIRD SANCTUARY IN YOUR WILL

By remembering the Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary in your Will, you will be helping us to continue our mission of wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, release, relocation, research and environmental education. To include the Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary in your Will please contact Tina Baran at the Sanctuary for details.

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Dale Shields, 'Pelican Man' (1927-2003)

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