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Dear Friend of Wildlife:

October 28, 2009

Rachel Carson, the eminent biologist was influenced by the work done by the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center stated in her book "The Sense of Wonder" "There is symbolic as well as actual beauty in the migration of the birds, the ebb and flow of the tides, the folded bud ready for the spring. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrain of nature, the assurance that dawn comes after night and spring after the winter." Each of us has a responsibility to preserve nature and protect wildlife for our children, our grandchildren and future generations.

The **Friends of Patuxent** is a non-profit volunteer organization devoted to supporting the wildlife conservation missions of the **Patuxent Research Refuge and the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center**. Located in Laurel, Maryland, Patuxent Research Refuge is the nation's only **National Wildlife Refuge** established specifically to support wildlife research. Operated by the **United States Fish and Wildlife Service**, the refuge encompasses nearly 13,000 acres of forests, meadows and wetlands dedicated to the protection of our nation's wildlife and habitats. Patuxent Research Refuge is also home to two very important faculties. The **Patuxent Wildlife Research Center** located on the Patuxent Research Refuge is a leading international research institute for wildlife and applied environmental research, operated by the **United States Geological Survey**. Patuxent scientists have been responsible for many important advances in natural resource conservation, especially in such areas as migratory birds, wildlife population analysis, habitat management and endangered species. Their work in restoring the magnificent whooping crane population has received national acclaim. The **National Wildlife Visitor Center**, administered by the **U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service**, is one of the Department of Interior's largest science and environmental education centers. The trails, interpretive exhibits, book store, school programs, and wildlife management activities attract thousands of visitors each year. Dedicated Friends of Patuxent and volunteers conduct many activities. Public support, in the form of donations, allows the **Friends of Patuxent** to sponsor projects which benefit wildlife education, habitats and research, appealing to wildlife enthusiasts of every age.

An important opportunity exists for you or your company to support the refuge. On March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the **Friends of Patuxent** will host the **2010 Annual Patuxent Wildlife Art Show and Sale** at the National Wildlife Visitor Center. Over 40 nationally known wildlife artists and artisans will be displaying their works for sale. An **Artist Preview and Reception** will be held on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Reception guests are encouraged to enjoy delicious food and beverages, to meet and interact with the artists and to participate in the Silent Auction.

The enclosed **Sponsor's Information Sheet** invites you to become a sponsor of the annual **Friends of Patuxent Wildlife Art Show and Sale** at one of six donation levels. Each level provides recognition for your specific tax-deductible contribution, including tickets to the gala **Artist Preview and Reception**. Your contribution will directly fund wildlife conservation research and educational programs.

Your support is critical - would you please consider becoming one of our Art Show sponsors? If your answer is YES, please complete the attached form and return it to us. The **Friends of Patuxent** would like to thank you in advance. We look forward to your support and ask that you always remember the words of Theodore Roosevelt: "The beauty and charm of the wilderness is his for the asking, for the edges of the wilderness lie close beside the beaten roads of the present travel."

Sponsorship Committee  
2010 Patuxent Wildlife Art Show and Sale

## Friends of Patuxent Wildlife Art Show and Sale

March 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010

This is an invitation for you to help sponsor the 2010 Friends of Patuxent Wildlife Art Show and Sale at one of the following levels:



### **REFUGE MANAGER'S CIRCLE (BALD EAGLE) - \$5,000.00 and above**

- ❖ Twelve tickets to the gala artists' reception
- ❖ Refuge Manager's Circle listing in the program
- ❖ A reserved tram tour for up to forty persons
- ❖ A special "behind the scenes" guided tour of the Patuxent Research Refuge
- ❖ An opportunity for the "Bald Eagle" sponsor to provide a small display of information about the sponsor, including selected merchandise



### **REFUGE GUARDIAN (BLACK BEAR) - \$2,500.00-\$4,999.00**

- ❖ Eight tickets to the gala artists' reception
- ❖ Refuge Guardian listing in the program
- ❖ Twelve tram tour passes, a special guided bird walk for twelve
- ❖ An opportunity for the "Black Bear" sponsor to provide a small display of information about the sponsor, including selected merchandise



### **EVENT SPONSOR (GREAT BLUE HERON) - \$1,000.00-\$2,499.00**

- ❖ Eight tickets to the gala artists' reception
- ❖ Event Sponsor listing in the program
- ❖ Eight tram tour passes and special guided bird walk for eight



### **SPONSOR (WHOOPING CRANE) - \$500.00-\$999.00**

- ❖ Six tickets to the gala artists' reception,
- ❖ Six tram tour passes
- ❖ Sponsor listing in the program
- ❖ Special guided bird walk for six



### **BENEFACTOR (TIMBER WOLF) - \$250.00-\$499.00**

- ❖ Four tickets to the gala artists' reception
- ❖ Two tram tour passes
- ❖ Benefactor listing in the program



### **PATRON (BLUE GOOSE) - \$125.00-\$249.00**

- ❖ Two tickets to the gala artists' reception
- ❖ Listing in the program

The gala artists' reception which takes place 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, providing an opportunity to socialize with the artists, enjoy food and beverages and participate in a Silent Auction.

# SPONSOR'S INFORMATION SHEET

Friends of Patuxent Wildlife Art Show and Sale

March 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Refuge Manager's Circle - Bald Eagle - \$5000 and above

Refuge Guardian - Black Bear - \$2500-4999

Event Sponsor- Great Blue Heron - \$1000-2499

Sponsor - Whooping Crane - \$500-999

Benefactor – Timber wolf - \$250-499

Patron - Blue Goose - \$125-249

Sponsor Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of Sponsor:

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Contact person and phone number:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Names for guest tags:

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To ensure that you or your company is listed in the program, please send your pledge sheet by:  
February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Make checks payable to: Friends of Patuxent

Return this form to:

Treasurer, Friends of Patuxent  
10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop  
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Any Questions:

Please call (301) 497-5789

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