

***Rescue: Scenes from a Wildlife Clinic***  
**Photographs by Jennifer Hynes**

**September 22 – December 29, 2012**

***Opening reception: Saturday, October 20, 5:00 -7:00 pm***



Photo credit: Jennifer Hynes, "Baby Vulture," 2012

(Philadelphia – Sept. 26, 2012) The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education presents ***Rescue: Scenes from a Wildlife Clinic***, a beautiful photographic essay of the Center's wildlife clinic and the inaugural exhibition of the Center's brand new, expanded indoor environmental art gallery.

This summer, photographer Jennifer Hynes spent dozens of hours at the wildlife clinic, photographing the animals, people, spaces and landscapes there. This exhibition includes 26

stunning images that portray not only the personality and plight of the animals, but also the dedication and love that the clinic staff and volunteers bring to their jobs.

This is the first time an artist has been granted this level of access to the inner workings of the clinic. As a witness to the daily routines of feeding and housing hundreds of animals a week, as well as the often dramatic procedures required to rescue and rehabilitate individual patients, Hynes developed a deep understanding and respect for the clinic's work. The Schuylkill Center is proud to honor the clinic's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with this beautiful and inspiring exhibition.

The Wildlife Clinic was founded in 1987 from a need to help the animals in our area that are harmed or injured as a result of human interactions. The clinic sees over 3,000 animals a year and is the destination for anyone who finds a non-domesticated animal in need of medical attention. Clinic staff work around the clock to bring these animals back to health and return them to their natural home. In the case that an animal is too injured to live in the wild, they live with us, keeping us company and helping us do our job of educating thousands of schoolchildren about the environment and the animals who live in it.

*Rescue* is the inaugural exhibition in the Schuylkill Center's new environmental art gallery. For over 11 years, our environmental art program has presented exhibitions inside and out. The new gallery will allow for larger, more diverse

indoor exhibitions. The Center's environmental art department provides the only venue in Philadelphia devoted exclusively to environmental art.

### **Opening reception**

The public is invited to meet the artist—as well as the clinic staff and some of animal subjects of the show—at a reception on Saturday, October 20 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Schuylkill Center. Enjoy light refreshments and an optional hike in the Center's woodlands.

### **About the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education**

Founded in 1965, the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education (SCEE) is one of the first urban environmental education centers in the country. It encompasses over 340 acres of privately held land in the Roxborough neighborhood of Philadelphia. SCEE's mission is to promote the preservation and improvement of our natural environment through education, outreach and the conservation of its land. It provides a wide variety of award-winning educational programming for schools and the public, and is home to the Schuylkill Center Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic. The environmental art department at the Schuylkill Center incites curiosity and sparks awareness of the natural environment through art, and works collaboratively to create exhibitions of the highest quality that attract, educate and inspire the public. (<http://www.schuylkillcenter.org/> )

**What:** *Rescue: Scenes from a Wildlife Clinic*

**When:** September 22 – December 29, 2012

Monday – Saturday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Opening reception: Saturday, October 20, 5:00 -7:00 pm

**Where:** Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education

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