

**The Exotic Feline Breeding Compound's  
Feline Conservation Center  
presents the  
2014 Fabulous Feline Follies:**

**CATS of CALIFORNIA**



# ***This Evening's Program***

**5:00 PM**

*Cocktail Reception*

*Animal Visitors courtesy of Conservation Ambassadors*

*View our cats and enjoy close encounters with a wide variety  
of visiting educational animals*

*Bid on silent auction items*

*Purchase raffle tickets (\$5 each, five for \$20)*

**6:00 - 6:40 PM**

*Dinner (buffet style)*

*Emcee will call table numbers for buffet*

**7:00 PM**

*Presentation by Conservation Ambassadors Zoo to You*

**7:30 PM**

*Silent auction closes*

*After the silent auction closes we will sort the bid pads and  
distribute them to your tables.*

*Please make sure your table number is included with your bids.*

**7:35 PM**

*Sponsor presentations, door prizes announced, raffle drawing  
followed  
by live auction.*

***Our emcee for the evening is Camille Gadwood.***

## Welcome to the 2014 Fabulous Feline Follies!

The last year has been one of improvement around the facility - a beautification year! Along with the usual cage maintenance, including replacing fencing and den boxes and tearing down old chain link cages, we started a plan to plant drought-friendly native plants.

California has declared a state of emergency due to the statewide drought. For EFBC-FCC, we have always been mindful of our water usage simply because we are a non-profit and must be fiscally responsible in all we do. But even rationing water cannot compete with the needs and well-being of our feline residents, especially in the summer time when temperatures can hit the triple digits.

Planting native drought-friendly plants, and providing water to these plants through a drip system, drastically reduces the use of water on plants. That is what we have done in the public area known as the "L" - the area where our jaguars Doc and Cisco, some of our Northern Chinese and Amur leopards reside (Kim Lee , Kandgi, Zeya and Gregori), Willow the bob cat and our two jaguarundis Aztec and Maya reside.

We want to thank those who have donated to our project - who saw our request in the newsletter or in the gift shop or simply was out here visiting and noticed the start of the project. In particular, we'd like to thank volunteer Eric Barkalow, who poured every concrete cat paw you see laid down in the area for easy crossing across the courtyard to the different cats.

Our beautification doesn't stop there. Our current major project is to build a public restroom area. Currently, we have one full-functioning outdoor restroom - the little "cabin" - next to the gift shop; a restroom in the gift shop, which is only used for special events and for handicap access; and then three Andy Gumps. The outdoor facilities do not support the number of visitors we have each year, which is why we have set up a fund to build a new restroom building.

The fundraising has been slow-going. Understandably, it's not as "sexy" as building a large tiger enclosure, which itself took many years to raise money and build. This project will only start when we receive most of the funding. And we can't do this without your support.

If you are interested in making a donation to our restroom project, there is a special box next to the cash register in the gift shop where you can drop in cash or checks, or you can donate by credit card. Just be sure to indicate it's for the restroom fund.

EFBC-FCC continues to grow - in visitors and in our feline residents - and we thank you for your continued support.

The Feline Follies is always a nice evening to raise funds for the facility but also thank our supporters with a beautiful evening under the stars with our feline residents.

*Thank you for attending this evening and for your support. Enjoy the evening!*

# Live Auction Items

The following items will be auctioned live at 7:35 PM.

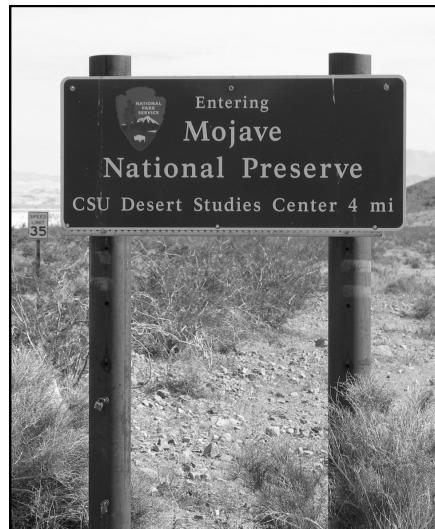
All proceeds go to EFBC-FCC.



## African Safari for Two:

Six days/six nights at a South African lodge, courtesy of Zulu Nyala.

**Zzyzx Desert Tour for Two:** An excursion through one of California's desert landscapes, courtesy of Scott Weldy, D.V.M., who will also serve as your personal guide.



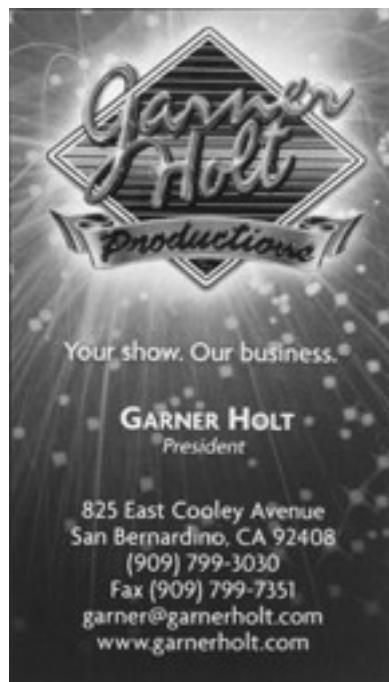
**Exclusive Guided Tour:** World renowned special effects and anamatronic studio Garner Holt Productions opens its doors to you and a guest for a special tour of their San Bernardino studio.

In addition to these items, we have many items available in our silent auction, including passes to the Antelope Valley Fair, a selection of handcrafted jewelry, novelty items and unique framed art. Please visit the display tables for viewing and bidding. The Silent Auction ends at 7:30 PM and the Live Auction begins at 7:35 PM.

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*Purchase your favorite cocktail for  
an extra \$10 and take home a  
one-of-a-kind, hand-painted sou-  
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with one of our specialty cock-  
tails:*

**Mystic Mountain Lion (Mai Tai)**  
**Bubbly Bobcat**  
*(Tropical fruit juice  
with soda water)*



# ***Tonight's Speakers***

## **CAMILLE GADWOOD - MASTER OF CEREMONIES**



*Camille Gadwood taking a moment in her day of volunteering to snap a picture with Annie the Jaguar.*

Camille Gadwood joined EFBC-FCC in 1996 as a volunteer zookeeper and docent, and has been a board member since 2002 with responsibilities as the Director of Public Relations. She will be giving a presentation tonight about the center's future.

As a native Californian, she always had an appreciation of wildlife, and especially wild felines. Since discovering EFBC-FCC, she not only gets to

spend time appreciating wild felines and learning about them, but also getting to be an integral part in promoting their preservation.

In 15 years, she has seen the center grow from 56 residents to more than 75, all of them with their individual personalities and temperaments. She continues to count her blessings that the EFBC-FCC exists and that she is allowed to be part of something that has brought her so much joy, including meeting her husband, Jerry, at EFBC-FCC!

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# Cats of California

California is known for its distinct landscapes, from deserts to oceans, redwood forests and snowy peaks. It is also known as a wildlife wonderland, including two native feline species, the mountain lion

(*Puma concolor*) and the bobcat (*Lynx rufus*). These two felines play an important role in the state's ecological system, but face daily battles, not only with drought and other obstacles in nature, but with their biggest threat: human encroachment. According to state statistics, 90 percent of coyotes, bobcats, hawks, owls and mountain lions are affected by consumer use of rodenticide. A statewide ban on consumer use of anticoagulant rodenticides went into effect July 1.



*Bobcat kittens Sage and Poppy.*

Additionally, the California Department of Transportation recently announced it would build a freeway bridge for mountain lions and other wildlife in the Agoura Hills area along the 101. This wildlife corridor will allow mountain lions separated between two mountain park areas to cross the freeway to mate, which will in turn provide more genetic diversity among the currently isolated populations. Wildlife biologists studying the mountain lion in the area said that being cut off from other mountain lions has resulted in in-breeding. The wildlife corridor will also reduce the risk of wildlife getting hit by cars trying to cross the busy freeway.

Though not a threatened species in California, hunting of the mountain lion is banned in the state. Bobcats, however, are allowed to be hunted for sport and trapped for their fur, but only during certain times of year and there is a limited number of kills allowed per license. History has shown us that hunting can lead to the extinction or near extinction of a species. Many are unaware that Southern California was once the habitat for jaguars. Reports indicate the last jaguar in California was killed in the Palm Springs area in 1860. In Southern Arizona, jaguars appear to be making a comeback. With hunting bans and other protections in place for the mountain lions and limits on hunting and trapping bobcats in California, hopefully they will never go the way of the California jaguar.

EFBC-FCC is home to both a mountain lion and three bobcats.

## MOUNTAIN LION

A cat of many names, the mountain lion is also commonly known as puma, panther, and cougar. It is the largest cat of the family *Felidae* family native to the Americas and found from the Canadian Yukon to the southern Andes of South America. It is the greatest of any large wild terrestrial mammal in the Western Hemisphere. Mountain lions from colder regions are the



*Jaguars were once found in Southern California.*

largest, up to 200 pounds. Western state cougars, including those in California, are average-sized, about 150 pounds for males and 100 pounds for females. Mountain lion cubs are born with spots and blue eyes, both of which fade as they grow older as they transform into a tawny color, brown-eyed adult cat.

In the United States, the Florida panther and Eastern cougar are both listed as "critically endangered," all other subspecies in the country are listed as "least concern." Mountains lions west of the Rocky Mountains are much more numerous, with some states allowing hunting of the species.

Mountain lions reside in the hills all around us. They are elusive animals and it's rare to encounter one or see one while hiking. However, hikers should always be careful when in the hills and never let young children or pets get separated from adults. On occasion, they are spotted and there have been some attacks, including fatal ones. Serrano, EFBC-FCC's sole mountain lion resident, was one of those who did not shy away from hikers in a popular hiking area in Orange County and was brought to our facility to ensure his safety and that of the public.

#### **BOBCAT**

The bobcat is one of the few success stories of wild cats surviving in today's world. This small wild cat is highly adaptable in both habitat and prey, and not repelled by living close to humans. The bobcat is about twice the size of a domestic cat and gets its name because of its short bobbed tail. Their spotted



*Willow the bobcat.*

coats can range in color from gray to brown, with some spots featuring rosette patterns. As many as one million bobcats live across the United States and southern Canada today and as many as 80,000 are trapped for their fur every year, with 37 states allowing this. They are found in deserts, mountains, forests, and swamps. In California, females on average weigh around 15 pounds, while males can weigh around 18 pounds. Of more than 300 bobcats studied by wildlife biologists in the Santa Monica Mountains, one male weighed 24 pounds.

Often, people assume bobcat kittens found in dens have been abandoned by their mother, when in reality, she is out hunting. This is likely the case for Sage and Poppy, who were also brought to our facility after being discovered in an uninhabited home here in Rosamond when they were just small kittens. If you are out and discover a bobcat den, do not disturb it and leave the area. A mother bobcat will not return to the den until you have left because these felines tend to avoid any human interaction. Additionally, bobcats are susceptible to the same diseases as domestic cats, which is why it is important to keep your cat's vaccines up-to-date as well as keep them inside.



*Serrano the mountain lion.*

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