



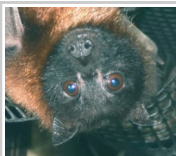
# BAT WORLD

Conservation - Rescue - Sanctuary

**Fall/Winter 2012  
ANNUAL REPORT**

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Poppy, a zoo-rescued Indian flying fox reclining in a hammock. See page 6 for more information about Poppy.

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## 2012 YEAR END LETTER

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Dear Bat World Sanctuary Supporters,

As you know, Bat World is a sanctuary, a safe-haven for displaced and abused bats. Bats who arrive at Bat World are restored to good health and released back to the wild, and when this is not possible they are allowed to live the remainder of their lives in with us, in peace and harmony in a simulated, natural environment. We have provided permanent sanctuary to non-releasable bats for over 20 years now, and sadly, we have reached near maximum capacity.

The time is upon us to raise the funds to build a new facility. Bat World's efforts in limiting the stream of bats from entering the corrupt pet trade continues, by taking in female fruit bats to limit breeding stock. With zoo closures across the country, there are many more bats in need of placement. Additionally, bats retired from research need help to recover from the pain and suffering they were forced to endure.

My beloved father, Major Luther Lollar, succumbed to Parkinson's on November 16th, 2012. His \$100,000 legacy to me, the total of his net worth, I have signed over to Bat World Sanctuary. I share this personal information with you because I see that good people everywhere are uniting to help bats, and I want to do everything I possibly can, with everything that I have, to make a difference for the bats we all love so much.

**We have until January 10th, 2013**, to elicit the funds needed to win the Mozilla Firefox Challenge. \$50,000 will go to the organization that secures the highest amount of donations, with \$30,000 and \$20,000 going to the respective 2nd and 3rd place winners.

If we can win the first place prize of \$50,000 and raise an additional \$100,000, together with the additional \$100,00 from the sale of my father's property, that will give us \$250,000—enough for a new facility. The planned new facility will be built on Bat World's property, land that was purchased early this year with donations that many of you sent last year to help support Lil Drac and his kind.

I have dedicated my life to these magnificent, charming 'fairies of the woods', and so many of you have come to embrace them as well. There has never been a group so compelled to represent the most misunderstood animal on the planet, and you have not only done it with your words, you have done it with your hearts.

**Please, please, please** help us make this happen for the bats. A link to the contest is on our 'Donate Now' page at [batworld.org](http://batworld.org). If you can't donate through the above mentioned link, please use the enclosed envelope. As you look through the pages that follow, remember that your contributions help us save injured and abused bats who would not have lived without our intervention, and enabled us to spread the word that these gentle creatures, so essential to our planet, need our help to survive.

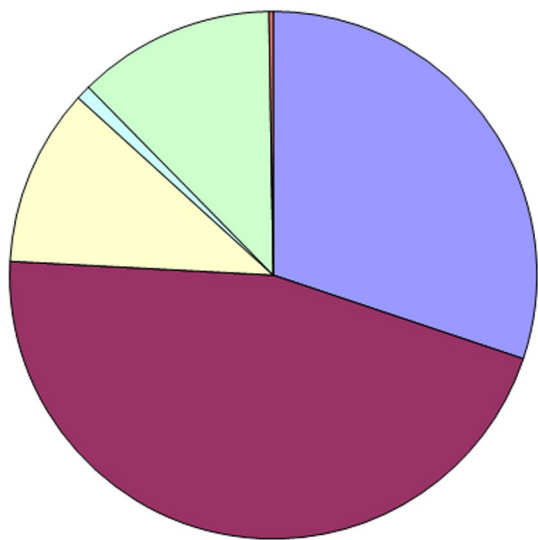
On behalf of the bats, thank you so very much for your continued support.



Amanda Lollar, Founder and President  
Bat World Sanctuary

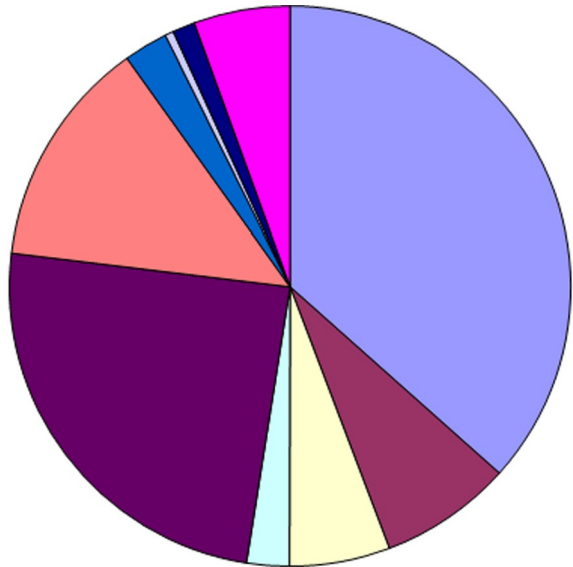
# 2012 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

Bat World 2012 Income



- Grants
- Memberships & donations
- Adopt-a-Bat sponsorships
- Educational Workshops
- Book sales/commissions
- Bank dividends

Bat World 2012 Expenses



- Land purchase, bat castle construction, website & database rebuild
- Office & program supplies
- Book & educational pamphlet printing
- Insurance
- Operational expenses
- Food-nutritional expenses
- Veterinary expenses
- Fuel (gas for rescues)
- Licensing & misc.
- Loan payments

Operational expenses include rent, utilities, building maintenance, cleaning supplies, caging repair, supplies and enrichment.

# 2012 YEAR END SUMMARY

## *Income*

Grants                      \$62,000.00

Memberships/  
Donations                \$94,018.31

Adopt-a-Bat  
Sponsorships            \$22,428.87

Educational  
Workshops                \$1,837.87

Book Sales/  
Commissions             \$24,926.61

Bank  
Dividends                 \$521.84

## *Expenses*

Land Purchase, Bat  
Castle Construction,  
Website & Database  
Rebuild                    \$71,173.82

Office & Program  
Supplies                    \$14,867.00

Books & Educational  
Printing                    \$11,300.00

Insurance                   \$4,792.29

Operational  
Expenses                   \$47,509.22

Food/Nutritional  
Supplements              \$25,678.42

Medical/Veterinary  
Supplies                    \$4,939.80

Fuel for Rescues           \$960.02

Permits, Licensing &  
Misc.                        \$2,519.70

Loan Payments            \$10,793.13

**Total Income        \$205,733.50**

**Total Expenses       \$194,533.40**

**Net Rollover \$11,200.10**

Office and program expenses include items needed to create Adopt-a-Bat packages, ink, paper, an external hard drive, a new replacement printer, and postage and shipping charges.

## 2012 RESCUES

*This past year, your contributions enabled us to save over 512 orphaned, injured and displaced bats. The bats featured in this section represent only a few of the lives we saved with your support.*



*Poppy reclining in her hammock. African fruit bats can be seen in the background, along with a short-tailed fruit bat to the right.*

In March of 2012, Poppy, an Indian Flying Fox (*Pteropus giganteus*), was retired from a Canadian zoo to Bat World Sanctuary. The Indian flying fox species is the second largest species of bat in the world, and one of the most spectacular animals on earth. Despite her magnificence, or perhaps because of it, it appears that for each of Poppy's 10 years of life before reaching us, she was placed on exhibit and was expected to perform. According to her paperwork, Poppy was trained to do tricks for the public, such as lifting her foot and holding out her wing. It also appears that Poppy was an unwilling participant. She showed her dislike for the unnatural behavior that was asked of her by biting.

Poppy is slowly realizing that, at Bat World, nothing will ever be expected of her. She will never have to endure crowds of loud people or perform for them, nor will she ever be disturbed when she should be sleeping. The only thing Poppy will ever need to do again is simply be herself.



In April of this year we received a call from an exotic pet trade dealer who was going out of business. He stated that he had joined our Facebook page and after reading our posts he had a change of heart. Rather than selling his breeding stock of bats to another dealer, he decided to place all of them with us.

Over 20 Egyptian fruit bats (*Rousettus aegyptiacus*) and Jamaican fruit bats (*Artibeus jamaicensis*), several of them pregnant, arrived on May 2 to Bat World.

In July this mother gave birth to her baby, and perhaps for the first time in her life, she was allowed to raise her baby to adulthood rather than have it taken from her to be sold in the exotic pet trade. The baby is a female, but she will be forever spared from being trafficked in the pet trade industry and will live her entire life in peace at Bat World.



Cornelius, a baby Jamaican fruit bat (*Artibeus jamaicensis*), was born at Bat World Sanctuary after his mother was transported to us while pregnant. His mother was part of a zoo closure, and she was extremely frightened when she arrived at our sanctuary. We understood the trauma she went through; she was not to blame for abandoning him at birth. She had no way of knowing that her former life was far behind her, and that she was now safe and would be forever cared for.

Cornelius was hand raised and today, is a healthy, well-adjusted little bat. Because he has never been subjected to bright lights, the noise of crowds or the scary-sounding blasts of pressure hoses, he actually seeks out the kindness of humans to give him a special treat of honeydew melon every day. We hope that Cornelius can somehow convey to his mother that not all humans are bad, some humans only want what is best for them. Cornelius is an extremely happy, trusting little fellow, so we can't help feeling that before too long, his happiness will rub off on his sweet but timid mom.

Tinkerbelle, an orphaned Jamaican fruit bat (*Artibeus jamaicensis*) arrived still attached to her deceased mother. Tinkerbelle's mother had been purchased as a pet early in 2012. The individual who bought her didn't know she was pregnant. The mother bat likely couldn't pass the placenta,



**Tinkerbelle**

which is fatal. The person who brought Tinkerbelle to us realized that she did not have the proper knowledge to care for an orphaned fruit bat, and thanks to this realization, Tinkerbelle is alive and doing well. Tinkerbelle is now full grown and living inside the large flight enclosure with a new family of her own kind.



**The Sunday 16**

June and July of 2012 brought almost 100 orphaned insectivorous bats to our door, including “The Sunday 16” who were all rescued on a single Sunday after being found at our wild sanctuary. Unfortunately, an owl was spotted preying on bats exiting the building, which is likely why the pups were found starving. The orphans were raised to adulthood and later released with dozens more that were found and rescued this summer. In early August, a dead owl was spotted on the road a few blocks from the wild sanctuary building. It appeared to have been struck by a vehicle. The number of orphans decreased significantly after the unfortunate owl was found deceased.



Amanda J. Allard

## Orphaned Red Bats

Every summer we receive dozens of orphaned red bats (*Lasiurus borealis*). Red bats are one of the few species that have more than one live young per year. It is not unusual for them to have as many as 5 pups. Unfortunately, because they roost in trees, they are often attacked by blue jays and crows, which may have been the fate of the mothers of the pups pictured here.

Red bat babies like to cling to each other for warmth and security until they reach adulthood, at which time they become solitary. After these pups were hand-raised and provided with flight training, they were released back to the wild.

Pippy, a minuscule 1.5' tricolored bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*), successfully kept nine frightened human beings from entering a Verizon store by roosting on bricks in close proximity to the store's entrance.



Dottie Hyatt

Pippy

Pippy is young and was likely born this year. She is healthy, but when found was very thin and tired. She will be overwintered while she continues to gain weight before being released in the spring.



Miss Dangles, a Brazilian free-tailed bat (*Tadarida brasiliensis*) came to us in July, after a caller notified us that a bat was hanging in an awkward position from a roof awning in the downtown area of Mineral Wells, Texas. We quickly arrived at the location and discovered that her wing was stuck between the ceramic tiles of the awning. The photos show her initial injury and slow progression of healing over a four-month period. We hope to be able to release Miss Dangles in the spring of 2013. (Note: it is not unusual for the fur coloring of wild bats to change over several months time while in captivity.)



Boo2 was actually one of the bats rescued from the closing of the Little River Zoo in 2011. However, in 2012 his personality fully emerged and he has filled a position of “cage clown” in the fruit bat’s enclosure.

He is shown here, apparently smiling in anticipation of a melon treat while Peekaboo is finishing off her treat.

Like Peekaboo, who was rescued from a basement zoo, Boo2’s personality can shine for all its worth at Bat World. We are thankful these comical little beings ended up with us, so we can share their happiness and funny faces with the world through photos like these.

## Dusty

Amanda Lollar



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In September, a female Brazilian free-tailed bat (*Tadarida brasiliensis*), who was emaciated, dehydrated and extremely dusty, was brought to us after being found inside a warehouse. She had been spotted flying through the building by workers about a week previously, but no one was able to find where she was hiding. By the time she reached us 'Dusty' was barely clinging to life.

The standard procedure for treating dehydration in wildlife is to administer small amounts of fluid over an extended period of time. We have found that this procedure has had limited success in saving microbats, who have an extremely fast metabolism. Only about 1/2 of severely dehydrated bats survive due to organ failure. Several years ago, we decided to try a different approach. In a single dose we administer the amount of fluids that would typically be given over a 24 hour period. The results were astounding. Since then, we have used this approach with a 99% success rate.

Dusty was given an injection of 3mls of warmed electrolytes, and cleaned off with warm gauze sponges. Within 15 minutes she had significantly improved (center photo). About an hour later she was able to eat her fill of Bat World's complete soft food diet (bottom photo).

After Dusty gained weight and was ready, she was released back to the wild.

## Fig, Raisin & Jellybean



Every year in October, we take in a number of tiny evening bats (*Nycticeius humeralis*). These beautiful little bats often attempt to settle in for a winter nap in places that are not ideally suited for that purpose – the fronts of buildings, sidewalks, parking garages, and patio umbrellas are among their favorite sites. In most cases, these bats are under a year old and have not yet learned where the best winter roosts are.

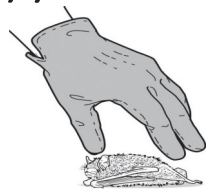
When people find these bats and call us, they often report having found a ‘baby fruit bat’. We take the opportunity to educate them, letting them know that there are no fruit bats native to North America, and that in the fall, there are no baby bats. Evening bats are among the smallest bats in North America, averaging about two inches from nose to rump and weighing a mere one-third of an ounce. They have thick, shiny dark brown fur, with black ears, muzzle, wings and tail membranes. Some people say they resemble tiny bears.

This year, we successfully released nine of the dozen evening bats that found their way to our Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas facilities in October. After a complete intake assessment, treatment for internal and external parasites, life-saving fluids, and several days of rest and good food, the bats, at sundown, were placed in bat houses at our facilities. By morning, they had all flown off to find their home colonies.

The remaining three bats will spend the winter with us, as they were not ready to be released with the others. Until then, Fig, Raisin, and Jellybean have settled in nicely and are enjoying the company of the other bats in our sanctuary who are recovering from various injuries.

*Protect yourself, protect them*

**NEVER  
RESCUE  
A BAT  
BARE  
HANDED!**



**Find help at [batworld.org](http://batworld.org)**

‘Snow Angel’ a big brown bat (*Eptesicus fuscus*), came to us in November after she was found in a neighborhood yard by a family living in Houston, Texas. They were familiar with Bat World Sanctuary after having watched Lil Drac’s video on Youtube. This kind family drove her from Houston to Mineral Wells (a six hour journey each way) in order to save her life.

A roof in the neighborhood had recently been repaired with “Snow Roof” sealant, so ‘Snow’ was likely roosting within close proximity.

Sadly the sealant had dried on her, encasing her in a thick hard shell. Clumps of it had attached to her chest, stomach and arms. By the time she arrived at our sanctuary she had loosened quite a bit of the sealant on her own, however, it still took several applications of oil to further loosen the large areas of sealant that were literally glued to delicate skin. We undertook the painstaking, slow process of removing the remaining sealant by clipping off what was left of her fur. After several hours, with small breaks taken to prevent Snow Angel from becoming stressed, her body was finally free from the hard coating.

Had she not been rescued by these good Samaritans, she would have died a slow, agonizing death from dehydration and starvation. It is a miracle that she was able to survive at all given her predicament.

As you can see by her ‘after’ picture, Snow Angel lost almost all of her once-beautiful fur. However, as long as there is no damage to her hair follicles, her fur should re-grow completely.



**Honeysuckle Fun!** During the summer, the rescued fruit bats enjoy fresh honeysuckle blooms that grow outside the Bat World facility. An unseasonably warm November brought the bats an unexpected treat of their favorite flower.



Amanda Lollar



Amanda Lollar

# 2012 EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS

*Your donations have allowed us to reach well over **ONE-MILLION** people through educational events and online videos and posts. From classrooms to the Internet, we are making a difference for bats around the world.*

**A FEW OF THE PROGRAMS BAT WORLD SANCTUARY PROVIDED THROUGH ON-THE-GROUND AND ONLINE EDUCATIOAL EFFORTS:**

- **BRIT (Botanical Research Institute of Texas)**
- **Weston Gardens**
- **Ft. Worth Nature Center-Creatures of the Night**
- **City of Denton**
- **City of Cleburne**
- **Arlington Women's Club**
- **Science and Literature Teachers of Denton County**
- **North Texas Libraries**
- **Master Naturalists and Master Gardener's Associations**
- **Koi and Water Garden Club of North Texas**
- **Animal Control of Texas**
- **Thousands of school children across America**
- **Facebook and Youtube**



*Bat World Sanctuary's Vice President Dottie Hyatt demonstrates a bat detector to a crowd at Weston Gardens, in Fort Worth, Texas. This annual event provides bat education to hundreds of individuals, who generously bring contributions of paper towels, fruit and cleaning supplies in addition to making monetary donations to Bat World Sanctuary. **THANK YOU, Weston Gardens!***

## Botanical Research Institute of Texas



On August 11, 2012, Bat World Sanctuary's Vice President, Dottie Hyatt, and Director of Special Projects, Kate Rugroden, presented a new program at the Botanical Research Institute of Texas. This program is designed for naturalists, agricultural agents, ranchers, zoologists, speleologists, natural resource managers, wildlife biologists, and others who are interested in learning more about bats.

The day's schedule included our award-winning "Introduction to Bats" program, a species identification activity, a bat house building demonstration by John Hyatt, and a discussion of the crucial bat/plant connection. Using a variety of props and displays, participants spent a full day exploring all of the ways in which bats affect our lives, and how each one of us can help protect these amazing animals, upon whom our very survival depends. The program was approved by the Texas Master Naturalists for 7.5 Continuing Education credit hours, and each of the 35 participants received a signed copy of *The Essential Bat*. Attendees came from all over the state of Texas, and from as far away as Connecticut.

Throughout the day, discussion topics ranged from the plants that bats protect to how bats are perceived in different cultures, public health issues related to bats, and the wide variety of life-saving medicines that bats make possible. The role of bats in books, mythology, movies, and research were covered, as well as ways we can effectively educate the public with a positive message about bats. Response to the class was very positive.



### FROM OUR FACEBOOK PAGE ([FACEBOOK.COM/BATWORLD](https://www.facebook.com/batworld))

*"Just wanted to say that there are people like myself (I'm from Indiana) in Facebookland who love your posts. I share a lot of them and many of my friends are now much more knowledgeable about bats. The work you do dispelling the negative myths is in itself wonderful. "We" love the great images and success stories, watching these babies grow, the videos, and we are thankful there are people out there who care about these wonderful, intelligent and beautiful little mammals. You are not only helping these little creatures one-on-one but the educational value of what you do in social media is immeasurable for the future of these species. Reading your page and looking at the pictures is taking away from my fear of bats and I see how they are intelligent and silly creatures. Thank you for the work you do!"*

## Hilltop Elementary



*By Patience Knotts, Bat World member and Science teacher at Hilltop Elementary, Argyle, Texas.*

In late October, fourth graders at Hilltop Elementary in Argyle, TX were anxiously awaiting the arrival of Bat World Vice President, Dottie Hyatt. The kids knew there would be huge amounts of batty facts to be shared with them, and they would get a chance to see live bats. Dottie Hyatt has been coming to the small

town of Argyle for educational lectures for several years. At this school, the teachers want to share their passion about bats and explain their importance to each child. In our Science Lab, Dottie reveals tons of facts, tells real stories, shows pictures, and explains the impact of White Nose Syndrome with fourth graders. Students 'act out' being a vampire bat and cattle to bring to light many myths about them and how they truly feed. The students are educated on bat houses and take the bat pledge to "never touch a bat." They are delighted to get their bat scout ring.

During their Science class with Science teacher Mrs. Knotts, the students learn design and set up their own classroom like a Bat Cave, the Hilltop Caverns (see photo above). As bat tour guides, the 4th graders prepare to take the younger grades on "bat tours," sharing their wealth of knowledge. After they gathered information and learned about Bat World Sanctuary, they were ready. The students invited the entire school, one class at a time, to tour the Bat Cave. They shared their newfound wisdom with enthusiasm. The fourth graders had each visiting child on the tour take the bat pledge that they would never touch a bat. They were able to present each child with a bat ring that was graciously donated by Bat World. They became the "real teachers."

We are so proud of them and hope to educate each child in our school about the need to preserve bats. We hope that Bat World Sanctuary keeps up the fabulous work and continue to educate the public about these marvelous creatures of the night.

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## Animal Control of Texas

As wildlife rehabilitation specialists, we are often called upon to work closely with local Animal Control authorities and other organizations involved in animal care and animal welfare issues. Because these agencies generally are trained to deal only with domestic animals, there is a need to educate their employees and volunteers about proper care and handling of wildlife. After an unfortunate incident involving a wildlife hoarder, Kate Rugroden, our Director of Special Projects, partnered with the field supervisor for Arlington, TX Animal Control to ameliorate such problems. They obtained approval from the Texas Department of State Health Services Zoonosis Control Division for all Animal Control officers throughout the state to earn the required continuing education credits for

attending the wildlife rehabilitation training programs that Kate teaches for new rehabilitators. At present, this is the only program approved by the state for general wildlife rehabilitation training for Animal Control officers. We are excited about the opportunity to better educate Animal Control and law enforcement professionals about safe handling and proper care of wild animals, ensuring that these animals are placed with permitted rehabilitators and not routinely euthanized.

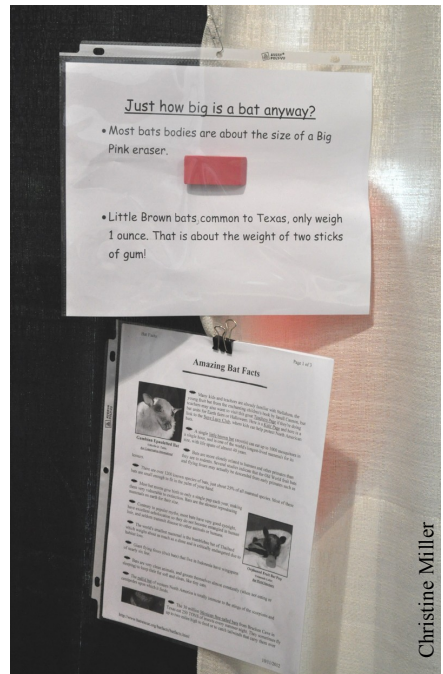


Christine Miller

During the Fannin County Fair held in Bonham, Texas in October, two members of the Bois d' arc Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists educated visitors about the importance of bats.

Bat World Sanctuary members Christine Miller and Jessica Womack had previously attended "The Essential Bat" education seminar held by Bat World Sanctuary in Forth Worth, Texas in August, and used the knowledge they gained at the seminar to educate others. Props were made using items and information made available through the education page at batworld.org.

The bat display was well received by everyone. Christine and Jessica were there to answer questions and encourage others to support bats. Both Christine and Jessica are teachers and will be using their education materials to instruct students at local elementary and junior high schools. Together, the teachers enlightened 1,670 people at the event.



Christine Miller

*Displays created by teachers Christine Miller and Jessica Womack*

# 2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*2012 has been a phenomenal year for Bat World Sanctuary. From securing land for the organization, to winning the Chase Giving contest which allowed us to build the world's first 'bat castle, to winning one of the largest Internet defamation lawsuits in the country. We are slowly building our way back from the financial harm caused by the individual who targeted our organization, but we never once faltered in helping the bats who so desperately need us. And, just as we promised – we prevailed. This year we also received both our GFAS (Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries) and ASA (American Sanctuary Association) certifications. In furthering our educational efforts, we have produced three new bats books and are currently working on a fourth.*



Amanda Lollar

## The Land that Lil Drac Bought

After Lil Drac's video went viral we received donations from around the world. These funds, along with a loan from a private foundation, enabled us to fulfill our dream of obtaining land on which to build a wild habitat for bats in need, protecting them for decades to come.

We secured 13 acres, complete with a fresh water source for bats and other wildlife. The land is large enough to support a new, larger Bat World facility when we are able to raise the funds to construct it; a facility that will allow us to save more bats like Lil Drac.

The land that Lil Drac bought (pictured below) is a protected refuge for deer, raccoons, opossums, squirrels, geese, and bats who are already roosting in trees on the property.



Larry Chitenden

## Bat Castle Update



Bat World's bat castle was completed in March of 2012, and sits on a bluff overlooking a pond located on Bat World Sanctuary's land, as seen in the photo above.

As bats are being partially excluded from local buildings in the downtown area of Mineral Wells, Texas we are training these displaced bats to learn the location of the bat castle by releasing them inside the castle during the day. These bats are marked with a non-toxic tattoo ink before being released into the castle, located less than 5 miles away. The bats are free to leave at night and return to their original roosts. When a marked bat is spotted again, they are again taken to the bat castle to establish familiarization.

After training hundreds of bats to the castle's location, we are hopeful that as exclusions are finally performed and old roosts are sealed this spring, the bats will take up residence in their bat castle, establishing it as their permanent roosting site.

### Six-Million Dollar Award

As many of you are already aware, Bat World Sanctuary has been the target of a malicious defamation campaign launched by Mary Cummins of Animal Advocates. Mary Cummins was a former intern who became disgruntled. With the help of Bat World's volunteer and animal rights attorney Randy Turner, we sued Mary Cummins and went to trial in June of this year. At the close of a four-day trial, Judge William Brigham compared Amanda Lollar's reputation in caring for bats to that of Jane Goodall's care for primates. The Judge stated that Cummins defamation of Lollar was "egregious, intentional and malicious" and awarded a judgment of \$6.1 million in damages. We doubt that we will ever see any portion of the award, however, the amount of the judgment speaks volumes. As an aside, Cummins later filed in CA federal court against Amanda Lollar as well as one of the trial expert witnesses', Eric Shupps, alleging defamation amongst other things. In November of this year that case was ruled on in Bat World's favor. Chubb Insurance, an outstanding provider of executive and nonprofit insurance, covered the cost of our federal suit.

While we prevailed in this fight, our cyber-tyrant continues to post defamatory and false information on the Internet about Bat World Sanctuary, Amanda Lollar and Randy Turner.



## Wins and Awards

In May of 2012, Bat World sanctuary won third place in the Groupon on Earth Day Challenge, where our generous supporters made donations in lieu of voting.

Bat World Sanctuary was up against several worthwhile organizations, including the notable Red Wolf Coalition and Conservation International.

Bat World Sanctuary raised \$46,057.00, which netted us third place and securing an additional \$10,000 for the organization. The funding provided much needed operating support for the year.



Bat World Sanctuary became verified by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) in early 2012. GFAS Verification means Bat World Sanctuary, Inc. meets the comprehensive and rigorous definition of a true sanctuary and is providing humane and responsible care for the animals, and meeting thorough and peer-reviewed standards established by GFAS, which is the only globally recognized organization providing standards

for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries and rescue centers. The verification status also provides a clear and trusted means for the public, donors worldwide and government agencies to recognize Bat World Sanctuary, Inc. as an organization that is worthy of support for sustainability and development.



In May of 2012, Bat World Sanctuary earned accreditation with the American Sanctuary Association (ASA). ASA, recognizes the countless abandoned, abused and neglected animals in the world today, and exists to assure the humane and compassionate care for these animals. This is achieved by setting standards for their care, accrediting sanctuaries that meet these

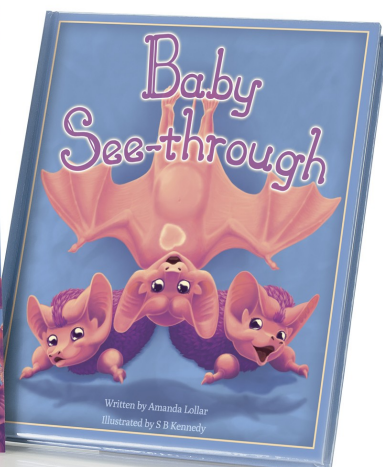
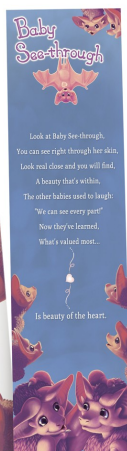
standards, networking with member sanctuaries, assisting in the rescue and placement of homeless animals, supporting legislation that protects animals, educating the public, and reaching out to other segments of the rescue community.



In May of 2012, Bat World received a "Top Rated" badge from Great Nonprofits for receiving over 150 five star reviews from volunteers, donors and members. The campaign identified the top-rated green nonprofits working to protect the environment. As a top-rated nonprofit, we were eligible to be featured in the "Top Green Nonprofits of the Month" article in the Huffington

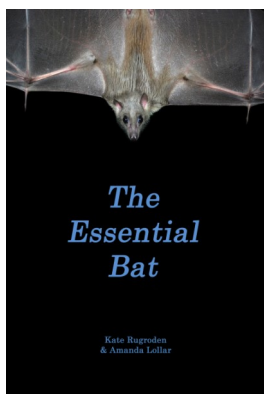
Post. Our reviews also appeared on GreatNonprofits, CharityNavigator, GuideStar, GlobalGiving, and JustGive.

# New Bat World Books!



*Baby See-through* is a baby bat's tale nearly twenty years in the making! Written by Amanda Lollar, Founder and President of Bat World Sanctuary, and illustrated by renowned artist Sarah Kennedy.

In 1992, Amanda Lollar's mother, Gladys, witnessed the first orphaned bat that came into Amanda's care. Gladys insisted on naming the tiny bat "Baby See-through", and encouraged Amanda to write a book about the orphan. Although Gladys did not live to see the book become a reality, she was promised that it would be created in loving memory of her. Now that vow from daughter to mother is fulfilled and the story of how this pup came to love herself, and be loved because of her uniqueness, can be brought to children everywhere. Hardback, 6"x7". \$24.95. Includes a beautiful bookmark and a "color me" page.



*The Essential Bat* is a little book that provides a lot of knowledge about the essential role bats play in our environment. It addresses myths and misconceptions, and includes information on the natural history of bats, the anatomy of the wing, longevity,

the bat-plant connection, recipes using products made possible by bats, and much more. Color photos include Bat World Sanctuary's rescued bats. 5.5" x 8.5". \$14.95. By Kate Rugroden.

*Lil Drac's Big Story* is about a little bat who was rescued by Bat World Sanctuary, and then went on to rescue the organization who saved him. His inspiring true story is a tribute to his kind, and an inspiration that the good in all of us will prevail in the end. 5.5" x 8.5". \$12.95. By Dottie Hyatt.



**TO PURCHASE THESE BOOKS VISIT [BATWORLD.ORG](http://BATWORLD.ORG) OR CALL 940-325-3404**

# 2012 CAMPAIGNS

*Highlighting two of the campaigns in which we have been actively involved during 2012.*

## Boycott Expendables

“The Expendables 2” movie caused

massive damage to a cave that has a status of a natural monument. The producers had promised to refrain from explosions, car chases and fires in close proximity to the cave in order to protect the bats roosting inside the cave, but did not keep that promise. The sleeping bats were subjected to stress, loud noise from heavy machinery and construction works, bright projector lights and crowds of people which kept them awake during a period when they should have been hibernating. On later investigation, no bats could even be located in areas of the cave where they would normally be hibernating. Instead, the tire tracks of

*After Hollywood's filming in Devetashka Cave, only 8,000 bats of 30,000 bats remained.*

large vehicles, likely used during the shoot, were found in those areas. Bat expert Antonia Hubancheva, who visited the cave after the shooting, said the damage was “unquestionable.” The cave was home to 15 protected species of bats, or half of all bats found in Bulgaria. According to reports out of Bulgaria (via Deadline), Bulgaria’s environmental protection agency fined the moviemakers for unlawfully removing shrubs and small trees, and they were later fined for the damage they caused to the cave.

Although the movie, The Expendables 2, has already been shown in theaters months, the DVD is now available. We urge a boycott on purchasing this DVD.



## Boycott Barbaric Queensland

The Queensland, Australia government-sanctioned killing of two threatened species – Spectacled and Grey-headed flying-foxes, has enraged bat conservationists across the globe. The government banned the shooting of flying-foxes in 2008 after the Australian Animal Welfare Advisory Committee found it was inhumane. However, fruit growers are now being permitted to shoot flying-foxes, despite its acknowledged cruelty. Fruit growers can protect their crops far more effectively with

nets, costing as little as \$8,000 per hectare (or every 2.471 acres) and the government has a program in place to assist them with the expense, the Sustainability Loans Program.

Please join us in an email campaign available through our Action Alerts page [bat-world.org](http://bat-world.org), and also visit [dontshootbats.com](http://dontshootbats.com) for updated information. Please boycott travelling to Australia, as well as the purchase of any Australian products until they stop these barbaric killings.

Hard copy letters of protest can be sent to: Campbell Newman, Leader, LNP, PO Box 940, Spring Hill, Qld 4004 or emailed to [leader@lnpqld.org.au](mailto:leader@lnpqld.org.au).

# 2012 VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

*An Honorable Mention for Bat World's first volunteer.*



It is with great sadness that we bring you the news of the passing of Major Luther S. Lollar, Bat World Sanctuary's very first volunteer and the father of our Founder and President, Amanda Lollar.

Major Lollar was an avid financial supporter of Bat World and was instrumental in getting Bat World off of the ground over 20 years ago. He generously built all of the original flight caging and rehabilitation caging for Bat World. He constructed the educational displays for the picture windows, built over 200 bat houses which were sold across the US, with 20 being mounted in the downtown area of Mineral Wells, Texas, home of Bat World Sanctuary. He loved farming and gardening, and devoted several acres of his land to planting melons and other fruits,

which he harvested and cut into bite-sized pieces for the bats. The fruit was then bagged and frozen so the bats would have fresh fruit all winter long without any burdensome food bills for out-of-season fruit. He was an extraordinarily kind man who loved all animals, and would drive to the market to collect and then deliver the 80 pounds of bananas needed each week for the fruit bats.

Major Lollar was a highly decorated soldier; serving in WWII and twice in Vietnam, both in the Marines and the Army. He was one of the first soldiers to serve on the front lines in Vietnam. Among his many medals, he was honored with the distinguished Flying Cross for manning an unarmed helicopter and chasing away Vietcong who outnumbered and were advancing on trapped U.S. troops. Three unarmed helicopters were dispatched to pick up troops. Heavy fire drove two of the helicopters to retreat. Alone, Major Lollar aggressively flew in, and using his helicopter blades as a weapon, kept the Vietcong at bay to allow the other two helicopters to land and retrieve our troops. Major Lollar designed the artillery on the outside of helicopters and tested it, which was the basis for all future helicopter weaponry. In the final battle scene of the movie, "We Were Soldiers", both the maneuvers and the equipment were representative of Major Lollar's work.

On his last trip to the hospital, upon waking, the first thing he asked Amanda was, "How are the bats?" You will be sorely missed by all, Major. We owe you a debt of gratitude for the life we all enjoy.

Major Lollar passed away Friday, November 16, and was buried on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, with full military honors.

Our sincere gratitude to those who recently donated to Bat World Sanctuary in Memory of Major Luther S. Lollar.



*Major Luther Lollar in 2003, with daughter and Bat World President, Amanda Lollar*

## LISTEN & LEARN MUSIC

### *The Ballad of Kitty*



RACHEL RAMBACH, MM, MT-BC

### The Ballad of Kitty

O Miss Kitty was a lonely cat  
In an alleyway, Miss Kitty sat  
She didn't have an owner  
Most decidedly a loner

Such a sad, poor soul, Miss Kitty  
Soon Miss Kitty began to come around  
To the nice, kind people in her town  
They took care of her and fed her  
And she'd even let them pet her  
Full of gratitude was Miss Kitty

Miss Kitty wanted to reciprocate  
By doing something for them that was great  
So she started bringing presents  
But they weren't the usual contents  
Such unique gifts from Miss Kitty

To educate her students about bats, teacher René Grimes sponsors a bat every year from Bat World Sanctuary. The bat they recently adopted, Mr. Kitty, has an interesting story — one that Ms. Grimes thought would make for a great song.

Ms. Grimes contacted Rachel Rambach, Board-Certified Music Therapist and creator of **Listen & Learn Music**, and *The Ballad of Kitty* was born.

One day Miss Kitty dropped one at their door  
It was a tiny bat, broken and sore  
To their surprise, she hadn't hurt him  
She had only transferred him  
What a hero was Miss Kitty

So the nice, kind people helped the bat  
He could not fly anymore, but happily he sat  
With other bats in roosting rocks  
Eating mealworms, taking walks  
And they named him Mr. Kitty

Mr. Kitty was a friend to everyone  
Like his rescuer, he left no good deed undone  
No matter that he's itty bitty  
He went and started a committee  
To make the world a better place, with Miss Kitty

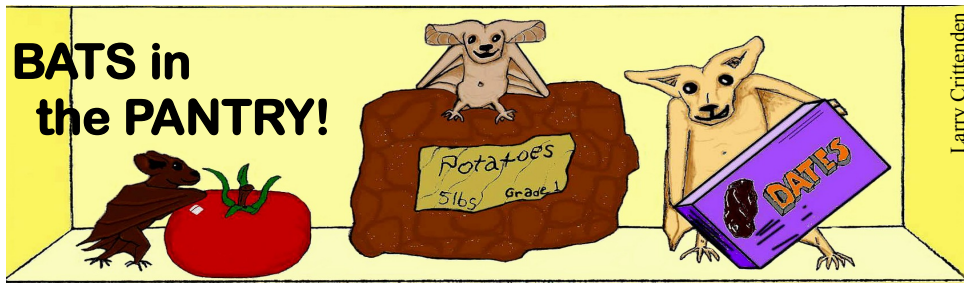
***To listen to "The Ballad of Kitty" and purchase the song\ please visit the "Listen and learn" website at [listenlearnmusic.com](http://listenlearnmusic.com)***

### Lil Drac Strikes Again!

A very special little boy loves bats, especially Lil Drac. He wanted to be Lil Drac for Halloween so his parents custom made a Lil Drac costume just for him. He then asked his parents to post his picture so we could show it to Lil Drac. After Halloween, he went in for his five-year checkup. His doctor asked him what he was for Halloween, and he proudly said "Lil Drac!" Amazingly, his doctor actually knew who he was talking about because he has also seen Lil Drac's video!



# BATS in the PANTRY!



Larry Crittenden

## Spicy Mango Salsa

- 2 cups diced fresh mango
- 2 cups fresh peaches, pitted and chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped tomato
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 Tbsp chopped fresh ginger root
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
- 2 Serrano Chile peppers, diced
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice



In a large bowl, mix together the mangoes, peaches or nectarines, garlic, ginger and basil or cilantro. Add the chilies and lime juice to taste; mix well. Allow to chill two hours before serving with tortilla chips.

### **YET ANOTHER RECIPE BROUGHT TO YOU BY BATS!**

#### **HERE ARE THE BAT-PLANT CONNECTIONS:**

**Mango** - Fruit bats feed nightly from mango trees, carrying the mangos off to distant trees so they can feed safely. Spreading mango seeds over distances greatly enhances the tree's reproductive success, and mangos enhance our recipe success.

**Peaches** - Bats make cobbler out of the green lacewings, fruit flies, twig borers, leafhoppers, aphids, tussock moths, bud moths, fruit moths, and stink bugs that eat our peach trees.

**Tomato** - You say to-ma-to, I say to-mot-to. Bats say fruitworms, beetles and leafminers. Yum.

**Garlic** - Leafminers destroy garlic and bats destroy leafminers. And you thought bats were repelled by garlic. Tsk-tsk.

**Ginger Root** - The major pests of ginger are cutworms and black beetles. Major pest of cutworms and black beetles are bats.

**Peppers (all varieties)** - Bats make fajitas with the corn borers, earworms and armyworms that eat our peppers.

**Limes** - Bats beat the pulp out of the katydids, mealybugs, whiteflies, rosebeetles, and leafhoppers who love to munch on the vines of our favorite citrus fruits.



## Loving Tributes

*In Loving Tribute to James Browning, who passed away in September of 2012. He and his wife Kay (who is an avid supporter of Bat World) found a bat in their hot tub one day and Jimmy's feelings for bats went from admiration to love when he was able to see a live bat up close for the first time.*

*He built a bat house to provide for the bats in his backyard, and the population grew so quickly that he had to add 3 more bat houses. He even had special steel poles constructed to support the bat houses. In the evening Jimmy would sit and watch 'his' colony depart to feast on the many insects that populate the Mississippi River's edge, and quite often he would rise early to watch them return. Good-bye Jimmy and thank you for your loving support of bats.*

*Marshall and Jane Ann Day*

*In Loving Memory of Typhon Valdes*

*~ T. Valdes*

*In Memory of Roberta Denmark, 1935-2012*

*~ Matt Denmark*

*In Memory of Nellie Irene Shafer*

*~ Anonymous*

*In Memory of our sweet cat Abigail*

*~ Jamie and Rusty*

*In Honor of Randy Turner,*

*~ Kathryn Webber*

*In tribute to the flying foxes in Australia*

*~ Sharon Warner*

## Bat World Wines!

This Collector's Pack of wines, complete with Bat World Sanctuary labels, includes one bottle each of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Chardonnay, Malbec, Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc. This package makes a great gift for family, friends and co-workers! Order one bottle or the entire collection! The taste is even sweeter when you know you are saving lives with every sip.



To purchase, visit [benefitwines.com/batworld](http://benefitwines.com/batworld)

## Bat World Candles!

Every 16 oz. candle in this package is made with all natural, kosher 100% soy wax with a lead and zinc free self trimming cotton wick. The burn time for each candle is approximately 150 hours. These candles make great gifts for family, friends, neighbors and co-workers while benefiting the bats we rescue

The eucalyptus and spearmint scent features Cornelius on the label, the pine scent is Peekaboo, the lavender sent features an Egyptian fruit bat rescued from research, roses is again Peekaboo and Pumpkin Chai features two orphaned free-tailed bats peeking out of a Halloween pumpkin.



To purchase, visit [charitywicks.com/batworld](http://charitywicks.com/batworld).

Vamplets is offering 2 limited edition BAD (Bats -Are-Deserving) wrist bands to raise money for Bat World Sanctuary!

Designed by Vamplets creator, these 100% silicone fashion bands let the world know that you care! Please support our cause by getting a BAD wrist band for yourself and someone you love!

## Buy a Band & Save a Bat!



**Bats Are Deserving**

50% of the sale of this band goes to Bat World Sanctuary! Visit [vamplets.com](http://vamplets.com) to order a BAD band

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# Sponsor a bat in need!

**Existing members \$30**  
**New members: \$40**

## Your sponsorship package includes:



- An adoption certificate listing you as the official sponsor.
  - The personal background of your bat.
  - The natural history of the species.
  - A matted photograph of your bat, suitable for framing.
  - A graphic that represents the actual size of your bat.
  - A one-year online membership to BWS that includes the *BAT WORLD* online magazine.
- A personalized message for a gift Adopt-a-Bat. Our standard gift card message reads: This "Adopt-a-Bat" sponsorship has been made in your name by (giver's name). Your sponsorship package includes a one-year membership to Bat World Sanctuary, our *BAT WORLD* magazine and an informational card on bat rescue. Enclosed you will find a 5" x 7" photo of your adopted bat, who thanks you from the bottom of its little bat toes for the food and medical supplies your gift has provided.



**Ethereal**



**Cornelius**



**Binky**



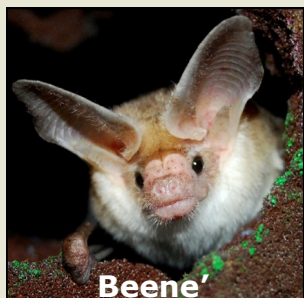
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Mr. Kitty



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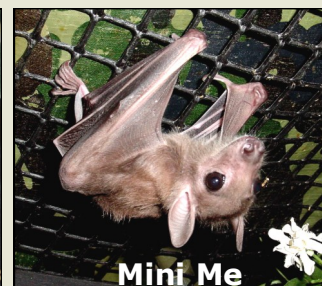
Little E



Gimlet



Poppy



Mini Me

Please enter the name of bat(s) you wish to sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it should appear the certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (to receive our online magazine) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: We do not sell, trade, or share your personal information with anyone.**

#### BILLING INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### SHIPPING ADDRESS:

Name (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Total of sponsorship (**Please remember to include \$5.00 shipping**): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Charge \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: MO \_\_\_\_\_ YR \_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE: If this is a gift Adopt-a-Bat, please include any special instructions, such as a gift card message, on a separate piece of paper.*



## WHY SAVE BATS?

Roughly one of every four mammals on earth is a bat. Consider this: if your day includes soap, toothpaste, cosmetics, coffee, margarine, chewing gum, candles, paper, ink, wood, fuel, rope, twine, rubber, spices, vegetables, fruits, chocolate, margaritas, air fresheners or even life-saving medicines, you are not only involved with bats, you are likely dependant upon bats. Bats are among the most beautiful and beneficial animals on earth. They are clean, gentle and intelligent.

Bats are vital for healthy ecosystems and enhance our lives in many ways. Fruit and nectar bats bring us approximately 450 commercial products and 80 different medicines through seed dispersal and pollination. Up to 98% of all rainforest re-growth comes from seeds that have been spread by fruit bats. Insect-eating bats are literal vacuum cleaners of the night skies, eating millions upon millions of harmful bugs. They protect us by eating insects that destroy crops as well as insects that cause human disease.

Yet for all they do, bats are continually killed due to myths, superstition and fear. The life expectancy of a single bat may exceed 20 years, but slow birth rates limit their population growth. When just 5 bats are needlessly killed, a potential 100 years of animal life is destroyed. Worldwide, almost 60% of bats are either endangered or official candidates for listing, and they desperately need your help.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

In a world where so many look away, Bat World Sanctuary is on the front line to end the abuse and destruction of bats. We have been recognized as the world leader in bat rehabilitation for nearly two decades. Each year we rescue thousands of bats that might otherwise die. Lifetime sanctuary is given to non-releasable bats, including those that are orphaned, injured, confiscated from the illegal pet trade and retired from zoos and research facilities. You can help us save bats by educating others about their plight, and by donating to Bat World Sanctuary.

Bat World Sanctuary was founded in 1994 and is a 501c3 non-profit, all volunteer organization. Donations allow us to continue our rescue efforts for bats.

Bats are now in their 11th hour. We can save them, but we cannot do it without your help. Bat World Sanctuary is not state or federally funded, our funds come from caring people like you. Please join us in our efforts to save bats by making a donation and becoming a member of Bat World today.

**BATWORLD.ORG** offers free pages on educational materials, videos, kid's games and rescue information. You can even sponsor a bat in need through our Adopt-a-Bat program. A one-year membership is included with sponsorships. Sponsors get educational materials and *BAT WORLD*, our conservation magazine that includes beautiful photos of rescued bats. You can also receive an online membership by simply making a donation of any size through [batworld.org](http://batworld.org).