

Kinship with Animals (for all ages)

Tuesday, March 18, 2008 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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Animal Friends (for youth age 6-12)

Wednesday, March 19, 2008 10 a.m.— Noon



Ann Southcombe's programs mirror her upcoming book, **From Gorillas to Squirrels: One Woman's 30-year Journey in Kinship with Animals.** Each of the seven journeys in the presentation depicts a different zoo, museum, or wildlife center where Ann has worked with animals. This multi-faceted program is full of cute animal stories which will charm and amaze children and adults alike. It shows, in a

subtle way, that we are all connected and need to treat animals with compassion and respect.

In 1970, Ann Southcombe was the second woman to be hired as a full time keeper at the Cincinnati Zoo. In 1978, Ann began working with “now-famous Gorillas” Koko and Michael in a language studies program at Stanford University. She spent seven years working at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga with an orangutan named Chantek. She then went to South America for encounters with jungle animals and the unusual Amazonian Pink River Dolphin. She also worked as a caretaker at animal rescue ranches in California, created enrichment activities for animals at a zoo in Florida and recently helped native wildlife at a wildlife rehab center in Oregon. Ann's animal friends have included elephants, bears, bobcats, lynx, parrots, crows, great apes and the not-so-lowly pro-simian bush baby. **Reservations are required for both programs. To make a reservation call the Nature Center at 352-6299.**



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