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**“*Swooping In”* for Wild Care – An Addison Art Gallery Event and Benefit for Wild Care**

*Eastham.* On Saturday, June 9th, Addison Art Gallery in Orleans will host, “*Swooping In*” a fundraising event in honor of WILD CARE INC., a wildlife rehabilitation center located in Eastham.  Artists from across the Cape and beyond are joining the Addison Art Gallery in support of Wild Care. Spearheaded by artists SaraJane Doberstein and Amy Sanders, and gallery owner Helen Addison, “*Swooping in* for Wild Care” includes an exhibit of new works, a raffle, a book signing, and a visit from a few of Wild Care’s four-legged and feathery friends. A portion of all sales will be donated to Wild Care. The event will be held at Addison Art Gallery located on 43 S. Orleans Rd., (Rt 28) Orleans from 5-7 PM. Light refreshments will be provided. All are welcome. RSVP not required. (\*Guests are encouraged to come see a live demo of SaraJane Doberstein & Amy Sanders’ unique painting techniques at the gallery, prior to the event on June, 9th from 3-4:30 PM.)

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** “*Swooping In*” attendees will be greeted by Wild Care’s two educational Eastern Screech Owls named, “Up Up” & “Nickerson” and Turtle #45, Wild Care’s educational and beloved Eastern Box Turtle.

**RAFFLE PRIZE:** The raffle prize, valued at over $1,000, includes an original oil painting (photos attached) by SaraJane Doberstein titled, “Hoot Hoot” - Size 6×6 unframed, oil on canvas and valued at $475, a museum quality framed print of an Amy Sanders pastel titled, “Wading” - Size 9.5 x 7.5 framed and valued at $550, a $250 gift certificate to the Addison Art Gallery, and a copy of “There is a Season”, a Wild Care novel by Susanna Graham-Pye. **Additionally, a portion of all sales made during the reception will be donated to Wild Care *and Wild Care merchandise will be available for purchase.*** (Winner must pick up prize at the gallery.)

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Tickets can be purchased in Wild Care’s lobby between the hours of 9AM – 5PM daily or at the Addison Art Gallery on Friday or Saturday between 10 AM – 5 PM, other days by chance and appointment. **Ticket sales begin April 1st.**Tickets are $5 each, 3 for $10 and 8 for $20. (Cash or check only please.) Raffle will be drawn on the evening of the event, June 9th. You do not have to be present to win.

**BOOK SIGNING:** Additionally, Susanna Graham-Pye will be on hand to sign “There is a Season”, her book inspired by Karen Von den Deale, Wild Care’s founder, who gained a reputation for rescuing and caring for wild animals in her backyard. Soon her home was filled year-round with injured wildlife, and her successes saving lives soon gave birth to a full-fledged clinic: Wild Care, founded in 1989. (Proceeds from the sale of the book will split between the author and Wild Care.)

Full details here: <https://www.wildcarecapecod.org/swooping-in-for-wild-care/>

*About Wild Care, Inc.*

*Since our founding, Wild Care has accepted over 27,000 wild creatures, representing 275 species of native birds, mammals, and reptiles. On average Wild Care receives over 1,700 wild animals per year for treatment. It is a vital part of Wild Care’s mission to help educate the public on ways they can avoid harming our animal neighbors. We work with the community to positively impact the lives of wild animals through our counseling, educational efforts, and outreach. We strive to preserve the natural history of Cape Cod and provide quality, individualized care to each of our wild patients. If you encounter injured, orphaned or ill wildlife please call the Wild Care Animal helpline at 508-240-2255. For more information about Wild Care’s programs and events please visit our website:* [*www.wildcarecapecod.org*](http://www.wildcarecapecod.org)