A New Fall Season

Clear skies and crisp weather are here. Changes in the weather along with elephants coming back to areas of the habitats nearer the barns are all signals - Fall is here at Sanctuary. The addition of three new elephants along with the fresh look of an updated brand will make Fall 2015 a memorable season. As we close on 20 years, Sanctuary is excited to provide safe haven and best care to the 14 elephants currently in residence.

Hadari (pictured above) arrived in September, followed by Sukari and Rosie in November. The three African elephants, retired from the Nashville Zoo, join Flora and Tange in the African habitats. At the Quarantine Barn and Habitat, a new relationship has blossomed. Minnie, Ronnie and Debbie have been nearly inseparable this Fall; their excited vocalizations echoing through out the valley. At Asia Barn and Habitat, Shirley has continued to expand her explorations of Sanctuary, her youthful spirit and determination shining through at age 67.

Updates on all the elephants are in this New Fall issue of Trunklines.
Dear Friends,

We are very, very excited to announce The Elephant Sanctuary has welcomed the 25th, 26th and 27th residents. In this BIG NEWS issue of Trunklines, you will meet Hadari, Sukari and Rosie. All three are new to the Africa Barn and Habitat and all have been permanently retired to Sanctuary by their owner(s) and the Nashville Zoo. We also pay a special tribute to Liz. She reminded each of us every day over the past nine years just what Sanctuary’s individual care, companion elephants and expansive natural habitat can mean for an aged and ailing elephant after a long life spent performing and traveling. Liz was greatly loved and is sadly missed.

This Trunklines also gives a glimpse of many new plans for 2016, including the expansion of the Africa Habitat, a welcome update to www.elephants.com and a sneak preview of the Elephant Discovery Center opening in downtown Hohenwald next year. As The Sanctuary’s 20th year comes to a close, we want to thank Sanctuary Staff and the many Sanctuary donors and friends for all your work and vital support in providing for the elephants living here and making way for those to come.

Please enjoy this update and thank you again for your interest, support and involvoment in The Elephant Sanctuary.

Janice Zeitlin
Chief Executive Officer, The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee

Volunteer Viewpoints

In early October, a group of students from the University of North Carolina – Asheville spent three days volunteering at The Sanctuary. Tsaiwei Cheng is a senior at UNCA and was one of the trip leaders. “This ASE [Alternative Service Experience] trip was life altering. Despite some loss than ideal weather, we had an amazing three days. Over the course of our trip, we winter prepped the fruit trees that will eventually provide food for the elephants, we harvested bamboo then converted the stalks into ‘target poles’ that Caregivers will use during elephant training sessions, we created enrichment items for the elephants, and we even helped clean up the hay barn. We also learned a lot about not just elephants in general but about the individual stories of the elephants that live at Sanctuary. One of my favorite things about our experience was that we were asked to not post pictures of the elephants (in the event that we actually saw any) to social media so as not to send the wrong message to the public regarding what Sanctuary is. The Sanctuary really upholds their promise to the elephants and treats them with the utmost dignity and respect. It was a privilege to serve and learn from them.”
On Thursday, September 24th, The Elephant Sanctuary’s recently renovated trailer rumbled up the hill leading to the Africa Barn. The trailer was backed up to the barn, the doors were opened and Hadari, a 33 year old female African elephant, peered out. Browse and banana leaves were placed in the barn to welcome her. With a little encouragement, Hadari stepped out of the trailer and into Sanctuary – the 25th elephant to do so in 20 years.

Hadari’s retirement and transport to Sanctuary were the result of a collaborative effort between The Sanctuary, the Nashville Zoo, and Hadari’s long time owner, Chuck Pankow.

“Retirement of an elephant can be a complicated and difficult decision for owners,” said Sanctuary CEO, Janice Zeitlin. “However, we immediately found our common ground when the owner made it clear he wanted the kind of lifelong, best care that Sanctuary can offer”.

Captured from the wild, Hadari spent her first years of captivity as an attraction at Jungle Larry’s African Safari in Cedar Point, Florida. After spending 20 years at the Nashville Zoo, where she lived with other African elephants including Rosie and Sukari, Hadari arrived at The Sanctuary. During her time at the zoo, she gained a reputation for her paintings and quickly became a favorite with zoo visitors.

Hadari’s first moments in Sanctuary were spent eating a watermelon, banana leaves and other delicious treats provided by her new caregivers. Soon after, with encouragement from her former owner and her zoo keeper, Hadari walked out of the barn and began to discover Sanctuary. To everyone’s delight, she walked the length of the perimeter fence, grazing on the tall grasses and stopping to reach over the fence to grab for branches just on the other side. The Nashville staff said their goodbyes, and Hadari spent her first night of retirement undecided as to whether she should be in the barn or check out Sanctuary in the moonlight. Exercising her new-found freedom, she chose both.

In the following weeks, Hadari has been exploring the hills and valleys of the Africa Habitat’s 12.5 acre South Yard. She spends time in the mud wallows and actively digs, sits, rolls, and covers herself from head to toe in mud. Caregivers are thrilled that she’s adapting so easily to Sanctuary life; laying down to sleep, even snoring, inside the Africa Barn ... signs of comfort and trust.

Watch Caregiver & Elecam footage of Hadari in the mud wallows, as well as other recent footage from Sanctuary online at our YouTube channel!

Youtube.com/elephantssanctuaryTN
**Tange** and **Flora** have been separated from Hadari by the one-acre Annex Yard, but they can see, smell, and hear each other. This is the first step in meeting new friends. Staff reported Tange was the first to see Hadari, then Flora. With trunks raised and waved to take in each other’s smells, they sniffed each other and calmly rumbled a greeting with ears forward to listen for a response from each other. At the end of October, Flora and Tange were given access to the Annex Yard so all three elephants could get a closer look at each other. Although keenly aware of the closer proximity, Tange and Hadari didn’t touch each other, but Flora and Hadari playfully sparred over the fence and touched each other with their trunks.

As Hadari began to settle into Sanctuary life, the Nashville Zoo announced the retirement of the two remaining African female elephants, **Rosie**, 44 years old and **Sukari**, 31 years old. During the initial stages of planning Rosie’s retirement, the Zoo decided it would be best for Sukari to join her and Hadari in Sanctuary. They will join Tange and Flora in lifelong retirement at The Sanctuary.

---

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW MERCHANDISE ON PG 15, FEATURING HADARI, ROSIE AND SUKARI! FIND YOUR HERD!**
This fall a new sound has been heard over and over again throughout the Quarantine Habitat. It is a long, low, drawn out trumpet from Minnie, described by Caregivers as sounding “like a freight train.” The elephants at Q have always been very vocal. Debbie and Ronnie will squeak and bellow excitedly when in one another’s company. Billie’s loud trumpet occasionally reverberates. Together these new sounds mark the beginning of a new phase of social growth for the Q elephants.

Minnie, Debbie, Ronnie and Billie all retired to Sanctuary in 2006 as a result of legal action against their owner—Hawthorn Corporation—for violations of the Animal Welfare Act. When not being leased out to circuses, these elephants spent their days chained in place inside a barn in Illinois. Due to Billie’s aggression toward her keepers, she was kept alone in a separate stall. When eight of the elephants arrived at Sanctuary almost ten years ago, they were able to socialize with one another freely and naturally for the first time.

After the passing of herd-mates, Queenie and Lottie, Minnie was without close companions. Minnie’s personality is described as “very outgoing,” proving to be too enthusiastic in her efforts to socialize with others. Minnie had access to an area of the habitat adjoining Debbie and Ronnie’s area. Minnie could still touch, smell and visit with Debbie and Ronnie over and through the fence separating them. Caregivers would arrange special times for the three to share the same areas of the habitat under close monitoring. They would be separated to their own areas when they began to show signs of being anxious.

Early this fall, Caregivers organized a “social” for Minnie, Debbie and Ronnie. And a day turned into a night. And that turned into another day, and another, and another, with Debbie, Ronnie and Minnie showing no signs of tiring of one another’s company. Debbie, the tallest elephant, Minnie, the heaviest, and Ronnie, the smallest of the “trio”, have been getting along better than ever.

Continued on next page
A New Fall (cont.)

Quarantine Barn & Habitat

Q Caregiver Briana says that, “They are doing so well together, we actually are now practicing separating them and then letting them reunite so that they learn that if they do have to be separated for training or for medical treatments, it will only be temporary.”

When the “trio” meet up after these very brief separations, or even if they just get excited in the presence of one another, Minnie will bellow out her long, low, “train-like” bellow that seems to go on forever, echoing through the valley. It is a welcome sound.

Following Frieda’s passing in March and Liz in August, Caregivers have been working to create opportunities for Billie to socialize with other elephants. Immediately following Liz’s passing, Billie was observed for the first time allowing Ronnie to stroke her head and back with her trunk. In the months since, Billie and Ronnie have been observed standing nearer together. Caregivers are hopeful this is the beginning of a new relationship for Billie. In the meantime, Billie has been seen often in a pond near the barn, hanging out in an area called “Billie’s Hideout” and walking up the hills at the top of the Phase I habitat. This is a new chapter in Billie’s Sanctuary life, and Care Staff are confident Billie will show yet again just how brave she can be.

WISH LIST

You can help us care for the elephants by underwriting an item on our “Wish List”! For details on current items, click on “Wish List” under the “You Can Help” heading at elephants.com, or just contact Lorenda at lorenada@elephants.com or 931-796-6500 ext. 105.
In the Asia Habitat, 67-year old Shirley is still finding new areas of her habitat to explore in her 16th year at Sanctuary. In early October, Shirley was observed in an area of the habitat known as “Dr. Scott’s Pond.” This is the first time that Shirley has been seen in this part of the habitat in years. The Sanctuary cameras recorded Shirley going for a swim, then lying down and napping in the shade before grazing in the meadow. Sissy would occasionally drop by to visit, a typical Fall day for Shirley.

Tarra and Misty began the fall in the same way they began the summer, grazing alongside one another near The Sanctuary’s 25-acre lake. Tarra was observed wading out into the lake, while Misty was seen many times relaxing and splashing in deeper areas of the lake before emerging, covered in mud, and then lying down on a favored hillside next to the lake.

September 12th marked 15 years since Winkie’s retirement to The Sanctuary, much of the time spent with Sissy, an elephant that preceded her in retirement to Sanctuary by just a few months. The two spent most of this Summer and early Fall at some of their favorite spots, the “2nd Pipeline” and “Dr. Scott’s Pond”.

One day in September while working inside the Asia Barn, Caregiver Kaitlin watched Winkie in an adjoining area of the habitat dusting herself more vigorously than usual.

Continued on next page
“As I walked nearer the fence line, it appeared Winkie was trying to ‘shoo’ a very persistent fly that kept landing on her head. Not satisfied with the results of the dirt throwing, Winkie picked up a small rock and lobbed it at her own head in the vicinity of the fly. After repeated tries, the rock landed on top of her head. Winkie then shook herself free of all the collected dirt and the rock fell from her head. Winkie picked it up and gently handed it to me through the fence. It was a nice little gift.”

Kaitlin, Caregiver
Have you HERD?

The Elephant Discovery Center in Downtown Hohenwald is making big plans! New exhibits planned to open in Fall 2016 will give visitors an unprecedented experience of all things elephant.

The Elephant Sanctuary is a true refuge for retired elephants. Their home and habitat are not open to the public. Instead, visitors are invited to learn about elephants through the Discovery Center’s interactive exhibits and exciting programs.

The Elephant Sanctuary Welcome Center in Hohenwald has been operating since 2010. For the past five years, thousands of people have visited to see photo exhibits of the Girls, interact with our staff, and learn about the Sanctuary. It is time for the next big expansion. The Sanctuary is now ready to create a one-of-a-kind education destination that will attract visitors from around the globe.

The Sanctuary’s Education Staff is excited to be working with Howard + Revis Design on this expansion. Howard + Revis designed the Elephant Rotunda at National Museum of Natural History and collaborated with the National Museum of the American Indian and several National Park Service sites.

“We are spending our fall thinking about elephants — how wondrous they are and how much they have to teach us,” says Tracy Revis, Principal, Howard + Revis. “With the help of the TES Project Team, The Elephant Discovery Center is beginning to take shape and promises to be a big draw for the town and a hotspot for elephant enthusiasts everywhere.”

Visitors will have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of interactive exhibits that will educate about elephant communication, the differences between elephant species, conservation efforts in the wild, and of course...the amazing life stories of the elephants that have called the Sanctuary home. An outdoor classroom as well as a 40 person theater will also serve as vehicles for education programming.

This time next year, The Elephant Discovery Center will be educating the public through an entirely new kind of “elephant experience.” More updates will be available in future Trunklines and elephants.com.
Liz’s Story before Sanctuary

Liz was retired to The Sanctuary in 2006 at the age of 49. She arrived severely underweight, her trunk mostly paralyzed, and with chronic foot disease and exposure to tuberculosis. During her nine years in Sanctuary, Liz demonstrated a strong will to live her new found retirement to its fullest. She explored all areas of her new home and with free access to elephants she had known but not been close to, she formed lasting and strong bonds. Liz’s sweet demeanor endeared her to both Sanctuary supporters and staff.

“Liz came to Sanctuary suffering from the ill effects of life in captivity; she was never healthy or robust, but she made the most of every day by exploring her habitat and surprising both her elephant companions and her Caregivers with her continuous vocalizations. She will be greatly missed”

Janice Zeitlin
CEO
Little information is available regarding Liz’s early years. In 1963 at the age of six, she began performing at Benson’s Wild Animal Farm in New Hampshire. Liz was housed with two elephants, Queenie, who would come to Sanctuary with Liz in 2006, and Ruth, now living in the New Bedford Zoo in Massachusetts. Queenie and Liz continued to perform and give rides at the park until it closed in 1987. They were both then sold to the Hawthorn Corporation, a company in Illinois that trained and leased elephants for entertainment. They spent the next 19 years traveling with different circuses throughout the country.

When not traveling or performing, all the elephants owned by Hawthorn Corporation were kept chained in a row in a windowless barn. This herd had known exposure to tuberculosis. In 2003-06, as a result of the USDA prosecuting Hawthorn Corporation over multiple violations of the Animal Welfare Act involving inadequate care and mistreatment of elephants, eleven elephants from Hawthorn were retired to The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee.

Liz’s Life At The Sanctuary

At Sanctuary, Liz became very close with Frieda and Billie. Their very vocal “reunions” after even just the shortest amount of time apart were regular occurrences at The Quarantine Habitat. According to Caregivers, Liz was the “rumblest” of all the Q elephants. Liz had her own series of unique vocalizations. She chirped and clucked her tongue when excited. Even with her trunk mostly paralyzed, Liz was able to feed, water, and bathe herself. When offered the water hose by Caregivers, Liz would use the mobile tip of her trunk to aim the stream of water upwards to her mouth, creating her own water fountain.

August 18th, 2015

In late summer, Sanctuary Veterinary and Husbandry staff noted Liz losing interest in socializing with her companion elephants, eating less, displaying signs of intense pain and discomfort and declining health. She was moved into hospice care where she received treatment and was monitored closely. After a long history and progression of diseases associated with her life in captivity, Liz was humanely euthanized on the morning of Tuesday, August 18th. She passed calmly and peacefully in the company of those who cared for and loved her. She was 58 years old.

“Lizzie was playful, smart, independent, and tough as nails.”
Justina
Q Barn & Habitat’s Lead Caregiver

“Her fight to get the most out of her Sanctuary life was vast and enduring.”
Kelly
Elephant Care Manager

“Your heart was filled with joy, and you shared that joy with all who knew you. The sounds of your happy voice will always echo in my heart, and your memory will never fade away. Rest in peace lovely girl, dear friend.”
Leonard
Pennsylvania

We are very sad, but know the last years of her life were good ones thanks to the good works at the Sanctuary.”
Penny and Leo
New Hampshire
New Elephants Need New Ele-Fences
You Can Give Them More To Explore

By now, you have received The Elephant Sanctuary’s annual Year End Appeal letter describing the need to provide care for elephants in Sanctuary. Those needs have grown since the letter was mailed! First came Hadari and then Sukari and last was Rosie to arrive and join Flora and Tange in the Africa Habitat. The need to expand the open spaces and natural habitat for these beautiful elephants to explore is now more critical than ever.

New Places to Roam

In The Sanctuary’s Africa Habitat, 60 acres are currently fenced, with an additional 240 acres of woods and hills available. Our fencing expansion plan would create new areas for Flora, Tange, Rosie, Hadari and Sukari to roam, giving them new trees to knock down and new wildlife to chase. Because you responded so generously to the 2014 Year End Appeal (“Our Doors are Open”) and the 2015 Summer Appeal (“Preparing for Those to Come”), Sanctuary was ready to welcome the three new elephants. Now we ask for your gift to enlarge their area of Sanctuary.

COST
$100 per linear foot; 6,000 feet of Ele-fencing cost approximately $600,000.

IMPACT
Exploring a more expansive habitat will help these elephants develop healthy and natural behaviors.

Fencing at the Africa Habitat is a top priority, yet there are urgent needs in other areas of The Sanctuary. For more information, please visit elephants.com, You Can Help/Appeal. Please help expand Africa Habitat, secure the dam in Asia Habitat and ensure these elephants have a natural habitat for the rest of their lives!

*The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee has set aside unrestricted financial operational reserves of five times its budgeted expenses to ensure the lifetime care and safe haven for an undetermined number of elephants. Elephants have an expected life span of 50 – 70 years and The Sanctuary is committed to providing food, shelter, veterinary care, medicine, caregivers, property maintenance and security. Along with the public’s continuing support, these funds are needed to provide for the elephants currently in our care and for those that will come.
Community Giving Day at Whole Foods

This year, our local Whole Foods Market chose to take action on World Elephant Day (Aug 12th) in a very big way, by partnering with us for a Community Giving Day and donating 5% of that day’s net sales to The Elephant Sanctuary! EleAmbassadors and staff members attended stores in both Franklin and Nashville, TN, answering questions and introducing shoppers to the elephants via live-streaming Elecams. A hundred Trunklines were distributed; dozens of people enrolled for e-Trunklines, and $11,708.85 was donated to The Elephant Sanctuary thanks to Whole Foods Market and their generous customers.

But wait, there’s more! As part of World Elephant Day, 190 people “adopted” a Sanctuary elephant – 84% of whom were new donors – contributing $12,205 toward their care. The Elephant Sanctuary is truly grateful for these amazing supporters and our local Whole Foods Markets for helping advance the mission of caring for elephants in need and raising awareness of the challenges faced by elephants everywhere.

Local Whole Foods Marketing & Community Relations Team Leaders Jennifer Anthony (left) and Dede Kearney (right) present a 5% Day check to Lee Levine, Development Manager of The Elephant Sanctuary.

Double your gift to the elephants with Employer Matching Gifts!

Are you among the hundreds of Sanctuary donors who double their impact through Employer Matching Gifts? Ask your employer’s HR Department if they will match your charitable gifts, and send us a completed Matching Gift form along with your contribution. We’ll handle the rest! If you’ve already donated this year, you can still send us the completed form, and we will verify it directly with your employer.
ADOPT AN ELEPHANT

Since the last issue of Trunklines mailed, The Sanctuary has welcomed THREE new elephants (Hadari, Sukari, and Rosie). The Sanctuary now has 14 elephants in residence. By adopting one (or more) of these elephants, you become a partner in The Sanctuary’s efforts to provide the gift of herd, home, rest, refuge, and individualized care for life.

Please use the enclosed envelope/form to designate your gifts.

AT THE $50 LEVEL, YOU RECEIVE

1. Certificate of “Adoption,” with a photo and bio detailing the amazing story of your “adoptee”
2. Full membership (good for one year), which includes a subscription to Trunklines.

International Outreach

The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee works to increase understanding of and support for conservation efforts to protect elephants in the wild, and promote practices to improve the wellbeing of captive elephants around the globe.

This summer Dr. Lydia Young, Sanctuary Associate Veterinarian, visited Dr. Khajohnpat Boonprasert, Head Veterinarian at the Southern Elephant Hospital, National Elephant Institute in Thailand. The Elephant Hospital provides veterinary care to more than 1,000 elephants, especially those retired from logging. Dr. Young noted a need for a new autoclave to be used for equipment sterilization. In September The Elephant Sanctuary provided funding for the purchase of an autoclave and special mats for elephants with severe foot problems.

“In behalf of the Southern Elephant Hospital, National Elephant Institute, Forest Industry Organization, we would like to thank The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee for our new equipment,” writes Dr. Boonprasert. “These new supplies will be used for elephant treatment activities in the hospital.”

In September, The Elephant Sanctuary awarded a $25,000 grant to the Global Sanctuary for Elephants, a 501(c)(3) organization, to support the development of Elephant Sanctuary Brazil. The Elephant Sanctuary partnered with GSE in 2014 to provide experienced staff and continued care and treatment of Ramba, a female Asian elephant and the last circus elephant in Chile. Sanctuary Brazil is planned as a safe haven for the rescue and long-term care of elephants in South America, like Ramba, that are in dire need of shelter and care. For more information visit globalelephants.org
Sanctuary Merchandise featuring the new arrivals!

Got all your elephants merchandise at ELEPHANTS.COM, or place your orders using the enclosed form and envelope!

**HADARI T-SHIRT**
SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
Hadari's image is featured on this Port & Company tee in the color peacock. This tee is unique and incredibly soft with a worn-in, vintage look. New logo on the back.
- unisex sizes
- 5.6-ounce
- 100% pigment-dyed ring spun cotton

**SUHARI T-SHIRT**
SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
Port & Company tee in the color Dijon. Unisex sizes, 5.6 oz, 100% pigment dyed ring spun cotton. Logo on back.

**ROSIE T-SHIRT**
SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
Ladies essential tee, cardinal red. Shorter through the body and sleeves for a more feminine fit. Logo on back.
6.1 oz, 100% soft spun cotton

**CHARCOAL HOODIE**
SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
Check out the newest item in our Gift Shop! Made by Gildan, this heavy blend 8 oz hoodie is made of air jet yarn with a softer feel and reduced pilling.

**FIND YOUR HERD T-SHIRT**
SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
This brand new t-shirt is unique and incredibly soft with a worn-in, vintage look. Imprint is rows of elephants in a new design made just for The Elephant Sanctuary. Find Your Herd today! Color: Safari Green
- 5.6-ounce
- unisex sizes
- 100% pigment-dyed ring spun cotton

**ORDER YOUR 2016 CALENDAR TODAY!**
8 1/2 X 11 - Shirley & Misty on the cover.
A day in Sanctuary for Shirley - Centrefold
Hadari, 25th Resident is featured in January.

**ESSENTIAL TOTE**
AVAILABLE IN 3 COLORS
with New Sanctuary Logo
Available in three colors!
Gold/black, charcoal/black, natural/black

**HOLIDAY CARDS #10**
Shrink wrapped box of 12 cards, four of each photo with envelopes.
Cover: Season’s Greetings
Inside: Peace to all creatures great and small.
Order your 2016 calendar today!

Stay current on Sanctuary news and support the wellbeing of captive elephants through your favorite social networks. You can also sign up to receive our free monthly e-newsletter, eTrunklines, which includes information on special events, merchandise and new posts to our blog, EleNotes.

Awards and Recognition

Our strong performance as an animal-welfare/wildlife-conservation nonprofit is recognized by reputable charity monitoring groups.

8 1/2 X 11 - Shirley & Misty on the cover. A day in Sanctuary for Shirley - Centerfold and Hadari, 25th Resident is featured in January.

ORDER ONLINE AT ELEPHANTS.COM TODAY!