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TROPICAL TREAT 2000 -ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS

Spinach Mandarin Salad - Tropical Fruit Salad - Jerk Pork - Apricot-Glazed Chicken- Rice and Black Beans; Roasted Squash Circles with Salsa Chutney - Margarita Mixed Vegetables and Key Lime Pie for dessert! Definitely not your average banquet meal! But very fitting with our theme of Tropical Treat - our fourth annual fundraising event.

On the evening of September 16, the Atrium at the Toronto Zoo was transformed into a tropical jungle, with posts swathed in burlap with huge paper leaves dangling down, and painted paper beasts clinging to the trunks, leaves and walls.

Under the guidance of Malcolm Enright, Fran Mason and Marilyn Cole many wonderful items were made available in both the silent and live auctions. Examples include the opportunity to be a zookeeper for a day; a package in Costa Rica, to stay at Cano Palma Biological station, and then to go to Monteverde Lodge and Cacts Hotel in San Jose; a Salvador Dali print; a wonderful hand-made quilt featuring frogs

(some of which you really had to search for); an opportunity to have a catered barbecue or dinner; tickets to a Maple Leafs hockey game; a chance to stay overnight in the bush camp at the Toronto Zoo; a weekend getaway at a bed & breakfast in Niagara-on-the-Lake plus tickets to the Shaw Festival - and many, many more items too numerous to mention.

Under the guidance of auctioneers Dr. Peter Silverman and Dr. William Rapley, bidding was hectic, generating good value for the items on offer.

Daniel Mason again offered a chance on a raffle ticket by having entrants guess where in Costa Rica the secret location was. Debbie Mason acted as "Vanna" to feature the live auction items.

COTERC would like to thank our generous supporters, artists, committee members and volunteers who helped make this event a great success, and in particularly we would like to thank the following who donated items to the silent and live auctions:



Volunteers David Speed & Keith Wood making trees

American Association of Zoo Keepers - Southern Ontario Chap. Arlene Brazeau Cacts-Hotel Costa Rica Expeditions Louise Gervais In Kind Canada King's Court Catering Robert Lyon Bob Murphy National Hockey League Reptilia Shaw Festival Trevor Tennant Toronto Zoo Turner House Bed & Breakfast Via Rail The Zap! Group - and -

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Also, thank you to all of you who came out to support this great event.



Three of the art pieces in the Live



Malcolm Enright



Fran Mason



Marilyn Cole

Environment Grants Approved

he United Nations and World Bank's Global Environment Facility (GEF) has recently approved \$153.7 milion in grants for fourteen environmental projects. GEF focuses on grants aimed at helping developing countries protect the global environment.

One of the projects allocates \$4.7 million in efforts to halve the amount of fish caught in nets of shrimp trawlers in Costa Rica, Indonesia, Iran, Nigeria, Phillippines and Venezuela. It is hoped that this will reduce the accidental killing of sea turtles. As many of you know Cao Palma Biological Station is located very near an important sea turtle nesting beach, and we fully support this project to reduce inadvertent destruction of fish and turtles who become entangeld in shrimp nets.

Coffee and Banana Producers Go Ecologically Correct

uyers of Brazilian coffee can now choose to purchase organically-grown beans, even though they are difficult to grow in that country, according to Marcelo Vierira, president of the Brazilian Specialty Coffee Association. Although a tiny market share (statistics state that 2 percent of world coffee consumption is organic), United States consumes five percent — the world's largest overall consumer.

"Organic coffee should have a future...but it's the taste that is still the most important thing", said specialty coffee taster and classifier Silvio Luis Leite.

What began in 1991 as an attempt to stop deforestation by banana companies has grown into the largest ecolabelling program for banana plantations in the world. The Better Banana Project verifies that farms meet strict environmental and social standards, including a prohibition on destroying rainforest. More than 160 farms have been certified under the trademark ECO-O.K. totalling more than 120,000 acres in Ecuador, Colombia, Panama and Costa Rica, Guatemala & Honduras. Look for the label next time you buy bananas.



Debbie Mason with Frog Quilt



Derrick Fulton & Friends with folk art fish

Costa Rica was the first Central American nation to cultivate coffee and bananas for export.

Rainforest Facts

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More than 50% of the world's plant and animal species inhabit the 7% of the world that is covered in rainforest. Many of these species are located in small parts of the rainforest ecosystems and are found nowhere else on Earth.

Species of plants and animals are disappearing from the rainforests before they can be catalogued and studied.

About 2,000 trees per minute are cut down in the rainforests.

Experts tie extensive logging to flooding of massive land area in Thailand in 1988.

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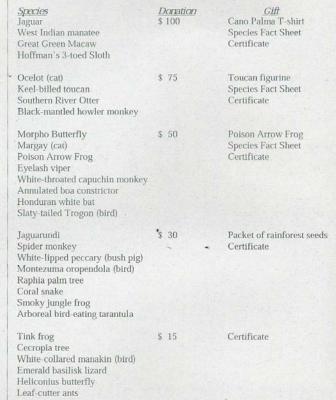
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When you are considering your gift-giving during this holiday season, we ask you to keep COTERC in mind. Your donation will help us to continue our conservation and environmental education work, both in Costa Rica and in Canada.

Your gift is tax deductible, and under the Partners in Preservation program, you will receive a certificate plus a gift, depending on the level of donation. Help us to protect the habitat of many rainforest creatures through the Partners in Preservation program. Just choose the species that you want to protect and fill out the attached form. Check out information at our website http://home.interhop.net/~coterc

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