

Jungle Friends Board of Directors



Kari Bagnall, Founder & Executive Director

The Founder of Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary, Kari lives on site and is involved daily with the activities of the monkeys and humans. She runs the operation, manages monkeys' health and behavioral issues, fundraises and performs any other task required. Kari has dedicated her life to the monkeys, and their needs always come first.

Susan Schneider – Vice President



Susan has been on the Jungle Friends Board of Directors and an active contributor since 1997.

She is a businesswoman in Las Vegas where she manages her own company.

Helene Goldson – Secretary



Helene is a 25-year marketing and communications veteran in both corporate and non-profit settings.

She has a B.S. in Biology from Duke University and an M.A. in Journalism from the University of Alabama. Helene works full-time as Marketing Director at EagleEye Analytics.

Elizabeth Fried – Chair



Elizabeth is a wildlife rehabber and has dedicated her life to helping animals in need and has been actively involved with many non-profit organizations for more than 20 years.

Elizabeth has over 21 years' experience working in finance and works full time as Director of Finance for Regenerative Biologics, Inc.

Beverly Keene – Treasurer



Beverly has been an active volunteer at Jungle Friends since 2011. After 46 years as a registered nurse, Beverly retired and is now the head of the Jungle Friends Grants Committee.

She has a Masters in Nursing from the University of Washington and an MBA from Nova University.

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Donna Hansell – Director



Donna has been an active member of the Jungle Friends community for over 10 years. She has a B.S. from the University of California and a M.A. from Atlantic University in Virginia.

Donna has been rehabbing wildlife for many years and has been known to bring her orphaned raccoons to Jungle Friends during her volunteer visits.

Mary Anne Norris – Director



Mary Anne is the newest member of the Jungle Friends board but has been volunteering at the sanctuary for 7 years, and 1 year as the special needs coordinator.

She has a B. S. in Business Administration from Samford University and a Masters in International Economics from the University of South Carolina. She currently works as a Privacy Auditor for the University of Florida.

Claude Leasure – Director



A Florida native, Claude has been active at Jungle Friends for over 10 years, first volunteering before joining the Board 3 years ago.

He has a BSBA in Operations Research and a MA degree in Management of Information Systems. Claude has been running his family-owned business, Specialty Fence, for the past twenty years.

Sara Smith – Director



Sara has been active at Jungle Friends since 2001, first as a volunteer and since 2005 as staff.

Prior to Jungle Friends, Sara operated her own clock and watch repair business for 30 years. She has a B.A. from the University of Michigan, where she studied computer programming.