



THE ELEPHANT MANAGERS ASSOCIATION
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Attention Elephant Staff:

The Conservation Fundraising Committee of the Elephant Manager's Association is putting together an on-line art auction to raise money for the EMA's conservation efforts. We are proposing that 50% of the money raised go into the association's endowment fund, and the other 50% go towards conservation efforts that the IEF is participating in. This letter is to request your facilities participation in our event. We are asking for **at least** one item from each facility. The art items do not necessarily have to be an elephant painting on paper or canvas, but they do need to be created by the elephants in order to go along with our tag line "Elephants Helping Elephants". We are asking everyone to use their imagination in order to provide the bidders a wide variety of items to choose from.

We are also asking for the participating facilities to pick up shipping cost, in order to maximize the financial contribution. **Please respond by April 15th with your intent to participate. Art will need to be completed by June 15th so they can be downloaded to the website for promotion. The auction will take place in August. If your facility cannot donate an art item, there will be sponsorships of the website available.**

If you like you can check out the auction site page at www.cmarket.com. There are several auctions currently being held so you can browse the various items and see the variety of organizations that use this on-line auction company.

Any questions or to confirm participation can be directed to Victoria Zahn at vezkeeper@hotmail.com or Jim Naelitz at jnaelitz@knoxville-zoo.org for all of the details. Please consider joining us in this endeavor. The elephants need our help.

Thank You,
The Conservation Fundraising Committee