



WILD AMERICA  
NATURE FESTIVAL

Dear Wild American:

On July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History (RTPI) and Panama Rocks Scenic Park will host the first annual Wild America Nature Festival, celebrating nature and all things inspired by it, on the grounds of Panama Rocks.

We invite you to apply to become an artist exhibitor in the 2017 Juried Nature Fine Art and Craft Show & Competition at the first annual Wild America Nature Festival.

The Juried Nature Fine Art & Craft Show & Competition at the Wild America Nature Festival, is managed and juried by RTPI as part of their mission to continue the legacy of Roger Tory Peterson by increasing awareness and appreciation of nature through art, education, and conservation. Roger Tory Peterson was the pre-eminent American naturalist who illustrated and chronicled the natural world in the Peterson Field Guide series. Today, RTPI continues Dr. Peterson's legacy through conservation work and exhibits at its art gallery in Jamestown, NY. The gallery at RTPI has recently featured the Society of Animal Artists' national, traveling exhibit, Art and the Animal; an exhibit by internationally known artist John Seery-Lester; will showcase the 2017 Birds in Art Exhibit; and has featured many other talented local artists including Alberto Rey, Audrey Kay Dowling, Thomas Annear, and Michael DiGiorgio.

The mission of the Wild America Nature Festival is to raise awareness of wild America through education and art, encourage sustainable enjoyment of the environment, and promote conservation of our natural world. The Wild America Nature Festival will provide a forum to promote conservation efforts and, in addition to the nature art and craft show, the festival will feature a local food cook-off, speakers, classes, workshops, nature attractions, and music. We are committed to making the Wild America Nature Festival one of the top environmental festivals in the nation.

The Juried Nature Fine Art and Craft Show & Competition are integral parts of the festival and we hope that you will apply to be an exhibitor. Additional information is available in our festival prospectus. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Jonathan Weston at [jonathan@panamarocks.com](mailto:jonathan@panamarocks.com) or 716-782-2845.

Have a Wild Day!

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