



BLUE RIDGE WILDLIFE CENTER'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY GALA CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Silver in the Wild Gala – Saturday, October 4, 2025 - Salem Horse Show Grounds, Upperville, VA
Co-Chairs Trish Carter – Bethann Beeman

Support Blue Ridge Wildlife Center by volunteering for our gala! Find the committee that's right for you and sign up at www.blueridgewildlifectr.org/gala/volunteer. Have questions? Email Trish@blueridgewildlifectr.org. Volunteering is a fun and meaningful way to support BRWC and be part of our biggest fundraiser.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

LIVE AUCTION – Multiple Volunteers to secure a maximum of 10 items

Chair: Trish Carter | Trish@blueridgewildlifectr.org

Join the team behind one of the most exciting parts of our gala evening—our *Live Auction*! Help us brainstorm and secure unique experiences that spark bidding and competition. Think: luxury or rustic getaways, custom art, private chef-prepared or progressive dinners, outdoor adventures, concert or sporting event tickets, retreats, behind-the-scenes tours, and once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, especially those with a connection to nature, conservation, or the outdoors.

- ★ If you're not able to serve on the committee but would like to contribute, you're welcome to donate or sponsor a live auction item! Just check the live auction box on the sign-up sheet and note the item you'd like to contribute, or the dollar amount you'd like to sponsor toward an item.
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CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS – Multiple Volunteers

Chair: Hannah Roth | hannah@blueridgewildlifectr.org

- ★ Help us build the backbone of the gala—our corporate sponsors! This high-priority committee is ideal for outgoing, persuasive people who believe in our mission and aren't afraid to ask for support that makes a real impact. Volunteers will work to identify and reach out to potential sponsors, follow up with emails and calls, and assist with collecting logos, guest names, and ad materials. BRWC will provide sponsorship packets and cover all related costs.
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PATRON SPONSORS, AND TABLE HOSTS | Multiple Volunteers

Chair: Hannah Roth | hannah@blueridgewildlifectr.org

This committee is for individuals with a strong commitment to BRWC who are comfortable encouraging friends, family, and colleagues to support the gala by purchasing tables.

- ✦ Volunteers will reach out to potential patrons through personal conversations, phone calls, and emails, and provide BRWC-supplied sponsor forms. They will confirm package details, ensuring contact information is accurate and provided on time for the invitation and program, follow up as needed, and make sure patrons submit a complete guest list.
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NATIVE GARDENS | 1Chair | Multiple Volunteers

Chair:

- ✦ This committee will support the planning and installation of the native garden displays for the gala. Volunteers will help solicit donated or loaned materials from local businesses, assist with building raised beds, and work closely with garden designers and display hosts on layout and plant materials. Additional help is needed for event setup and takedown, including the return of any borrowed items after the gala.
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EVENT SUPPORT & GUEST SERVICES | 1Chair | Multiple Volunteers

Chair:

- ✦ Volunteers on this team will play an essential role in ensuring the evening runs smoothly. Tasks include arriving early to assist vendors with setup, placing signage and table assignments, greeting guests, helping with registration and seating, answering questions, and supporting overall guest experience. Volunteers will also assist with cleanup and breakdown at the end of the event.
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DESIGN AND DÉCOR | Multiple Volunteers

Chair: Bethann Beeman | bethannl@me.com

- ✦ This creative team will work with the chair to design and coordinate the visual elements of the event, including table settings, place cards, and centerpieces. Volunteers will assist in assembling and delivering materials and help with set-up and final placement on event day to ensure a beautiful and balanced look.