

## **Schim Schimmel donates artwork to Oregon Primate Rescue**

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Some say there's a lot of monkey business in the art world, and when it comes to Roger Yost's international art gallery in Salem, Oregon, that's certainly true.

In fact, monkey business at Yost's Alessandro's Galleria has brought about an important connection between two international animal activists—along with the generous donation of artwork by artist Schim Schimmel to Oregon Primate Rescue.

The connection began when Alessandro's Galleria recently showcased the work of Schim Schimmel, internationally renowned wildlife artist, during a fund-raiser for the Jane Goodall Institute.

In planning for the artist's reception, Yost wanted something different—perhaps a mischievous monkey to greet Schimmel in person? But when Yost's assistant Rebecca Maitland researched local options for cute, cuddly monkeys, she discovered something entirely unexpected—she learned that Oregon Primate Rescue was located just a few miles down the road.

Polly Schultz, founder and president of Oregon Primate Rescue, a non-profit organization in Dallas, Oregon, has been doing her work since 1998—that of providing lifetime care for unwanted, orphaned, crippled or research monkeys.

When Schultz met Schimmel at the artist's reception, a solid new friendship was formed. "I find it hard to find words to even begin to describe his work," said Schultz. "I am absolutely in awe. As a person who is so compassionate about what I do for these monkeys, I find that Schimmel is an artist who draws the human/animal connection—he paints what I feel and see."

In fact, Schultz and Schimmel hit it off so well and had so much in common with their commitment to wildlife preservation and rescue, that Schimmel recently donated a giclee to the Oregon Primate Rescue.

"We'd no idea this connection was out there," said Yost. "We were thrilled to bring Schimmel and Schultz together through Alessandro's Galleria, and to watch as their connection continues to helping further the work of the Jane Goodall Society and Oregon Primate Rescue."

Alessandro's Galleria opened in 2007 in Salem, Oregon, and is proud to showcase the works of some of the world's most collectible artists. For more information, visit **[www.alessandros.net](http://www.alessandros.net)**

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