

BUSCH WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Art and Wildlife



Art and wildlife were the perfect pair at The Bunker Artspace in West Palm Beach. The event, featuring **Busch Wildlife Sanctuary**, was co-hosted by Sanctuary Board member **David Busch**, and Sanctuary Committee member **Paul Fisher**, owner of Paul Fisher Gallery. Twenty five guests were offered an exclusive view of **The Bunker ArtSpace** and introduction to Busch Wildlife Sanctuary and their work in wildlife preservation and environmental education. Sanctuary Wildlife Ambassadors in attendance included *Ramen* the alligator and *Mo* the barred owl.

“I have always been fascinated by the juxtaposition between natural wildlife and art. Bringing these two incredible communities together to showcase the importance of maintaining our environment and protecting our native species made for an evening to remember,” David Busch said of the event.

Paul Fisher worked with Founder of The Bunker Artspace **Beth Rudin DeWoody**, to make the night possible. Born from an experience in 2001, when Paul introduced actor Robin Williams to *Koko* the gorilla, famous for his ability to sign hundreds of words — a well-publicized meeting of which Williams described as “the happiest day of my life.” For Fisher, this was also life changing, offering perspective on the benefits to culture when the arts and wildlife are intertwined.

Busch Wildlife, celebrating 40 years in operation, is undergoing an \$18 million *Capital Campaign* to support a move to a 20 acre campus in Jupiter Farms; triple its current size. The move will offer essential updates to its present facilities — a modern hospital, rehabilitation facilities, additional animal enclosures, and habitats for permanent residents too sick or injured to survive in the wild. The property also includes five wetlands and acres of native trees and vegetation. For information visit www.buschwildlife.org.

FIRST ROW: David Busch and Farley Rentschler; Paul and Irina Fisher; **SECOND ROW:** Jean-Marc Golden and Amy Kight; Derek Nadeau and Joanna Plafsky; **THIRD ROW:** Andrea Neves and Maynard Monrow; John Loughran and Mary Mergens-Loughran; **FOURTH ROW:** Robert and Liz Kusch; Anton and Svetlana Barinova.
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