



# National WILDLIFE REHABILITATORS Association

## **Lisa Smith**

Lisa Smith has been on the NWRA Board of Directors since 2014 and served as secretary from 2016 until 2019, when she was elected president. Lisa first started her work in wildlife rehabilitation as a volunteer in 1985 when Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research was still a young organization. From 1993-1996, Lisa worked as a clinic supervisor at Tri-State, providing care for about 3,000 birds annually. She left the wildlife rehabilitation world for a “real job” for a while but returned to Tri-State as a board member in 2009 and then as executive director in December 2011. A bird lover from an early age, Lisa got her first pair of binoculars at age 11 and spent many hours watching birds in the rural backyard where she grew up. She has seen firsthand the decline in bird populations in her native Delaware, and she feels that wildlife rehabilitators have a critical role to play in wildlife conservation, specifically in educating the public about ways to reduce man-made causes of wildlife mortality.