

RTPI To Host 'Mission: Wolf' Program On Monday At JCC

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute is again offering the chance to experience the magic of looking into the eyes of a wolf.

On Monday, *Mission: Wolf*, a non-profit wolf sanctuary in Colorado, will be making its fourth trip to the Jamestown area, sponsored by RTPI.

The program will be held at the Physical Education building on the Jamestown Community College campus, beginning at 7 p.m.

The program will be centered around an 8-year-old female gray wolf named Rami, who has traveled extensively throughout the United States and, most recently, appeared on a *National Geographic* television special.

Mission: Wolf has reached many thousands of people with



Rami, an 8-year old female gray wolf, will be the focus of a special program at RTPI on Monday.

the message why wolves and wolf dogs do not make suitable pets.

They inform citizens how to best work towards the goal of wild wolf recovery in the Northeast.

Mission: Wolf founder Kent Weber says that the wolf is a vital component that helps assure the health and diversity of natural ecosystems. If a wilderness can sustain wolves, that same habitat will allow all other forms of life to thrive.

Wild wolves historically numbered a million strong in North America.

Today, in the lower 48 states, just over 3,000 exist in the wild while more than 250,000 wolves and wolf dogs exist in captivity.

According to Weber, Rami's story provides "a clear example of wild behavior and illustrates the reserved nature of wolves, dispelling the ancient fears people associate with these wild creatures. The overall message is one of respect for all things wild and free."

Tickets will be available at the door for \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members or \$12 family rate. Presale tickets can be purchased at RTPI.

For more information, call 665-2473.