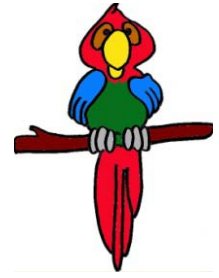


Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the
High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

- April 7, 2010** – Birdy Bingo! Monthly meeting at Paradise Hills Community Center, ABQ.
- April 24-25, 2010** – Fetch-apalooza. Community Outreach. Albuquerque Journal Center
- May 1, 2010** – Bird Rescue Presentation, Taylor Ranch Library
- May 5, 2010** – DVD – Understanding Parrot Body Language, by Barbara Heidenreich. Monthly meeting at PHCC.

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Words from the Prez

Dear Fellow Bird Lovers,

I hope to see you at our April meeting. Due to a snafu with our newsletter, you might have forgotten about the March meeting.

Our April meeting event is Birdy Bingo! It's always great fun, and we have wonderful bird-related prizes.

Due to health issues, Lisa and Chris Uhl will be cutting back on their Club participation. For this reason, we need a new Treasurer and Hospitality Chairperson.

This month, Marion Beal is bringing the supplies for the hospitality table. Anyone interested in bringing refreshments, please call me at 281-7729, or Marion at 620-0959 and let one of us know what you can bring. I will act as Treasurer until someone volunteers.

Since this month is Birdy Bingo, we will not be having a raffle. Please save your donations for the May meeting.

See You Soon,
Sandi Brennan



Sun Conures

Bird Club Biz

High Desert Bird Club of NM
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Albuquerque, NM 87193
www.HighDesertBirdClub.org

Bird Rescue Hotline: (505) 554-0804

Monthly Meetings

First Wednesday of each month unless otherwise announced.

Meeting time: 6:45 PM – 8:45 PM

Location:

Paradise Hills Community Center
5901 Paradise Hills Blvd. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87114

Club Officers

President: Sandi Brennan
Vice President: Anna Sloan
Secretary: Marion Beal
Treasurer: Open

Committee Chairpersons

Advertising/Publicity: Jerry Tuttle
AFA Delegate: Betty Hall
Bird Expo: **Available**
Bird Rescue: Sandi Brennan
Education: Trina Hatcher
Fundraising: **Available**
Hospitality: **Available**
Library: Betty Hall
Membership: **Available**
Newsletter: Jennifer Catron
Raffle: Betty Hall and Rochelle Schwalb
Website: Jennifer Catron

Treasurer's Report as of 3/18/10

Beginning Balance	\$1,935.09
Income	\$67.00
Expenses	\$(46.40)
Ending Balance	\$1,955.69

The High Desert Bird Club of NM is a 501(c)(3) educational, public charity recognized by the IRS.

Membership Requirements

Any person interested in cage birds who agrees to support the objectives in the HDDB By-Laws is eligible for membership.

Membership Dues

\$20.00 Individual
\$30.00 Household
\$15.00 Junior (17 or younger)
\$15.00 Senior (60 or older)
\$25.00 Senior Household



Quaker Parrot

Dues are required and payable in January of each year or at a quarterly pro-rated amount upon joining the Club.

Newsletter Policy

Birdy Bytes is issued on a monthly basis. Content from members is encouraged. Content deemed obscene, inflammatory, overtly personal, copyrighted without permission to republish, or insufficiently bird-related may not be published at the discretion of the newsletter Editor.

Newsletter Advertising Policy

Any individual or business that supports HDDB through the donation of money, goods, or services may have a near business-card sized ad published in the newsletter for three months for no cost.

Members may have a text-only ad of up to 50 words for no cost. Ads run for two months and may be renewed for two-month increments. Members are responsible for contacting the newsletter Editor to renew their ad.

Advertising space may be purchased. A half-page ad costs \$25 for six months. Additional ad sizes and corresponding rates are pending.

Newsletter Editor reserves the right to accept or reject any advertisement based on the appropriateness for *Birdy Bytes*.

To submit content for *Birdy Bytes*, contact Jennifer Catron, Editor, at jrcatron@Q.com, or (505) 235-2803.

Meeting Presentations

Birdy Bingo

Our April meeting event is Birdy Bingo! Birdy Bingo is like regular bingo except all the prizes are bird related. Some of the prizes include bird toys, bird supplements, and vintage bird magazines.

Bingo cards are six cards per sheet, and six sheets per pack. Each pack is \$5.00. Bingo dabbers will be provided.

It's great fun for both people and birds. Buy some cards, play some bingo, shout BINGO! when you win.

Thank You Dr. Contos

Many thanks to Dr. Contos for her interesting and informative presentation at our March meeting. She spoke about well bird care and what's new in avian medicine. As prey animals, birds hide their illnesses very well. Dr. Contos gave us some key points to look for in a sick bird. Also, she discussed things we can do to keep our feathered friends healthy.

Dr. Contos owns and operates the Ventana Animal Clinic in Albuquerque.



Ventana Animal Clinic

Linda M. Contos, DVM 5747 Calle Perro NW
Albuquerque, NM 87114

John E. Heidrich, DVM Phone: 505 792-3700
Fax: 505 792-3708

Future Presentations

Your thoughts, ideas, or suggestions for future meeting presentations are always welcome. Please forward information to: Anna Sloan, Vice Present, at Anna@abqparrots.org, or Jennifer Catron, Editor, at jrcatron@Q.com.

Education

Our Education Chairperson, Trina Hatcher, gave three successful presentations at local schools. These presentations were customized to each teacher's lesson plan to enrich the learning process for school children. Presentations like these are offered and provided to local schools at no charge.



Lutino Cockatiel
Listening

Thank you Trina!

The next scheduled HDBC educational program is about pet bird rescue. It will be a general overview about how bird rescue is important, the process for receiving birds, fostering birds, and placing birds in new adoptive homes. Mark your calendar if you are interesting in attending.

Date: Saturday, May 1, 2010
Time: 3:00 PM
Location: Taylor Ranch Library, ABQ
Cost: Free, open to the public

For more information about the HDBC educational program, to volunteer to help, or request more information about any scheduled presentation, please contact Trina Hatcher at (505) 891-1466 or hatchsparrotplace@msn.com.

Classified Ads

Handfed Conures: \$100-\$400. Also hand-made bird toys and Avitech products. Ten percent of your purchase price will be donated to HDBC. Call Sandi Brennan at 505-281-7729.



Members may post a text-only classified ad, of up to 50 words, renewable in two-month increments. See **Bird Club Biz** section for newsletter advertisement policy.

New Look, New Editor



Birdy Bytes has a new look and a new Editor. Starting with this issue, Jennifer Catron is the new, newsletter Editor. HDBC thanks Joe Hovanec for his time and energy to help develop and issue our

monthly newsletter from the Club's inception.

Birdy Bytes is the voice of HDBC. Members are encouraged to contribute thoughts, ideas, articles, or pictures related birds or HDBC. Consistent with existing policy, content deemed obscene, inflammatory, overtly personal, copyrighted without permission to republish, or insufficiently bird-related may not be published at the discretion of the newsletter Editor.

Issues will continue to be delivered via email. Delivery via "snail" mail (USPS) is available by request.

If you have any questions about how to submit content for *Birdy Bytes*, or the delivery of your newsletter, please contact Jennifer Catron at JRCatron@Q.com, or (505) 235-2803.

HDBC T-Shirts

Wear your support for HDBC. Our HDBC T-shirt is 100% preshrunk cotton in Macaw red with our name and Hiram logo in white. We have a good selection of sizes in Small, Medium, Large, and Extra Large (S, M, L, and XL).

HDBC members can purchase this beautiful, HDBC T-shirt for \$12.00 each. The non-member price is \$15.00. HDBC T-shirts are available for sale at

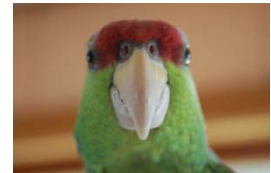


the monthly meetings and most community outreach events.

You can purchase your shirt for cash or check payable to High Desert Bird Club of NM. Show your support and stand out in a crowd with a colorful HDBC T-shirt.

Membership Support

HDBC depends on your support. One of the easiest ways to show your support is to become a member.



Membership dues helps HDBC fulfill Club charter objectives to educate members and the general public in the best care, keeping, maintenance and breeding of caged birds. In addition to supporting bird conservation and fellowship, funds also support the HDBC bird rescue, foster and adoption program.

Membership benefits include:

- Subscription to the Club newsletter *Birdy Bytes*.
- Early notification and the opportunity to adopt birds received through the HDBC rescue.
- Access to the Club library to check out bird-related books and DVDs.
- Fellowship with others interested in companion birds.

Membership dues begin each calendar year and are prorated on a quarterly basis. Membership classification and annual dues rates are listed under the **Bird Club Biz** section of each newsletter. Membership information is also contained in our Club Constitution and By Laws posted on our website: www.HighDesertBirdClub.org.

For everyone who has joined HDBC or renewed their membership, thank you! If you're not a member, join today and support a good cause. It's all about the birds.

HDBC Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

Only three, hand-fed, Lutino Lovebirds are still available for adoption. Test results for these birds were negative for Polyomavirus and PBFD (Psittacine Beak and Feather Disease).

These birds are approximately 3-4 months old, hand-fed, fully weaned, good pet-quality as individual birds, and of unknown gender. If you're interested in adding a new, feathered friend to your family or know someone who might, please contact Sandi Brennan at (505) 281-7729.

These charming little birds really need a home, won't you help?

Adoption fees apply in accordance with HDBC Bird Rescue Policy. The HDBC bird Rescue Policy, adoption applications, and other bird rescue forms are posted on our website at www.HighDesertBirdClub.org.



Completing a Birdy Basics class is part of the adoption process and requirement. The first class will be scheduled soon. Class dates, times and locations will be announced in both *Birdy Bytes* and on our website as soon as possible.

Community Outreach

FETCH-apalooza

April 24-25, 2010

Saturday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Sunday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Journal Center
7777 Jefferson St. NE
Albuquerque, NM

Fetch-apalooza is a pet adoption event cosponsored by the City of Albuquerque, the Albuquerque Journal, and Petco. Animal rescue organizations from all over New Mexico participate.

Last year, Fetch-apalooza broke a national record for pet adoptions at a single event in one location. Over 630 New Mexico pets found new homes.

HDBC has the opportunity to participate in this year's Fetch-apalooza. We'll have an information table to promote HDBC and raise awareness about our Club.

We won't be placing any birds for foster or adoption at the event, but we may meet people interested in doing so.

Volunteers are needed to help staff our table. Staffing our information booth is really easy and a lot of fun. It's a great opportunity to meet new people, talk about birds, and network with other pet-related organizations.

To volunteer for a shift of at least four hours, please call Jennifer Catron at (505) 235-2803.

Thanks for your support.

AFA in Brief

March 2010
Editor - Carol Lee

36th Annual AFA Convention,

The Magic of Birds! August 4-7, 2010 in St. Petersburg, Florida Hilton St. Petersburg – Bayfront, 333 First Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida. (727)894-5000.



Early Bird Registration for the 2010 AFA Annual Convention: To guarantee your convention price at the 2009 rate, Contact Jamie Whittaker (bjwbird1@earthlink.net) at Convention Coordinator, or fill out an application available online at <http://www.afabirds.org> and submit it with the required \$75.00 early bird deposit.

The 2010 AFA Convention raffle committee is accepting donations for the silent auction, daily raffles, and three-day raffles. Anyone wanting to donate merchandise for these important fund raising events please contact Nora Schmidt (nora@sdi.net) or Pat Chinnici (lorolover@yahoo.com). 2010 Raffle tickets are available in your latest AFA Watchbird Journal. Buy yours today!

2010 Calendars Now Available! See the AFA website.

The AFA 2010 Calendar is proving to be a very popular item in the AFA Store. Get yours now so you can enjoy these beautiful images all year! Visit the AFA Store now to view thumbnail versions of the images in this year's calendar. Discounts available for quantity purchases, contact the office for orders of ten or more calendars. These calendars also make great gifts!

DVD Videos of Selected Presentations from the 2009 AFA Convention

Need to beef up that Bird Club Library with educational materials? Just want to review a topic presented at the 2009 AFA Convention? Selected videos of presentations from our 2009 Convention are now available on DVD from the AFA Business Office. The price is \$15.00 each or two for \$25.00 plus postage. Get the whole set today. To order go to: www.afabirds.org. Proceeds help the AFA Conservation and Research fund.

Two Exciting Conferences in the Canary Islands

The Loro Parque Foundation International Parrot Conferences are held every four years. Attendees from around the world will experience seasoned speakers on such subjects as breeding, keeping, and conservation of parrots. Convention attendees have a three day access to the world's largest parrot exhibit, Loro Parque. Dates for the upcoming conference are September 20-22, 2010. For more information contact Janice Boyd (jboyd46@charter.net).

Have You Been to the AFA Store Lately?

CITES Pin number 25, the Blue-eyed Cockatoo, is now available. Order yours today and keep your sets complete. All CITES pins can be purchased online at www.afabirds.org and follow the links to the store.

AFA Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting
April 30-May 1, 2010

American Federation of Aviculture is now on Facebook. Check us out! Become a fan!

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/American-Federation-of-Aviculture/202528641356?ref=search&sid=1045015622.1239114812..1>

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Bird Tales

Dippy and the Judge

By Sandi Brennan



I've always loved bird shows, both as an audience member and an exhibitor. Showing birds can be a challenge especially with conures. I've found that trying to train most conures to turn around on cue and to sit calmly on a perch can be nearly impossible. Even so, I like to show off my birds.

Salt Lake City used to have a show every summer. It was a two-day show and that year I knew it was going to be big. I had an extra show cage, so I filled it with a freshly weaned Gold Capped conure. I did a small amount of training in hopes that he'd at least stand on the perch. As hoped, it was big. There were lots of entries and exhibitors.

I sat in the audience, enjoying the show; and being very proud of how my conures were doing. The Gold Capped conures came up to be judged and all seemed to be going well; then the baby wouldn't turn around. The judge slowly put his pointer into the cage, and Dippy fell backwards off the perch. He landed on his back in the bottom of the cage and laid there, on his back, feet up! I was so embarrassed, it was one of those crawl in a hole and hide moments. While everyone laughed, the judge calmly put his stick back in the cage and let Dippy grab onto it. He then lifted him up while turning the perch, and placed the crazy bird back on the perch. Like nothing had happened the bird turned around and displayed himself like he did the show thing every day. He went on to compete against the other conures, and then all the other birds entered. By the end of the day he finished in the top ten.

The next day he was judged by a different judge. Luckily, he behaved well and did even better. I knew that baby had personality, but had no idea he'd earn the name Dippy so well.

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