

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

Feb 1st – Monthly Meeting: Birdy Bingo!

Mar 7th – Monthly Meeting: DVD: Move It, the Importance of Exercise for Birds, rescheduled from January meeting.

April 11th – Monthly Meeting, (**Note Second Wednesday Date**) Program TBD

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Words from the Prez

Hi Birdy Buddies,

Ah, February. The month of Cupid, conversation hearts, Valentine cards, chocolates and love. And we do love our feathered kids. Birdy Bingo is this month and we'll have fun, do lots of laughing and collect new items for our birds.

What about the other times you are buying toys? It is fun to get new toys for our feathered kids (fids), but how safe are they? Please take a look at the danger possibilities. Tight spaces can catch toes; threads can get wrapped around toes or legs and cut off circulation. It's not that the birds can't have toys with these materials to play with, but it should be under supervision. Birds get themselves in enough trouble with safe toys!

Gracie, my nearly 22 year old Cockatiel, is showing her age. She can't fly anymore or climb like she used to, so she's now in a cage where no climbing is required. Safer, so we thought. She got her foot caught in the cage wire and sprained it. Of course, it was the leg with the band on it. It was swollen and she was in obvious pain. The next day I got her into a vet, had her treated and the band removed. We decided, due to her age, to give her gas and put her out to avoid excess stress and hopefully avoid a heart attack.

A veterinary visit is never inexpensive. If you can't afford to spend the money on vet bills, reconsider getting that one more critter.

Now back to Valentine's Day! Lomax (was Evelyn's Little Mexican) and the pretty White Fronted Amazon girl I brought home from Dallas are showing promise. I do believe Snickers is beginning to discover that she is a bird. Lomax has definitely decided that he is interested. How fun it is to watch them in the dance of discovery and seduction. I'll keep you posted!

Roberta Birch



Bird Club Biz

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www.HighDesertBirdClub.org

Bird Rescue Hotline: (505) 554-0804

Monthly Meetings

First Wednesday of each month unless otherwise announced.

Meeting time: 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Location:

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

Club Officers

President: Roberta Birch
Vice President: Carolyn Newell
Secretary: Sandi Brennan
Treasurer: Donna Tucker

Committee Chairpersons

Advertising/Publicity: **Available**
AFA Delegate: Marion Beal
Bird Expo: **Available**
Bird Rescue: Sandi Brennan, Carolyn Newell
Education: Sandi Brennan
Fundraising: **Available**
Hospitality: Stephanie Calkins
Library: Donna Tucker and Karen Wingrove
Membership: **Available**
Newsletter: Jennifer Catron
Raffle: Karen Wingrove
Website: Jennifer Catron

Treasurer's Report as of 1/25/12

Beginning balance	\$2,156.36
Revenue	\$120.00
Expenses	\$65.00
Ending balance	\$2,211.36

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

Dues are 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.

Thank you.



Meeting Presentations

February Meeting

Our February meeting event is Birdy Bingo. It's just like regular bingo, but all the prizes are for birds!



Bingo cards are three cards per sheet, and five 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.

Club business will be conducted at the beginning of the meeting. No raffle will be conducted at this meeting. Members, guests and birds are all welcome. See you at the meeting!

January Meeting

Our January meeting was to feature a DVD from the Parrot Festival of 2010 titled: *Move It: the Importance of Exercise for Our Birds*, presented by Dr. Fern Van Sant, DVM. Due to a technical difficulty, we were unable to use the digital projector and will reschedule this DVD for our March meeting.

HDBC Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. Sixteen people were present including all officers.

The minutes from December were approved after one correction.

The current treasury balance is \$2,156.36 after a \$153.82 expense for vet care.

Marion Beal will be the new AFA delegate.

Jennifer Catron will look into Expo options and present them later.

A Budget meeting was set for January 11, 2012.

After discussion regarding high veterinary cost, it was decided to try finding ways to reduce costs over asking for donations from persons surrendering birds.

Roberta Birch and Jennifer Catron will be looking into various options for improving our web site.

Future programs were discussed including bird toy making (approved), and doing a program at the bio-park which was determined to be unfeasible. A program on hoarding presented by APNM was discussed and it was decided not to pursue it at this time.

The January meeting program was postponed due to the projector being unavailable. A raffle was then performed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by Sandi Brennan, Secretary

Education

Bird Friends Presentations

HDBC offers Bird Friends presentations free of charge to schools or community groups. Each program is tailored to the audience or can be customized to cover specific topics.

For more information about Bird Friends presentations or to schedule one, please contact Sandi Brennan at Conurelady@msn.com or 505-281-7729. HDBC members are encouraged to participate in giving a presentation; it's fun, easy, and helps people learn more about pet birds.

HDBC Library

The HDBC library is available to all HDBC members. We're accumulating an impressive collection of bird related books, magazines, and DVDs.

Our library is available for perusal at each monthly meeting, and only HDBC members may check out items. A current list of the library inventory is now posted on our HDBC website.

HDBC Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

HDBC received another Senegal parrot. His name is Ziti; his exact age is unknown, but he is between 18 to 20 years old. Results from a vet check were negative for psittacosis and a general blood panel. Ziti has shown a preference for females, and says a few words like "Hi Ziti bird!" and a variety of other sounds. He has potential to make a good bird friend and pet, but like many birds, he does pick his people and he will need some time to adjust. Ziti is currently in a foster home. If you have any questions about Ziti or would like more information, please call the HDBC hotline at (505) 554-0804.



Ziti, a Senegal Parrot

If you know of a pet bird or someone who may need our bird rescue and adoption services, please contact HDBC through our hotline at (505) 554-0804

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.

Membership Support

HDBC depends on your support. One of the easiest ways to show your support



is to renew or become a member.

Have You Renewed Your HDBC Membership?

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 at listed under the Bird Club Biz section of each newsletter. Information about membership 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.

AFA IN BRIEF

January / February 2012

Editor - Carol Lee

Please Join Us in August 2012! Get Your Hat-Grab Your Boots-register today!

American Federation of Aviculture 38th Annual Convention

August 15-18, 2012

Omni Colonnade Hotel, San Antonio, TX

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2012 CALL FOR PAPERS

The American Federation of Aviculture, Inc.
38th Annual Convention – August 16-18, 2012

“Under One Wing”

Omni Colonnades, San Antonio, Texas

The American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. (AFA) is a national nonprofit, educational organization established in 1974 whose purpose is to represent all aspects of aviculture and to educate the public about keeping and breeding birds in captivity.

We invite you to submit a proposal to present a paper at our annual convention. Proposals should be submitted in the form of an abstract, accompanied by a brief biographical sketch identifying the author's experience with the topic to be presented and other relevant information. Please consider submitting multiple abstracts as you may have the opportunity to give more than one presentation.

Abstracts will be accepted through February 1, 2012. Receipt of abstracts will be acknowledged and applicants will receive timely updates from the speaker committee.

If the abstract is accepted, you will be required to sign a speaker's contract and return the contract promptly. A short bio and a current, high resolution photograph are also required. Speakers will not be officially confirmed without receipt of a signed contract. Speakers are required to submit a paper to be published in the convention proceedings and in the Watchbird,

the official journal of the AFA. Final Papers for the proceedings must be received no later than April 1, 2012 to be included in the convention proceedings.

AFA will provide a complimentary convention registration package and one banquet ticket to each confirmed speaker. All other arrangements, including guests, transportation and hotel accommodations are the responsibility of the speaker or the speaker's sponsor.

Abstracts are short summaries of the paper you wish to present and should be no more than 250 words. They must include the name of the author(s), mailing address (es), Email and all phone contact information for the author(s). Please include the name of your company, organization, aviary or other affiliation. If there is more than one author, please indicate if one or both will present.

Presentations will be allotted 50 minutes and may include a brief question and answer period. Audiovisual equipment will be made available and will be specified in the contract.

Abstracts, biographies and final papers may be submitted by mail, as an email, or as an MS Word email attachment to the Speaker Chair, or faxed to the AFA office. Please identify it as “AFA 2012 Convention Abstract.”

AFA requires exclusive publication rights to the accepted papers to be included in the Convention Proceedings, digital copy, and the Watchbird, the official journal of AFA.

E-mail: Georgia Hayes
speakerchair@afabirds.org

We've Made Changes - AFA's Website Has Been Re-Designed!!!

Because of your feedback, there have been additions to the website and more are planned! Also, soon you will be able to make purchases from the AFA website using your PayPal account! Please check back often, we hope you like it! www.afabirds.org

2011 AFA Convention Highlights!

The LoryLeague hookbill show held at the Convention in San Mateo, CA was a nice addition this year. It was a major point show sanctioned by SPBE, and judged by Linda S. Rubin. 51 birds were entered by 12 exhibitors and also made history with a Goliath Black Palm Cockatoo entered into a show for the first time ever with SPBE.

LoryLeague and Triangle Bird Club have teamed up to co-sponsor and host a judged, double pointed show again next year at the AFA convention in San Antonio, Texas! For more information contact Julie Corwin at 206-772-1730 or by email: blconnection@hotmail.com

AFA Disaster Relief ~New~

AFA's Disaster Relief Program is prepared to assist those who may be affected by natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and the like. The AFA disaster relief team has Regional Directors as well as State Coordinators in place and on stand-by at this time. If you become impacted by a natural disaster and need assistance or know of someone who needs help with their birds as a result of these events, please notify the Team as soon as possible. The Disaster Program is solely funded by donations from individuals, as well as Bird Clubs and Businesses interested in helping those affected.

If you would like to help by making a donation, you may do so by [clicking here](#) or by calling the AFA office at 512-585-9800. If you are available to assist in affected areas, please notify us, and we can direct you to the person where help is needed. You may contact the Disaster Relief Coordinator, Fred Smith at 863-858-6739 or by e-mailing him at fredsmith@wildblue.net.

NEW AFA SPECIALTIES & AFFILIATES

QUARTERLY Newsletter is ready for viewing! The latest issue of the newsletter, Volume 2, No. 3 can be viewed directly as a .pdf file on the AFA website either from the home page, or visit http://afabirds.org/specialty_resources.shtml.

Attention Watchbird Contributors - Past and Present

We need your help! The American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. (AFA) is attempting to preserve the history of AFA and of Aviculture since the start of AFA, by digitalizing the Watchbird issues to be accessible on our website. Please contact Mary Ellen Lepage by email at mail@birds2pet.com to acquire a release form, or contact the AFA business office at afaoffice@afabirds.org.

Fundamentals of Aviculture Level II "Introductory Prices" NEW!!!

The Intermediate Aviculture Course (FOA II) is offered in 15 chapters covering conservation and research, courtship and nesting, basic avian genetics, color mutations, hybrids, breeding

stimuli, incubation, hand-rearing, non-parrot studies, basic microbiology, illnesses, first-aid, avian enrichment and more. Admission to this Level II course requires that all students complete Level I prior to enrollment, and that they be members of the AFA. The introductory admission fee for the Level II course is \$75 for current AFA members. Non-members can qualify by purchasing a one year membership during admission. Visit www.fundamentalsofaviculture.com.

2010 and 2011 AFA Convention DVD's!

Selected videos of presentations from the 2010 and 2011 AFA Conventions are now available on DVD from the AFA Store! Proceeds from the sale of these DVDs help further AFA's efforts in Conservation and Research, and are a great addition to your library of educational material. Quantity discounts apply. Visit the AFA Store for more information. www.afabirds.org

Have You Been to the AFA Store Lately?

CITES Pin number 27, the Rose Breasted 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.

Browse all the categories which include 2009 and 2010 Convention DVD's,

Convention Proceedings, Ceramic Tiles, Leg Bands, Magnets and Shirts !

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Affiliate Your Club for 2012!

Whether you are renewing your club affiliation or your club is affiliating for the first time, all clubs must complete this form each calendar year. Affiliation forms, along with applicable fees, are

due to the AFA Office by January 1st. Affiliations must be received by April 30th to receive all benefits. To affiliate your club for 2012, affiliate online or complete the attached form http://www.afabirds.org/pdf/Affiliation_for_m_2012.pdf and return it to the AFA Office, or for questions - contact the AFA Office: afaoffice@afabirds.org

JANUARY 2012 AFA SPECIALTIES & AFFILIATES QUARTERLY, Volume 3, No. 2.

Ready for viewing! The January 2012 issue of the quarterly newsletter available for AFA Delegates is now available for all to read! The newsletter highlights important news and events for AFA Delegates and Members. It is posted in the file section of the official AFA Yahoo Groups, including the AFASCCD Training List, AFADelegatesChat List, and AmericanFederationofAvicultureMembers List.

NEW! The Newsletter is available for all to view on the AFA Website. Go to the AFA website <http://afabirds.org> and click "Affiliates" under the "Membership" tab. Then click on "Specialty Resources." You'll find a selection of some of the current and past issues of the *AFA Specialties & Affiliates Quarterly* newsletters, the 2012 affiliation form, and other resources to be added soon. Check it out now and view the latest.

Newsletter Contributors: Do you have official AFA news you wish to share? Are you an AFA Delegate with event information about your 2012 Affiliated Specialty or Club? Send it in to the newsletter to gain wider exposure. Contact Specialty Organization Vice President Linda S. Rubin at LSR@CockatielsPlusParrots.com.

Specialty Organization Reaffiliation is due! Has your Specialty Organization reaffiliated with AFA for 2012? To stay current and receive direct mailings from AFA and the many other benefits of AFA affiliation, renew now! The affiliation form has been mailed to all 2011 Delegates and is also available on the Specialty Resource page http://afabirds.org/specialty_resources.shtml. Remember, in order to vote in the upcoming Spring election of AFA Officers, you must send in your affiliation by cutoff date. Don't miss your organization's chance to shape AFA leadership and the future course of aviculture; contact your organization and follow up now!

2012 AFA AVY AWARD NOMINATION

The AVY Awards committee has received a

nomination for the Green-naped Pheasant Pigeon, *Otidiphaps nobilis*, for a Zoo AVY in Category 2, during the calendar year 2009. This award will be for "Breeding a Significant or Highly Difficult Species." If you are aware of other ongoing work of the Green-naped Pheasant Pigeon that may qualify for this award, please contact AVY Awards Chair Linda S. Rubin at LSR@CockatielsPlusParrots.com as soon as possible.

DEADLINE FOR 2011 AVY AWARDS DECEMBER 31, 2012!

Each year, the American Federation of Aviculture bestows the most celebrated and esteemed awards presented in American aviculture - the prestigious AFA AVY Awards - to deserving individuals and institutions. Categories are open to AFA members and exceptional individuals who have uniquely distinguished themselves as confirmed by the awards committee.

The Committee is now actively inviting nominations of individuals and institutions for the year 2011. Deadline for all applications is December 31, 2012 and awards merited by the committee will be presented at the August 2013 AFA convention. Not all award recipients are required to be members of AFA, although nominations may only be made by AFA members and affiliated organizations.

For further details on all award categories and rules, refer to the AFA Watchbird (Volume XXXVIII, No. 3.), or visit the website at <http://www.afabirds.org/awards.shtml>. All nominations and requests for applications should be sent to AFA AVY Awards Chair Linda S. Rubin at LSR@CockatielsPlusParrots.com.

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For Sale: Hand-fed, darling, baby Goffins Cockatoos. 1M, 1F, siblings, "devilish angels", \$700 each. Contact Evelyn Candelaria at 505-842-8615.



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