

# Birdy Bytes

## Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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### Upcoming Events

#### March 20<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting

**Sunday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM**

**Location Change**

**Topic:** Fostering for a Parrot Rescue,  
Questions and Answers

**Location:** Private Residence  
RSVP Required  
Albuquerque, NM

#### April 9<sup>th</sup> - Bird Toys and Stands Sale

**Saturday, 10:00 – 5:00 PM**

**Location: Inez Park**

2027 Wisconsin Street NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

#### April 9<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting

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**Location: Inez Park**

**Topic:** Meet and Greet at the Bird Toys  
and Stands Sale

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### Words from the Prez

Greetings Everyone,

March is the official start of spring. The weather in Albuquerque is gradually warming and birdie hormones are still running high with many of our parrots. 'Tis the season.

The bird toy and stand sale is only a few weeks away. The location will be an outdoor venue at Inez Park in Northeast Albuquerque. The cutoff date for special orders of customized stands or toys is passed. However, you can still reach out to either vendor to see if what they have in inventory will meet your needs and they can bring it with them. Either way, there will still be an amazing selection of bird toys, perches, and stands to choose from.

A food truck is also scheduled to be there on Saturday. So if you want to purchase lunch or maybe an early dinner, the opportunity will be there.

We will also hold our April bird club meeting on same day of the bird toy and stand sale. The meeting will be more of a meet and greet social for anyone that wants to learn more about our bird club or just talk about birds.

The previous bird toy sale last year was a lot of fun. Lots of birds got new toys and accessories. Lots of us had a chance to socialize and visit with people we hadn't seen in a while. A good time was had by all. This year's sale should be equally fun.

Mark your calendars and plan on attending. See you soon.

**Jennifer Catron and Riley**



**Riley using cage bars to shoot beads  
across the room. He has very good aim.**

## Bird Club Biz

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High Desert Bird Club of NM  
P.O. Box 67855  
Albuquerque, NM 87193  
[www.HighDesertBirdClub.org](http://www.HighDesertBirdClub.org)

**Bird Rescue Hotline: (505) 554-0804**

**General Meetings – Unless Posted Otherwise**  
Fourth Thursday of the month

Meeting time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Location:

**Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center**  
9800 - 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Albuquerque, NM  
Map link: <http://goo.gl/maps/tk52Y>

### Club Officers

President: Jennifer Catron  
Vice President: Dorothy Newbill  
Secretary: Ramona Buzard  
Treasurer: Carolyn Newell

### Committee Chairpersons

Social Media/Publicity: Victoria Collier  
AFA Delegate: Available  
Bird Rescue: Jennifer Catron  
Education: Dorothy Newbill  
Fundraising: Available  
Hospitality: Available  
Library: Available  
Membership: Available  
Newsletter: Jennifer Catron  
Raffle: Available  
Website: Jennifer Catron

### Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance (stmt 1/31/22)	\$1,248.55
Revenue: Memberships	\$90.00
Expenses	0
Ending balance (stmt 2/28/22)	<b>\$1,338.55</b>

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

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### 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 generally 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 ad of up to 50 words and a reasonable number of supporting photos 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 available.

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 [jcatron@Q.com](mailto:jcatron@Q.com), or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



## General Meeting

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**March 20, 2022**

**\*\*Sunday\*\***

**Date, Time and  
Place Change**

### **Fostering for a Parrot Rescue: Questions and Answers**

Ever wonder what it takes to be a Foster Parront? What makes a good foster? What are the good, bad, and ugly aspects about fostering a parrot?

Dorothy Newbill, Director of Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM, will give an overview on what it takes to be a Foster Parront. Members and guests with fostering experience will also be available for questions and answers about fostering parrots.



Fostering a parrot can be both challenging and rewarding. Some foster parrots are even adopted by their foster family. Join us to learn more about fostering, and sharing of some amusing and heart-warming stories about foster parrots.

Although the mask requirement at the Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center has been lifted, the membership voted to continue to meet at a private residence for now.

**Date: Sunday, March 20, 2022**

**Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Location: RSVP to:**  
**Jennifer Catron**  
[JRCatron@Q.com](mailto:JRCatron@Q.com)

If you wish to attend, please RSVP for location address.

## Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 3:00PM. Three of four club officers, members, and guests were present.

The Treasurer's report is posted in the newsletter, *Birdy Bytes*, every month.

The HDBC 990N IRS tax filing was completed for 2021.

Renewals and new memberships were welcomed.

Meeting place for club meetings was discussed. The majority agreed that meeting on Sundays at a private residence works really well for now. Our regular Community Center meeting place is closed on Sundays. Moving future meetings to a larger venue on a different day is always an option. We can revisit this topic as needed.

March meeting topic will be Fostering for a Parrot Rescue: Questions and Answers. Dorothy Newbill will give a presentation on what it takes to be a Foster Parront. Members and guests with fostering experience will also be available for questions and answers about fostering parrots.

The meeting program was a foraging bird toy workshop. Lots of small paper boxes were stuffed with a variety of bird-friendly items. Many birds really enjoyed those new toys. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Meeting adjourned by 5:00PM.

## HDBC Hotline

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February calls included a few surrenders of birds and several callers were interested in adopting. A few calls were about wild birds and were referred to wild bird rescues.



For bird adoptions, surrenders, and lost and found birds, Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM is the go to place. They have a website at: [www.birdsofafeathernm.org](http://www.birdsofafeathernm.org), and a Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafeathernm>.

## Bird Toys and Stands Sale

Time is fast approaching for the bird toy sale with Creations by JT Bird Toys and natural wood parrot stands by Avianica.

**Date:** **Saturday, April 9, 2022**

**Time:** **10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**Location:** **Inez Park**  
**2027 Wisconsin Street NE**  
**Albuquerque, NM 87110**

This is an outdoor venue.

All the toys and perches are high quality, locally sourced, and made in the USA. If you want a specific size perch, stand or bird toy, reach out to Tina with your request and to place an order.

Creations by JT Bird Toys do not have an online store, but you can contact Tina by email, phone, or Facebook.

**Email:** [creationsjt@aol.com](mailto:creationsjt@aol.com)

**Phone:** 623-341-3375, or

**Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/Creations-By-JT-Bird-Toys-270955316336106/>



**Racks of Bird Toys for all Types of Parrots**

Julie of Avianica also has a Facebook page where you can see more pictures of the variety of stands.

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/avianica/>

**Email:** [dandjconcepts2020@outlook.com](mailto:dandjconcepts2020@outlook.com)

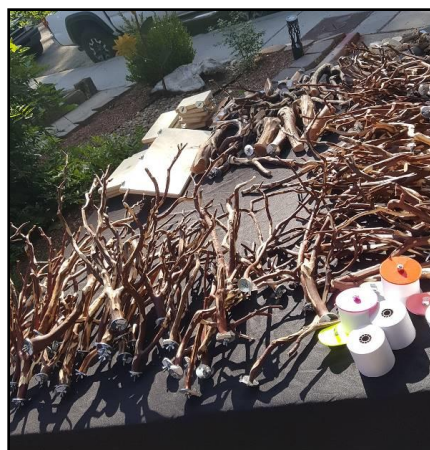


**Table Stands**



**Floor Stands**

The deadline for any custom orders has passed. However, you can still reach out to either Tina or Julie to see if they have something already in inventory that may meet your needs and can bring it to Albuquerque.



**Manzanita Perches in a Variety of Lengths and Sizes**



## Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

A variety of birds are available for adoption at Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico (BFPR). HDBC is partnering with BFPR to help with receiving, fostering and rehoming pet birds.

If you're interested in adding a feathered friend to your family, please contact Dorothy Newbill (BFPR) at (505) 980-6166, or you can call our HDBC Pet Bird Rescue Hotline at (505) 554-0804 for assistance.



**Macaws**



**Kirby - Umbrella Cockatoo Hen**

If you are interested in fostering or adopting a parrot, BFPR is a very active parrot rescue. They are always working with a variety of different pet birds from Amazons to Macaws, and the smaller birds like budgies, cockatiels, canaries and finches. They've even had some hand-tame doves available for adoption.



**Amazon Parrot**

Adoptions have resumed for 2022.

For more information, call Dorothy Newbill at (505) 980-6166. Their Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafeathernm/>

Their website is: <https://www.birdsofafeathernm.org/>

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



**Conure**

## Hospitality Table

Do you like snacks? Do you like to share? HDBC invites you to share some snacks at our hospitality table at each monthly meeting.

Everyone is encouraged to bring snacks when they can. We're very informal about who brings what and when. Donations are always welcome.

Thank you for your support.



## Just for Fun Videos



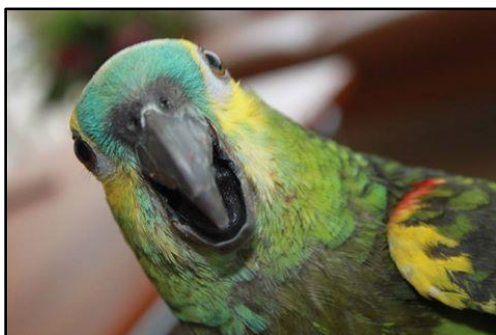
Need a break from all the bad and stressful news? Check out content creator LeopARTnik.

His gift is adding "doodles" like arms, legs, and props to real life videos of animals. He uses a lot of birds and parrots which make his videos even more fun.

Most videos are really short, only 10-20 seconds long, and you may find yourself replaying them multiple times. It's a major time sink, but you will likely laugh and smile a lot.

He's on YouTube and several other platforms. Here's a link to his YouTube channel. Enjoy.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/LeopARTnik>



**Thank You for Joining or Renewing  
Your HDBC Membership!**

## Friends of HDBC




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