



THE CAPITAL FLYER

The Monthly Newsletter of the National Capital Bird Club

<http://www.ncbc-dc.org>

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July 12, 2009 NCBC Club Meeting

Last month's annual picnic was a great success. We will be having this month's meeting at our usual location at the McLean Government Center. I wasn't able to get in touch with Kitty so I'm not sure not who she scheduled as the speaker but I'm sure that it'll be great and I'll send out a special email before the meeting if I find out before then.

Parrots Available for Adoption

Phoenix Landing currently has over 300 parrots in Foster Care. You can see pictures & brief bios of some of these at <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/VA278.html>

They also have several pages of pictures in their latest newsletter <http://www.phoenixlanding.org/2009SummerPhoenixLanding.pdf>

Consider adopting one of these precious birds and giving them a new life with you and your family. They will work with you to match you up with the right bird taking into account your lifestyle, your personality and the bird's.

New Email Address for Bird911

Please do not send mail to Bird911@ParrotTalk.com regarding lost, found, or stolen parrots. Send these reports to Bobbi@ParrotTalk.com so they can be received and processed.

The Bird911@ParrotTalk.com email address on their server has been disabled because of spammers and will not accept outside mail. Notices will still be sent out as usual but the reports must be sent to the Bobbi@ParrotTalk.com email address.

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Next Meeting

July 12, 2009
(3:30 - 5:30pm)

Location:
McLean Government
Center

NCBC 2009 Schedule

Meeting Dates	Meeting Location	Speaker	Topic
January 4, 2009	McLean Government Center	John Davey, NCBC President	General Meeting
February 8, 2009	McLean Government Center	Dr. Danoff, Holistic Vet	Holistic Medicine for Birds
March 1, 2009	McLean Government Center	Video	"Look Who's Talking"
April 5, 2009	McLean Government Center		
May 3, 2009	McLean Government Center	Ruth Hanessian, Owner of Animal Exchange	H.R. 669
June 7, 2009	Kitty Miller's House		Picnic
July 12, 2009	McLean Government Center		
August 2, 2009	McLean Government Center		
September 13, 2009	McLean Government Center		
October 4, 2009	McLean Government Center		
November 1, 2009	McLean Government Center		
December 6, 2009	TBA	Holiday Party	Holiday Party

NCBC Yahoo Group

Please join us at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/birdclubinvirginia/>

The purpose of this group is to exchange information and education, and to encourage interest in pet birds, from Canaries to Macaws. This forum is for members of the National Capital Bird Club, as well as all others. There are currently 75 members. Please join, contribute and share! Stay in the know by bookmarking this site and visiting often. Check out the interesting links.

Important Club News

John Davey's accident

John Davey, the NCBC President, suffered a serious fall from a ladder earlier this year resulting in breaking his leg in several places. He has had surgery and is recovering. Kitty Miller will be in charge of the meetings until he has recovered and can attend. He attended the picnic in June and is still recovering.

2010 BCV Convention

The NCBC is scheduled to host the BCV 2010 Convention to be held at the Dulles Airport Marriott on March 28, 29 2010. We need club members to help to make a successful convention and we'll be letting you know what committees we have and what ones you may be interested in.

NCBC Web Site

Let's all give a big hand to Dave Kramer from DJ Feathers Aviary for our new website. It is now being hosted on his server with most of the info taken from the old web site. We still need assistance to ensure that the content is all correct and for adding new content.

Upcoming Programs

Kitty Miller has three very exciting upcoming programs planned for the rest of the year.

- A tour of the National Zoo
- The Pionus Parrot given by longtime Pionus breeder Mark Sargent
- Wing-clipping/nail trimming session (She is still trying to find a location where we can do this).

Contacting Congress

As we learned with the H.R. 669 bill, it's important to contact your congressmen on legislation that impacts you and your beloved bird companions. Your voice does make a difference. While phoning and emailing your congressman is helpful, I also believe that old-fashioned letters (known as snail mail) may have biggest impact, especially as a follow-up.

I noticed that my Congressman and Senators don't have emails listed. You have to use a web form to send email, which severely limits the length and format of any document. It was also restricted to those within their district, thus weeding out anyone else. Phone calls and email are great for quick responses to issues and to let your representatives know how you feel about issues, but for a lengthy and detailed response to an issue, a letter send in regular mail or a handcarried letter allows you to go more in depth, use charts, and word processing formatting.

Because not that many people contact their representatives, every phone call, email, or letter that you send represents a much larger number. Presenting yourself as a thoughtful, serious, polite, and concerned person helps your case greatly in my opinion.

I don't know if Federal law applies to email the same way that it does to mail delivered via the U.S. Postal Service. I do know that in 1978 (before email existed) there were Federal laws pertaining on how long another Federal Cabinet Agency had to respond to correspondence from Congressional constituents passed to them by a member of Congress, all Congressional correspondence was logged, and the agency responses went through their Undersecretaries, who had to sign every letter (or get their underlings to sign for them) that was sent back to Congress - at least that's how it worked at the State Department when I worked for them back then. As I recall at that time, a Federal Agency had three days to respond to Congressional correspondence while they had seven days for correspondence sent to the President. If anyone knows the answer I'd appreciate knowing what email's legal standing is in Federal Law.

How to Find Out Who Represents You

To find your Senator in Congress, http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

To find your Representative in Congress, <https://writerep.house.gov/writerep/welcome.shtml>

To find your State Representatives in Virginia, <http://conview.state.va.us/whosmy.nsf/main?openform>

To find your State Representatives in Maryland, <http://mdelect.net/electedofficials/>

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Releases 90-Day Finding on 14 Species of Parrots Proposed for Endangered Species Act Protection

<http://www.fws.gov/news/NewsReleases/showNews.cfm?newsId=55711887-D65D-C328-942014F502125F11>

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Twelve species of parrots ranging in location from Latin America and the Caribbean to Indonesia will undergo an in-depth status review following receipt of a petition to protect 14 species as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The decision by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was published in today's Federal Register.

The petition provides adequate evidence to suggest that ESA protection may be warranted for the following 12 parrot species: Blue-headed macaw, crimson shining parrot, great green macaw, grey-cheeked parakeet, hyacinth macaw, military macaw, Philippine cockatoo, red-crowned parrot, scarlet macaw, white cockatoo, yellow-billed parrot, and yellow-crested cockatoo.

Friends of Animals filed a petition in January of 2008 requesting the listing of 14 parrot species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). One of the 14 species, the thick-billed parrot, has been protected as "endangered" since 1973 when the ESA was first passed, and does not require further review. The blue-throated macaw was previously petitioned by the International Council for Bird Preservation and added to the list of candidates for ESA protection.

The primary factors causing the population decline in the parrot species include low reproductive rates, habitat destruction and loss, and the lack of anti-poaching enforcement. The Service has concluded the petition presents adequate scientific information warranting a comprehensive status review and is soliciting all available scientific and commercial data.

Addition of a foreign species to the Federal list of threatened and endangered species places restrictions on the importation of either the animal or its parts. Listing also serves to heighten awareness of the importance of conserving these species among foreign governments, conservation organizations and the public.

The Service will accept comments and information concerning the species from interested parties for 60 days after its publication in the *Federal Register*. Comments may be submitted at the Federal eRulemaking Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>. (Follow the instructions on the Web page for submitting comments). To deliver written comments by U.S. mail or hand-delivery, address to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: *RIN 1018-AV75*; *Division of Policy and Directives Management*; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222; Arlington, VA 22203. The Service is not able to accept email or faxes. All comments except anonymous comments will be posted on <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments, along with personal identifying information such as an address, telephone number, email address or other personal identifying information will be posted along with your comments.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov.

Some People Get All the Breaks! By John Davey

Stuff happens. Stuff happens all the time. Stuff happens even when we wish that nothing would happen. We – all of us – have to learn to get along with stuff – because it’s going to happen whether we like it or not.

About this time, you should be asking yourself what in the world does “stuff happening” have to do with Quaker Parakeets. Let me try to explain. Way, way back – months ago – way back on March 22nd – I decided to make the most of a lovely Washington DC late winter Sunday afternoon and get a step or two ahead on my yard work and gardening. It was a beautiful warm-ish afternoon, and I decided to trim the Koosa Dogwood tree on the front yard of our home. This particular Koosa has always been inclined to grow tall and straight, rather than bending over for the spectacular display of arching branches covered in cream colored blooms – the display that has made this Dogwood such a favorite.

I dragged out our “wonder ladder” – the fold up snap together wonder that you see on infomercials on the television stations. Our “wonder ladder” appears to be a lot heavier than the ladder that the salesman throws around and snaps into different shapes – so easily – on the commercials. The snaps and stops on our ladder also appear to be a little slower and sticky-er than the ladder that is shown on the commercials. Maybe I just haven’t used the ladder enough.

All of that aside, I dragged the ladder out to the front of the house and slowly snapped it apart and together to get the familiar “A-Frame” assembly that I would use to climb and trim the Dogwood tree. (To ensure that I keep on message regarding pet Quaker Parakeets, I need to mention here that the Dogwood tree was right below the dormer window where Old Frodo Bird was holding forth – guarding the approaches to our house.)

I snapped the ladder into position and

climbed up to start trimming the highest branches of the tree. Everything was going well, and I was proceeding with the trim job when that old, familiar “Stuff” happened. I fell. I honestly don’t know how I fell. The “wonder ladder” was straight and tall and solid. I honestly don’t remember losing my balance and I don’t remember slipping or becoming faint or any of the other cause and effect solutions that people have peppered me about my fall.

I do remember telling myself to “Relax! Relax!” as I fell. I know that my feet were about 6 feet above the ground when I fell. I do remember landing square on my right ankle and hearing the resulting “Crack” as I landed. I do remember rolling around on the ground as the neighborhood children gathered in a circle around me – listening wide-eyed as I said things that I am sure they had never heard before. I do remember the ambulance ride to the Emergency Room and the resulting trips to different orthopedists as they all decided who would treat my fracture. I do remember an operation and nine screws and a plate in my Calcaneus bone and a resulting infection that had me on intravenous antibiotics for two months. I remember all that.

So, there I was. “Stuff” had happened. I was flat on my back on the sofa bed in the Den. I had medicine going into my arm and weekly trips to different doctors. I was a mess – for three solid months.

What in the world does any of this have to do with Quaker Parakeets? Well, I happen to own a Quaker Parakeet – the world-famous Frodo Bird – the bird who talks and laughs like a Magpie and who has the beak and temperament of a King Cobra. I had often read articles in Bird Talk magazine and on the Quaker Parakeet Discussion List about people recommending that we all make plans for

our pet birds in case there is some sort of emergency and we are no longer able to take care of our pet birds. I had always read those articles with an air of superiority and a mental note to myself that it certainly was good advice, but that it was nothing that I would have to concern myself. After all, I was young (sort of), healthy (Yeah!) and capable of taking care of myself.

Well, all of that changed in the split second it took me to travel from the top to the bottom of that “wonder ladder.” Now I was almost completely reliant on the care and treatment of my wife, Anne. Our kids are adults and have moved out and on. My wife decided that the best place for me was in the first floor den – on the sofa bed – with crutch hobbling access to the kitchen and the restroom. My wife had to continue her teaching job, so our early mornings and late evenings were filled with the care and feeding of an invalid.

To add to that situation, I had a bright, lively, needy Quaker Parakeet in an upstairs dormer window and absolutely no way for me to get to him. My wife had to take over the care and feeding of not only her invalid husband, but also a cage territorial green and gray talking buzz saw.

Now, Frodo had always been sweet on Anne. I think he liked the tone and timbre of her voice and I think that he always went out of his way to flirt with her. But he was still extremely possessive of his cage and would freely attack anyone who was dumb or brave enough to get within beak range of his cage. Anne had to feed and water Frodo and clean and change his cage. This was something that I had taken care of – for all the time I have kept birds. But, now I couldn’t do it. I was very, very fortunate that my

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Mark Sargent <i>Sponsored by Pionus Breeders Association</i>	The Blue-headed Pionus Parrot- An Avicultural Perspective
Dick Schroeder	The Hornbills
Robin Shewokis <i>Sponsored by The Bird Endowment</i>	Do Breeder Birds Benefit from Enrichment?
Darrel Styles, DVM, Ph.D.	Socialization of the Parrot from Hatch Through Maturity The Physics of Feather Color Generation in Parrots and Basic Avian Genetics of Psittacine Color Mutations
Roger G. Sweeney Behavioral Solutions in Aviculture Management	Considering Avian Social Systems in Aviculture
Bill Van Patten	On Walkabout with the Gouldian Finch (with contributions by Mike Fidler)
David Waugh, Ph.D. <i>Sponsored by Loro Parque Fundación</i>	Nest-boxes in the Wild: Conservation of the Cuban Parrot Avicultural Challenges and Successes: Highlights of the LPF Psittacine Collection
Bonnie Zimmermann <i>Sponsored by Indonesian Parrot Project</i>	Project Abbotti - Conserving the World's Rarest Cockatoo

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wife stepped up to this job. We had married for better or for worse, but not for birds.

After a week or two or three, Anne mentioned to me that Frodo seemed to be more depressed and subdued than he had usually been. It was apparent that he was missing the interplay that we had had when I was well and mobile, and the hours of relative isolation were no serving him well. One of our sons was visiting, so he carried the large cage downstairs and on to the screened-in back porch. We (wife and son) got a small Budgie cage that I had used as a travel cage, and they set it up on a stand on the hearth in the den. They added a couple of old toys and an old feed dish and water bottle. Then, Older Son, who apparently has no nerve endings in his fingers, had Frodo “step up” and took him into the new cage

arrangement in the Den. Frodo – I think – was very happy to be around people again. He started eating and drinking and playing again and within a day or so, he was back to being his old, loquacious, aggressive self, again.

We have managed the past two months with this arrangement. I have finally (Finally!) been able to move around, and with the help of a good physical therapist and a very supportive family, I am able to move around more quickly and more agilely than I had over the past three months.

We still have work to do. The large cage on the back porch still needs a little work and with a little more flexibility and agility, I will be able to address those needs. I still cannot carry Frodo in a hand and manage crutches at the same time, but I hope to soon be able to shed the

crutches.

I guess the moral to this story is that we all – all of us – should have some sort of a reasonable, executable plan for what we will do with our pet birds if and (unfortunately) when we need the help. I’m not saying that all of us will be falling off ladders in the foreseeable future, but we should all have some idea of what we can do or who we can call upon when a problem comes up. It really doesn’t take long, and it really is no waste of time if we never actually need the plan. But I have found out from painful experience that we do need to pay attention to the who, what, when, where, and why of filling in bird care gaps.

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The Maya Nut

The Maya Nut is the seed of the tree *Bosimu alicastrum*, the largest tree in the rainforest at 130 feet. It is also known as Ramon Nut, Breadnut, Ojoche, Ojite, Ojushte, Ujushte, Capomo, Pisba waihka and Masica. At one time it was widespread throughout Central America and a staple food of the Mayan Civilization, but it is now extinct in parts of its former range and threatened in others due to deforestation. It had been mostly forgotten and ignored by the native population.

It grows naturally in fertile rainforests, is drought tolerant, long living, and its seeds (nuts) are very nutritious. In addition to providing food for people, it also provides food for wildlife – some of which are birds. It is an important component to reforestation of the rainforest in Central America and Mexico and to maintaining the local species. It has been found that where the Maya nut tree disappears, 50 to 80 percent of local species are wiped out in six months to a year.

The Maya Nut protein provides a complete amino acid complement, similar to that of meat. It is high in protein, fat free, gluten free, and completely digestible. One Maya Nut tree can produce up to 400lb of food per year. Additionally, its leaves are excellent fodder for cows and goats. The Maya Nuts, which are the size of Macadamia nuts, are harvested in March and April.

It is very versatile. Its nuts can be used fresh or dried, roasted or raw. When dried, it can be stored for up to five years, which is very important in times of drought. The edible nut can be ground into a meal for porridge or flatbread. When stewed the nut tastes like mashed potato, roasted it tastes like chocolate or coffee, and it can be prepared in numerous dishes.

Erika Vohman was introduced to the Maya Nut by a native colleague more than ten years ago while visiting rural Guatemala as part of an animal rescue. She learned that it had been a key part of the Mayan diet thousands of years ago but was now rarely used as a food source and was largely ignored by the native people. She became convinced that it was vital for Guatemalan communities to embrace the Maya Nut since it didn't require forest destruction for planting, was highly nutritious (more so than crops being grown on deforested land), was drought tolerant, and could be stored dried for five years.



She established The Equilibrium Fund <http://www.theequilibriumfund.org/>, a nonprofit public charity in 2001, to promote its use in Central America and Mexico to help alleviate poverty, malnutrition, and deforestation. The Equilibrium Fund works with rural native women in Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, and Mexico teaching them how to use the Maya Nut to improve not only their income, health, and nutrition but also to preserve the tropical rainforest, promote conservation, and reforestation. Since it was established, more than 10,000 women have been trained and the sponsored communities have planted more than 800,000 Maya Nut trees.

The Equilibrium Fund collaborates with Guayaki Traditional Rainforest Products, who purchases the Maya Nut from women's cooperatives as fair-trade products. They do not sell it directly, but it can be purchased from TJ Enterprises <http://www.mayancafedemojo.com> either as whole or ground beans (coffee substitute) or as ground flour.



Parrot Eco-Tourism

Below is some info on possible Eco-Tours that involve Parrots. If anyone knows of any other resources for Parrot Eco-Tours, please let me know so that it can be put on in the newsletter and the web site.

Kirrama Wildlife Tours (Golden-shouldered Parrot Tour) - Australia

<http://www.kirrama.com.au/goldpar.html>

Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory (besides local tours they also sponsor some Regional & International Tours) –

Hummingbirds of Arizona
August 9-15, 2009

Parrots & Quetzals
August 23-27, 2009

Tropical Birds of Sonora
late March 2009

Belize & Tikal
early March 2010 (dates TBA)
<http://membershipandevents.sabo.org/Tours.htm>

Inkanatura Travel (Heath River Wildlife Center) – Peru

<http://www.inkanatura.com/heathriverwildlifecenter.asp>

Cayaya Birding – Guatamala

<http://www.cayaya-birding.com/>

Wild Parrots Up Close – tours arranged from the UK but people from other countries can join

<http://www.wildparrotsupclose.co.uk/>

Indonesian Parrot Project

<http://www.indonesian-parrot-project.org/>

Eco-Tour to Papau October 17-November 1 2009

http://www.indonesian-parrot-project.org/0910_newsletter.html

Rainforest Expeditions – Peru

<http://www.perunature.com/>

Kem Perry Tours – Ecuador & Peru

<http://www.kemperry.com/>

Web Resources

Basic Parrot Training Online Video

Jenny Drummey of Phoenix Landing has new Parrot Training Video that is free & can be found at <http://www.monkeysee.com/play/13813-how-to-train-a-parrot>

Free Online Parrot Magazines

Parrots International www.parrotsinternational.org has a free Parrot magazine on the web at Parrots International Magazine <http://www.pipress.org/> It just put out its first issue and should have new issues every month. There are some issues with the web site and I'm assuming that is because it's new. I expect that it'll take some time for them to work out all of the kinks. The button to subscribe didn't seem to be working and a better link for the Issue seems to be <http://www.pipress.org/issue/> currently. The web site also has parrot news from around the world.

Parrot Chronicles is a free online ezine at <http://www.parrotchronicles.com/> where you can also find it's past articles in an alphabetized index.

Parrot Educational Web Site

<http://www.nationwideparrotplaceorganization.org/>

News from Phoenix Landing

Phoenix Landing's new Summer newsletter is now up on their web site. It has lots of valuable and educational information, as well as some heartwarming stories of parrots who have found new life in new loving homes. Take a minute and check it out at <http://www.phoenixlanding.org/2009SummerPhoenixLanding.pdf>



2009 AEF Symposium

Saturday, July 18, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Doubletree Hotel Crystal City ~ 300 Army Navy Drive ~ Arlington, VA 22202

To register, please visit www.animaleducationfoundation.org and click on "Events"

The 2009 Animal Education Foundation Symposium brings experts in the fields of behavior, enrichment, husbandry, welfare, and conservation to the Washington, DC area. Come join us and learn as they provide valuable insight into their life's work!

Symposium Speakers

Susan G. Friedman, PhD

~ Behavior Analysis ~

Utah State University

Dept. of Psychology and Dept. of Special Education

Julie Murad

~ Avian Welfare ~

The Gabriel Foundation

Sid Price

~ Training ~

Avian Ambassadors

Michael Jones, DVM, Dipl ABVP

~ Avian Husbandry and Health ~

University of Tennessee

College of Veterinary Medicine

Gay Noeth

~ Enrichment ~

On African Wings

Mark Stafford

~ Conservation ~

Parrots International

Plus a special presentation by *The World Parrot Trust*



Susan G. Friedman's Living and Learning Workshop: Principles and Procedures of Teaching and Learning

Sunday, July 19, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Doubletree Hotel Crystal City ~ 300 Army Navy Drive ~ Arlington, VA 22202

To register, please visit www.animaleducationfoundation.org and click on "Events"

**THERE ARE ONLY TWO KINDS OF PROBLEM BEHAVIORS:
Behaviors that occur too often,
and behaviors that don't occur often enough.**

Living and Learning is a learning opportunity designed to provide a comprehensive and cohesive understanding of applied behavior analysis to improve the lives of all learners in our care. The course includes over 200 instructional slides, video examples and support materials. Participants will be exposed to the following topics:

1. Fundamental science principles of learning and behavior.
2. Functional assessment to understand and predict behavior.
3. An effective teaching technology to prevent and change problem behaviors.
4. Ethical guidelines for the implementation of humane behavior-change plans.

Using the most positive, least intrusive strategies disseminated at this workshop, participants will be better able to effectively analyze, prevent and resolve behavior problems that inevitably arise.

Animal Education Foundation (AEF), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, specializes in behavior, training, and enrichment solutions, and is dedicated to making a positive difference for companion parrots and other animals. Using the most recent, evidence-based information available, AEF's mission is to provide education and training resources to caregivers, with particular emphasis on behavior and enrichment solutions, and support to animal welfare, conservation, and research programs.

AFA 2009 Convention

The AFA 35th annual convention will be held in Houston, Texas from August 5-8

Convention Rates

Registration Type Normal Registration

AFA Members \$245.00

HOD Members \$200.00

Nonmembers \$275.00

Check out the AFA's convention web site http://www.afabirds.org/2009_Convention/index.shtml for the latest details about speakers, schedules, and events, as they become available.

For more Convention information, please contact the AFA:

Convention Central

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Rossville, TN 38066

E-mail: ConventionCentral@idealbirds.com

Phone: (901) 853-6079 • Fax: (901) 853-8452

Location

Hilton Houston North

12400 Greenspoint Drive

Houston, Texas 77060

Hotel Telephone: 281-875-2222

Hotel Fax: 281-875-1652

Convention Hotel Rates:

Single/Double/Triple/Quad: \$109.00

Rate Available August 3-9, 2009

Reservations:

Call 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667) for reservations.

Mention AFA to ensure that you receive the negotiated discounted rates.

Transportation:

Free shuttle to/from IAH airport.

Free parking for all convention attendees.

Website: www.hiltonhoustonhotel.com

Preliminary Speaker List

Ian Tizard, BVMS, Ph.D., ACVM

Keynote Address

Disease, Death and Extinction: The Significance of Infectious Diseases in the Life of Wild and Captive Birds

Francine Andersen

Sponsored by the Lineolated Parakeet Society

Lineolated Parakeets (co-presented by Jason Crean)

Natalie Antinoff, DVM, Diplomate ABVP

Avian Reproduction: Breeding and Egg Development (Avian)

Laurie B. Baker

No Bad Birds: Birds Instincts vs. Human Interpretation

Preliminary Speaker List continued...

Matt Baird	The Galah in Aviculture Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos
Chris Biro <i>Sponsored by International Conure Association</i>	Importance of Flight and the Freeflying Lifestyle
Donald Brightsmith, Ph.D. <i>Sponsored by Texas A&M University Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center</i>	Psittacine Nutrition Research: Tambopata to Texas and Beyond Ecology and Conservation of the Blue-headed Pionus
Cheryl Burns <i>Sponsored by International Conure Association</i>	Bird Folk Basics - Websites
Juan Cornejo <i>Sponsored by Texas A&M University Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center</i>	Captive Breeding and Husbandry of the Horned
Jason Crean	White-backed Mousebirds Lineolated Parakeets (co-presenting with Francine Andersen)
Kashmir Csaky	Easing the Transitions in Life of Captive Birds A Comparative Observation of Hyacinth Macaws in Captivity and in the Wild
Michael Dalton	Passive Speech Research, Language and the Animal Mind
Jean Dubach, Ph.D. <i>Sponsored by The Avicultural Society of Chicagoland</i>	Who's My Daddy? How Genetic Analysis Can Answer Basic Questions
Caroline Efstathion	Structure and Function of the Avian Respiratory System
Robert R. Gabel <i>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</i>	Update on U.S. Regulations Pertaining to Import and Export of Birds
Sharman Hoppes, DVM, Diplomate ABVP-Avian Texas A&M University <i>Sponsored by Texas A&M University Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center</i>	Update on Proventricular Dilatation Disease Allergic Alveolitis
Rick Jordan <i>Sponsored by International Conure Association</i>	Conures: World's Greatest Pet Bird and Breeder Bird
Marshall Liger	Practicing Safe Avian Restraint and Proper Grooming
Ron Mazzoni	A Practical Guide to Feeding Softbills
Adrienne W. Mock	Branching Out--Birds in the Classroom, at the Fair and at the Park
Tony Pittman	The Slender-billed Conure in the Wild and in the Aviary
Greg E. Poulain	Adoption Protocol for the Rehoming of Companion Birds

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Adoption & Rescue

Phoenix Landing has many birds currently in foster care that need a permanent home. If you are interested in making them part of your family, you can contact phoenixlanding@earthlink.net. For more information visit the Phoenix Landing Website to learn more about adoption - <http://www.phoenixlanding.org/>

The **Wilson Parrot Foundation** has birds that need adoption. If you are interested in volunteering or adopting, you can read more about what is required at http://www.wilsonparrotfoundation.com/volunteer_adopt.htm

Advertisements

PIONUS AVIARIES

- White-capped ■ Maximilian
- Bronze-winged ■ Dusky
- Coral-billed ■ Blue-headed

Domestic, hand-fed babies ■ Excellent bloodlines

Mark Sargent ■ 301-585-4124 ■ Chevy Chase, MD



Blue Budgie Aviary
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DJ Feathers Aviary

Hand-fed, Home-raised, Family-socialized babies and Complete Avian Store

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Treats

Toys
Gyms

Foods
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Club Meetings

Club meetings are normally held the first Sunday of each month at 3:30p.m. at the McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA; (703) 356-0551.

Birds

Birds are temporarily suspended from the meetings due to the McLean Government Center regulations stating that no live animals may be brought into their center.

National Capital Bird Club 2009 Membership Application

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Date of Application: _____

Would you like to be published in the roster? _____

Annual membership entitles you to a newsletter, access to club library, free business card advertisement in the newsletter for bird related businesses, and other club sponsored projects.

Annual Membership Type:

Individual \$20.00

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(If you are joining after June, your annual dues are one-half the above amounts for the year.)

What types of bird(s) do you have?

Would you be interested in serving on any committees or serving as a speaker?

Please mail to:

NCBC
8901 Kimes St.
Silver Spring, MD 20901-3727

Please make checks payable to NCBC

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 11th - by Phoenix Landing
6th Annual Luau (11:30am-1:30pm)

Vienna Community Center
120 Cherry St SE, Vienna, VA

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

July 17, 2009

AEF Fundraising Dinner
w/ Steve Milpacher of the WPT

See their website for registration form

<http://www.animaleducationfoundation.org>

July 18, 2009 (9am-6pm)

2009 AEF Symposium

Doubletree Hotel Crystal City, 300 Army Navy Drive
Arlington, VA 22202

<http://www.animaleducationfoundation.org>

July 19, 2009 (9am-6pm)

Susan Friedman's Living & Learning Workshop
Doubletree Hotel Crystal City, 300 Army Navy Drive
Arlington, VA 22202

<http://www.animaleducationfoundation.org>

July 19 - by Phoenix Landing
Things I Wish I'd Known (1-3pm)

Eastern Exotics Veterinary Hospital
4001 Legato Rd, Fairfax, VA

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

July 19 - by Phoenix Landing
Empower Your Parrot (1-3pm)

Highlands Animal Clinic
25011 Lee Highway, VA

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

July 25 - by Phoenix Landing

Nourish to Flourish #3 (10am-12noon)

First & St. Stephen's United Church of Christ
6915 York Rd, Towson, MD

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

August 5-8

AFA 2009 Convention

Hilton Houston North
Houston, TX

<http://www.afabirds.org>

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727 N Danville St
Arlington, VA 22201



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