



# THE CAPITAL FLYER

The Monthly Newsletter of the National Capital Bird Club

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

November 2010

## *Parrot Behavior* *November 7*

The program for this month's meeting is a video on Parrot Behavior and Training by Barbara Heidenreich. This should provide reinforcement for what was taught at her seminar last month for those who attended and be new information for those who didn't. We will also discuss ideas on how to involve younger people in parrot activities. We will be voting on dissolving our affiliation with the Bird Clubs of Virginia. I hope to see you there.

### **December Holiday Party**

December's meeting is the club's annual Holiday Party. Jeanne Nathanson has graciously offered to host it again. December 5th would be our regular meeting day but we need to make sure that day is convenient for her. The actual date will be announced at the November 7th meeting and an email will be sent out that day with all of the details.

### **Renew Your NCBC Membership**

NCBC 2010 memberships expire at the end of the calendar year. The club is now accepting memberships for 2010. The dues will remain at \$20/year for a single membership and \$25/year for a family membership. Show your support of the club and renew your membership early. The membership form is on page 17.

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### **Next Meeting**

**November 7, 2010**  
**(3:30-5:30pm)**

**Topic:**  
**Parrot Behavior & Training**

**Location:**  
**McLean Government Center**

# 2010 NCBC Schedule

Meeting Dates	Meeting Location	Speaker	Topic
January 17, 2010	McLean Government Center	Cancelled	
February 14, 2010	McLean Government Center		Making Bird Toys on a Budget
March 7, 2010	McLean Government Center	Video by Barbara Heidenrich	Parrot Body Language
April 11, 2010	TBA		
May 2, 2010	DJ Feathers Aviary		Free Wing Clipping
June 6, 2010	John Davey's House		Annual Club Picnic
July 11, 2010	McLean Government Center	Cancelled	
August 1, 2010	McLean Government Center	Video by Dr. Greg Burkett	Avian First Aid
September 12, 2010	McLean Government Center	Video by Dr. Greg Burkett	Avian First Aid
October 3, 2010	McLean Government Center	Cancelled	
November 7, 2010	McLean Government Center	Video by Barbara Heidenrich	Parrot Behavior and Training
December 2010	Jeanne Nathanson's House		Annual 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 more than 75 members of this Yahoo Group. Please join, contribute and share! Stay in the know by bookmarking this site and visiting often. Check out the interesting links.

## NCBC News and Issues

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### NCBC to vote in November on whether to withdraw from BCV

The issue was formally brought up at the August meeting on whether to continue to be part of the Bird Clubs of Virginia (BCV). In order to give those not attending that meeting time to consider and voice their opinions, there will be more discussion at the September meeting. A vote will be taken at the November meeting on whether to formally withdraw from the Bird Clubs of Virginia.

The reality is that the NCBC does not have the number of members that it once did and is struggling. We also don't have members who have the time and are willing to be effective delegates. It is not fair for our club to continue being a member without actively participating and we also have to consider if being a member benefits our club.

The sole purpose originally of the BCV was to host a yearly convention and bird mart that encompassed an entire weekend (Friday evening through Sunday afternoon). All of the money raised from this convention would match the sum of donations received from the member clubs. The host club would select the organization for the donations with the location and host rotated yearly among the clubs and the convention being held in the city of the host club. That meant that it was local for one of the clubs each year. Having a bird convention locally had the advantage of being able to bolster up the host bird club and attract new members to that club. The bird mart was more important years ago when most bird items were not readily available in local pet stores, catalogs, or for online purchases.

I have attended three of the conventions, only one of them being in the Washington, DC area and the other two in Fredericksburg, VA. While some may consider Fredericksburg, VA part of the DC area, I do not nor do most of the club members with whom I have spoken. The speakers at the BCV Conventions I have attended have all been good, and it's nice to have a bird mart though many items such as bird cages are no longer sold at bird marts but either at local pet stores or online.

However, I do not foresee the BCV ever having another convention in the Washington, DC area that would be considered local for the NCBC members some of whom live in Maryland mainly because of the hotel cost in the DC area. Most of our club members that I have spoken to are interested in attending events locally that do not require an overnight hotel stay. And since the convention is not local, the club does not benefit from attracting new club members from the convention.

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### NEW BOOK on Parrots Released

A new paperback book on parrots entitled, Parrots of the World (Princeton Field Guides), by Joseph M. Forshaw was released on October 21, 2010. It is 336 pages and is 9.1" x 5.9" x 1". It is \$19.77 at Amazon.com. I have ordered it and will bring it to a club meeting after I receive it.

## **Barbara Heidenreich Parrot Behavior & Training Workshop**

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The October NCBC was cancelled so that members could take advantage of the all day Parrot Behavior and Training Workshop led by Barbara Heidenreich that was held on October 2, 2010. This special event was sponsored by Phoenix Landing and was held at the Elks Lodge in Fairfax, VA. A donation of \$25 was asked of attendees. It included a separate room for items for sale from Phoenix Landing. There was also a raffle for a large Java Tree.

There were a number of birds from Phoenix Landing that are currently in Foster Care that also attended the event that attendees were able to greet and observe.

The workshop included a PowerPoint slide presentation and Barbara individually working with a number of the birds in attendance demonstrating positive reinforcement. She went over with the audience the mindset of the birds so that they could better understand whether the bird was feeling threatened, relaxed, not interested, etc. She worked with the birds multiple times but only if they were interested and willing.

First she determined the mindset of the bird, and if it was relaxed enough, then she determined which treat it was interested in. This varies for each bird and isn't necessarily food but could be petting or head scratching. She broke the food treats into very small pieces so that the bird could be rewarded a number of times without getting full.

If the bird started displaying aggression or disinterest, she stopped working with that bird and started working with another one. Because there were so many people and other birds at the event, the birds were probably a lot more agitated than they would be normally in their usual environment.



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Here, Barbara demonstrates with a Moluccan Cockatoo.



The Phoenix Landing sale room and the Java Tree that is being auctioned.



## African Lovebird Society Show & Bird Mart

On October 16<sup>th</sup> the Baltimore Bird Fanciers had a Bird Mart and a Bird Show at the Tall Cedars of Lebanon Hall in Parkville, MD that Wendy Ernest and I attended. African Lovebirds were judged in the morning and Cockatiels in the afternoon. Unfortunately we missed the Lovebird judging but you can see the winning birds in the picture below. African Lovebirds have nine subspecies with three to four of them commonly in aviculture. I have a healthy and active flighted male Fisher Lovebird, Pierre, that is 15 years old, and Wendy has a Black Masked Blue Mutation Lovebird, Violet. The only Lovebird species that were seen there were various mutations of the Peach-Faced Lovebird. While the mutations were very attractive, it is of concern that the Black Masked and Fisher subspecies weren't represented. Breeding mutations in birds typically leads to a shortened lifespan and health issues.



We did observe the Cockatiel judging in the afternoon and it wasn't very eventful. Apparently the judges walk around the cages and stick on the ribbons. There wasn't any talking or narration.

Miki Sparzak, who has spoken at our club meetings, was there with George Mack and Oscar the Amazon. They have a parrot business called Heavens Heathens. They were discounting their products as they are closing the business and retiring. Miki will be moving to Florida to be near her son. Oscar as always was perfectly behaved and took a nap for part of the time.



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## African Lovebird Society Show & Bird Mart

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There were a lot of birds for sale, mainly Peach-Faced Lovebirds and Finches. There were also lots of bird toys and cages for sale.

A parrot rescue group from Pennsylvania, The Bailey Foundation, was in attendance and for a fee you could be photographed with some of their rescued birds. Wendy had her picture taken with two of their rescue birds.



## AFA in Brief - November 2010 by Carol Lee

### The AFA 37th Annual Convention "Jewels in Aviculture"

San Francisco, California, August 3-6, 2011

Join Us for 4 days of Education & Excitement!

Speakers, Vendors, Raffles, Games, Fun!

For more information: [Convention@afabirds.org](mailto:Convention@afabirds.org)

AFA Office (512) 585-9800

P.O. Box 91717 Austin, TX 78709

[www.AFABirds.org](http://www.AFABirds.org)

### 2011 Call for Papers

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 have the opportunity to give more than one presentation. Abstracts will be accepted through February 15, 2011. For more information, please go to [www.afabirds.org](http://www.afabirds.org).

### SPREAD THE NEWS - AFA Membership Drive

(effective now through December 31, 2011)

Basic Rules: Any existing member who signs up a new member ("new" being defined as not having been a member for the past two years) will receive a 2-month extension on his/her current membership. The new member will state on the membership application the name of the AFA member "referring" them for new membership. That "referring" person will then receive the 2-month extension on their current membership. Six new members equal a one year free membership.

If you have any questions, please call the AFA office at 512-585-9800 or email us at

AFA office, [afaoffice@afabirds.org](mailto:afaoffice@afabirds.org) or Carol Woodson, membership chair, [CVMGA@aol.com](mailto:CVMGA@aol.com) or Julie Corwin, membership com. member, [blconnection@hotmail.com](mailto:blconnection@hotmail.com)

### Legislation in New Mexico

*New Mexico Proposed Regulations of Non-Domestic Animals, Birds, and Fish Under Title 19 Natural Resources and Wildlife, Chapter 35 Captive Wildlife Uses, Part 7 Importation of Live Non-Domestic Animals, Birds and Fish.*

**Update:** The rules under the New Mexico captive wildlife law have been finalized. Your AFA took part in the development of the lists of avian species. As it stands there are four lists, numbered 1 through 4, where list 1 are the species that do not require a "State import permit" to be brought into New Mexico, and where list 4 does require a permit. Through much coordination between PIJAC, AFA members and the AFA CITES Committee Chair, Rick Jordan, and input from the New Mexico State Coordinator, Sandee Brennan, as well as several commercial AFA members (Darlene Parker and others) and pet stores, most psittacines are listed on list 1 and do not require a permit. However, any parrot species also listed under the U.S. Endangered Species Act is still listed on list 4 and will require State approval to be brought into the State. Be advised there are several common species on this list including Scarlet-chested Parakeets, Turquoise Parakeets, Hooded Parakeets, and Golden Conures, Cuban and Vinaceous Amazons and a few others.

### If you would like to read the official AFA position paper on the New Mexico import law, below is an excerpt and a link to the entire document.

"The American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) submits that there is insufficient scientific and/or commercial data to support the proposals that psittacine species, as well as the many species of birds that are commonly kept in captivity in New Mexico and throughout the United States (either as pets or as breeders), should be treated as non-domestic, or as dangerous, or as invasive, or as likely to cause harm to the economy, environment, protected wildlife, human health or safety in New Mexico..." **To read more, go to [www.afabirds.org](http://www.afabirds.org)**

### \* American Federation of Aviculture 2011 Calendars \*

Support the AFA and purchase a 2011 calendar today! This popular item is now available in the AFA Store and they are a great gift idea. To learn more, and to preview the stunning photographs in this calendar, go to

[http://www.afabirds.org/AFA\\_Store/index.shtml](http://www.afabirds.org/AFA_Store/index.shtml)

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## Grapefruit Seed Extract (GSE) - Dangerous to Birds

Grapefruit Seed Extract (GSE) has been promoted for a number of years as a natural antimicrobial. Independent studies done in Germany and the United States, however, have shown that GSE in its natural form has no detectable antimicrobial effect.

Natural GSE is made by grinding the grapefruit seed and juiceless pulp, then adding glycerin. Commercial preparations of it are made the same way but they also add synthetic preservatives (chemical additives). It is the synthetic preservatives that have an antimicrobial effect and not the grapefruit seed extract itself.

The main additive in commercial GSE is benzethonium chloride, which is a synthetic antimicrobial compound that is commonly found in commercial cleaning products. It is considered moderately toxic to birds, slightly toxic to mammals, highly toxic to aquatic invertebrates and an allergen. It is approved by the USDA only for topical use.

The USDA has done a study on GSE and confirmed the research original done in Germany that commercial GSE contains benzethonium chloride at levels of 8%. This level is considered a major health risk according to the Swiss Toxicological Center of Basel in Switzerland.

Some years ago I had attended some presentations where the speakers advocated adding some to your bird's water dish as a way to kill bacteria and also for cleaning produce. Based on the information I have read it is my belief that commercially made GSE should not be used around birds at all and that non-commercial GSE is of no benefit whatsoever.

Sources:

Wikipedia Article on Grapefruit Seed Extract

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grapefruit\\_seed\\_extract](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grapefruit_seed_extract)

Article by Steve Down, "Ecofriendly Pesticides Are Not What They Seem"

<http://www.naturalingredient.org/Articles/gse3.html>

Article from Terressential, "The Truth About Grapefruit Seed Extract"

<http://www.terressentials.com/truthaboutgse.html>

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### AFA in Brief *continued from page 8*

#### **2010 AFA Convention DVD's!**

Selected videos of presentations from the 2010 AFA Convention are now available on DVD from the AFA Store or the AFA office! 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 [http://www.afabirds.org/AFA\\_Store/2010ConventionDVDs.shtml](http://www.afabirds.org/AFA_Store/2010ConventionDVDs.shtml) for more information.

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## Appeal for Emergency Aid for Rescued African Grey Congo Parrots

On September 18, 2010 500 wild African Grey Parrots were confiscated by government officials of the Democratic Republic of the Congo that were destined for bird markets in Singapore. They are now being housed at the Lwiro Primate Sanctuary and given emergency medical care and rehabilitation so that they can be released back into the wild.

You can donate online through the World Parrot Trust <http://www.parrots.org/marcom/savethegreys/index.html> or you can use the donation form at the bottom of this page and mail in a donation.

**I am pleased to support the work of the World Parrot Trust through my gift.**



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**I would like to designate my donation to:**    Congo African Grey Project    General funds (*put towards immediate need*)

*"Leave a Legacy"* – please send me information about including WPT in my Will or Living Trust.

**Send donations to:**

<p><b>World Parrot Trust</b>            Glanmor House            Hayle, Cornwall TR27 4HB            Voice: +44 (0) 1736 751026            Fax: +44 (0) 1736 751028            Reg. Charity No: 800944</p>	<p><b>WPT-USA</b>            P.O. Box 935            Lake Alfred, FL 33850            Voice/Fax: +1 863-956-4347            EIN 62-1561595</p>	<p><b>Canadian World Parrot Trust</b>            4377 Gordon Drive            Kelowna, BC V1W 1S7            Voice/Fax: +1 250-766-9363            BN: 89004 1171 RR0001</p>
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***Thank you for your support!***

## American Federation of Aviculture Online Course Fundamentals of Aviculture

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Fundamentals of Aviculture is an entirely online course, written by Rick Jordan and Barbara Heidenreich and presented as nine beautifully illustrated chapters, with original photographs and with drawings by Lyrae Perry.

Rick Jordan wrote the first eight chapters which cover avian anatomy and physiology, reproductive functions and behaviors, illness prevention and detection, and aviary construction, taxonomic assignments, avicultural history and advancements, domestication of birds in aviculture, and laws and regulations governing aviculture. Barbara Heidenreich covers keys to understanding parrot behavior, pet parrot behavior modification and training.

Development of Fundamentals of Aviculture was made possible by a grant from Pet Care Trust, and by funding and other support from the Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center, and the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University.

This course includes nine tests. The graduate is certified by the American Federation of Aviculture as Aviculturist, Level I. This course is a prerequisite for Intermediate Aviculture.

To register or for more information, go to <http://www.fundamentalsofaviculture.com/FOAcourse/>

Fees are \$35 for all current AFA Members and \$75 for non-members. The non-member rate includes a one year single membership to AFA. Extra fees are charged for members outside the United States. You will see various membership options on the payment page.

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## News from the World Parrot Trust (WPT)

The October issue of Flock Talk the free WPT monthly e-magazine is at [http://www.parrots.org/index.php/newsletter/FlockTalk\\_Issue38](http://www.parrots.org/index.php/newsletter/FlockTalk_Issue38)

They are also selling an exciting DVD compilation of 20 years of their magazine publication PsittaScene from 1989 - 2009 PsittaScene that has been digitally reproduced. It is playable on a PC and is searchable for specific issues based on topic, author, or by year of publication. It is a great price of only \$20. For more info see <http://store.wptestore.com/servlet/Detail?no=249>

They are selling a new DVD about the Kakapo Parrot, "The Unnatural History of the Kakapo." You can get more info and see a trailer of the this DVD by visiting <http://www.parrots.org/marcom/kakapo/>. It will be shipping in November 2010 and to pre-order a copy you can visit the World Parrot Trusts USA Store <http://store.wptestore.com/servlet/Detail?no=250>

The World Parrot Trust Blue-Throated Macaw Project has been on-going since 2002 to try and prevent this wonderful species from becoming extinct. For more on their efforts, see [www.parrots.org/bluethroats](http://www.parrots.org/bluethroats)

To raise funds for their efforts, they are selling a Blue-Fronted Macaw T-shirt and also Wristbands. All proceeds directly support the Blue-throated Macaw Conservation project. Cyd Riley of Fire Fly Studio Art did the artwork for the t-shirt. The T-shirts are made in the USA and are 70% viscose fiber from bamboo and 30% organic cotton. They are unbleached and natural in color. <http://store.wptestore.com/servlet/Detail?no=243>

## Phoenix Landing News

The November issue of Phoenix Beakin', which is Phoenix Landing's newsletter is available and can be found at <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs080/1102829252964/archive/1103850764969.html> or you can just click on the link to it on their home page at <http://www.phoenixlanding.org> In it you can find profiles of a number of parrots that are up for adoption. Additional profiles of adoptable parrots from Phoenix Landing in the MD, DC, VA, WV area can be found at <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/VA278.html>.

Their requirements for adoption are a completed Application, a brief in-Home Visit, attendance at one of their parrot care Seminars, and an Adoption Fee. Their requirements for foster-care placements are a completed Application, a brief in-Home Visit, and attendance at one of their parrot care Seminars. It is important that you are matched with the right bird and they will work with you to find that special connection. Their adoption form can be found at <http://www.phoenixlanding.org/adoption.html>.

Check out Phoenix Landing's blog at <http://phoenixlanding.org/blog/>

The Phoenix Landing Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) charity code is #31469.

[www.phoenixlanding.org](http://www.phoenixlanding.org)

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## Wilson Parrot Foundation News

The Wilson Parrot Foundation is a parrot rescue organization located in Damascus, MD.

They are outgrowing their present location and recently had a Farm Fundraiser that made \$14,000. They are still a long way from being able to buy a new property that will provide more accommodations for rescued parrots.

They have two web cams so that you can view their parrots.

<http://www.wilsonparrotfoundation.org/ParrotCam.aspx>  
<http://www.wilsonparrotfoundation.org/ParrotCam2.aspx>

The Wilson Parrot Foundation Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) charity code is #98851.

[www.wilsonparrotfoundation.org](http://www.wilsonparrotfoundation.org)

# 2010 Parrot Lover's Cruise

To Benefit the World Parrot Trust

November 7 – 14, 2010

Sails from San Juan, Puerto Rico

Ship: Caribbean Princess

Ports of call: San Juan

Aruba

Bonaire

St George's/Grenada

Dominica, St. Thomas

Speakers: Steve Martin, animal trainer and behaviorist  
Steve Milpacher, Director of Business Management & speaker for World Parrot Trust  
Sam Williams, World Parrot Trust Field Researcher

**Money Raised From Donations and Raffles go to World Parrot Trust!**

To book: Call CAROL CIPRIANO at 570-226-2569 or 570-470-0034

*All cruises must be booked through Carol Cipriano. Due to the nature of this fundraiser, if you book through another site or with another travel agent, you cannot be included in the activities of the Parrot Lovers Cruise.*

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

Presented by: *Peninsula Caged Bird Society*

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## NOVEMBER 13th 2010

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**Children 12 and under free with an adult**

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**Contacts: General information - Debbie Wilson 757-247-0168 or E-mail**

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**[Ourway4law@cox.net](mailto:Ourway4law@cox.net) or 757-864-0544. Visit our website [www.vapcb.com](http://www.vapcb.com)**

Advertising opportunities are also available.

# PARROT FESTIVAL 2011

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference January 28,29,&30 2011

Presented by: The National Parrot Rescue & Preservation Foundation

[www.parrotfestival.org](http://www.parrotfestival.org)

**FEATURED SPEAKERS:** Dr. Natalie Antinoff, Dr. Susan Clubb, Kashmir Csaky, Dr. Scott Echols, Dr. Walt Frey, Barbara Heidenreich, Rick Jordan, Dr. LoraKim Joyner, Dr. David Phalen, Matt Schmit, and Nancy Speed.

**LOCATION:** Doubletree Hotel Houston Intercontinental Airport (IAH). 15747 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Houston, Texas, 77032  
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## CONFERENCE/PRE-REGISTRATION:

- **Early Bird:** \$120.00 (\$110.00 with new or renewing NPRPF Membership) Registration must be postmarked before September 30\]
- 2010.
- **Pre-registration:** \$155.00 (\$140.00 with new or renewing NPRPF Membership) Registration must be postmarked before January 5, 2011.
- **Registration:** \$180.00 Postmarked after January 5, 2011 or at the door.
- **Groups of 5-9 Club or Organization Members:** \$140.00 each (\$135.00 with new or renewing NPRPF Membership) Must use special group form and be postmarked before January 5, 2011
- **Groups of 10 or more Club or Organization Members:** \$130.00 each (\$125.00 with new or renewing NPRPF Membership) Must use special group form and be postmarked before January 5, 2011
- These fees include admission all three days to all lectures presented by our Featured Speakers, admission to the Speaker Forum, Friday evening VIP Meet & Greet, a Treasure Map & access to all Vendors and Exhibitors.

**“PARTY IN PARROT-DISE” VIP MEET & GREET:** Friday - 7:00PM - 10:00PM - Registered attendees, vendors & supporters are invited to join our Featured Speakers & Staff in the Ballroom for the President’s VIP Meet & Greet. Wear your best “Parrot Wear” or Tropical Island Attire! Prizes will be awarded to the best dressed in each category! Complimentary Food, Cash Bar, Contests, Prizes & More!!

**BANQUET:** Saturday - Cocktail Hour begins at 6:30PM - Be sure to attend this fun “Blue Jeans to Black Tie” charity event! Enjoy a three-course meal and have the opportunity to bid on fabulous items offered in the **Silent & Live Auctions**. All proceeds go towards NPRPF Mission.

**VENDORS/EXHIBITORS:** \$5.00 per adult (no charge to registered attendees) - Saturday & Sunday  
Visit each of the shops featuring quality vendors from all over the United States & Canada. Enjoy fabulous deals on parrot-related merchandise & bird supplies including T-shirts & apparel, antiques & collectibles, jewelry, artwork, ceramics, home décor, cages, toys, toy kits, pellets, treats, supplements, gourmet bird food, publications, videos & more!

**TREASURE CHEST DRAWING:** - Sunday - Reserved for Registered Attendees - Get your Treasure Map and visit each of the booths & shops featuring quality vendors from all over the United States. After visiting all of the vendors, turn in your stamped Treasure Map at the registration table for a chance to win the Treasure Chest contents contributed by each of the Vendors.

**SPONSOR A SPEAKER:** In order to keep registration & other fees low, NPRPF depends on individual sponsors to defer the cost of bringing in the Featured Speakers. Expenses for each Featured Speaker are \$1,000 to \$1,500. Speaker Sponsors at the \$100.00 level & above receive acknowledgement in the Program Book, from the stage, and on the marquee of the Featured Speaker you choose to sponsor. You may also contribute to the general fund.

**HOW TO REGISTER:** Visit [www.parrotfestival.org](http://www.parrotfestival.org) to download a form. Mail the completed form & payment to PR Registration – NPRPF – Parrot Festival; 6942 FM 1960 East #413; Humble, TX 77346. To request a form, please call or email.

**MORE INFORMATION OR VENDOR INFORMATION:** [info@parrotfestival.com](mailto:info@parrotfestival.com) 713-557-BIRD (2473)

# 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](mailto: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](http://www.wilsonparrotfoundation.com/volunteer_adopt.htm)

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# *National Capital Bird Club*

## 2011 Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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

Family \$25.00

*(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

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## National Capital Club Information

The National Capital Bird Club (NCBC) is affiliated with the American Federation of Aviculture, Bird Clubs of Virginia, and Bird Clubs of America. It is dedicated to education and aviculture with respect to all types of birds.

### 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 22101-3428  
(703) 356-0551

[http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/mclean\\_Lg.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/mclean_Lg.htm)

### Birds

Birds are suspended until further notice from the meetings due to the McLean Government Center regulations stating that no live animals may be brought into their center. The club is in the process of looking for another venue that will accept birds.

### Newsletters

Newsletters are published once a month and are sent out the week before the next meeting electronically in PDF format. Hard copy is provided to those members who do not have email access. Members are encouraged to submit articles, stories, pictures to the editor for publication in upcoming newsletters. Please send all submissions to Carol Rees, 727 N Danville St, Arlington, VA 22201 or email to [carol.rees@usa.com](mailto:carol.rees@usa.com)

### Refreshments

Please bring a snack to share at the meetings whenever you can. It doesn't need to be fancy or handmade, store-bought is fine.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 6 – by Phoenix Landing  
Parrot Recreation (10am-12noon)**

Elks Lodge  
8421 Arlington Blvd  
Fairfax, VA 22031

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

**November 7-14 – by World Parrot Trust  
Parrot Lover's Cruise**

<http://www.parrotloverscruise.com>

Contact Carol Cipriano at 570-226-2569 or 570-470-0034

**November 13 - by Peninsula Caged Bird Society  
PCBS Bird Mart (9am-4pm)**

The Columbian Center  
100 Columbus Way  
Newport News VA

Admission: Adults \$4, Children under 12 free w/adult

Contact Debbie Wilson 757-247-0168/dwilson786@aol.com

**November 20 – by Phoenix Landing**

**Things I Wish I'd Known (11:30am-1:30pm)**

Kernstown United Methodist Church  
3239 Valley Pike  
Winchester, VA

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

**November 20 – by Phoenix Landing**

**Nourish to Flourish, Mashies & Casseroles (10am-12noon)**

First and St. Stephen's United Church of Christ  
6915 York Road  
Towson, MD

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

**November 28 – by Phoenix Landing**

**Building a Positive Relationship with your Parrot (1-3pm)**

Stahl Exotic Animal Veterinary Services  
4105 Rust Road  
Fairfax, VA

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

**December 4 – by Phoenix Landing**

**Clicker Training (10am-12noon)**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
1415 West 7th St.  
Frederick, MD

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

**December 5 – by Phoenix Landing**

**Behavior Guidance for You and Your Bird (1-3pm)**

Eastern Exotics Veterinary Hospital  
4001 Legato Road  
Fairfax, VA

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

**December 11 – by Phoenix Landing**

**Stewart Metz and Bonnie Zimmerman (10am-12:30pm)**

**The Indonesian Parrot Project (IPP)**

Elks Lodge  
8421 Arlington Blvd  
Fairfax, VA 22031

Special auction to raise money for IPP

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

**May 14-15, 2011**

**Bird Clubs of Virginia 27th Annual Convention**

Fredericksburg Hospitality House  
2801 Plank Road  
Fredericksburg, VA

For more information: Phone Carol Woodson 804-321-6201 or see

[http:// www.birdclubsva.org](http://www.birdclubsva.org)

**August 3-6, 2011**

**The AFA 37th Annual Convention "Jewels in Aviculture"**

San Francisco, California, August 3-6, 2011

For more information: [Convention@afabirds.org](mailto:Convention@afabirds.org)

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