



# THE CAPITAL FLYER

The Monthly Newsletter of the National Capital Bird Club

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

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## *Australian Parrots* *August 7*

This Sunday, we will view a video on Australian parrots from parrot enthusiast, Don Kimball who travelled all over Australia to capture these birds on film. This is a two disk video series, "Discovering the World of Parrots Australia". The first disk covers New South Wales, Victoria, the Northern Territory, and Tasmania. In the second disk, Queensland, South Australia, and Western Australian parrots are covered. Those at the meeting will vote for which disk to view at the meeting with the other disk to be viewed at a later date.

### **Bach Rescue Remedy Coupon**

Bach's "Rescue Remedy" is a holistic flower essence remedy that has been recommended for parrots for its calming properties during periods of stress.

For those of you who use Bach Rescue Remedy there is a \$2.00 printable coupon available. Just go to <http://www.mambosprouts.com/> and click on the printable coupon link under the subtitle Coupons. Then check the box for the Rescue Remedy coupon and click print coupons. You may be required to install Coupon Printing software. This software is safe and is used to limit the number of coupons that you can print per machine. Typically you are allowed to print up to two coupons per machine. For this coupon you can print two per machine.

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### Next Meeting

**August 7, 2011**  
**(3:30-5:30pm)**

**Topic:**  
**Australian Parrots**

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

# 2011 NCBC Schedule

Meeting Dates	Meeting Location	Speaker	Topic
February 13, 2011	McLean Government Center	Movie	The Unnatural History of the Kakapo
March 20, 2011	McLean Government Center	Movie	Get Your Bird Back! By Barbara Hedienreich
May 1, 2011	McLean Government Center	Robin Shewokis	Foraging
June 5, 2011	John Davey's House		Annual Club Picnic
July 10, 2011	McLean Government Center	Mark Sargent, Pionus Breeder	Loro Parque 2010 Convention
August 7, 2011	McLean Government Center	Video	Australian Parrots
September 11, 2011	McLean Government Center	TBA	TBA
October 2, 2011	McLean Government Center	TBA	TBA
November 20, 2011	McLean Government Center	TBA	TBA
December 4, 2011	TBA		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.

# 8th Annual Phoenix Landing Luau

Phoenix Landing had its 8th Annual Luau on Saturday, July 9th from 10am to 12 noon at the Lyon Village Community House in Arlington, VA.



A number of parrots up for adoption were at the Luau. There were a number of Quaker parrots. Also there were Cockatoos, Conures, Amazons, and Lovebirds.



There was a wide selection of bird toys for sale at the Luau along with Harrison's organic pellets.

## **American Federation of Aviculture Online Courses Fundamentals of Aviculture I and II**

**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.

The second course in the series, **Fundamentals of Aviculture II (Intermediate Aviculture)** is now available. It 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. The introductory admission fee for the Level II course is \$75 for current AFA members. Non-members can also purchase a one year membership during admission.

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

# 2011 Parrot Lover's Cruise

To Benefit the World Parrot Trust

October 30 – November 6, 2011

Sails from Tampa, FL USA

Ship: Norwegian Cruise Line

Ports of call: Tampa, FL  
Isle of Roatan, Honduras  
Belize  
Costa Maya, Mexico  
Cozumel, Mexico

Speakers: Steve Martin, animal trainer and behaviorist  
Joanna Eckles, World Parrot Trust  
Susan G. Friedman, Behaviorist

**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/>

# 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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**Every Day 11-6 ■ Mon & Thurs 11-8**



# National Capital Bird Club

## 2011 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

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

## NCBC Officers and Board Members

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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.

### NCBC Editorial Policies

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Arlington, VA 22201-1917  
[carol.rees@usa.com](mailto:carol.rees@usa.com)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**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)

AFA Office (512) 585-9800 [www.AFABirds.org](http://www.AFABirds.org)

**August 6 – by Phoenix Landing**

**Nourish to Flourish: Edible Enrichments (10am-12noon)**

Grace Presbyterian Church

7434 Bath Street

Springfield, VA

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

**August 13 – by Phoenix Landing**

**A Parrot's Point of View (10am-12noon)**

Pender Exotics Veterinary Centre

4001 Legato Road

Fairfax, VA

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

**August 20 – by Phoenix Landing**

**Things I Wish I'd Known (10am-12noon)**

Knights of Columbus Hall

2590 Solomons Island Rd

Edgewater, MD

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

**October 30 - November 6, 2011**

**2011 Parrot Cruise: Western Caribbean**

**Contact: Carol Cipriano**

**570.226.2569 | 570.470.0034**

[carolstravelttime@gmail.com](mailto:carolstravelttime@gmail.com)

See flyer on page 5

**November 11-13 – by Phoenix Landing**

**Skills to Empower People to Understand Parrots ("STEP-UP")**

Ashland, NC

Cost \$300 with a class size of 6 (Full)

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

**November 12 - by Bird Fair Florida**

**Exotic Bird Mart & Sale**

At The Meadow Event Park (Route 30)

Doswell, VA

Admission \$5.00 9am - 4pm Under 10 Free, Free Parking,

Info: Beverly (954)-214-4750 or [patioj1@aol.com](mailto:patioj1@aol.com)

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