



THE CAPITAL FLYER

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

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Parrot Diet *January 15, 2012*

For our program this Sunday, Carol Rees will be speaking about how the diet of caged parrots has evolved and the controversy. She recently attended an event from Phoenix Landing where Patricia Sund <http://parrotnation.com/> spoke and demonstrated her vegetable preparation method called "Chop". She will give a brief recap of the event and give her opinions to its benefits and limitations. A discussion will be held on how and what attendees feed their birds and their opinions and experience on different ingredients and methods.

We will also discuss the future of the club, future speakers, and possible new meeting locations.

McLean Government Center Closing in 2012

Starting in March 2012, the McLean Government Center is closing for a complete overhaul that may last two years. We can reserve it for our January and February meetings but will need to find a new venue for March onward. Discussions on possible locations to meet will be discussed at the November meeting.

Renew Your NCBC Membership

NCBC 2011 memberships expire at the end of the calendar year. The club is now accepting memberships for 2012. 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 15.

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Next Meeting

January 15, 2012
(3:30-5:30pm)

Topic:
**Parrot diet and Modern
Feeding Methods**

Location:
McLean Government Center

2012 NCBC Schedule

Meeting Dates	Meeting Location	Speaker	Topic
January 15, 2012	McLean Government Center	Carol Rees	Parrot diet and modern feeding methods
February 5, 2012	McLean Government Center	TBA	TBA
March 4, 2012	Jeanne Nathanson's House	TBA	TBA
April 1, 2012	TBA	TBA	TBA
May 6, 2012	TBA	TBA	TBA
June 3, 2012	TBA		Annual Club Picnic
July 1, 2012	TBA	TBA	TBA
August 5, 2012	TBA	TBA	TBA
September 9, 2012	TBA	TBA	TBA
October 14, 2012	TBA	TBA	TBA
November 4, 2012	TBA	TBA	TBA
December 2012	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.

Everything Old Is New Again By John Davey

You would think that Bird keeping – the enjoyment of pet birds – would be an old and tried-true profession. People have been keeping pet birds since just about the time that there have been people (and birds) around. While our pet birds have been pets for at least a couple hundred years, you would think that there is not much new that you could think or say or do about caring for them and keeping them healthy and happy.

I guess the most important thing in the preceding paragraph is the statement that we have been keeping pet birds for one or two millennia. Our pet dogs and cats have been pets and working servants for multiple thousands and thousands of years. They (dogs and cats) are much more domesticated than our pet birds. So it's just possible that we don't know everything about keeping our feathered pets as healthy and is happy as we could.

But still in all, a reasonable person would think that there's not that much new under the sun that the average bird owner would need to question or to worry about. How wrong that "reasonable person" would really be! Pet bird lists and discussion pages are filled with disagreements and flame wars and arguments over many of the very basic things that affect the average bird owner and how that average owner keeps and treats a pet bird.

I usually try to avoid arguments over basic or contentious issues, but what the heck! Let's throw a few basic but argumentative bird keeping ideas down on the table for some thought and discussion and see where we get with them. Be kind to me. Hold back on your blasts – at least until you read the entire article – and try to realize that I am just discussing a few tender issues and not trying to gore any particular ox.

He/She Eats Like a Bird!

You would think that after years and years owning pet birds, and caring for them, and enjoying their companionship, and being concerned with the overall welfare of these special pets ... you would think that we would know all there is to know about feeding these intelligent creatures. You would also be very, very wrong. The very first bird I ever owned was a lovely yellow budgie – most Americans call them parakeets – that I won with a ten cent bet on a wheel of fortune down at the Jersey Shore. I got the bird and a nice dome-topped cage all for a dime bet.

At the time, I was very young and (fortunately) the budgie was very resilient. I had really wanted a pet bird and was determined to be a good owner, so I read all the books that I could find on bird keeping. In keeping with all of the advice I could find, I fed the budgie a diet of Hartz Mountain millet seed. (I also lived about four miles from the Hartz Mountain factory and warehouse, so I was loyal to the "Buy American" standard!) The Budgie seemed to flourish on that diet. I will admit that I also occasionally gave it some greens and a little egg yolk and a scattering of Hartz Mountain sand for grit. Fortunately, budgies are Australian ground-feeding birds that subsist almost entirely on grass seeds. That little budgie lived a long life and prospered on that diet – because-of or in spite-of my best efforts.

Years and years later, when I started to keep birds again, I was surprised to learn that a diet of "mostly seeds" was now considered a distinct danger for most of our non-Australian pet parrots. And there I was ... having just adopted our first Quaker parrot. I again read all of the latest existing literature on how to keep a pet bird healthy. Sure enough, time and circumstance had changed and now up to date, educated owners were advised that the

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best thing we could do for our pet bird was to wean it onto a diet of specially prepared parrot pellets. The ongoing argument was that our pet birds were not getting enough nutrition with an all-seed diet. The experts said that birds in the wild did not eat just seed, but they consumed plant and vegetable material, certain minerals, some insects and other small animals and that their diet was much more varied than we had ever, ever imagined. The argument – at that time – was that our pets, when presented with an all-seed diet, would eat only the most tasty seeds and that they would ignore the less tasty but still important other seeds and other additions to their menus. The argument was that prepared pellets included all of the various vitamins and minerals and other good things that our caged parrots needed to maintain a healthy diet and lifestyle and so ... many, many, many of us went through the time and the effort and the frustration of trying to wean intelligent (and stubborn) little birds off the seeds that they really loved and onto a strange but hopefully more healthy diet of strange looking and smelling pellets. I know that many owners and many parrots spent untold hours in a battle of wills over these dietary transitions.

Well, it seems as if dietary times and thoughts have turned again. More and more you read and hear of owners changing back to a “more natural” diet that includes a hand-prepared selection of seeds, fruits and vegetables, and other natural and home-prepared foods that they feel give their pet birds a more varied and more healthy diet. You don’t have to take my word for it, just read any of the bird keeping magazines, sit in on the various discussion lists on the Internet, and go to a bird club meeting or two. You will hear. Oh Boy! You will hear.

Now, don’t look at me. I don’t really know what the right answer is. I do know that over the last 40 or 50 years of keeping pet parrots, I will have fed my birds every conceivable diet that has been available to the earnest, interested bird owner. After all that, I really can’t tell you what the correct answer is. I can’t tell you what is the correct diet for your particular bird. I do know that raising the question of what is the best thing to feed your pet bird is the surest way to start a flame war on any parrot discussion list, do if you do ask the question, please do so in an easy-going, sincere manner and be willing to listen to many, many sides of the same argument. I personally think that the best answer to this question is for each and every owner to read all they can about parrot nutrition and to then make their own educated decision over what is best for their particular bird. I think we should all keep open minds as times and opinions change over the years. Still, I’m a firm believer that the thoughtful educated individual owner is the best decision-maker for their particular bird. Not very helpful; I realize.

Come Fly with Me.

To fly or not the fly ... that is the question! The issue of whether to keep the pet bird fully flighted or to keep a bird’s flight feathers trimmed is another topic that is guaranteed to raise a ruckus on any parrot discussion list. People feel as strongly about this issue as they do about what to feed their pet birds. It’s the same sort of issue – like what to feed – that is guaranteed to start a flame war among participants who are each absolutely certain of the rightness of their position.

Years ago – in the days of my little yellow budgie – all pet birds were fully flighted. Most pet birds were never let out of their cage, and those lucky few birds that were allowed out of their cage quickly developed flight patterns around living rooms and dining rooms that were as sophisticated and precise as any commercial airline approach

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patterns to large metropolitan airports. They knew where to go and how to avoid the traps of windows and mirrors. At that time, the trimming of wing feathers was considered too technical for the average bird owner and was normally too expensive to have completed at a veterinarian's office or pet shop. It didn't help that most people used the inaccurate term "wing clipping" instead of the more accurate and much more humane term "wing feather trimming."

Again, years later, when I adopted my first Quaker parakeet I read all of the available literature and determined that it was now (then) advisable and desirable keep your pet bird with clipped wing feathers. The argument was that that bird was safer and much, much less prone to escape with its flight feathers correctly trimmed. Bird books were now (then) full of detailed, fully illustrated explanations of how to trim a bird's flight feathers. Both veterinarians and pet stores were now (then) willing to show the interested owner how to hold a bird and how to trim the necessary flight feathers. (To my dying day, I still believe that an owner needs three hands to correctly hold a bird and trim its wing feathers in the correct manner – especially with a Quaker!)

Times and customs have changed again. Many, many bird people now believe that owners should keep their birds fully-flighted in order to give the birds the best and most natural living conditions possible. The argument goes that birds were born and designed by nature to fly and that to alter that condition is cruel and unnatural. The pro-flight owners maintain that the careful and educated owner can keep the flighted bird safe with a modicum effort and that the benefits far outweigh the dangers.

On this issue – to clip or not to clip – bird owners are as passionate and as determined as they are about what to feed their birds. This is another issue that will spark heated discussions on bird lists, in bird club meetings, and at bird fairs wherever pet bird enthusiasts gather.

So, there we have two conundrums. What should we do? Again, and in both cases, I believe that the interested, well-informed and well-educated owner should do all the research possible. They should – in a mild-mannered and well-intentioned manner – ask for opinions from other owners. Then each owner should kick back, take a deep breath, and make their own informed decision on what they think is best for their own bird(s). Keep an open mind, be willing to change – if necessary – and do the best they can. You have the best wishes of a person who has owned birds for almost four decades and seems to know less and less as each year goes by.

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British Egg Collector Sentenced to Prison Term

Matthew Gonshaw is the most imprisoned egg collector of native and endangered birds in England. He was sentenced for another jail term of six months after being convicted of theft and possession of wild bird eggs, some of which were rare endangered UK birds.

<http://focusingonwildlife.com/british-egg-collector-sentenced-to-prison-term.html>

AFA IN BRIEF - December 2011 (Editor - Carol Lee)

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

American Federation of Aviculture 38th Annual Convention

San Antonio, TX, August 15-18, 2012, Omni Colonnade Hotel

Register online at www.AFAbirds.org , or email us Convention@afabirds.org
The American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit educational organization.

2012 CALL FOR PAPERS

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

“Under One Wing”

Omni Colonnades, San Antonio, Texas

2011 AFA Convention Highlights !

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

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

AFA Disaster Relief ~New~

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

If you would like to help by making a donation, you may do so by going to <http://afabirds.org/donation.shtml> or by calling the AFA office at 512-585-9800. If you are available to assist in affected areas, please notify us, and we can direct you to the person where help is needed. You may contact the Disaster Relief Coordinator, Fred Smith at 863-858-6739 or by e-mailing him at fredsmith@wildblue.net.

Fundamentals of Aviculture Level II “Introductory Prices” NEW !!!

The Intermediate Aviculture Course (FOA II) is offered in 15 chapters covering conservation and research, courtship and nesting, basic avian genetics, color mutations, hybrids, breeding stimuli, incubation, hand-rearing, non-parrot studies, basic microbiology, illnesses, first-aid, avian enrichment and more. Admission to this Level II course requires that all students complete Level I prior to enrollment, and that they be members of the AFA. The

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introductory admission fee for the Level II course is \$75 for current AFA members. Non-members can qualify by purchasing a one year membership during admission. Visit www.fundamentalsofaviculture.com.

2010 and 2011 AFA Convention DVD's!

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

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World Parrot Trust - Fly Free 2012

The World Parrot Trust Fly Free program rescues parrots from the wild-caught trade. Through January 31, 2012 all donations will be matched by Terry & Bill Pelster, and Jack Devine of Macaw Landing Foundation.

A video update on the 224 African Grey parrots that were confiscated from smugglers, rehabilitated and re-released in Kibale National Park, in July of 2011 is available on Youtube. These birds were among 272 birds that were confiscated in two separate shipments by the Uganda Wildlife Authority. All of them were taken to the Uganda Wildlife Education Center for assessment and rehabilitation for release.

Video of rescued African Grey Parrots being released

Youtube title: Free at Last – Grey Parrots in Africa

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hn18yxEWfhQ>

To learn more about Fly Free <https://www.parrots.org/flyfree/>

To donate <https://www.parrots.org/flyfree/take-action.html>

Update on 517 Amazon Parrots Rescued

Parrots International sent out an urgent request in October concerning the confiscation of 517 parrots (Amazons and Pionus) in Brazil on September 25, 2011 from animal traffickers that had been found underneath a truck's cargo. They are currently in the hands of ECO <http://www.eco-conservation.org/>

Kilma Manso, who is a "wildlife traffic" officer with IBAMA, which is the equivalent of our Fish and Wildlife Department, is overseeing the effort. She is also associated with Parrots International and has worked as the project leader on the Parrots International Lear's Macaw Project.

Mark Stafford, President of Parrots International <http://parrotsinternational.org/> send out a video update on their status. There are two videos posted on Youtube. Both are in Portuguese, which is the native language of Brazil, but they have English subtitles.

The Video of all the chicks at feeding time:

Youtube Video Title – Baby Parrots in Recife

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=569xNSA750A>

The Video as the chicks experience first flight:

Youtube Video Title – Parrots in Recife II

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTlj6mwnDOA>

Nature Tour in Costa Rica

February 11-18, 2012

Dr. Frank Rutowski, a veterinarian specializing in tropical birds, will be escorting a nature tour to Costa Rica. It will be guided by a full-time Costa Rican naturalist. The tour is limited to 15 passengers.

Tour Highlights:

- Rainforest walk on Arenal Hanging Bridges
- Tabacon Thermal Springs and viewing of lava flow of Arenal Volcano
- Wildlife Boat Tour
- Botanical, Frog, and Reptile Gardens, and Trails at Maquenque Eco-Lodge
- Great Bird Watching at Maquenque: Green Macaws Anyone?
- Night Hike at Maquenque
- Birdwatching at Savegre Lodge: Home to many Quetzals
- Topiary at Zarcero
- Optional Activities: Zipline/Canopy; Spa Treatment

For more information, <http://www.costaricatoursltd.com/Nature.htm>



PARROT FESTIVAL 2012

13th Annual Educational Conference

January 20, 21, & 22, 2012

Presented by:

The National Parrot Rescue & Preservation Foundation

www.parrotfestival.org

LOCATION: Doubletree Hotel Houston Intercontinental Airport (IAH).
15747 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Houston, Texas, 77032 800-222-TREE
or 281-848-4000 FREE Parking!! FREE Airport Shuttle from IAH

To Register or for more Information

info@parrotfestival.com 713-557-BIRD (2473)

NEW DATES !!

JANUARY 20, 21 and 22, 2012

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Dr. Natalie Antinoff, Dr. Susan Friedman (Behavior), Chris Simmons (Compounding Avian Medicines), Daniel Sigmon (Quakers), and More to be announced later.

CONFERENCE/PRE-REGISTRATION

Early Bird: \$120.00 (\$110.00 w/NPRPF Membership) Must be postmarked before 9/01/2011.

Pre-registration: \$155.00 (\$140.00 w/NPRPF Membership) Must be postmarked before 12/01/2011.

Registration: \$180.00 Postmarked after 1/5/2012 or at the door.

Groups of 5-9 Club or Organization Members: \$115.00 each (\$105.00 w/NPRPF Membership)

Groups of 10 or more Club or Organization Members: \$110.00 each (\$100.00 w/NPRPF Membership)

Must use special group form and be postmarked before January 5, 2012.

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 evening. Registered attendees, vendors & supporters are invited to the President's VIP Meet & Greet. Complimentary dessert, Cash Bar, Contests, Prizes & More!!

BANQUET: Saturday. Cocktail Hour "Blue Jeans to Black Tie" charity event! Enjoy a three-course meal and 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) 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! *Want to be a vendor at Parrot Festival: info@parrotfestival.com*

TREASURE CHEST DRAWING: Registered Attendees - Get your Treasure Map and visit each of the booths & shops featuring quality vendors. 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.

SPONSORSHIPS: In order to keep registration & other fees low, NPRPF depends on individual sponsors to defer the cost of bringing you Parrot Festival. If you are interested in a Sponsorship, please contact us for a Prospectus of opportunities. info@parrotfestival.com

Phoenix Landing News

The January issue of Phoenix Beakin', which is Phoenix Landing's newsletter is available and can be found at

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs080/1102829252964/archive/1108977446556.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.

Their Wish List for the DC Area:

- Auction and raffle items
- Event locations in the Northern Virginia area
- Stamps (postcard and regular)
- Small pull and seal envelopes
- Transport for birds in all areas

Other Wish List Items:

- Travel sponsors for some of our extraordinary 2012 event speakers, which include Pamela Clark; Dr. Susan Orosz; Dr. Robert Ness; Dr. Gina Robinson; Kris Porter; Karrie Noterman; and Nyla Copp. Please email us at phoenixlanding@earthlink.net if you're interested. To learn more about our robust 2012 educational program, go to <http://phoenixlanding.org/events>.
- Laminator and letter size laminating pouches for educational displays and information about adoptable birds
- Transport for birds in all areas.

Their Wish List for the birds at The Landing adoption center:

- Skewers
- Un-waxed small Dixie cups
- Walnuts and other nuts

Wilson Parrot Foundation News

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

Critical Need:

On December 30th, 2011 the van that they used to transport their parrots was involved in an accident. Thankfully none of the birds that were in the van at the time were injured although Brian suffered whiplash and pulled muscles in his back. Although the other driver was at fault, their insurance is only paying a very small amount and it is not enough to replace this much needed van. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation for a new van, or you know someone who has a van to donate, **please call 301-368-3200**.

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.

Their Wish List:

- Safeway gift cards to buy fruits and vegetables for the birds
- Medium to large parrot toys
- Cage liners (cage catchers) of many different sizes
- Medium size RoudyBush pellets
- Home Depot or Lowe's gift cards for supplies
- Petco or PetSmart gift cards for supplies
- We are still in desperate need of a late model, full size transportation van
- Funds to build a third Aviary
- Funds to someday buy a farm so we will not have to turn away any more mistreated, neglected or unwanted parrots.

www.wilsonparrotfoundation.org

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/>

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

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Chantilly, VA 20151
703-349-4444
www.DJFeathers.com

*NCBC Members, bring in your newsletter and receive a free 1 lb of Spray Millet (\$6.69 value) with your \$25 order. In-store orders only. Limit 1 per membership please.



Every Day 11-6 ■ Mon & Thurs 11-8



National Capital Bird Club

2012 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

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Publicity Committee Chair	Jeanne Nathanson	301-263-0770	
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AFA Delegate #2	Open		

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
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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.

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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

January 20-22 - by NPRPF

Parrot Festival 2012

Houston, TX

<http://www.parrotfestival.org/festivalinfo.html>

See flyer on page 10

January 28 – by Phoenix Landing

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

Stahl Exotic Animal Veterinary Services

4105 Rust Rd

Fairfax, VA

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

February 4 – by Phoenix Landing

Scott Stahl, DVM: Common Avian Emergencies, Part 2

Springfield, VA

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

February 11 – by Phoenix Landing

A Parrot's Point of View

Annapolis, MD

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

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Nourish to Flourish

Annapolis, MD

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

February 11-18

Nature Tour in Costa Rica

Tour escorted by Dr. Frank Rutkowski

<http://www.costaricatoursltd.com/Nature.htm>

See page 9 for more information

February 26 – by Phoenix Landing

Behavior Workshop: Clicker Training for Parrots

Fairfax/Pender, VA

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

March 3 – by Phoenix Landing

6th Annual Mardi Gras, Meet Adoptable Parrots!

Springfield, VA

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

April 20-22 – by Phoenix Landing

STEP-UP Workshop

The Landing

Asheville, NC

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

June 8-10 – by Phoenix Landing

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August 15-18 – by AFA

American Federation of Aviculture 38th Annual Convention

Omni Colonnade Hotel

San Antonio, TX

http://www.afabirds.org/convention_index.shtml

October 20-21 – by Phoenix Landing

Wellness Retreat

UNC-Asheville, NC

<http://phoenixlanding.org/wellnessretreat>

October 28 - November 4

4th Annual Parrot Lover's Cruise

Sailing from New Orleans, USA

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

November 9-11 – by Phoenix Landing

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Asheville, NC

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