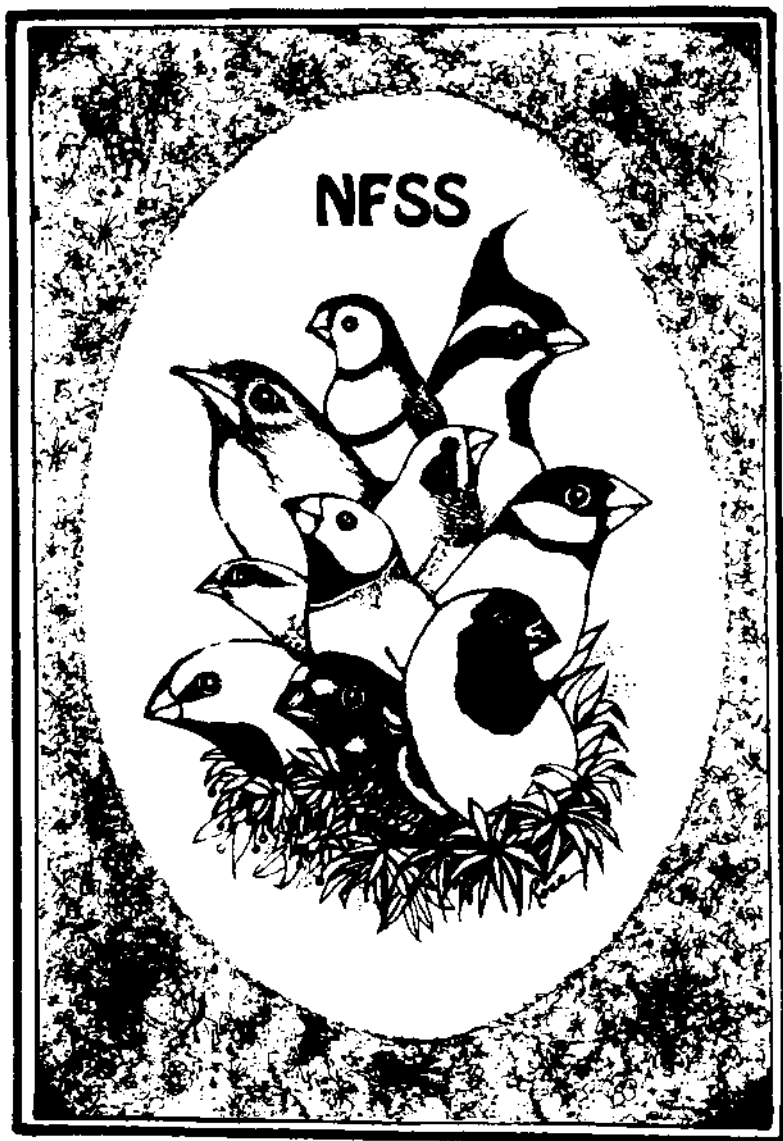


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## In this issue:

Welcome to the yearbook of the National Finch and Softbill Society, *The NFSS Handbook*. As part of yearly NFSS membership, members are receiving this special issue which pulls together into one convenient volume items previously scattered throughout the bi-monthly issues of *The NFSS Bulletin*. New members, too, will be able to obtain this special issue, with its useful and informative information, no matter at what point they join during the year.

The important information you now have at your fingertips includes the latest **NFSS Annual Census**, highlights of **FINCHSAVE**, NFSS' cooperative breeding program, an **index** to all the articles and information included in *The NFSS Bulletin* since its inception, the **NFSS Bylaws**, a complete listing of 1995 **affiliated club delegates and shows**, **affiliation** information, **NFSS membership** by state and region, a history of major **NFSS award recipients**, an overview of **NFSS' Overseas Awards** program, as well as **biographies** of the current members of the NFSS Board of Directors.

The 1995 **NFSS Show Classifications** are included once again, with a minor change since their printing last issue. For further information on this and other recent NFSS news, please read **News n' Notes**.

May the information in this *Handbook* enrich your NFSS membership. And, as always, you can look forward to more great finch and softbill reading in the next issue of *The NFSS Bulletin!*



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### **Dedication**

The first *NFSS Handbook* was dedicated to Philip Shaw (1948-1985).

This edition is lovingly dedicated to

Jon Hoffman (1945-1994) and to Brian Binns (1935-1995)

- two men who have had a profound impact on the course of aviculture  
and aviculturists' lives.



## State of the Society Message

By Steve Hoppin  
NFSS President

I believe the founding members of NFSS had several important long-term goals in mind when they established the National Finch and Softbill Society in 1984. Their goals, set many years ago, were intended to meet the diverse needs of aviculturists keeping, breeding, and/or exhibiting finches and softbills. Due to the diligent efforts and teamwork of our founding members, past and present administrations, and our membership, NFSS has achieved satisfaction of these goals and prospers in the 90's.

Now entering its second decade, NFSS (a non-profit organization) continues to dedicate itself to promoting interest in the keeping and breeding of finches and softbills, educating members in the care of these birds, encouraging breeding programs, and cooperating with organizations for the preservation of aviculture in this country.

Today, NFSS is proud to have one thousand-plus members and affiliated clubs representing the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Bermuda, Great Britain, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand — all striving to achieve their avian-related goals.

Our important members and affiliated clubs contribute to the health and well-being of the Society by promoting and supporting our "finch and softbill family" in various ways. Members display their birds (various species of finches and softbills) at bird shows around the world helping to promote the fancy and stimulate interest in the general public as well as the seasoned aviculturist. Members submit interesting and educational articles for publication in *The NFSS Bulletin* to "share the knowledge", with the hope of assisting or encouraging members in their bird keeping and breeding efforts. The involvement, hard work and support of our breeder members, with strong conservation goals, has helped the FINCHSAVE Program become one of aviculture's foremost cooperative breeding programs.

## Club Affiliates with NFSS

NFSS affiliated clubs promote the finch and softbill fancy through bird shows, seminars, conventions, swap meets, and club consortiums. They receive our bi-monthly *Bulletin* in which their club, the club's delegate and phone number are listed along with their show or event date, to reach those interested in aviculture. Affiliated clubs have the opportunity to choose awards ranging from service awards to plaques and/or rosettes for their club-sponsored show or event. In 1995, they will also receive a handsome Eric Peake "Diamond Firetail" lithograph as part of their affiliation, to do with as they see fit.

### *The NFSS Bulletin*

NFSS considers the sharing of knowledge and educational information important factors that contribute to the growth of the membership, and strives to offer the membership these benefits.

*The NFSS Bulletin*, a bi-monthly publication, is our main communicator to the membership and has always been praised as a valuable educational resource for our membership, especially our junior members. In the last year and a half, NFSS' Publications department has acquired a new editor with fresh and exciting new ideas. She has created an NFSS publication that is drawing much acclaim for its professional look and wide extent of finch and softbill coverage. Members will find

interesting and educational articles, ranging from the keeping and caring of birds to breeding, banding, showing, avian medicine, and of course, legislation affecting aviculture. The *Bulletin* also offers members classified advertising to purchase, trade or sell birds, commercial advertising, and free FINCHSAVE inquiries.

## NFSS Publications

Over the years, several educational publications have been produced by NFSS, including the 1985 *Judges Handbook*, the 1991 *First Edition of Standards*, and the 1992/93 *Official NFSS Handbook*. The *Handbook* has now become a part of the membership package and replaces one issue of *The NFSS Bulletin* each year. The revised, newest edition of the *Judges Handbook* includes a general standard and many species specific standards written and adopted by NFSS, and will be available in the near future.

## Exhibition with NFSS

NFSS Panel Judges also contribute to the educational aspects of the Society through the judging of bird shows. The judges' knowledge and experience help make bird shows a learning experience for all in attendance. The majority of finches and softbills at shows are classified and benched before the gallery in order of geographical origin and judged according to conformation, color, condition, demeanor and presentation. At these one- or two-day shows,

aviculturists have the opportunity to see and study many different species which they have only read about. The species standards utilized by judges during exhibition can be applied to both birds for exhibition and for use in breeding programs, and are often discussed and explained to the gallery.

### **Educational Outreach: Displays, Video, Speakers**

Our "display boards" continue to be requested for promotional and educational avian events and invigorate interest in the finch and softbill fancy.

The NFSS video "The Wonderful World of Finches and Softbills: An Introduction", available to all, is a tribute to many species of birds. Within NFSS, we are also fortunate to have talented and resourceful members that avail themselves as speakers at various avian functions. Through slide or video presentations, NFSS speakers enlighten and enhance aviculturists' knowledge on various aspects of the finch and softbill fancy.

### **FINCHSAVE!**

The FINCHSAVE Program, established in 1988, is one of our strongest and most important assets. Dedicated to the preservation of finches and softbills in the United States, FINCHSAVE encourages members and club consortiums to become participants of our "established consortium of breeders of finches

and softbills" and help maintain viable captive-bred populations of finches and softbills. Over the years the numbers of participants, species and birds enrolled have steadily increased. Today we have over 600 birds registered! Currently the FINCHSAVE department is working on additional preservation projects, including the Census and Waxbill Survey.

### **NFSS Annual Census**

The annual NFSS Census remains a valuable service which provides a means of communication between our conservation-conscious finch and softbill breeders by assisting these breeders in the acquisition and maintenance of various bloodlines, and helps FINCHSAVE keep records of finch and softbill species currently in captivity. The voluntary Census report published in *The NFSS Bulletin* includes names of breeders, the state in which they reside, species they are working with and their telephone numbers. The 1994 census is the most successful in our history, with over 115 members responding from the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. Reports indicate numerous breeders are now working with several more pairs per specie than in the past. This will hopefully ensure a greater diversity of bloodlines which breeders will have to strengthen future generations of captive birds.



## 9 Leg Band Sizes!

NFSS offers the membership 9 different sizes of the highest quality, closed, traceable leg bands which provide proper labeling and proof of domestic-raised finches and softbills. NFSS bands can accommodate the smallest of waxbills up to, and including small doves, quail, and other softbills. 1994 was a record year for band sales, selling a total of 34,000 bands. In just the first half of this year our membership has purchased over 36,500 bands! To assist members with their propagation efforts and encourage closed banding of young, *The NFSS Bulletin* routinely publishes a guide for selecting and ordering appropriate closed bands, as well as detailing leg banding procedures.

## Meeting Aviculture's Changing Needs

Currently, NFSS has several committees working on various projects and additional new programs which are designed to meet the needs of members and enhance the Society. The Conservation Committee is working hard to establish a small grant process for consortiums and other avian causes, and the Breeder Recognition Committee is at work to add Breeder awards to the NFSS awards system.

The diligent and innovative past efforts of NFSS have created an impressive list of active programs, and the ground work has been laid for

## Notice of Upcoming 1995 NFSS Board of Directors' Meetings

**3RD QTR 1995**

"By Mail"

**4TH QTR 1995**

National Cage Bird Show  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
November 16-18, 1995

Understanding that circumstances vary for each individual, all Board members are encouraged to attend Board meetings.

future programs. Input from the membership sets short- and long-term goals to meet the needs of the Society.

In the future, we hope to continue to meet the needs of current members, but also offer new incentives to attract other fanciers to associate with NFSS and contribute to our growth.

The past success of NFSS can be attributed to those individuals who had the foresight and determination to create an organization to benefit aviculture. The future success of NFSS depends on our efforts to respond to the changing needs of aviculture today and in the future.



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## NFSS News & Notes

*Compiled from NFSS Directors*

### Waxbill Survey in Circulation

Andrea Sedlak and Gail Ranshaw, participants in NFSS FINCHSAVE program, recently distributed to the membership a comprehensive survey on breeding waxbills. If you or someone you know has had experience with waxbills, please see that a completed survey form gets sent in today. Our combined experiences with these birds may provide vitally important insights. To obtain additional copies of the survey, send a SASE to Gail Ranshaw, 8805 Liberty Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109. *And a special thanks* to Andrea and Gail for carrying out another significant project of NFSS.

### New Recording Secretary Appointed

Patrick Vance of Lathup Village, MI has been appointed to complete this 1994/95 term as NFSS Recording Secretary. *Thank you, Patrick!*

### 1996/97 Board Nominations Open

The Nominating Committee to produce a slate of candidates for the upcoming 1996/97 elections has been appointed. It consists of Clarence



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Culwell, Chairperson ((817) 220-5568), Cathy Knight ((510) 634-5068), and Armando Lee ((305) 270-1000). Please let any of these three know of your interest to serve in the next term for NFSS, or to nominate someone for an office. *Thank you for your support!*

The Search is on . . .

. . . for a new NFSS Editor beginning with 1996. The current editor declares she has never had a more delightful experience in aviculture than in preparing *The NFSS Bulletin*, but she must (*reluctantly!*) pass

## When is Your NFSS Membership Due for Renewal?

### How to Read Your Mailing Label:

Your mailing label shows the issue *through* which your membership is paid (i.e. **Expire: 7/01/95**). If you have not paid by the time of the mailing of this issue you will see highlighted the sad tidings: **LAST ISSUE**.

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the baton at the end of this year, to spend more time with her family. If you or someone you know is a likely candidate for the rewarding position of NFSS Editor, please contact the current Editor, Martha Wigmore for more information. (See inside front cover.)

### Breeder Recognition Program

There has been much activity in the development of NFSS' first Breeder Recognition Program since the Committee was formed last fall. Your ideas and comments are welcome. Contact Chairperson Jerry McCawley. (See inside front cover.)

### Show Classifications - minor change

NFSS recommends that three species be removed from the show classification, as they are included on federal lists not to be imported: Brambling Finch (Sec. 6), Red-billed Weaver (Sec. 7), and Olive Finch (Sec. 8). These classes have been

deleted from the 1995 Show Classifications reprinted in this *Handbook*.

### Contributions and Corrections

*The NFSS Bulletin* has thrived upon the submissions of its contributors, who include among their ranks members and non-members, readers and non-Bulletin readers, novices and "experts". YOU are welcome to contribute to the *Bulletin*, too! And we greatly appreciate hearing from you of any needed corrections.

### New NFSS T-Shirt!

NFSS offers a new T-Shirt design featuring a half-dozen varieties of finches in a colorful, naturalistic setting, attractively bordered by the name of our organization. Available from FINCHSHOP for \$18.00.

### Responses to 'Gouldian Malaise' and more . . .

The September/October 1995 issue of *The NFSS Bulletin* will be packed with great finch and softbill reading, including a Special Section on bird room time-saving hints. And yes, Levin Tilghman's "Gouldian Malaise" article last issue generated several responses which will be shared. On the whole, as has been NFSS' history on many issues over the years, our respondents demonstrate a reassuring tolerance for differing views, while feeling the freedom to present their own opinions. From *such* roots grows the branch of peace. . .

# National Finch and Softbill Society

## BYLAWS

Adopted by the Board of Directors on Sunday, March 15, 1987, amended February 1994, and replaces those adopted on November 10, 1983 and September 8, 1985.

These bylaws have been adopted by at least a two-thirds majority of those members responding to a ballot acceptance as published in the official *Bulletin* of the Society. These bylaws are on file with the Secretary of State's office in Hartford, Connecticut.

### ARTICLE 1 - NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

This organization shall be known as the National Finch and Softbill Society, Inc. It shall also be known in a more casual manner as "NFSS".

### ARTICLE 2 - STATUS

The National Finch and Softbill Society, Inc. is a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut. All necessary data is on file at the Secretary of State's office, Arch Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06105.

### ARTICLE 3 - HOME OFFICE

The principal office of the Society shall be 18913 Boston St. NW, Elk River, Minnesota, or other address as the Board of Directors may from time to time select.

### ARTICLE 4 - PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

Recognizing a lack of organization amongst exhibitors and breeders of Finches and Softbilled birds, and in view of the increased interest in them, we propose to: encourage breeding programs, enhance the knowledge of our members in keeping and care of these birds, cooperate with organizations for the

preservation of aviculture in this country, and introduce the enjoyment of keeping and breeding Finches and Softbills to all interested parties.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - CALENDAR YEAR**

The calendar year of this Society shall be January 1 through December 31.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - OFFICERS**

##### **PARAGRAPH ONE**

**President:** The President of the Society shall preside over all Board of Directors meetings of this Society. The President shall also preside at the National annual meeting. The President shall attend to the day-to-day operations of the Society, shall abide by the bylaws of the Society, and shall coordinate and delegate the activities of the other officers of this Society.

##### **PARAGRAPH TWO**

**First Vice-President:** Shall fill the position of the President in absentia. Shall be first in succession to fill the position of the President should the President be unable to fill his term. The First Vice-President shall coordinate the activities of, and be responsible for all Regional Vice-Presidents.

##### **PARAGRAPH THREE**

**Second Vice-President:** Shall be second in line to the Presidency and first in line to succeed the First Vice-President. The Second Vice-President shall chair the Education Committee and coordinate the educational programs of the Society. The Second Vice-President shall also chair the Publishing Committee as well as sit on all Committees of the Society.

##### **PARAGRAPH FOUR**

**The Third Vice-President:** Shall be in charge of "FINCHSAVE" the captive breeding program of the Society. He shall participate in the committee and guide the captains and breeders involved in the program.

##### **PARAGRAPH FIVE**

**The Fourth Vice-President:** Must be a NFS Panel Judge as he shall serve as the Panel Director. The Fourth Vice-President shall also chair the Research and Standards Committee and be in charge of Specie Classifications. He shall also be responsible for shows or exhibitions of the Society and member points arising therefrom.

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**PARAGRAPH SIX**

Corresponding Secretary: Shall be responsible for all correspondence of the Society. The Corresponding Secretary shall also serve as the Membership Chairman for the Society.

**PARAGRAPH SEVEN**

Recording Secretary: Shall be responsible for the minutes of all Board of Directors meetings of the Society. Will further direct the recording of all minutes of special or national membership meetings that may be called from time to time. Will present to the President or Bulletin Editor a copy of all meeting minutes of this Society.

**PARAGRAPH EIGHT**

Treasurer: Shall be responsible for the collection and keeping of all Society funds and assessments. Shall maintain a bank account, and deposit Society funds in the account under the name the National Finch and Softbill Society, Inc.. All funds, with the exception of the operating funds, are to be kept in a savings account. The Treasurer will pay with Society funds. kept in a checking account, all debts incurred by the Society at the directions of the Board of Directors. Society funds shall be used for the Society business only.

**PARAGRAPH NINE**

Leg Band Secretary: Shall be responsible for the ordering and issuance of official leg bands of the Society in accordance with the then policy of the Society. The Leg Band Secretary shall report to the Treasurer of the Society.

**PARAGRAPH TEN**

Chief Liaison Officer: Shall be responsible for the interrelationships between "NFS" and other national and local avicultural organizations. He will also assist Regional Vice-Presidents with club affiliations. The office of Liaison is an appointed office by the Board of Directors.

**PARAGRAPH ELEVEN**

Regional Vice-President: Shall be responsible for encouraging membership and club affiliation in the National Finch and Softbill Society within a given region. Regional Vice-Presidents are responsible to the First Vice-President. Regional Vice-Presidents are to encourage at least one membership meeting within their regions annually.



## ARTICLE 7 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### PARAGRAPH ONE

The Board of Directors shall consist of all elected and appointed officers of the Society. The Board may at its pleasure ask a past Director to serve a term of one year only, on the present Board for the purpose of a smooth and orderly transition of Society business.

### PARAGRAPH TWO

All matters of business of the Society shall be conducted by the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis, on the first Sunday of each quarter, or at an alternative time, occasioned by a National Holiday or other necessity. Emergency meetings may be held at any time deemed necessary by at least four Board members. The Fall Board Meeting shall be held in conjunction with the National Show of the Society. The Winter and Spring and Summer meetings may be held at a location as designated by the Board.

### PARAGRAPH THREE

Any elected or appointed officer of the Society found by the Board to be injurious to the Society, may be removed from office by a two thirds vote of all Directors. To be injurious to the Society, a violation of the bylaws or a flagrant action against the good of the Society must have taken place. A written complaint against said officer must be signed by at least two Board members and must be received by the Corresponding Secretary by certified mail in order to be considered by the Whole Board.

### PARAGRAPH FOUR

The Board of Directors may not occasion a meeting without first sending a notice to all Board members. Such a notice must be postmarked at least ten days prior to said meeting. Emergency meetings may take place when four members of the Board deem it necessary, without written notice. During an emergency meeting of the Board, no action may be taken on the removal of an officer or on an amendment to these Bylaws.

## ARTICLE 8 - COMMITTEES

### PARAGRAPH ONE

The President or Board of Directors may form a committee for the purpose of carrying out the goals and administration of the Society, without amendment.

## PARAGRAPH TWO

Membership Committee: The Membership Committee shall conduct the membership affairs of the Society, and shall from time to time conduct drives to increase the membership of the Society. It shall promote the Society at any event held nationally or locally in the avicultural field unless such promotion should be contrary to the sponsoring organization's policy. The Membership Committee shall be chaired by the Treasurer of the Society.

## PARAGRAPH THREE

Show Committee: The Show Committee, chaired by the Fourth Vice-President, shall be responsible for the annual show of the Society. It shall be responsible for the day-to-day activities required to achieve said exhibition, and shall be immediately responsible to the Board of Directors.

## PARAGRAPH FOUR

Publishing Committee: The Publishing Committee, chaired by the Second Vice-President, shall be responsible for all publications of this Society. It shall produce and edit a bi-monthly bulletin for the membership of the Society. It shall produce a Handbook or yearbook for the Society, and any other publications as directed by the Board of Directors.

## PARAGRAPH FIVE

Research Committee: Shall conduct research on a given subject at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, and will assist members of the Society with matters of avicultural interest.

## PARAGRAPH SIX

Education Committee: This committee will assist its chairman, the Second Vice-President, in developing educational programs for the members of this Society.

## PARAGRAPH SEVEN

Standards Committee: The Standards Committee shall work with the Judges Panel and other interested parties in an ongoing effort to establish Standards of Perfection for the individual species.

## PARAGRAPH EIGHT

Judges Panel: Shall consist of all approved judges in accordance with the standards set forth by the Society. The procedure for nominating a judge for the Judges Panel shall consist of a written application by the potential judge, and nomination by at least two members of the Judges Panel. Nomination by the Judges Panel may not take place until the potential judge has completed apprenticeship and testing under the formula as then required by the Board of

Directors of the society. Final approval of a new judge shall be by the Board of Directors with a majority vote of the Board.

#### PARAGRAPH NINE

Apprentice Judge: An Apprentice Judge is a member of the Society who has applied to the chairman of the Judges Panel for the apprenticeship program. A copy of the requirements and program are found in the NFS Judges Panel Handbook.

#### PARAGRAPH TEN

Finchsavé Committee: The Finchsavé Committee shall assist the Director of the program. It shall consist of members designated by the Director and the Board of Directors. This Committee shall help develop and preserve policy in regard to this captive breeding program. Only the Committee may request funds for the administration of the program. All funds used for the program must be authorized by the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE 9 - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

#### PARAGRAPH ONE

The dues for membership in the National Finch and Softbill Society shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

#### PARAGRAPH TWO

Membership is available to single members as well as dual members. Dual means any two individuals residing at the same address. Any dual membership will receive only one copy of an NFS publication; however, dual members will count as two individual votes in regard to NFS elections or other business.

#### PARAGRAPH THREE

Junior membership will be available at a reduced rate to any applicant under the age of sixteen.

#### PARAGRAPH FOUR

If a member's dues remain unpaid for a period exceeding sixty days beyond written or published notice, said member's privileges shall be suspended.

#### PARAGRAPH FIVE

Membership in the National Finch and Softbill Society is a privilege. Any member who misrepresents the Society, holds Society property without authorization, or in any other way is injurious to this Society as defined in, but not limited to, Article 7. Paragraph 3, may lose his privileges of membership,

and receive a prorated refund of his unused dues. In order to cause action under this paragraph, a member must file a deposit of twenty-five dollars with the Society Treasurer, along with papers which shall support a claim against a member of this Society. Such claim shall be taken up by the Board of Directors. If the claim is ruled legitimate and results in the removal of a member, the claimant will receive his deposit back. If a claim is unfounded, the deposit shall be forfeited by the claimant.

## **ARTICLE 10 - ELECTIONS**

### **PARAGRAPH ONE**

Members elected to hold office in the Society shall serve for a period of two years.

### **PARAGRAPH TWO**

Elections will be held every two years, or as may be occasioned by death or removal of an officer. A ballot, either separate or included in the official bulletin of the Society, shall be postmarked at least sixty days prior to elections. A majority of the ballots counted shall determine the outcome of the vote. A postmark as it pertains to this paragraph may be considered an official US bulk mailing facsimile certificate.

### **PARAGRAPH THREE**

The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee, consisting of at least three members, who must produce a slate of officers for the election. The committee shall produce at least one name, and not more than three names for each office. A write-in space must be allowed for each office on the ballot.

### **PARAGRAPH FOUR**

All elections of this Society shall be by secret ballot only. Ballots will be counted by an appointee of the Board of Directors. Such appointee cannot be an elected officer of the Society.

## **ARTICLE 11 - QUORUM**

### **PARAGRAPH ONE**

The Board of Directors, having sole authority to conduct the business of the Society, shall decide matters by a simple majority of those present at the Board meeting. A director's votes received by mail shall be considered as if the Board member were present.

**PARAGRAPH TWO**

At least four members of the Board must be present in order for the Board to conduct business at a meeting.

**PARAGRAPH THREE**

General membership votes on matters of the Society are only considered for the election of officers, the amendment of bylaws, or as otherwise set forth by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE 12 - MEMBERSHIP MEETING****PARAGRAPH ONE**

The Society shall have an annual meeting held in conjunction with the National Show of the Society.

**PARAGRAPH TWO**

The annual meeting of the Society shall consist of a State of the Society report given by the President, an annual Treasurer's report, and a more casual discussion period when members may make their views known to the Board of Directors.

**PARAGRAPH THREE**

Regional meetings may be held at the direction of the Regional Vice-Presidents. Business is not conducted at regional meetings. These meetings are for the general membership of the Society and are primarily to discuss ideas which may be presented to the Board of Directors. These meetings may also sponsor educational programs for the membership.

**ARTICLE 13 - AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS****PARAGRAPH ONE**

Amendments to the bylaws must be sponsored by at least two members of the Society and received by the Corresponding Secretary by certified mail.

**PARAGRAPH TWO**

Amendments to the bylaws must be published in a newsletter of the Society at least 30 days prior to the next Board of Directors meeting. Any general change in the bylaws must be approved by hallot of the general membership.

**PARAGRAPH THREE**

Urgent actions may be considered by the Board of Directors for earlier disposition. Such actions shall not constitute a change of hylaws in regard to paragraph two of this article.

**PARAGRAPH FOUR**

Any amendment to the bylaws of this Society must be approved by two thirds of those responding. Any such ballot may only be opened at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, or at any time designated by at least four Board Members.

**ARTICLE 14 - ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

The bylaws hereby set forth in Article 1 through 14 shall be considered the articles of incorporation of the National Finch and Softbill Society Inc., and may not be changed in any way, subject to the terms of Article 13 paragraphs 1 through 4, as included herein.



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### **Steve Hoppin President**

NFSS President Steve Hoppin has served NFSS in many capacities from just after its conception in 1984. Prior to being elected NFSS President, Steve completed two terms as Regional Vice President in Region 2, Southeast Region. He has been a Panel Judge since 1987. Steve has been actively serving aviculture at both the national and local level. In Florida, Steve was President of the Gulf Coast Bird Club, Ft. Myers, Florida and served as editor of their publications for two years.

Steve maintains and breeds 14 species of finches outdoors in southwest Florida. His conservation efforts include active participation in FINCHSAVE breeding the following finches: Pintail Nonpareils, Blue Face and Red Headed Parrot Finches and Black Crested Finches. He has also had significant successes this year breeding several species of waxbills.

He started exhibiting finches and softbills in 1982 and has won many top awards. So successful have been his ventures to the show hall that he has earned the NFSS Champion Exhibitor award for 1986, 1988, 1989, 1992 and 1993. In 1989 he was

awarded the NFSS Exhibitor of Excellence award.

When on vacation from his position as a surgical technologist, work he has performed for over 17 years, Steve travels extensively. His worldwide journeys have included trips to Europe, Egypt, Peru, Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands and Australia. In the summer of 1993 Steve spent two weeks in Costa Rica studying softbills, in particular hummingbirds and tanagers. Recently he has been presenting a video program to clubs about his South American adventure.

### **Tom Rood**

#### **1st Vice President - Regional V.P.'s, Regional V.P. - Region 3 Mid-Central and Foreign**

A longtime NFSS member (carrying NFSS membership number 43). Tom is a recipient of the distinguished Founders Award for his work with the Overseas Exchange Awards project, and was coordinator until this year of the NFSS Census. Tom has been a bird breeder and exhibitor since age 11. Currently an NFSS Panel Judge. Tom has achieved significant show success during his lifelong career with birds.



In the past eleven years, during which he has been working solely with finches Tom has been awarded the Kellogg Trophy with a pair of Zebras, three Kaytee Awards for best hred and banded finches, six NFSS Championship Exhibitor Awards and the NFSS Exhibitor of Excellence Award. He had the first two Champion Birds - a dilute society and gray zebra.

Residing in Illinois, Tom has been an elementary school teacher for 21 years (grades 2 and 3), and has two college age children of his own. He enjoys reading about birds (especially finches), corresponding with bird fanciers from several countries, and in recent years, Tom especially enjoys antiquing with his wife, Jane. Both are avid collectors of Czechoslovakian bird figurines, Czech art glass, and Czech jewelry.

To Tom, the best part of the bird hobby is the people!

**Martha Wigmore**  
**2nd Vice President -**  
**Publications and Education,**  
**Editor**

Martha's adventure with caged birds began when, as a young girl in Southern California she purchased her first pet parakeet from an enthusiastic and loquacious breeder. She was delighted to discover caged birds and the people who rear them, and her love of listening to breeders' tales has never ended.

Martha's involvement with the NFSS and the wonderful local clubs

in Colorado spurred her growth as a finch and softbill enthusiast. A member of NFSS since just after its inception, she is the editor of *The NFSS Bulletin* and publications and education Vice President, a past Regional Vice President from Region 5, Mountain, and the developer of the NFSS educational display boards used by NFSS affiliated clubs in recent years. She was a founder and first president of the Colorado Cage Bird Association and a Member of the Year with the Rocky Mountain Society of Aviculture.

Through the years Martha has successfully reared over a dozen varieties of birds. She placed a Zebra Finch hen as Best in Show at her 2nd show ever in 1984 (*thanks, Charlie!*), followed over the years with other Best in Show wins by English Zebras, Societies, Gold Breasted Waxbills and Rock Pebbler parrots she has raised. Martha has been an NFSS Panel Judge since 1989.

A former financial manager with high technology firms, Martha currently works full-time with her family at home, homeschooling with husband Mark their three children in Elk River, Minnesota.

**Linda Oja**  
**3rd Vice President -**  
**FINCHSAVE**

Linda has been director of FINCHSAVE since 1991. Dissatisfied with the lack of information on finches in current publications, she developed the *Virginia Finch Forum*

newsletter which quickly grew from a statewide newsletter to one with international readership. Information from various sources is compiled and shared with both FINCHSAVE participants and other aviculturists to help preserve finches and softbills in American aviculture. Linda has been breeding finches for about 12 years and is now ready to tackle the more challenging species. She is on the board of the Peninsula Caged Bird Society and has given talks at various bird clubs to promote breeding of finches and softbills.

**Dr. Al Decoteau**  
**4th Vice President -**  
**Judges Panel Chairman**  
**Points Chairman**

Dr. Al Decoteau, a veterinarian and graduate of Iowa State University, has been breeding birds for many years. He has successfully raised seventeen species of Amazons (some to four generations), six species of Cockatoos and seven species of Macaws.

Dr. Decoteau is the author of *Handbook of Amazons*, *Handbook of Cockatoos*, *Handbook of Macaws*, and *Bird Exhibiting*. He has also produced videos on Cockatoos, Macaws and popular Amazons.

Dr. Decoteau serves on the board of several national avicultural organizations, and is a qualified judge for four national clubs, including NFSS.

He has been in finches and softbills for over 30 years, and has won

several Best in Show awards. He has bred several types of birds, but now specializes in Green Singers, Gouldians, Javas, Fire Finches and Parsons.

Dr. Decoteau has been awarded the Ross Award for 1984 Aviculturist of the Year in New England and the 1988 Kaytee Award for Excellence in Aviculture. He has also received the Honorary Life Award by the Central California Bird Society of Sacramento, one of two ever awarded. He has twice been the recipient of the coveted AFA AVY Award and has received both parts of the highest award given by SPBE, The Carolina Parakeet Award.

**Lynda Bakula**  
**Membership Chairman,**  
**Advertising Manager,**  
**Corresponding Secretary**

Lynda has always had a love for animals, growing up in the Alabama countryside. She was around cows, a pony, chickens and registered Beagles. She married her husband, Bob, 10 years ago and moved to Illinois from Atlanta, GA. In the 10 years they have lived in Moline, IL, Fairfax, VA, Waterloo, IA, and Bettendorf, IA. Bob has taken an early retirement and they have settled in Ballwin, near his home in St. Louis, MO. Lynda is looking forward to being around family again. This will also get her closer to her own family in northern Alabama.

Lynda got her first pair of waxbills four years ago as a birthday

present from her husband. After a couple of years they decided to build an aviary for their living room.

Lynda currently keeps red-eared, cordon bleu, red-billed fire finches and other waxbills. Lynda is very proud of her red-eareds, named Mr. and Mrs. "B". for raising 3 little ones last year. Her cordons, Mr. & Mrs. "C", raised 5. So far this year, the cordons raised four. This year the birds are not set up for breeding because of their relocation.

Lynda plans on having a bird room in the basement of their new house, with flights for raising her waxbills. Bob is very understanding about the fly larva (which results in a few flies around the house). meal worms, soaking seed, and all the different foods in the kitchen.

**Patrick Vance**  
**Recording Secretary**

**Marion (Miki) Spartzak**  
**Treasurer**

**Eileen Laird**  
**Band Secretary**

Eileen has been involved with birds or bird related activities for a number of years either on a local or state level and a lot of behind the scenes work.

Having lived in different sections of the country, including Japan. Eileen and her family now reside in Winter Park, Florida.

Eileen accepted the position of Band Secretary in October 1994. She has worked very hard to computerize the band reports, records and orders along with expediting every order she receives. With Eileen's sincere commitment to NFSS we look forward to many years of working with her.

**Ginny Allen**  
**Liaison Officer,**  
**Awards Director**

While growing up in Lincoln, Nebraska. I envied friends who had personable little parakeets. However, I became very cautious towards parrots I encountered working part-time in a veterinarian's office while attending the University of Nebraska. The following 30 years found me married with three children, teaching in elementary schools in Nebraska, Kansas, Texas, and Florida as my husband climbed the professional ladder in his career. Firing this period, we had several dogs, cats, rabbits, "multiplying" hamsters, aquariums, and even luck with raising box turtles — but never a bird! In fact, I had declared that I never wanted a bird as they were noisy and messy! However...

Eight years ago a little red-factor canary flew into my garage, and then a lovebird was added, then six finches, more finches, and many other varieties of birds. I was hooked!

In September of 1993, we retired to the Auburn-Opelika area. The home's 14' x 40' sunroom is perfect for our custom-built 12' x 8' x 8' aviary, which houses about 20 different species of finches and 3 canaries in free flight. The birds breed well.

In my "spare time" I am currently on the staff of Auburn University as field test coordinator for the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. We are field-testing all materials for the national certification of primary teachers.

As Liaison Officer and Affiliations Director, I have a unique opportunity to meet and visit with many NFSS members. I plan to continue to breed, band, and show exotic finches and work towards building an interest in finches and softbills in Alabama.

### **Kris Kroner** **Regional Vice President** **Region 1 - Northeast**

Through her activities with bird clubs as well as participation in FINCHSAVE, Kris serves as a resource to others on breeding and husbandry issues. She serves as Mannikins Group Manager in FINCHSAVE. Her favorite mannikin continues to be the *Lonchura bicolor* (black and white mannikin) for which she now is in fourth and fifth generation breeding of parent fed chicks. She is highly successful in the breeding of many varieties of

mannikins, and Kris has successfully bred Indian Hill Mynahs.

Kris has received Champion Bird and Champion Exhibitor status, but currently, Kris is more interested in conservation and breeding activities than with exhibiting. She is chairperson of the newly created NFSS Conservation Committee.

Kris also has yellow collar and military macaws, dogs active in Agility and Obedience work, and four cats, very effective as mouse parollers.

In addition, Kris assists in placements of all kinds of unwanted pets, and works full-time in the health care industry.

### **Dale Laird** **Region Vice President** **Region 2 - Southeast**

Dale has promoted aviculture and served the local bird clubs of Florida for several years. He is active in the Sunshine State Cage Bird Society in Orlando, Florida having served as President, Vice President, Board member, Newsletter Editor, Auctioneer, Show Chairman, NFSS Delegate, Florida Federation of Avian Society Delegate, and Florida State Fair Exotic Bird Show Delegate. He is a member of the Aviary and Cage Bird Society of South Florida, Gulf Coast Bird club, Exotic Bird Club of Florida, Sun Coast Avian Society, and the Greater Brandon Avian Society.

Dale lives in Wimer Park, Florida with his wife of 25 years, Eileen.

They raise and show a number of finches and softbills but are most proud of their Persa Touracos who gave them four FINCHSAVE registered babies in 1993. They keep several species of Whydahs, and strive to place one on the top bench each year. Their mixed collection of finches has evolved over the years to include Australian, African, South American, and Indu-Pacific.

### **Gene Miller**

#### **Regional Vice President Region 4 - Mid-West**

Recipients of the NFSS Founders Award for excellence on the show bench and contributions to NFSS, Gene and his wife, June are longtime bird lovers and early members of NFSS. Gene began to seriously breed finches in 1981, and has had as many as 18 species or mutations. Retired now, Gene and June are trying not to "work" so hard, and have a few less species today. They are still working with normal Goulds, as well as Black-headed Red Siskins, Cordon Bleus, Fire Finches, Diamond Sparrows, Owl Finches, Cuban Melodious, and Society Finches.

The Millers won the Kellagg trophy for Best Finch/Softbill at the 1992 National Cage Bird Show in Oklahoma City, OK, have an NFSS Champion Bird (a fawn Diamond Sparrow), have achieved Champion Exhibitor status in eight years as of 1994, and received the Exhibitor of Excellence Award.

### **Julie Kern**

#### **Regional Vice President Region 5 - Mountain**

### **Cathy Knight**

#### **Regional Vice President Region 6 - Pacific Coast**

Cathy has always had some kind of bird in her life. She currently has Pea Fowl, ducks, guineas, parrots (parrotlets to Greenwing Macaws), canaries, finches and softbills (Pekin Rhins) on approximately 3.5 acres. Cathy started in finches with a pair of normal gray Zebras, then branched to red-headed Gouldians and Society finches, and most recently, African waxbills, as well as good success with African Silverbills.

Cathy's favorite exhibition finch is the Society, and has taken several top honors at large shows with them. She also has a Grand Champion African Red Belly parrot, and has another parrot working toward champion status. She has established a breeding network of African Brownheaded Parrots in northern California, and is working on the challenge of breeding the Timor Sparrow at the present time.

Cathy also breeds miniature horses, cats, and dogs, and also enjoys raising orchids and violets.

Cathy has worked with Chevron Information Technology Corporation for 22 years, and currently is an Application Change Management

Analyst. She is an active member of five local clubs and several specialty clubs, serving in many capacities, and a volunteer with the Pediatrics Seminar held each year in Northern California, Bird Affaire in San Francisco, and for RARE.

**Dwight Smith**  
**Regional Vice President**  
**Region 7 - Caribbean**

Always fascinated with birds, Dwight lives on the south side of Puerto Rico, where the air is relatively dry and the temperature is high. Conditions are great for his finches, and he has kept them since 1982. After experimenting, and acquiring a bit of know-how, with Zebra, Societies, and Indian Silverbills, Dwight graduated to the Gouldian Finch, of which there were none available locally. Naturally he had read everything he could find on the Gouldian, but there were still some questions that he wanted answers to. Eventually he got many answers and some prize-winning birds from Mr. Hershel Frey, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The progeny of those original blood lines have consistently achieved Best in Show, or very close to that position in Puerto Rico bird shows.

While he loves to breed his finches in their cages, and tell people all that he has learned over the years, as a biologist he cannot forget his interest in conservation of species and habitat. Although re-introduction of

species has proved to be a bit tricky sometimes, and impossible at others, Dwight would like to point out that aviculture is in fact a barrier to extinction. Who knows, maybe some day the descendants of his Gouldians will once again fly free in the Australian sunshine. That, Dwight says, would make his heart soar like a hawk.

**Jerry McCawley**  
**Promotions Officer**

Jerry McCawley joined NFSS in 1987, and has actively supported the club since 1988. For many years he served as FINCHSHOP manager, and served at an NFSS both at shows and conventions around the country.

Jerry says that over the years he has worked with over 150 species of passerines and psitticines, successfully raising over 50 species.

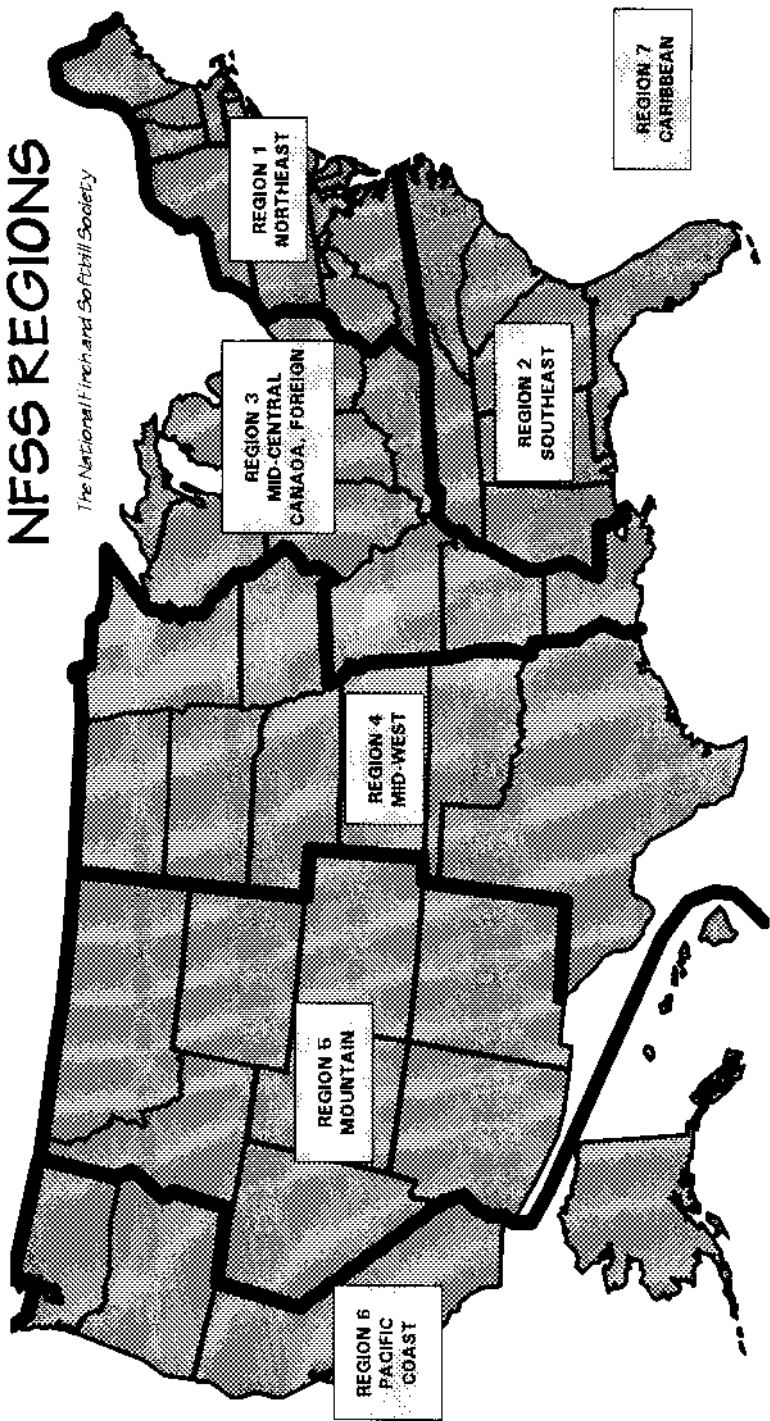
At several shows he has exhibited in the top ten of the finch and softbill division. He is currently serving as Promotions Officer and chairman of the committee to develop a Breeder Recognition Program.

**Pat and Mary Krichten**  
**FINCHSHOP**

**William Parlee**  
**President Emeritus**

# NFSS REGIONS

*The National Fencing and Softball Society*



*As of April 1, 1995*

## NFSS Members in Each State

### REGION 1 - NORTHEAST

**Kris Kroner, Vice President**

CT	16
DE	1
MA	22
ME	3
MD	25
NH	4
NJ	13
NY	58
PA	36
RI	1
VA	22
VT	1
WV	2

**Total Region 1** 204

(1994 Total: 269)

### REGION 2 - SOUTHEAST

**Dale Laird, Vice President**

AL	7
FL	121
GA	18
MS	3
NC	10
SC	6
TN	9

**Total Region 2** 174

(1994 Total: 179)

### REGION 3 - MID-CENTRAL & FOREIGN

**Tom Rood, Vice President**

AR	1
IL	48
IN	11
KY	7
LA	15
MI	32
MO	36
OH	23
WI	20
Australia	1
Bermuda	1
Canada	13
England	2

**Total Region 3** 210

(1994 Total: 211)

### REGION 4 - MID-WEST

**Gene Miller, Vice President**

IA	6
KS	10
MN	17
NE	6
ND	1
OK	18
SD	3
TX	45

**Total Region 4** 106

(1994 Total: 111)

### REGION 5 - MOUNTAIN

**Julie Kern, Vice President**

AZ	19
CO	24
ID	5
MT	2
NV	6
NM	5
UT	0
WY	0

**Total Region 5** 61

(1994 Total: 47)

### REGION 6 - PACIFIC COAST

**Cathy Knight, Vice President**

AK	3
CA	69
HI	6
OR	20
WA	15

**Total Region 6** 113

(1994 Total: 99)

### REGION 7 - CARRIBEAN

**Dwight Smith, Vice President**

PR	25
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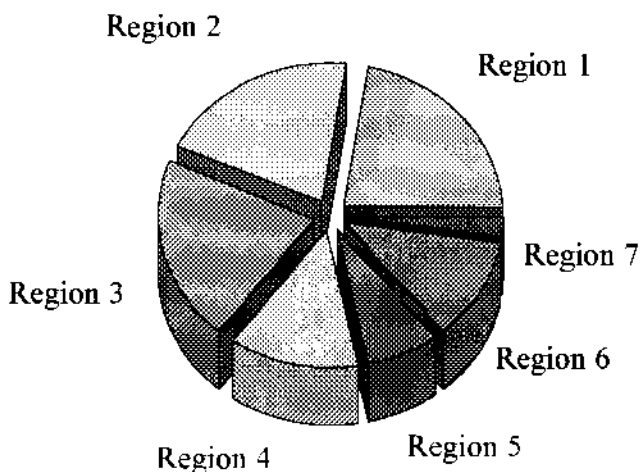
**Total Region 7** 25

(1994 Total: 35)

<b>GRAND TOTAL ACTIVE NFSS MEMBERS, 4/01/95</b>	<b>893</b>
(1994 Total: 951)	



## NFSS Members in Each Region as of April 1, 1995



<b>Region 1</b>	Northeast	<b>204</b>
<b>Region 2</b>	Southeast	<b>174</b>
<b>Region 3</b>	Mid-Central/Foreign	<b>210</b>
<b>Region 4</b>	Mid-West	<b>106</b>
<b>Region 5</b>	Mountain	<b>61</b>
<b>Region 6</b>	Pacific Coast	<b>113</b>
<b>Region 7</b>	Caribbean	<b>25</b>
	Total Members	<b>893</b>

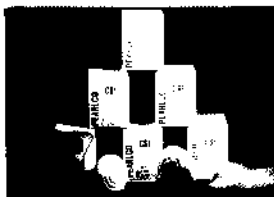


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## *National Finch and Softbill Society* **FINCHSAVE PROGRAM**



### **FINCHSAVE — Definition and Purpose**

Long term goal: To have an established consortium of breeders of finches and softbills dedicated to producing and maintaining a viable captive bred population of finches and softballs in the United States.

Short term goal: Consistent breeding success with participating species.

We hope to accomplish these goals through a cooperative effort of education, assistance and careful documentation of breeding results.

### **FINCHSAVE Requirements**

Participants must meet the following requirements in order to participate in FINCHSAVE:

1. Participant must be an NFSS member.
2. Participant must agree to close band chicks with recommended size NFSS bands.
3. Participant must agree to complete a brief annual report.

Participants are no longer required to have a minimum number of pairs but are encouraged to start with at least 3 unrelated pairs of birds if possible.

All but the following finches and softbills will be accepted into the program: Zebra Finches, Gouldians, Shafttails, Java Rice Birds, Society (Bengalese) Finches, any hybridized bird. The above mentioned birds are excluded because of their known availability or questionable genetic purity. The Timor Zebra Finch will be accepted into the program if it can be documented as the distinctly different Timor variety.

In return FINCHSAVE will assist participants in the following ways:

1. Provide benefits of NFSS membership including free FINCHSAVE ads, informative articles in *The NFSS Bulletin* and access to the NFSS census.
2. Assist participants by providing information on: where to obtain birds, I.D. bird bands, maintaining specific species.

3. Keep participants informed of program progress through newsletter or NFSS *Bulletin*.

4. Recognize participant accomplishments with their species.

## FINCHSAVE Structure

**Program Director:** Administers program and handles routine issues as they arise. The Director will have a committee to assist with these responsibilities, so the workload can be distributed and better handled.

**FINCHSAVE Committee:** Appointed by the NFSS board. Will assist Director with setting policy and advise Director as needed.

**Group Managers** will supervise and provide assistance to Species Captains or perform the duties of Species Captains where needed. They will assist program director in developing management plans for species in their group. Criteria for Group Managers is that they have had successful breeding experience with two or more species in their group. Group Managers will head the following seven groups:

1. Australian and Parrot finches.
2. All Waxbills.
3. All Mannikins.
4. All African finches.
5. All European finches.
6. All South American finches
7. All Softbilled birds.

Further changes in group setups may be made in the future as needed.

**Species Captains** are responsible for gathering information from participants, assisting in obtaining birds, monitoring bloodlines and communicating with and assisting the Director and participants as needed. Criteria for Species Captain is that they have successfully bred their species.

The original program structure has been maintained except for the addition of the Director's committee. Changes in the program will be made as the need arises. For information or input contact:

Linda Oja, Director  
FINCHSAVE  
268 Exeter Road  
Newport News, VA 23602  
(804) 874-8581

## Explanation of Requirements

1. FINCHSAVE is an official NFSS program for members. NFSS membership is also required to purchase the closed traceable bands. We welcome participation and cooperation with other groups.

2. Record keeping is extremely important in this type of program. Closed banding using NFSS bands enables the breeder to identify the bird's year of hatching. By using band numbers the breeder can accurately document the family background of each offspring. Since

NFSS' band secretary records all band numbers, the breeder of a banded bird may be traced. NFSS has a size guideline for banding different species. If birds are properly handled and safely housed, losses due to band problems are minimal. We have alternatives to banding chicks in the nest when disturbances are not tolerated by a species. We will explore alternatives to banding under exceptional circumstances.

3. We have eliminated the three pair minimum requirement but emphasize the need to preserve generic diversity. With fewer birds it is important to use only unrelated birds to avoid inbreeding. Short of genetic testing of each bird, the best way to obtain different bloodlines is to purchase birds from a reliable source who can give background information. If purchasing wild-caught birds, try to pair them with other birds you have, captive bred, if possible. We realize that diversity may not always be possible with very rare species.

It is advisable to periodically obtain new bloodlines due to the short breeding life of most finches. New bloodlines are often needed for pairing up with newly produced offspring. We anticipate using the NFSS census as well as other sources to assist participants in locating breeders.

4. We need information from our breeders to learn more about keeping and breeding each species.

This includes: number of birds raised, number of birds lost, breeding set ups, etc. We anticipate writing up species management plans for each species and sharing this information with all participants. Participants will be kept informed through the *NFSS Bulletin* or *FINCHSAVE* newsletter. Participants are encouraged to contact the Species Captains, Group Managers or Director for assistance when needed.

Birds are not purchased by the *FINCHSAVE* Program. Participants must obtain their own birds. We will help in locating them when possible. All offspring produced in the program belong to the participant.

### Excluded Species

As previously mentioned, the excluded species are believed to be commonly raised in this country, hybrids or of questionable genetic background. This does not mean that we do not care about these species, just that there are so many others to be bred. As a generalization, many of the Australian species were raised in captivity when Australia halted avian exports. There are some species that were not well established and are still quite rare in American aviculture.

On the other hand, there are many African, South American, European and Asian species which have been readily available through importation and therefore were not being raised in this country in



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significant numbers. Their breeding presents more of a challenge with very little financial reward. These include but are not limited to Wax-bills, Weavers and Serins. The Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 has had a significant impact and emphasizes the need to establish these species or lose them.

Since we do not have a way of knowing what finches and softbills are kept and bred in this country, and are faced with the continuing problem of habitat destruction, our emphasis and exclusions may change as we learn more. We will keep all NFSS members informed of participating species in an effort to encourage a variety of species in the program.

We encourage concentration on normal coloring as sometimes continued breeding of the normal variety is overlooked in favor of the newer color mutations. We are in no way discouraging breeding of the mutations, but are interested in maintaining a balanced breeding effort for all

varieties. There may come a time when we will be called upon to provide species for repopulation of their natural habitats. In order to do this we must preserve their natural characteristics and behaviors.

### Club Participation

Bird clubs can and are encouraged to sponsor a species for participation in FINCHSAVE. It is required that the club and the species representative be members of the National Finch and Softbill Society. One person (species representative) can be assigned the task of gathering information needed for banding, annual reports and other feedback to FINCHSAVE. We are not requiring every individual involved in breeding the species to be an NFSS member. All birds should be closed banded and proper records kept. Contact program director for more information.



# Founder's Award Recipients

## *William Parlee, NFSS Founder*

*The Founder's Award was conceived by Bill Parlee to recognize individuals in our Society that have made outstanding contributions to the finch world. The awards are selected and sponsored by Bill. There is no input from the Board of Directors or any individual regarding these awards. The following are Bill's words about the Founder's Awards.*

"Please understand that there are many out there that are deserving of an award for long-time service, holding office, working on projects and in many other areas. My selections are not intended to slight anyone but happen to strike me as people who have had an exciting influence on me and have at the same time made great contributions in their own ways to the Finch Hobby. My only regret in presenting these awards at the National in Dearborn is that I cannot be with you to share in your applause for these recipients."

### **FOUNDER'S AWARD - 1989**

#### **Russ Armitage, Jr.**

"A long overdue award is presented to my friend Russ Armitage for his many, many years of devotion to NFSS and his personal service to me during my tenure as

President. Words cannot say enough. Thank you, Russ."

### **FOUNDER'S AWARD - 1990** **June and Gene Miller**

"For their ever-cheerful appearance and demeanor; for their sharing of knowledge with the less knowledgeable; for their excellence on the show bench and their contributions to NFSS. A Founder's Award for June and Gene Miller."

### **FOUNDER'S AWARD - 1991** **Tom Rood**

"This year's Founder's Award goes to a GENTLEMAN (and that is in capitals) who has tirelessly worked behind the scenes for NFSS with finch societies from all over the world to obtain and to offer patronage awards from and to many different clubs on many continents. To our NFSS Ambassador, Tom Rood."

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*Through 1994 Show Season*

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Brian Mandarich	1989
Gene and June Miller	1989
Kris Kroner	1990
Richard Lujan	1990
Tom Rood	1990
Marvin Yoder	1990
John Dapas	1991
Mary and Steve Payne	1991
Pat and Mary Krichten	1992
Alvin and Dixie Lea	1992
Patrick Vance	1992
Dennis Burhans	1994

### CHAMPION BIRDS

*Through 1994 Show Season*

#### 1991

Normal Java Rice Bird (NFS-K-245-'90)	82 pts Kris Kroner
Dilute Society Finch (NFS-E-87-'89)	56 pts Tom Rood
Normal Zebra Finch (NFS-C-30-'87)	52 pts Tom Rood

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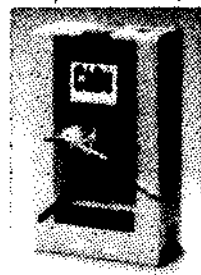
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Robert Travnicsek	33 pts
Robert and Tina Hemenway	26 pts
Dick Muench	26 pts

### 1986 (Champion achieved with 40 pts)

Hal Koontz	82 pts
Cecil Gunby	74 pts
Brian Mandarich	67 pts
Brenda Geesey	60 pts
Steve Hoppin	60 pts
Ann Hurst	48 pts
Gene and June Miller	43 pts
Robert and Tina Hemenway	41 pts
Tom Rood	40 pts

### 1987 (Champion achieved with 50 pts)

Hal Koontz	123 pts
Marty von Raesfeld	108 pts
Cecil Gunby	106 pts
Brenda Geesey	79 pts
Gene and June Miller	79 pts
Brian Mandarich	65 pts
Robert and Tina Hemenway	59 pts
Richard Lujan	53 pts

### 1988

Marty von Raesfeld	176 pts
Cecil Gunby	82 pts
Brenda Geesey	81 pts
Chris Voronovitch	67 pts
Hal Koontz	60 pts
Gene and June Miller	54 pts
Tom Rood	51 pts
Steve Hoppin	50 pts

### 1989

Marvin Yoder	90 pts
Kris Kroner	75 pts
Richard Lujan	66 pts
Tom Rood	66 pts
Marty von Raesfeld	60 pts
Steve Hoppin	59 pts
Gene and June Miller	59 pts

### 1990

Gene and June Miller	131 pts
Kris Kroner	110 pts
Marvin Yoder	86 pts
John Dapas	75 pts
Tom Rood	71 pts
Brenda Geesey	54 pts
Richard Lujan	51 pts

### 1991

John Dapas	150 pts
Tom Rood	138 pts
Dixie and Alvin Lea	135 pts
Pat and Mary Krichten	103 pts
Kris Kroner	88 pts
Patrick Vance	86 pts
Mary and Steve Payne	71 pts
Jim Hulsey	51 pts

### 1992

Virginia Patrick	117 pts
Steve Hoppin	105 pts
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Rick Szlachta	76 pts
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Patrick Vance	73 pts
Dennis Burhans	71 pts
Pat and Mary Krichten	68 pts
Gene and June Miller	65 pts
Frank and Sandy Hudson	59 pts
Tom Rood	54 pts

1994

Alvin and Dixie Lea	130 pts
Patrick Vance	99 pts
Dale Laird	96 pts
Gene and June Miller	81 pts
Pat and Mary Krichten	76 pts
John Dapas	59 pts
Frank and Sandy Hudson	57 pts
Dennis Burhans	56 pts



***Congratulations to all our exhibitors!***  
***And thanks for sharing your birds with us!***

## The NFSS Overseas Awards Project

by Tom Rood  
Shelbyville, Illinois

I am extremely pleased to write a few words for our NFSS 1995 *Handbook* concerning our Overseas Awards Project. When Martha suggested this topic for inclusion in the *Handbook*, I started trying to remember how this project ever came about. Well, I'm not really sure!

I have been a subscriber to London, England's, *Cage and Aviary Birds* for many years, and I always took note of the many different types of awards pictured in their magazine. They always had beautiful rosettes adorning the winning cages; plus, various medals, plaques, diplomas, and trophy awards.

It was at the 1986 National Cage Bird Show in St. Louis, that I was first able to get my hands on a couple of these overseas awards. I was lucky enough to win Best Zebra Finch and I still remember Bill Parlee putting The Zebra Finch Society rosette on my show cage. I also received a silver medal from The National Bengalese Fanciers Association for 2nd Best Society Finch. If I remember correctly (but that doesn't happen too often!), I think the late Dr. Val Clear was responsible for bringing these awards back from England on one of his trips. I remember I was very proud

of the two overseas awards I had won and I still have them today.

After that show, I started reading the "Club News" sections of *Cage and Aviary Birds* and a Patronage Secretary was always listed. I wrote to a few of these overseas fanciers asking if they would like to exchange a few awards with us. I was very surprised at the response. If I sent two ribbons over, they would send four back. If I sent six, they would send eight! If I wrote a one-page letter, theirs would be two! Many of the awards they sent to us were very unique and different from the awards we give in the U.S. We have received many small plaques, beautiful diplomas, small medals, and numerous colorful rosettes. We have made it a practice to present these overseas awards at our National Show held in conjunction with the National Cage Bird Show. Each year we try to collect enough overseas awards to cover every section in the finch and softball division at the National. For several years, we have had at least two awards for each section.

When I first started this project, I also traded a few awards on behalf of my local bird club, the Illini Bird Fanciers. Once again, they "couldn't be outdone. I remember receiving two beautiful pullover sweaters from the North of England Glaster Club, each bearing the official insignia of the club. Our Illini club is still

## 1994 Annual Census Report

*Census compiled by Janice Hawn  
NFSS Census Chairman*

There are many new participants in the 1994 Annual Census. In all, 115 NFSS members, over 12% of the total membership, have contributed to these published Census results this year, plus there are several others who reported their information confidentially. 109 various species and/or mutations are included in this report.

*Thank you to every participant  
this year!*

This 1994 NFSS Census only *hints* at the exciting and productive work going on in the finch and softbill hobby today. We hope that it helps you find the birds you need for *your* breeding program.

NFSS Census Chairman Janice Hawn would appreciate hearing your suggestions for the Census. Her phone number is included inside the front cover.



### *Overseas Awards, continued.*

awarding a traveling plaque from the Selby Cage Bird Society of Scotland. It's a beautiful award with about 20 shield-shaped plates for the winner's name. After meeting George Warren at the 1987 National Show in Columbus, Ohio, we became very good friends through our letters and phone calls. George's home club became regulars in our overseas award exchange through the years. Shortly before George's death, he sent me one of his personal silver cups that he had won with his Sunbirds. Odd, but I've never offered that cup to any

club for presentation. It's mine! Don't even think of asking for it!

Our overseas awards project is still active today. Numerous awards were sent to the Manchester, New Hampshire, National Show this past November. Maybe you were lucky enough to win one of them. I am hoping the NFSS *is* still interested in this project. If so, I would be glad to work for some overseas awards for the New Orleans National.



*National Finch and Softbill Society***1994 Annual Census****List of Participants**

<b>KEY</b>	<b>LAST</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>MI</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
AK-98	Hanson	Marjorie		(907)586-8903
AL-91	Allen	Ginny		(334)749-7168
AZ-62	Gross	Walter	H	(602)886-4805
AZ-110	Hinojosa	Lori	I	(602)899-1123
CA-22	Burkhart	Dixie		(916)268-0165
CA-28	Lloyd	Gordon		(510)656-8412
CA-64	Whitaker	Gerald		(707)226-8129
CA-77	Iannetta	George	A	(916)432-1435
CA-82	Fulbeck	Gail		(916)933-0333
CA-111	Huntington	Sally		(619)452-9423
CA-116	Burge	Dylan		(916)345-6878
CO-39	Denekas	Mark		(303)771-1862
CT-84	Tantongco/Schwartz	Jerwin / Brian		(203)661-9521
FL-2	Gianferrara	Rose		(813)992-6331
FL-8	Schott	David		(813)922-4581
FL-37	Runyon	Mark & Carol		(813)475-3440
FL-44	Moreland	Susie		(305)822-1260
FL-56	Estrada	Richardo	I	(305)233-2772
FL-59	Council	Judy		(813)922-2497
FL-80	Greene	Archie	D	(407)723-8012
FL-83	Almaguer	Daniel Ray		(407)648-5927
FL-92	Lee	Armando	J	(305)270-1000
FL-96	Hurtado	Rolando		(305)822-2846
FL-104	Galusha	Charles	A	(813)837-6154
FL-108	Scott	Linda		(813)353-1073
FL-190	Hoppin	Steve		(941)997-NFSS
FL-200	Laird	Dale		(407)657-7989
GA-105	Wright	Candy		(404)633-4364
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LA-67	Gelsomino	Rene	K	(504)785-6506
MA-15	Fay	Christine	A	(508)626-2716
MA-29	Stachurski	Jan		(508)587-6146
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MO-25	Lillygren	Warren		(816)358-5322
MO-32	Haas	Nita		(816)331-5285
MO-40	Dickman	Richard & Rose		(314)928-3444
MO-53	Karune	Karen		(517)463-5783
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MO-123	Bakula	Lynda		(314)394-3530
MT-43	Joubert	Paul		(406)284-6045
NC-95	Miller	Larry	L	(704)684-5244
NC-124	Blazich	April		(919)851-8079
ND-21	Breuer	Kim		(701)727-8088
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NJ-3	Rush	Wendy		(908)689-6788
NJ-23	Dayson	George		(201)307-0975
NM-68	Brown	Devin		(505)434-2019
NY-5	Vercolen	Donald		(518)843-8230
NY-16	Dishaw, Sr	Larry		(315)963-8629
NY-26	Trost	Janice		(716)225-1721
NY-48	Zygmunt	Andrea		(315)894-7328
NY-51	Contreras, Jr.	Fernando		(718)231-6729
NY-55	Goonan	Patrick	F	(716)288-5653
NY-72	Sherman	Laura		(914)266-5617
NY-74	Holden	Russ		(516)938-3610
NY-78	Madyda	Walter		(914)591-6438
NY-93	Whiteford	Barbara	A	(716)334-4546
NY-94	Wall	Patricia		(607)739-6250
NY-115	Dunbar, Jr.	Robert	P	(716)328-7691

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OH-35	Adams	Pam	J	(419)899-4380
OH-57	Bryant	Harry		(216)748-3637
OH-71	Baum	Larry		(513)892-7833
OK-49	Wright	Lloyd		(405)795-5217
OK-65	Wortman / Fiveash	Donald / Jeanette		(918)369-2634
OR-24	Malnar	Carol	A	(503)790-7049
OR-75	Combs	Brenda		(503)388-3089
OR-81	Duimstra	Julie	R	(503)757-3117
OR-120	Perkins	Shirley		(503)659-0229
PA-7	Goodling	Michael	T	(814)435-9912
PA-11	Bolton	Kyle		(717)246-0936
PA-20	Fino	Gary	M	(717)829-3891
PA-31	Bolton	Timothy	C	(717)755-6333
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PA-97	Maddex	Robert		(717)632-7332
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PR-122	Salinas	Agro Centro		(809)824-5463
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SC-50	Georgi	Laura		(803)654-8388
TN-33	Patrick	Candice		(615) 868-8840
TX-13	Snouala / Elfers	Laurie / Travis		(214)686-8407
TX-42	Hammer	Brian		(713)528-5026
TX-46	Cruce	Robert	E	(817)634-0665
TX-61	Kern	Valarie	E	(817)682-4730
TX-73	Madsen	Trish		(713)470-6881
TX-86	Davis	Chris		(713)361-3364
TX-114	Maud	Peter	J	(915)581-9132
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*National Finch and Softbill Society***1994 Annual Census****Common Name Key**

- Aurora Waxbill KS-88, NY-115
- Black Cheeked Waxbill CT-84, FL-8, IL-109, NY-115, TX-114, VA-41
- Black Crested Finch FL-190, FL-200, NY-51, PA-97
- Blue Breasted (Blue) Waxbill FL-59, IL-85, IL-109
- Blue Capped Waxbill AL-91, AZ-110, CA-64, CA-82, CT-84, FL-2, FL-59, FL-80, FL-200, IL-85, IL-125, KS-88, MD-87, MO-12, MO-40, MO-54, MO-123, NC-95, NE-101, NJ-23, NY-55, NY-74, OH-4, OH-35, OK-65, OR-75, TX-13, TX-42, TX-73, VA-41, WA-66, WI-38, WI-106
- Bronze Winged Mannikin CT-84, IL-109, NY-16, NY-94, OH-35, PA-99
- Bunting (Gold Breasted) FL-200
- Bunting (Cinnamon Breasted) FL-200
- Button Quail AZ-62, CA-82, CA-111, CA-116, CT-84, FL-56, FL-59, FL-108, KS-36, MO-40, NY-94, PA-69
- Chaffinch MA-79
- Chestnut Throated Seedeater FL-190
- Cherry (Plumhead) Finch OH-57, NE-101
- Combassou (Senegal) Whydah FL-56, FL-92, FL-200, IL-125, TX-73, VA-41, VAN-103
- Cordon Bleu (Red Cheeked) Waxbill AZ-62, AZ-110, CA-82, CA-111, CT-84, FL-56, FL-80, FL-190, IL-14, IL-60, IL-85, IL-125, MD-87, MO-89, MO-107, MO-123, NC-95, NC-124, NE-101, NY-78, NY-115, OK-49, PA-70, PA-99, QUE-47, TX-42, TX-114, WI-117
- Crimson (Blood) (Aust. Fire) Finch AZ-62
- Crimson Pileated FL-200
- Cuban Melodious Finch AZ-110, CT-84, FL-92, FL-96, MD-6, NY-51, OK-65
- Cuban Olive Finch FL-92, IL-125, NY-94
- Cutthroat (Ribbon) Mannikin AZ-62, CA-22, FL-56, IL-113, NC-95, NE-101, NY-16, NY-48, NY-55, NY-94, PR-122, VA-121
- Diamond Dove, Brilliant NY-55, NY-93, NY-94, PA-31, PA-69,
- Diamond Dove, Normal CA-116, NC-95, NC-124, NY-55, NY-74, NY-94, PA-31, PA-69, PR-122
- Diamond Dove, Silver MD-87, NY-94, PA-69
- Diamond, Sparrow (Firetail) Finch AL-91, CA-77, CA-111, CT-84, FL-56, FL-92, FL-104, FL-200, KS-36, NJ-23, NY-55, NY-93
- European Siskin MA-79



- Fire Finch (African/Senegal) AL-91, AZ-110, CA-82, CA-111, CT-84, FL-2, FL-56, FL-59, FL-190, IL-14, IL-85, KS-88, MD-87, MO-89, MO-123, NE-101, NJ-23, NY-55, NY-115, OH-57, OK-49, TX-42, VAN-103
- Fischer's (Straw-tailed) Whydah NC-124, VA-121
- Gold Breasted Waxbill AZ-110, CA-82, CT-84, FL-2, FL-56, FL-59, FL-104, FL-190, IL-14, IL-85, IL-125, KS-36, KS-88, MD-87, MO-12, MO-54, MO-89, MO-107, MO-123, NC-95, NY-16, NY-55, NY-78, NY-115, OK-49, OK-65, PA-70, QUE-47, TX-73, TX-114, WI-106
- Golden (Song) Sparrow IL-60, IL-125, OK-65
- Goldfinch CT-84, IL-125, MA-79, NY-94, NY-74, OR-75, TX-13, TX-73, VA-41
- Gouldian Finch, Black-head/White breasted CA-28, CA-64, FL-2, FL-92, FL-96, GA-119, IL-60, IL-109, MO-40, MT-43, NC-95, NY-55, NY-72, NY-94, OH-57, OH-71, OR-24, OR-81, PA-69, PA-70
- Gouldian Finch, Black-head/Purple breasted AZ-62, AZ-110, CA-28, CA-64, CA-82, CA-111, FL-56, FL-59, FL-80, FL-92, FL-96, FL-104, FL-190, GA-119, IL-109, IL-125, KS-36, KS-88, LA-67, MA-15, MN-10, MO-40, MO-107, MT-43, NC-95, ND-21, NE-101, NM-68, NY-16, NY-48, NY-55, NY-94, NY-115, OH-4, OH-57, OH-71, OR-24, OR-81, OR-120, PA-31, PA-69, PA-70, PR-122, QUE-47, TX-13, TX-42, TX-86, VA-121, WA-66, WI-106, WI-117
- Gouldian Finch, Blue CA-28, CA-64, CT-84, FL-44, FL-92, IL-60, MO-40, MT-43, NC-95, NY-51, NY-72, OR-120, PA-31
- Gouldian Finch, Dilute CA-28, FL-92, GA-119, IL-14, MO-40, NY-51, NY-115, OH-4, OR-24, OR-81, OR-120, PA-31, PA-69, TX-13, TX-61, TX-86
- Gouldian Finch, Orange-head/Purple breasted AL-91, CA-28, CA-82, FL-44, FL-59, FL-92, FL-96, GA-119, IL-109, MO-32, MO-40, NC-95, NE-101, NM-68, NY-51, NY-72, NY-93, NY-94, OR-75, OR-81, OR-120, PA-31, PA-69, QUE-47, TX-86, VA-121
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- Gouldian Finch, Yellow AL-91, CA-28, CA-64, CT-84, FL-80, FL-83, FL-92, FL-96, GA-119, IL-60, MO-40, NC-95, NY-51, NY-55, NY-72, NY-115, OH-4, OH-71, OR-81, PA-31, PA-69, TX-13, TX-46, TX-86
- Gray Singing Finch CT-84, MA-29, NY-55, OK-49, PA-99, QUE-47
- Green Singing Finch AZ-62, CA-82, CT-84, FL-8, FL-56, FL-92, FL-104, FL-200, IL-85, MA-29, MD-87, MO-12, MO-40, MO-89, MO-123, NC-95, NC-124, NY-16, NY-74, NY-78, NY-94, OH-35, OK-49, OK-65, OR-75, PA-7, PA-20, PA-70, SC-50, TX-73, VA-112, WI-117
- Greenfinch MA-79
- Java Sparrow (Rice Bird), Cinnamon FL-59, FL-92, IL-60, NY-16, NY-94
- Java Sparrow (Rice Bird), Normal FL-200, IL-60, NC-124, NY-16, NY-94, OK-65,
- Java Sparrow (Rice Bird), Pied FL-59, NY-94, VA-41
- Java Sparrow (Rice Bird), White CT-84, NY-94, VA-41, WI-38
- Lavender (Red Tailed) Waxhill AL-91, AZ-110, FL-59, FL-92, FL-200, IL-85, IL-109, MD-87, MO-40, MO-107, MO-123, NE-101, NM-68, NY-115, OR-75, TX-42, WI-117
- Magpie Mannikin MD-6, KS-36
- Masked Finch KS-88, NC-95, NY-51, NY-115, OH-57
- Melba (Green Winged) Waxbill AL-91, CT-84, FL-83
- Mynah (India/Greater Hill) CA-111, FL-37, FL-108
- Mynah (Pagoda) FL-200
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- Painted Finch NY-72
- Paradise Whydah FL-104, NC-124, PA-20
- Parson (Black Throated) Finch AL-91, CA-77, CA-82, CT-84, FL-92, FL-96, FL-104, IL-85, NJ-23, NY-93, PR-122
- Pekin Robin (Nightingale) CT-84, IL-125, MO-12, MO-25, NC-124, NY-16, NY-94, OR-75, WI-38
- Peter's Twinspot AZ-110, CT-84, FL-200, MO-40, MO-107, NY-51, OK-49, PA-99
- Pictorella (Pectoral) Mannikin PA-99
- Pintailed (Nonpareil) Parrot Finch AZ-62, CA-77, CA-82, CT-84, FL-200, KS-88, MO-12, TX-42
- Pintailed Whydah NC-95, NY-16, TX-114
- Purple Grenadier AZ-62, AZ-110, CT-84, FL-96, MD-87, NY-115, OK-65, PA-99, QUE-47
- Pytilia, Yellow Winged FL-200
- Quail Finch MO-107
- Red Ear (Black Rumped) Waxbill AL-91, CA-116, CT-84, FL-56, FL-59, FL-200, MO-123, NM-68, NY-16, NY-78, NY-94, OH-4, PA-70, QUE-47, TX-13
- Red Headed Mannikin CA-22, FL-104, MD-6, NC-95, NE-101, NY-94
- Red Headed Parrot Finch AL-91, CA-64, CA-77, CA-82, CA-111, CT-84, FL-2, FL-92, FL-96, FL-200, MO-12, NC-95, NE-101, NY-26, NY-74, OH-57, OR-75, OR-120, TX-42
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- Saffron Finch FL-56
- Shafttail (Red Beak) Finch, Fawn AZ-62, AZ-110, CA-82, FL-92, FL-104, MD-87, NY-16, NY-55, NY-72, NY-94, PA-11, PA-70, VA-121
- Shafttail (Red Beak) Finch, Normal AL-91, AZ-62, CA-77, FL-56, FL-59, FL-92, FL-200, MD-87, NC-95, NE-101, NY-16, NY-55, OH-71, OR-81, PA-70, PR-122, TX-42, WI-117
- Shafttail (Red Beak) Finch, White AL-91, CA-82, FL-92, NE-101, OH-71
- Shafttail Longtailed (Yellow Beak) Finch AZ-62, FL-92, VA-121
- Silverbill (African) AZ-62, CA-116, CT-84, IL-85, MO-54, MO-123, NC-95, NC-124, NY-55, NY-94, NY-115, PA-20, SC-50, WA-27
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- Society (Bengalese) Finch, Crested AK-98, AL-91, CA-111, FL-83, GA-105, GA-119, MO-40, NC-95, NE-101, NM-68, NY-16, NY-55, OK-65, OR-24, PA-69, TX-73, WA-66, VA-121
- Society (Bengalese) Finch, Dilute Fawn FL-200
- Society (Bengalese) Finch, Fawn & White AL-91, CA-22, CA-28, FL-80, FL-83, GA-105, GA-119, IL-113, MA-15, MI-34, MO-32, MO-123, NC-95, NE-101, NJ-23, NY-16, NY-55, NY-94, OH-71, OR-24, OR-81, PA-20, PA-69, TX-61, TX-73, TX-86, TX-118, VA-41, WA-66, VA-121
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- Society (Bengalese) Finch, White AL-91, CA-111, FL-83, GA-119, MA-15, NC-95, NE-101, OR-24, PR-122, TX-86, WA-27, WA-66
- Spice Finch CA-22, CA-116, FL-56, KS-36, KS-88, MO-54, NC-95, NY-16, PA-20, TX-114
- St. Helena (Common) Waxbill AL-91, AZ-110, CT-84, FL-8, FL-190, FL-200, IL-14, NY-94, NY-115, OK-49, PA-99, TX-13, TX-114, VA-121
- Star Finch, Normal AL-91, AZ-110, CA-77, CA-116, CT-84, FL-59, FL-104, FL-190, IL-125, KS-36, KS-88, MO-40, NE-101, NY-16, NY-55, NY-93, NY-115, OH-57, QUE-47, TX-13, WI-117
- Star Finch, Yellow AZ-62, FL-59, FL-190, NE-101, NY-16, NY-55, NY-93, QUE-47
- Starling (Green Glossy) FL-200
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- Strawberry (Indian/Red) (Avadavat) Waxbill AL-91, AZ-110, CA-82, CT-84, FL-56, FL-59, FL-200, IL-60, IL-85, MD-87, MO-89, NC-95, NC-124, NY-16, NY-55, NY-72, NY-74, NY-78, NY-93, OK-49, OK-65, OR-75, PA-99, SC-50, TX-73, TX-114
- Swee (Dufresne's) Waxbill CT-84, IL-14
- Touraco (Persa) FL-200
- Touraco (Red Crested) FL-200
- Troupial FL-200
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- Whydah (Queen) FL-200
- Whydah (Yellow Backed) FL-200

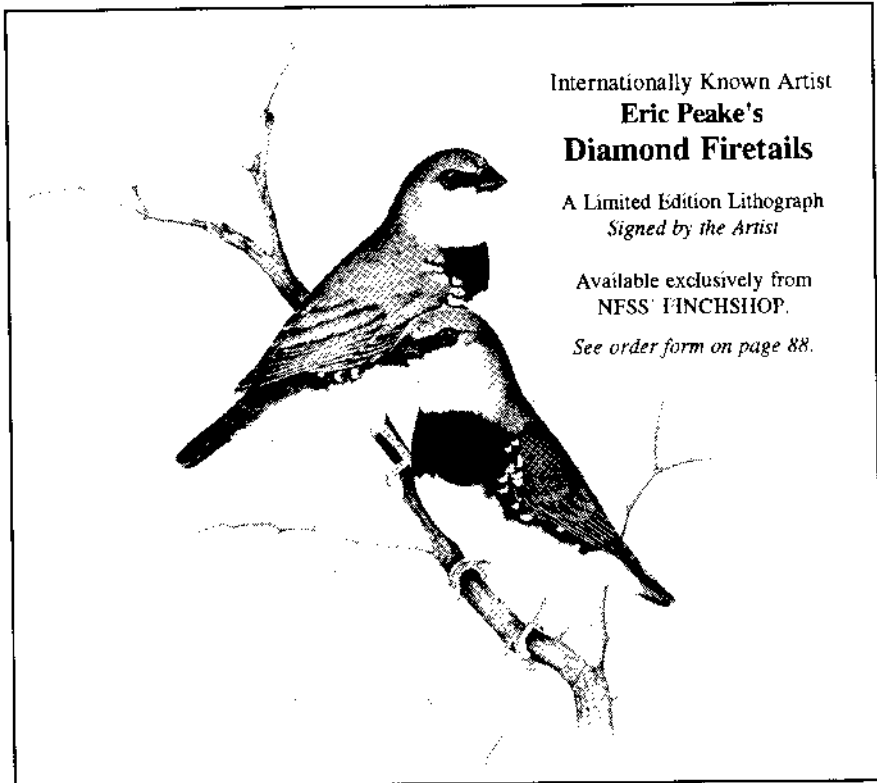
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# The NFSS Apprentice Judge Program

*As approved by the NFSS Board of Directors, November 1990,  
REVISED 8/94 AND 10/94 (changes shown in italics)*

1. Any new apprentice is required to write a letter of request to the Panel Director, listing her/his qualifications.
2. Qualifications **MUST** include:
  - a. *Currently are and have been a member of NFSS for at least three years.*
  - b. Have bred finches for five years.
  - c. Have exhibited under own name (or own aviary name) for three years.
  - d. Must have *won points* five (5) times in top ten in shows under (at least) three (3) NFSS Panel Judges.
3. Must take and pass a written test with 90% or better. If not passed, must study for one year and take the test again (not within one year). The test to be taken at the Kaytee Great American or the National Cage Bird Show, by pre-arrangement only. *or at sites where Panel Chairman is judging with at least a 60 day advance notice to the Panel Chairman.*
4. Cannot apprentice until the test is passed. Each of three apprenticeships to be pre-approved by the Panel Chairman, the Panel Judge involved and the Show Manager of the show involved.
5. Once three apprenticeships are completed and satisfactory reports are received from the judges involved, the apprentice must submit a request through the Panel Director for final Board approval.
6. The apprentice must appear before the Board (or submit a *notarized* statement) indicating she/he understands and agrees to the following:
  - a. When requested to write a report, it must be done immediately. (Example—the three reports of shows to be judged.)
  - b. All show reports must be in within two weeks.
  - c. All judges must respond to all inquiries and must participate on Standard committees.
  - d. NFSS Panel Judges must adhere to all NFSS Judges rules and must judge by current NFSS Standards.

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*The National Finch and Softbill Society's*  
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Adopted by NFSS - 1995

**For Exhibitors and Affiliated Clubs:**

- All finch and softbill entries must be supplied by the exhibitors with appropriate food and water. Waterers are not to be removed from cages during judging.
- Local show officials must not allow the exhibition of federally or locally illegal entries.

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## Young Class

## Old Class

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316	Mutation Shafttail	317
318	Masked	319
320	Parsons	321
322	AOV	323

**Sub Section 3—Grassfinches**

324	Diamond Sparrow	325
326	Cherry Finch (Plumhead)	327
328	Bicheno (Owl)	329
330	Star Finch	331
332	Mutation Star Finch	333
334	Painted	335
336	Crimson (Blood Finch)	337
338	AOV	339

**Sub Section 4—Waxbill/Mannikin**

340	Chestnut-breasted	341
342	Pictorella	343
344	AOV	345

## Section Four—Indo-Pacific Finches

### Sub Section 1—Parrot Finches

400	Blue-faced	401
402	Red-headed	403
404	Pintailed Nonpareil	405
406	AOV	407

### Sub Section 2—Java Rice Birds

408	Normal Gray	409
410	White	411
412	Pied (Calico)	413
414	Cinnamon	415
416	AOV	417

### Sub Section 3—Finches of India

418	Indian Silverbill	419
420	Spice	421
422	Strawberry	423
424	Green Avadavat	425
426	White-hooded Nun	427
428	Pallid Nun	429
430	Black-hooded Nun	431
432	Tricolor Nun	433
434	AOV	435

## Section Five—Society Finches

### Sub Section 1—Chocolate Society

500	Self Chocolate	501
502	Chocolate and White	503
504	Dilute Chocolate	505

### Sub Section 2—Fawn Society

506	Self Fawn	507
508	Fawn and White	509
510	Dilute Fawn	511

### Sub Section 3—Chestnut Society

512	Self Chestnut	513
514	Chestnut & White	515
516	Dilute Chestnut	517

## Young Class

## Old Class

**Sub Section 4—Solid White**

518	Solid White	519
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**Sub Section 5—Crested Society**

520	Chocolate Crested	521
522	Fawn Crested	523
524	Chestnut Crested	525
526	White Crested	527

**Sub Section 6—Any Other Variety**

528	AOV	529
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**Section Six—European Finches****Sub Section 1—European Finches**

600	European Goldfinch	601
602	Chaffinch	603
604	Greenfinch	605
606	Linnet	607
608	European Siskin	609
610	AOV	611

**Section Seven—Finches of Africa****Sub Section 1—Small Waxbills**

700	Gold-breasted	701
702	Orange-cheeked	703
704	Red-eared	705
706	St. Helena	707
708	Firefinch	709
710	Lavender	711
712	Aurora (Crimson-winged Pytilia)	713
714	Yellow-winged Pytilia	715
716	AOV	717

## Young Class

## Old Class

**Sub Section 2—Larger Waxbills**

718	Cordon Bleu	719
720	Blue-capped	721
722	Black Cheek Waxbill	723
724	Melba	725
726	Violet-eared	727
728	Purple Grenadier	729
730	AOV	731

**Sub Section 3—Twinspots**

732	Dusky	733
734	Dybowski's	735
736	Green-backed	737
738	Peter's	739
740	AOV	741

**Sub Section 4—Mannikins**

742	Bronze-winged	743
744	Magpie	745
746	Silverbill	747
748	Cutthroat	749
750	Red-headed Finch	751
752	Blue-billed (Black and White)	753
754	AOV	755

**Sub Section 5—Weavers and Whydahs**

756	Napoleon Weaver	757
758	Orange Bishop Weaver	759
760	Scaly-crowned Weaver	761
762	AOV Weaver	763
764	Pintailed Whydah	765
766	Paradise Whydah	767
768	Combassou	769
770	Queen Whydah	771
772	Red-throated Whydah	773
774	Fisher's Whydah	775
776	AOV Whydah	777

Young Class		Old Class
	<b>Sub Section 6—Serins</b>	
780	Green Singing	781
782	Gray Singing	783
784	Yellow-rumped	785
786	St. Helena Seed-eater	787
788	AOV	789
	<b>Sub Section 7—Buntings of Africa</b>	
790	All Buntings of Africa	791

## Section Eight—Finches of the Americas

	<b>Sub Section 1—Buntings of the Americas</b>	
800	All Buntings of the Americas	801
	<b>Sub Section 2—Siskins</b>	
802	Black-headed Siskin	803
804	AOV	805
	<b>Sub Section 3—Other Finches of the Americas</b>	
806	Rufous-collared	807
808	White-collared	809
810	Saffron	811
812	Crimson Pileated	813
814	Cuban Melodius	815
816	Black-crested Finch	817
818	AOV	819
	<b>Sub Section 4—Cardinals</b>	
822	Red-crested (Brazilian)	823
824	Green	825
826	Pope	827
828	Yellow-billed	829
830	AOV	831

## Section Nine—Doves, Quails and Rails

### Sub Section 1—Doves, Quails and Rails

900	Normal Diamond Doves	901
902	Mutation Diamond Doves	903
904	Cape Doves	905
906	Green-winged Doves	907
908	Zebra Doves	909
910	Normal Ringnecked Doves	911
912	Mutation Ringnecked Doves	913
914	Button Quail	915
916	AOV	917

## Section Ten—Pairs

### Sub Section 1—All Softbill Pairs

1000	Softbill Pairs	1001
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### Sub Section 2—All Finch Pairs

1002	Zebra Pairs	1003
1004	Gouldian Pairs	1005
1006	Other Australian Pairs	1007
1008	Parrot Finch Pairs	1009
1010	Java Rice Bird Pairs	1011
1012	Other Indo-Pacific Pairs	1013
1014	Society Pairs	1015
1016	European Pairs	1017
1018	Cordon Bleu Pairs	1019
1020	Other Waxbill Pairs	1021
1022	Other African Pairs	1023
1024	Finches of the Americas Pairs	1025

### Sub Section 3—All Dove, Quail and Rail Pairs

1026	Dove, Quail and Rail Pairs	1027
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<b>20-29</b>	3	2	1							
<b>30-39</b>	4	3	2	1						
<b>40-49</b>	5	4	3	2	1					
<b>50-59</b>	6	5	4	3	2	1				
<b>60-79</b>	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
<b>80-99</b>	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
<b>100-119</b>	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
<b>120-139</b>	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
<b>140-159</b>	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
<b>160-189</b>	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
<b>190-219</b>	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
<b>220-259</b>	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
<b>260-299</b>	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
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## NFSS Affiliates, Delegates & Shows

(Listing as of May 25, 1995)

### ALABAMA

**Central Alabama Avicultural Society**  
Ginny Allen (334) 749-7168  
Show September 2, 1995  
Montgomery, AL  
Panel Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau

### CALIFORNIA

**Aviary Assn. of Kern County**  
Willis & Velva Baker (805) 765-6110  
Show December 2, 1995  
Bakersfield, CA  
Panel Judge: Hal Koontz

**Capital City Bird Society**  
Dare B. Cagle (916) 944-2437  
Show October 21, 1995  
Placer Co. Fairgrounds  
Roseville, CA  
Panel Judge: Tom Rood

**Finch Society of San Diego County**  
Sharon Russell (619) 273-2005

**Fresno Canary and Finch Society**  
Dixie Lea (209) 584-3764  
Show October 28, 1995  
Fresno, CA  
Panel Judge: Marty Von Raesfeld

**Golden Gate Avian Society**  
Claudia Salo (510) 455-9909  
**Great American Cage Bird Show**  
**Region #6 Show**  
October 7, 1995  
Sheraton Concord, Concord, CA  
Panel Judge: Miki Spartzak  
Show November 11, 1995  
Tracy, CA  
Panel Judge: Marty Von Raesfeld

**Santa Clara Valley Canary & Exotic  
Bird Club**  
Neil Crowley (408) 258-4601  
Show November 25, 1995  
Santa Clara, CA  
Panel Judge: Clayton Jones

### COLORADO

**Rocky Mountain Society of Aviculture**  
Julie Kern (303) 753-6145  
**Region #5 Show**  
Show October 7, 1995  
Denver, CO  
Panel Judge: Ray Johnson

### CONNECTICUT

**Connecticut Association for Aviculture**  
Chris Voronovitch (203) 649-8220  
Show October 28, 1995  
Manchester, CT  
Panel Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau

**New England Finch Fanciers**  
Russell Armitage, Jr. (203) 756-1753  
**Region #1 Show**  
Show November 25, 1995  
E. Hartford, CT  
Panel Judge: Laura Bewley

### FLORIDA

**Aviary & Cage Bird Society of South  
Florida**  
Phil Barth (305) 426-5340  
Show August 19, 1995  
Margate, FL  
Panel Judge: Steve Hoppin

**Central Florida Bird Breeders**  
Eugene F. Goss, Jr. (407) 957-1274

**Exotic Bird Club of Florida**  
Jonathan Jones (407) 724-9498  
**Region #2 Show**  
**10th Anniversary Show**  
November 4, 1995  
Palm Bay, FL  
Panel Judge: Tom Rood

**Florida State Fair Exotic Bird Show**  
Dale Laird (407) 657-7989

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**Greater Brandon Avian Society, Inc.\****Show* September 16, 1995

Tampa, FL

Panel Judge: Tom Rood

**Sun Coast Avian Society**

Richard Ulrich (813) 532-9141

*Show* October 14, 1995

Clearwater, FL

Panel Judge: Clarence Culwell

**Sunshine State Cage Bird Society**

Dale Laird (407) 657-7989

*Show* October 7, 1995

Maitland, FL

Panel Judge: Martha Wigmore

**GEORGIA****Georgia Cage Bird Society**

Candy Wright (404) 633-4364

*Show* November 4, 1995

Marietta, GA

Panel Judge: Clarence Culwell

**HAWAII****Honolulu Canary and Finch Club**

Kathy Perreira (808) 839-2269

**ILLINOIS****Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club**

Jane Muscato (708) 305-9043

*Show* November 4, 1995

Rolling Meadows, IL

Panel Judge: Laura Bewley

**Illini Bird Fanciers**

Jan Marcott (217) 347-9690

*Show* June 3, 1995

Shelbyville, IL

Panel Judge: Martha Wigmore

**National Institute of Red-Orange  
Canaries (NIROC)**

Stephan V. Hopman (815) 469-8455

*Show* November 25, 1995

Elk Grove Village, IL

Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert

**Springfield Pet Bird Club****INDIANA****Indiana Bird Fanciers**

Conrad Meinert (219) 269-2873

*Show* October 14, 1995

Ft. Wayne, IN

Panel Judge: Patrick Vance

**IOWA****Mid-America Cage Bird Society***Show* October 7, 1995

Des Moines, IA

Panel Judge: Patrick Vance

**KANSAS****Heartland Canary and Finch Club\****Show* October 28, 1995

Lawrence, KS

Panel Judge: Tom Rood

**Kansas Avicultural Society**

Jim Cowan (316) 263-8835

*Show* October 14, 1995

Wichita, KS

Panel Judge: Tom Rood

**KENTUCKY****Central Kentucky Cage Bird Society**

Patricia Wilkins (606) 271-0273

*Show* October 28, 1995

Lexington, KY

Panel Judge: Patrick Vance

**LOUISIANA****Capital Area Avicultural Society**

Tim Schexnaydre (504) 562-3579

*Show* November 11, 1995

Baton Rouge, LA

Panel Judge: Miki Spartzak

**Gulf South Bird Club, Inc.**

Jeanne Murphy (504) 833-4241

**AFA Convention & Show**

August 12, 1995

Radisson Hotel, New Orleans, LA

Panel Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau

**National Cage Bird Show***Show* November 18, 1995

Radisson Hotel, New Orleans, LA

Panel Judge: Roddy Gabel

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INTERNATIONAL  
AFFILIATES**

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of Ontario**

Jim Marks (416) 292-3852

Show September 16, 1995

Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada  
Non-panel judge

**Cage Bird Society of Hamilton\***

Show November 4, 1995

Ontario, Canada

Panel Judge: Steve Hoppin

**Durham Avicultural Society of  
Ontario**

Vincent Moase (905) 723 1978

Show September 23, 1995

Pickering, Ontario, Canada

Panel Judge: Tom Rood

**Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society**

Alfred Mion (519) 948-6398

Show October 14, 1995

Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Panel Judge: Charlie Anchor

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M31 8WZ England

**NEW ZEALAND**

**New Zealand Finch Breeders Assn.**  
293 Albany Highway  
Albany, New Zealand

**MARYLAND**

**Baltimore Bird Fanciers**

Show October 21, 1995

Baltimore, MD

Panel Judge: Miki Spartzak

**Maryland Cage Bird Society**

Theresa Brown (301) 735-7662

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**Massachusetts Cage Bird Assoc.**

Dianna Smith (508) 540-3214

Show October 21, 1995

Hanover, MA

Panel Judge: Harold Bowles

**MICHIGAN**

**Great Lakes Avicultural Society**

Diana Hugo (616) 842-0163

Show October 21, 1995

Grand Rapids, MI

Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert

**Mid-Michigan Bird Club**

Mary Lou Tewilliger (517) 463-5695

Show August 26, 1995

(with Lansing Cage Bird Club)

St. Johns, MI

Panel Judge: Patrick Vance

**Mid-West Cage-Bird Club, Inc.**

Patrick Vance (810) 443-0643

**Region #3 Show****60th Anniversary Show**

Show September 16, 1995

Romulus, MI

Panel Judge: Charles Anchor

**Motor City Bird Breeders, Inc.**

Show October 28, 1995

Warren, MI

**Society of Canary and Finch Breeders**

Patrick Vance (810) 443-0643

Show September 30, 1995

Livonia, MI

Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert

**MISSOURI****Greater Kansas City Avic. Society**

Nita Haas (unlisted)

**Region #4 Show**

Show October 21, 1995

Kansas City, MO

Panel Judge: Martha Wigmore

**Heart of America Hookbill & Finch Society**

Moses Linn (816) 523-4661

Show June 10, 1995

Grandview, MO

Panel Judge: Miki Sparzak

Show October 22, 1995

Kansas City, MO

Panel Judge: Ray Johnson

**Missouri Cage Bird Association**

Richard &amp; Rose Dickman

(314) 928-3444

Show November 4, 1995

Eureka, MO

Panel Judge: Brenda Geesey

**NEW HAMPSHIRE****Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society**

Show September 9, 1995

Manchester, NH

Panel Judge: Miki Sparzak

**NEW MEXICO****New Mexico Bird Club, Inc.**

Gail Ranshaw (505) 822-1483

Show September 30, 1995

Albuquerque, NM

Panel Judge: Harold Bowles

**NEW YORK****Finger Lakes Cage Bird Association**

Rena Rouse (315) 252-7673

**New York Finch & Type Canary Club**

Marie Grein (718) 468-0881

Show October 14, 1995

Franklin Square, NY

**Rochester Cage Bird Club**

Patrick Goonan (716) 288-5653

Event August 12, 1995

Rochester, NY

**NORTH CAROLINA****Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society**

April Blazich (919) 851-8079

Pet Bird Fair May 27, 1995

Raleigh, NC

**Smokey Mtn. Cage Bird Society**

Jim Cody (704) 686-5157

Show October 28, 1995

Morgantown, NC

Panel Judge: Ray Johnson

**OHIO****Fort Defiance Bird Club**

Larry Endsley (419) 263-2795

Show October 7, 1995

Defiance, OH

Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert

**Toledo Bird Assn. & Zebra Finch Club of America**

Robert Ayling (419) 536-8736

Show September 23, 1995

Perrysburg, OH

Panel Judge: Paul Williams

**OKLAHOMA****Bird Fanciers of Oklahoma**

Gene and June Miller (405) 382-7066

Show September 30, 1995

Oklahoma City, OK

Panel Judge: Laura Bewley

**Oklahoma Cage Bird Society**

Doug Paris (918) 446-2447

*Show* October 28, 1995

Tulsa, OK

Panel Judge: Steve Hoppin

**OREGON****The Finch Connection**

Julie Duimstra (503) 757-3117

**Rose City Exotic Bird Club***Show* November 4, 1995

Portland, OR

Panel Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau

**PENNSYLVANIA****Central Pennsylvania Cage Bird Society**

Donald Strause (610) 926-5210

**Chester County Bird Breeders**

Roe Prieman (unlisted)

*Show* September 9, 1995

King of Prussia, PA

Panel Judge: Martha Wigmore

**Delaware Valley Bird Club**

Kris Kroner (215) 628-4143

*Show* November 11, 1995

Creamery, PA

Panel Judge: Clarence Culwell

**Greater Pittsburgh Cage Bird Society**

Dr. Lindsay Clack (412) 363-6438

*Show* November 4, 1995

Monroeville, PA

Panel Judge: Miki Spartzak

**Northeastern Penn. Cage Bird Club**

Gary Fino (717) 829-3891

**PUERTO RICO****Organización Puertorriqueña de Aves Exóticas, Inc.**

Rafael Echevarria (809) 795-5718

*4th Puerto Rican National Show**Region #7 Show**Show* December 2, 1995

Bayamon, PR

Panel Judge: Miki Spartzak

**SOUTH CAROLINA****Palmetto Cage Bird Club**

Melvin Yoder (803) 459-5319

*Double Show - Carolina Classic*September 23, 1995 *Saturday*

Panel Judge: Ray Johnson

September 24, 1995 *Sunday*

Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert

Anderson, SC

**TENNESSEE****Middle Tennessee Cage Bird Club**

Eva Duffey (615) 361-5939

*Show* October 7, 1995

Nashville, TN

Panel Judge: Bill Parlee

**TEXAS****Bay Area Cage Bird Club**

Linda Beeman (713) 485-0291

*Show* September 2, 1995

Galveston, TX

Panel Judge: Ray Johnson

**Capital City Cage Bird Club**

Fenton R. Mercness (512) 310-1802

**Fort Worth Bird Club**

Clarence Culwell (817) 220-5568

*Show* October 7, 1995

Arlington, Texas

Panel Judge: Tom Rood

**Texas Bird Breeders and Fanciers Association**

Clarence Culwell (817) 220-5568

*Show* October 28, 1995

Temple, TX

Panel Judge: Joseph Krader

**Texas Canary Club**

Chris Davis (713) 361-3364

**VIRGINIA****Peninsula Cage Bird Society**

Linda Oja (804) 874-8581

**WISCONSIN****Badger Canary Fanciers Ltd.**

Patrice (Ripple) Brusk (414) 785-8988

*Show* October 28, 1995

Milwaukee, WI

Panel Judge: Martha Wigmore

**WINGs Bird Society\****Show* September 23, 1995**Correction:** Not a finch/softbill show.

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# There's a NESS Show for Everyone!

### February

- 2/18 FL  
Florida State Fair  
Exotic Bird Show -  
Day 1  
(Conrad Meinert)
- 2/19 FL  
Florida State Fair  
Exotic Bird Show -  
Day 2  
(Clarence Culwell)

### June

- 6/03 IL  
Illini Bird Fanciers  
(Martha Wigmore)
- 6/10 MO  
Heart of America  
(Miki Spazak)

### August

- 8/19 FL  
Aviary & Cage Bird  
Soc. of S. Florida  
(Steve Hoppin)
- 8/12 NY  
Rochester Cage Bird  
Club
- 8/26 MI  
Mid-Michigan Bird  
Club  
(Patrick Vance)

### September

- 9/02 AL  
Central Alabama  
Avic. Soc.  
(Dr. Al Decoteau)

- 9/02 TX  
Bay Area Cage Bird  
Club  
(Ray Johnson)

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- Day 1)  
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## ■ NY

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## ■ CT

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## ■ KS

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and Finch Club  
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Cage bird Society  
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## ■ MI

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Bird Society  
(Ray Johnson)

## ■ OK

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## ■ TX

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## ■ WI

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## ■ LA

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## ■ PA

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(Clayton Jones)

## ■ CT

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## ■ IL

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Red-Orange Canaries  
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(Brenda Geesey)

## ■ OR

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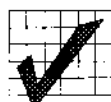
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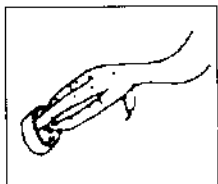
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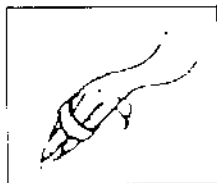
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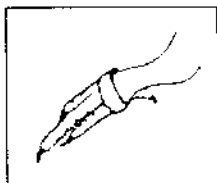
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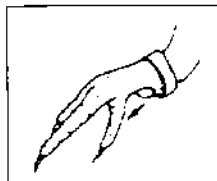
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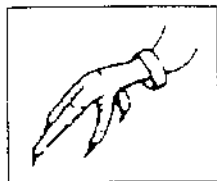
Have the bands, a toothpick (or other small blunt instrument) and some lubricant ready. Be sure you have the bands "right side up" for easier reading.



The band is generally placed on the bird's right leg. Banding just before the parents go to roost in the evening will prevent them from picking at the band. By the next morning they will have forgotten about it.



Hold the chick firmly but in such a way as to not cut off its breathing and so that you don't harm it. Remember, their bodies cannot tolerate compression. Put a little bit of lubricant on the chick's foot and slide the band over the three front toes and finally over the ankle joint. The back toe will probably have to be gently pried out from under the band with a toothpick. The band now should be in the proper location between the ankle and the elbow joints.



Check on the chick the next few days to be sure that the band has not slipped off and that there are no scrapes or irritations on the foot or leg.

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other large Mannikins  
small Tanagers

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Pekin Robin  
Silver-eared Mesia  
other small softbills

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