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In a recent survey by American Pet Products Manufacturing Association, 17.3 million birds were kept in the US, up from 10 million in 1992. The most popular bird still is the Cockateil, second the Parakeet, and number three in popularity were FINCHES!!!

With our fascination with our Finches and Softbills, it is important to remember: Federal law strictly prohibits keeping, or banding and returning to the wild any native species. It also is against the law to release non-native species in the US.

Speaking of the Feds... The Government, recognizing the uniqueness of aviculture from other animals, has, under the 2002 Federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA), asked a group of aviculturists to provide them appropriate guidelines for all aspects of avian welfare. Your NFSS is a core member of the group, now titled the National Avian Welfare Alliance (NAWA). For update info, check our www.NFSS.org website.

This year the National Cage Bird Show has been cancelled due to concerns over quarantines for END and concern for the awkward position it places on the host show. NFSS has decided to have its annual meeting, usually held at the NCBS, at the Great American Bird Show (GABS) instead. The show, Oct. 4 & 5; the place is Tinley Ill; just southwest of Chicago. We will also be having our Afternoon of Aviculture on Friday Oct. 3rd., beginning at 1:00pm. So come early, get your birds settled in, and join us for an Afternoon of Aviculture.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Sally Huntington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Sally Huntington, President, National Finch & Softbill Society

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Letters

A Plea for Updating Show Classes

Five or so years ago three Society Finch lovers spent a ton of time and money to bring Pearls, Frills, Creaminos, Grays, and Albinos into the USA from Tokyo. (see "Importing Society Finches from Tokyo - The Story" in: National Finch and Softbill Society Bulletin, Vol. 16, No. 2, March/April 1999) (p. 16-22). Between us, we've probably sold over 1,000 birds now and these new colors have routinely appeared at the show bench as buyers' birds are now in their 5th or 6th generation. As early as 1999, I had already won an award (The Judges Choice Award at the Midwest Zebra and Society Finch Club, Kansas City, MO, for a Pearl Society) and more recently placed third overall at The Nationals in 2001 with a Greyino Self (the first and second place birds were not captive bred making

mine the best owner bred bird in the show). I hope the NFSS will begin to realize that in some species new mutations and new imported lines have made the old categories obsolete. I am not advocating the addition of dozens of new classes per species but it would seem that, e.g., "Any type of Gray Self" (which would include Chocolate Gray, Chestnut Gray, Fawn Gray, Pearl Gray, and Grayino) or "Any type of Frilled Society" (which would include Crested, Chunagon, Chiyoda, and Dainagon) would be a good start. I'm curious to know what the procedure is for speeding up the expansion of the show classes for finches?

Michael Marcotrigiano, Massachusetts

Reply from NFSS

Thanks for your thoughts, Michael. I've had the pleasure of seeing both of your birds you mention - how lovely to remember! And it has been such a joy for all of us NFSS judges to see the new-color Societies at shows in recent years. As was mentioned in the May/June 2003 issue of the Journal, one of the new standard committees being formed this summer, co-chaired by Clarence Culwell and Julie Duimstra, will propose classes and color standards for the new Society mutations. NFSS as an organization watches the introduction and establishment of new mutations with great excitement. "Establishment" is an important concept that is considered before NFSS can rightfully begin the process of "standardizing" and introducing classes for a new mutation, and this may include (but not be limited to) such things as geographic distribution throughout the U.S., regular numbers exhibited, consistency of color/ breeding results, etc. In the very short

period of time since their introduction to the U.S., the new Society colors have enjoyed increasing popularity and interest, and in this past year NFSS has received requests for new Society classes - thus the formation of the new Committee which is eager to share their work with the membership. In regards to how to jump-start the process for new classes or standards, most get rolling by simply sending something in writing to the NFSS Judges Panel Director or other NFSS Board member, and in cases where interested volunteer effort is available the work concludes within a year. May I repeat last issue's request: "Members are asked to contact me if you are interested in contributing...!" Your suggestions, your experiences, your knowledge - YOU keep NFSS current with aviculture in the United States.

Martha Wigmore, NFSS 4th VP
(Judges Panel/Standards/Research)

Letters

Full Finch Shop Catalog Too Much for Every Journal Issue? _____

In the course of an e-mail discussion, **Matthew Dingemans** asked if we might be willing to publish the full Finch Shop Catalog in every other issue in order to give some of the space over to articles.

This is something that has been discussed in the past and I must admit I have been the one to resist this idea. It seems to me that if we're going to have a Finch Shop, we should communicate available items properly in order to enable people to understand what they're ordering! I do understand, however, that our Journal space is limited, and must be used as efficiently as possible.

Based on Matthew's suggestion, I once again opened this discussion with **Sue Haberkorn, NFSS Finch Shop Manager**. Sue reminded me that we had discussed this in the past and we came to a compromise position

I, in my Membership Director's role, will send a full FinchShop catalog to each member on renewal of their membership. (New members are already receiving this catalog.) We are going to try out printing a one-page version of the catalog with every other issue - beginning with this one.

We'd love to hear any comments or suggestions you may have about this or any other aspect of the Journal. Please send them to either Martie Lauster or Sue Haberkorn (regarding the Finch Shop) - by e-mail or snail-mail - at the addresses to be found in the Officers list at the back of this Journal.

Thank you, Matthew, for bringing this issue from the "back burner". I hope we have reached an equitable compromise.

Martie Lauster, NFSS Membership Director, NFSS Journal Editor

Do you have a comment, question, or suggestion for NFSS that you would like to share with others? Send your thoughts to Martie Lauster (address listed on Officers page). Nothing will be printed without prior approval from the author and where indicated, I will try to get a response/answer from the appropriate NFSS Officer prior to publication.



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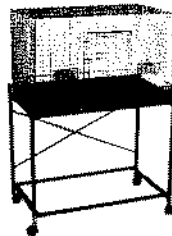
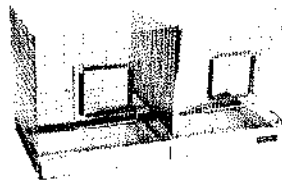
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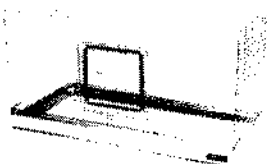
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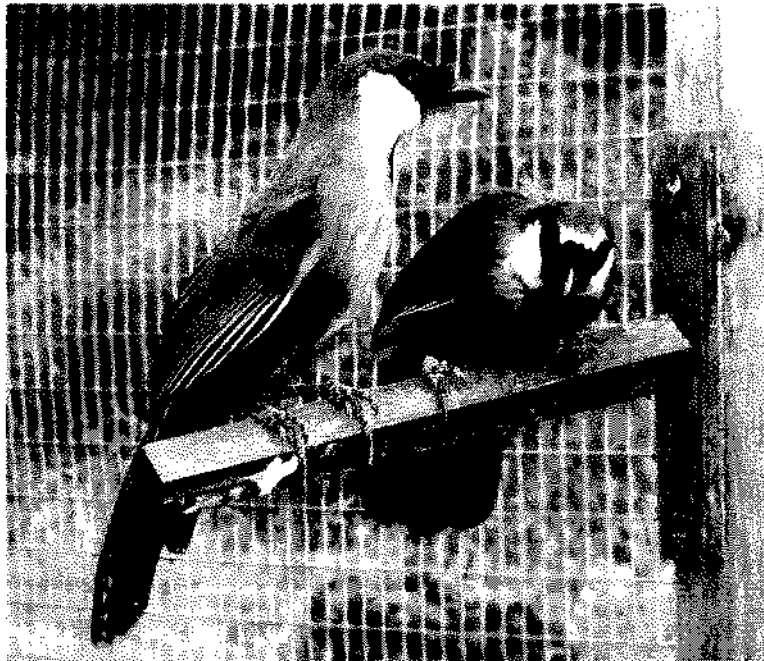
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LAUGHING THRUSHES

by Dick Schroeder

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Black Throated Laughing Thrush (*Garrulax chinensis chinensis*)

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Laughing Thrushes are a wonderful group of birds in the genus *Garrulax*. There are 51 species according to Monroe and Sibley (1993). They, until recently were classified with the babblers, but now with advent of DNA they have been placed in the family Sylviidae, no longer included with the Pekin Robins (*Leotrix*), Mesias, or other babblers.

These very hardy Old World birds range from the Himalayas, India, Burma, Borneo, Laos, Thailand,

China, and Vietnam. Much of their time is spent on the forest floor overturning debris in their search for insects. In my own aviaries I have found that while many species will spend most of their time on the floor, looking under leaves, etc., other species seem to rarely go to ground, often preferring mid-height shrubs to do their exploring.

In their native lands Laughing Thrushes form small flocks and are always on the move, chattering noisily through forests of bamboo or ever-

greens. In captivity they are ever active and really unsuitable to a small cage, much preferring a spacious aviary. That having been said, they are frequently kept in small cages in the Orient, where certain species are used in song competitions, or even fighting.

This is the case with the Spectacled Laughing Thrush, *G. canorus* or Hwamei. The males of this species will fight each other to the death and much money is wagered on the outcome of these bouts. They are probably more desired though for their very melodic song. Even more money will change hands at song competitions and some individuals have been sold for huge sums of money. I guess we can't expect to see any of the best

singers imported into the US, as I'm sure they are looked over and listened to very carefully in their native country before being exported. The Hwamei is still imported on occasion, but it is included as a species to be listed as threatened at the next CITIES conference. That listing will end its importation into the US.

Certainly not all 51 species are available to aviculture; however, there are several that are readily available much of the time. These would include the White-throated Laughing Thrush

G. albogularis albogularis, White-crested, both *G. leucolophus leucolophus* and *G. l. bicolor*, Greater Necklaced Laughing Thrush *G. pectoralis* sps., Black-throated Laughing Thrush *G. chinensis chinensis*, Yellow-throated Laughing Thrush *G. galbanus simae-oensis*, Spotted Laughing Thrush *G. ocellatus* sps., Red-winged Laughing Thrush *G. formosus formosus*, and the Red-tailed Laughing Thrush *G. milnei* sps. There are a few others that pop up from time to time, but most any of these can be found with a bit of searching.

A great thing about these birds is their cold hardiness. Most come from China or other cold countries and are often found in areas where tempera-

tures are below freezing. This would make them ideal aviary subjects for those who live in temperate climates. Do a little research first of course, to be certain that you do purchase a cold hardy species, but you will be surprised how many really are cold tolerant birds. I find that they do no harm to any plants in my aviaries, so another plus there as well.

A planted aviary with a substrate of leaf litter, bark, or wood chips is ideal. You will have to check for plants that do well in your area, but many



White Crested Laughing Thrush
(*Garrulax leucolophus leucolophus*)

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bamboos are very cold tolerant, as are fir trees. You will want to find a species of either that doesn't grow real fast and up through the aviary roof, leaving only a bare trunk inside. Instead look for something, slow growing or that you can top to control the height, so that there will be cover and branches inside of the flight. Many species will use a wicker basket provided, but others are just as happy to build their own nest. Our Red-winged Laughing Thrushes nested in a butterfly bush, Buddleia, about 18" from the ground. They built the nest from scratch with twigs and sticks found in the aviary, lined with a few leaves.

They lay 2-4 eggs, which in some species are white, while others are pale blue. Incubation is 14-16 days and carried out by both parents. I found that sitting commenced with the first egg on the Red-winged, but it may differ in other species. The young hatch naked but grow rapidly, leaving the nest at around 2 weeks. Chicks are fed by both parents, and are eating on their own by the time they are 45 days old. The parents feed a great deal of live food, mainly mealworms and frozen/thawed crickets, both dusted with a vitamin mineral supplement, Vita Life.

We have found that the Laughing Thrushes can be housed in a mixed species aviary and can get along well with other species of their own genus as well. Currently, in a 500 square foot aviary we have three different species of Laughing Thrushes, Red-winged (including a 2 year old chick), Spotted, and Greater Necklaced. They get along well together as well as with the other inhabitants which range from turacos to leafbirds and reedlings. I would not, however, attempt to do this with the much more aggressive White-

crested Laughing Thrush. My experience with this species shows them to be far less tolerant of other birds, regardless of size.

Laughing Thrushes are very easy birds to feed. Ours eat a variety of diced fruit, including papaya, apple, pear, banana, grapes, various melons, and other fruit in season. Also frozen mixed vegetables are added. We use Kaytee Exact softbill pellets or Mazuri Zu-Life, soaked in hot water to soften them and a separate container of a universal insect mix, Bugs~n~Berries. Live mealworms are offered daily as well, and are probably the first thing eaten. Mashed hardboiled egg is added during breeding season. They enjoy bathing, so a shallow pool or water dish is always provided as well.

Now that you have found some birds that will probably winter well in your part of the world, why not set aside a little garden space, put up a fancy gazebo, or a planted aviary, pull up a bench and enjoy some wonderful birds? You'll be happy that you did.

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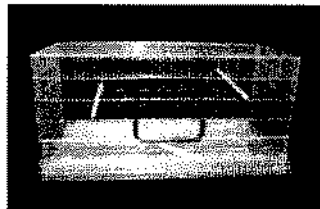
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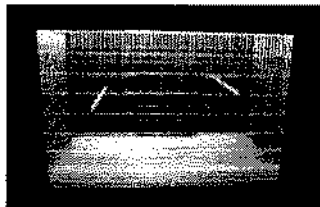
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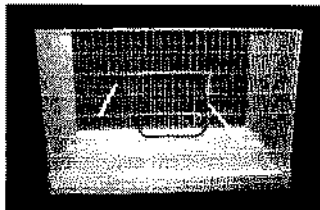
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by Fred Panjer and Jan Wigmore

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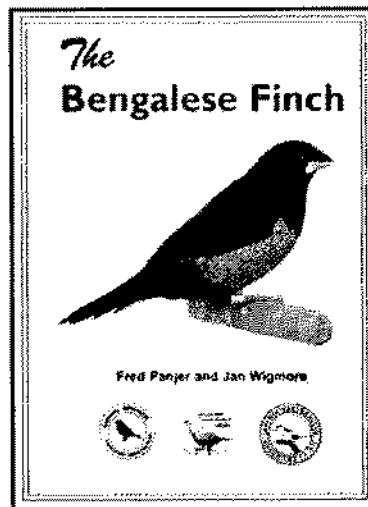
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With recent importations of mutations like the Pearl and the Frills to Europe and the United States from Japan, an update on status of the Bengalese Finch or Society Finch (*Lonchura striata*) was in order.

The National Bengalese Fanciers Association took upon itself to present the latest book on this fascinating bird. No serious treatment has ever been done by a US author and the best book to date was a Dutch publication called *Japanese Meeuwen* (by Noelle Hernalsteen and Paul Iwens).

Before beginning, it is important to make one point very clear. While European Pied (i.e. variegated) Society Finches (i.e. Bengalese Finches) may still be pure *Lonchura striata*, the European strains of the Self (i.e. solid color) Society Finch are almost always interspecific fertile hybrids developed by crossing *Lonchura striata* to other *Munia* species and backcrossing to obtain the desired color and feather patterning. While the European birds are portrayed in this



book as Society Finches, *L. striata*, they are not. Such confusion has already led hobbyists in the US to be disappointed with breeding outcome or discouraged by the prices being asked for good European stock.

In this review we will concentrate on the content of the book and its usefulness for breeders here in the United

States. The book provides concise sections on the history, care, feeding, housing, breeding, life cycle, and food choices of Society Finches. These sections are very well written and will form a basis for most breeders to start setting up their own husbandry protocols. Naturally, individual hobbyists should tweak the system after gaining experience with their own individual birds or strains.

The strengths of the book lie in its coverage of the strains and their pigmentation that have been developed and the pigments that regulate the subtle and not so subtle changes in feather color and color distribution.

The information provided is very detailed both in research and terminology. It is tedious reading and perhaps excessive for most US hobbyists. It demonstrates, however, the commitment of European breeders to learn the science behind the hobby, a trait rarely seen with US breeders.

While there is some coverage on the subject of conditioning, what the book lacks is a detailed protocol on how to bring these more difficult Self strains into condition for breeding. This is unfortunate, because most US breeders who now own these imported interspecific strains are struggling to bring them up in numbers where they can be available to most breeders. We were hoping the authors would provide specific tricks to coax recalcitrant birds to get in the mood. Perhaps it is simply that some of the strains in the US are not the best ones. Time will tell.

The photos are not of the quality of the Dutch publication by Noelle Hernalsteen and Paul Iwens. Many of the photos were not color corrected (although we are sure certain breeders would love to believe that near red Society Finches exist) some exhibit too much contrast and lack crispness. That being said, there are many nice photos that will impress anyone interested in the subject and these photos are quite useful to show many features - especially type and the variation in color between, e.g., Dilutes and Normals.

From a US reader's standpoint and with no fault from the book, the chapters on exhibiting and show standards are relevant only to the UK, and not the US. The length of these chapters dominates the book.

However, let us hope that US judges, as well as exhibitors, will appreciate seeing how classification is

handled abroad. Currently, the US show categories are woefully inadequate leaving the Ino, Gray, Pearl, and Frill mutations in AOV rather than developing standards for them (hint here to NFSS judges).

We also found that the book could have been organized better. Reading each mutation and all of its pigment information, inheritance, and standards would have made more sense than the current organization which is difficult to pin down. Oddly, the chapters on color inheritance and on genetics are treated separately. In addition, there is inconsistency in the naming of mutations. What are truly European Black Browns are pictured as Chocolates while Red Browns are listed as such, and not Fawns. While this may seem to be a minor point, it is not. Black Browns and Red Browns are derived from interspecific crosses and are more difficult to breed. Some photos are labeled Mocca Brown, others Chestnut. US breeders, not sophisticated as many European breeders, may not realize that these are not separate mutations.

The glossary of terms is very useful but we expect that some terminology not referenced in the book will be unfamiliar to US hobbyists. An index would have been a helpful addition.

Other deficiencies are a lack of photographic coverage of the specific types of Japanese frills. Such birds and photos are easily accessible and while a verbal description of the types is present, no picture match is given. In addition, the Albino (a single gene mutant) is referred to but never discussed, whereas Grey Ino (a genetic combination of Cream Ino and Grey genes) is discussed in extreme detail.

Yet, despite the problems we mention, the book is so interesting that

anyone 'into Society Finches' will not be able to put it down until they read all of it.

Admittedly, the book was not written for US breeders, nor is it about US birds, and US buyers should realize this when it comes to the discussions about the various types of Society Finches. The book is a wonderful tribute to the Bengalese Finch abroad and to the incredible accomplishments made by European breeders (largely in Holland, Belgium, and England). It is nice to finally have such a book in the

English language with the information all in one place, easily accessible as a casual read and reference book.

We certainly would recommend buying this book to anyone with even a casual interest in the Society Finch. The US publications on Finches are rarely written by experienced show breeders. This book is written by leading breeders of championship birds. It is well worth its meager price and will remain the best book on the subject for quite some time.

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Checking - FinchShop:	170.36	Total Cash In Accounts	25,096.20

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FinchShop:	1,280.10	(4,950.00)	558.28	(3,706.00)
Affiliations:	1,050.00	(1,500.00)	129.15	(350.00)
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Journal:	646.21	(1,500.00)	13,436.73	(22,600.00)
Awards:	1,436.00	(2,500.00)	804.59	(2,500.00)
Finch/Softbill Save:	60.00	(0.00)	108.22	(200.00)
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HOW TO CONDITION TWO SOCIETY FINCH COCKS TO INCUBATE AND FOSTER REAR ON CUE

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WHY FOSTER FINCH SPECIES THAT ARE NOT YET ESTABLISHED IN AVICULTURE ?

The importance of fostering Finch species that are not yet established in aviculture especially those from the African continent can only be appreciated by looking at history. Take a look at the history of the Gouldian Finch.

I spoke to Mike Fidler, author of an important book about the Gouldian Finch, who was among the first Britons to try to breed the Gouldian in the UK. He told me back in the 1950s, you could not even keep Gouldians alive for **more than one year** at a time because the wild caught Gouldians that were imported from Australia were **so vulnerable** to disease in a human environment. People depended solely on Australian imports.

It was mostly through using Society Finches that Gouldians are now common place and more disease resistant because more Gouldians bred, meant that more and more disease resistant ones were available to be selected for breeding.

Similarly Violet Eared Waxbills are considered one of several Finch species which include Pintail

Nonpareils and Green Twinspots among others, which easily succumb to disease in a human environment. Their immune system has not adapted to germs that are present in a human environment because these germs are absent in the Finches' native habitat.

Terry Cook in England used to breed an average of 35 Violet Ears every year for the past few years through fostering them under Society Finches, or Bengalese Finches, as they are called in the UK. Over the past few years, Terry has written various articles in the Cage and Aviary and Waxbill Finch Society magazines describing the ingenious ways he repeatedly tried to get his Violet Ears to parent rear but with no success.

In an article written by Terry Cook that was published in Cage and Aviary Birds weekly magazine on 15 April 2000, he writes:

"All my pairs [of Violet Eared waxbills] both indoors and outdoors have failed to rear chicks, so all my breeding results have been through fostering."

In Europe, success in breeding African Finches in cages is achieved in most cases through fostering using

Society Finches. The Dutch and Belgians are having great success building up captive bred numbers of African Finches using this method. Bird export.com sell closed-rung specimens and they do this by using Society Finches. The closed rings are no scam or trick !!! You can tell that the metal rings are **very close fitting** and not oversize at all. Once we have a good captive bred population, then we can concentrate on parent rearing these birds. I am convinced that this is the way forward because the supply of imported wild caught Finches may eventually stop and history teaches us that this is what has led to the success of the Gouldian Finch in captivity.

It is often reported that wild caught Finches throw their young out of the nest. This can be due to lack of privacy but one reason for this almost certainly is **lack of a huge amount of insects during breeding**. I am talking about hundreds of various insects per pair per day.

If you click on <http://uniquebeak.homestead.com/UniqueBlue.html>, Debbie Barbieri of Unique Beak Aviaries has this to say :

"I chuckle every time I hear someone say they give 10 or 12 mealworms a day to any Finch - because experience has certainly proved otherwise. In fact, the only time I limit live food to any of my Finches (African or Australian) is when they are incubating eggs. Cordon Bleus, when feeding babies, consume without exaggeration hundreds of worms daily."

Imprinting was and is not a problem with the Gouldian Finch and other fostered Finch species. For many many years, Gouldians have been fostered under Society Finches by literally thousands of breeders throughout

the world with no imprinting problems. Similarly imprinting is not a problem with Bluecaps or Violet Ears. Terry Cook wrote that he kept on getting fertile eggs from his Violet Eared pairs that he himself had fostered under Society Finches. Another breeder, who fosters Bluecaps under Society Finches, who wrote to me, told me he never experienced imprinting problems either with his fostered Bluecaps.

Another advantage using Society Finches to foster the African Finches that are not established in captivity is being able to readily close ring the young with closely fitting metal rings bearing the current year. This will prove to the serious Finch Breeders that these birds are genuinely captive bred birds and they will seek to buy these birds rather than wild caught ones because these birds will be more likely to be disease resistant and accept eggfood.

In summary...

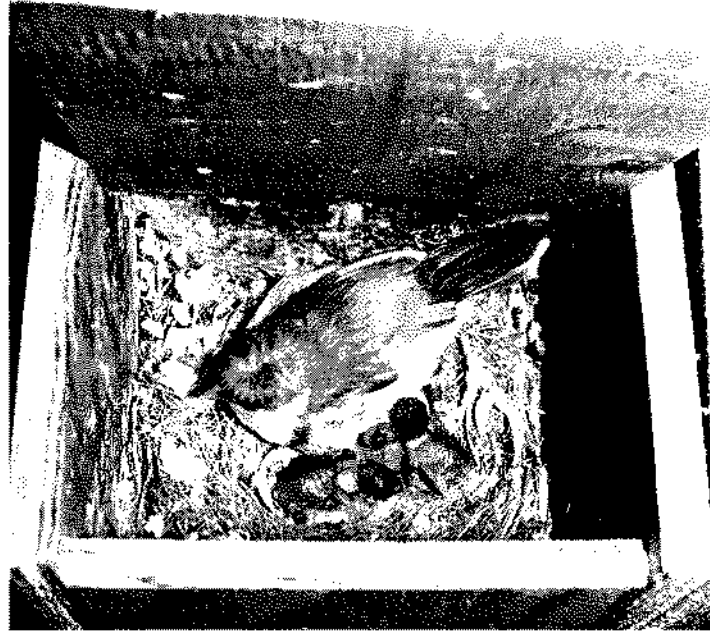
Fostering Finch species that are not yet established in aviculture has the following advantages :

1. MORE DISEASE RESISTANT captive bred specimens become available because of the increase in the number of young that are hatched under the Society Finches. If a certain percent of offspring are likely to be disease resistant in a human environment, then the more young you end up with, the more disease resistant offspring you should end up with. This will in turn enable more pairings to be made using captive bred disease resistant birds.
2. NO HUGE AMOUNT OF INSECTS REQUIRED any more.
3. NO imprinting problems as many Gouldian Finch breeders will testify.

4. CLOSED RUNG birds with closely fitting metal rings bearing the current year prove that the birds in question are captive bred.

Given the above evidence, there is no doubt in my mind of the importance and wisdom of using Society Finches to first produce as many young of the

and UK had better wake up and start specializing in one or two Finch species that are not established in captivity using Society Finches to bolster their efforts because otherwise no one is ever going to be able to breed these beautiful birds in sufficient numbers that will lead to establishing captive bred populations worldwide!!!



Fostering Society Finch Photo Courtesy ©Roy Beckham

most desirable African waxbills as possible. Parent rearing can come later.

And one should also bear the following point in mind.

The importation of wonderful African Finches like Purple Grenadiers, Orange Cheeks, Violet Ears, Green Twinspots, Peters Twinspots, Crimson Seedcrackers, Western Bluebills etc. is not going to last forever. Finch breeders in America

HERE IS HOW I DID IT.

Several years ago when I bred Gouldians, I had Society Finch cocks do superb jobs. I observed that there were advantages using two cock Society Finch foster pairs.

1. If the species you are desperately trying to foster e.g. Pintail Nonpareils or Violet Eared Waxbills, unexpectedly start laying eggs, you have the great advan-

tage of being able to stimulate the two cock Society Finch pair to start incubating plastic eggs. You do not have to wait for the hen Society Finches to lay real eggs !!!

2. In cock and hen pairs, the bird that feeds the chicks most of the time is the cock Society Finch.

3. In cock and hen pairs, the drive to start a new family is so strong that the Society Finch pair may stop feeding their young altogether at three weeks of age. This can be a problem if you are fostering a Finch that requires a longer weaning period than a Society Finch's nestling. Two males will feed almost indefinitely. Several people comment that they lost fostered Gouldian babies at about three weeks of age due to the cock and hen pair of Society Finches stopping to feed them.

4. Some people, out of a deep respect for living things, object to throwing Society Finches' living eggs in the dustbin in order to them to be replaced with Gouldian Finch eggs or those of another Finch species. Using two cock Society Finch pairs, this is no longer a problem because white plastic eggs are used.

I would like to add here before I start, that I had about 24 pairs fostering for me, **all cock pairs** several years ago !! So rest assured that this method works.

You can use Society Finches of

normal size of any mutation so long as they are active and energetic and do not squat on the perch most of the time. Always try to put an experienced cock with a juvenile cock, one **older** than the other. You let them settle down for 3 weeks with a half open nestbox fitted outside their cage for easy inspection. I used to use 14 cm cubed wooden nestboxes which I fitted with wooden concaves. This way the eggs would always be gathered together, making it unlikely for any egg to roll well away from the incubating bird.



Society Finch

*Photo Courtesy * Roy Beckham*

After about 3 weeks from the date of introduction, you place 5 white plastic eggs. You can place one egg a day if you like. In the beginning, the birds may take 3 - 10 days to start incubating these eggs. I inspected all the nest-

boxes at the same time each day. This way the birds are thoroughly used to your inspection. You gently knock on the nestbox. This signals the birds to leave the nest for you to inspect. You test the warmth of the eggs with the hard side of your fingers. Once you feel they are warm, you get yourself a **bird diary**. You make a note under that date in that diary and write e.g. Society finch Cock Pair No. 3 started incubating today. You keep on checking that they are incubating every day, which they usually do.

If they stop incubating, remove the eggs and wait **ten days** before placing plastic eggs again. You must keep notes in your bird diary so that you won't end up confusing the Society Finches. After they have incubated the

eggs for 14 days, you **remove** the eggs so that it will not confuse their system. Remember Finch brains are programmed to incubate eggs for around 14 days. You then wait ten days and repeat the experiment. If they do their job correctly the second time round, you then go to the next stage.

You must now test each pair of cocks for their feeding ability. The reason for this is that some Society Finches make good incubators but **not** good feeders. You test their feeding ability by giving them fertile Society Finches' eggs if you intend using them to foster Australian Finches **or** fertile Bluecap Cordon Bleu eggs if you intend using them to foster African Finches. The reason for this is that African Finch hatchlings make different head movements to those of Society Finch or Australian ones.

If your new Society Finch cock pair successfully foster rear Australian Finches and then you give them Bluecap hatchlings to foster rear, the chances are the Society Finches are going to become confused due to the hatchlings' head movements **being different** to the ones that they **first** foster reared. Always remember that animals respond to cues. If you change the cues, it is bound to confuse them.

If the cock Society Finch pair successfully rear the first time, then they have passed the test. If not, it is best to sell them to people who are not interested in using Society Finches for fostering.

So in this way, using cock pairs, you do not need to **wait** for the hen to lay eggs. All you do is place 5 plastic eggs in their nest and 3 days later or less, they will start incubating them steadfastly.

There are some rules which I advise you to follow.

FIRST RULE. Always buy the Society Finches from people who use them to foster Gouldians. The reason is that Society Finches are known to be disease carriers. Carriers are birds which look active and healthy but carry bacterial pathogens which will kill the hatchlings of non-Society Finch species like e.g. Gouldians. Society Finch hatchlings will survive however because the Society Finches are genetically immune to these bugs.

SECOND RULE. When you purchase Society Finches to foster with, follow a strict quarantine procedure and use quarantine medicines if disease is indicated in the droppings of the birds. If you cannot decipher droppings information or cannot afford to go to a vet, I would make prophylactic use of quarantine medicines such as Ronidazole, Baycox or antibiotics that have a wide activity against gram positive bacteria **only once a year and no more** as I have found that these drugs easily cause opportunistic gut infection in most finch species and will cause the birds to become constantly fluffed for an indefinite period of time.

After quarantine is over, I would supply the birds with fresh food like greenfood and hard boiled egg and seeding grasses and yogurt solution as it is a rich source of probiotics.

THIRD RULE. Always breed your own cock Society Finches to avoid the risk of buying Society Finches that are disease carriers.

But my firmest advice is to keep your own cock and hen pairs to restock your cock pairs. Do not trust Society finches that you buy from others because the chances are they will be disease carriers and kill your fostered chicks.



Spring 2003 Finch List

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Blue-capped Cordon Bleu (<i>Uraeginthus cyanocephalus</i>).....	\$80/pr	Red-Headed Pied.....	\$450/pr
Blue-breasted Cordon Bleu (<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>).....	\$80/pr	Red-Headed Sea Green.....	\$250/pr
Cherry Finch (<i>Aidemosyne modesta</i>).....	\$120/pr	Peter's Twinspot (<i>Hypargos niveoguttatus</i>).....	\$150/pr
Cherry Finch (Isabel).....	\$180/pr	Purple Grenadier (<i>Uraeginthus ianthinogaster</i>).....	\$250/pr
Crimson Finch S.A.....	\$250/pr	Quail finch (Limited Pairs Available) (<i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>).....	\$150/pr
Crimson Pileated finch S.A.....	\$250/pr	White Button Quail.....	\$25/pr
Diamond Firetail (<i>Emblema guttata</i>).....	\$130/pr	Red-browed Firetail (<i>Sydney waxbill</i>) (<i>Aegintha temporalis</i>).....	\$280/pr
Diamond Firetail (fawn).....	\$150/pr	Red-faced Crimson Wing (<i>Cryptospiza reichenovii</i>).....	\$120/pr
Emerald Spotted Dove.....	\$150/pr	Red-headed Finch (<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>).....	\$80/pr
Pigmy Ground Dove.....	\$100/pr	Red Munia (strawberry) (<i>Amandava amandava</i>).....	\$80/pr
Dybowski Twinspot (<i>Euschistospiza dybowskii</i>).....	\$175/pr	Shafttail (<i>Poephila acuticauda</i>).....	\$100/pr
Female gold breasted waxbill.....	\$80/ea	Saint Helena Waxbill.....	\$120/pr
Golden-breasted Bunting (<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>).....	\$130/pr	Star Finch, Red faced (<i>Neochmia ruficauda</i>).....	\$100/pr
Goldfinch, New Zealand (<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>).....	\$69/pr	Star Finch Yellow faced.....	\$120/pr
Gouldian Finch (red, black, yellow head) (<i>Chloebia gouldiae</i>).....	\$150/pr	Silverbill (<i>Lonchura malabarica</i>).....	\$40/pr
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Purple-legged Honeycreeper.....	\$450/pr	Scaly-crowned Weaver (<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>).....	\$80/pr
Jacarini Finch.....	\$100/pr	Golden Weaver.....	\$90/pr
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Nuns, White and Black Hooded (<i>Lonchura Malacca, L. maja</i>).....	\$60/pr	Paradise (<i>Steganura paradisaea</i>).....	\$180/pr
Owl Finch (<i>Poephila bichenovii</i>).....	\$175/pr	Steel Blue (<i>Vidua hypocherina</i>).....	\$180/pr
Painted Finch (<i>Emblema picta</i>).....	\$450/pr	Yellow-bellied Waxbill (Sweet) (<i>Estrilda melanotis</i>).....	\$80/pr
Parrot Finches: Blue-faced (<i>Erythrura trichroa</i>).....	\$225/pr	Yellow Canary (Giant Green Singer) (<i>Serinus flaviventris</i>).....	\$120/pr
Forbes (<i>Erythrura tricolor</i>).....	\$350/pr		
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Rare Bird Population Found in South America

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WASHINGTON - Scientists have discovered a previously unknown population of Red Siskins, a bird feared to be nearing extinction in the wild.

"It was totally a surprise to us, a great shock," said Michael J. Braun, a research scientist at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

Once widespread in the coastal mountains of Venezuela and Colombia, the bird was nearly wiped out by trapping after it became popular both in that region and in Europe in the 1800s.

The bird was particularly valued for its bright red feathers and in Latin America it is known as El Cardinalito, or little cardinal.

Breeders discovered that the Red Siskin could mate with the Canary, Braun said Thursday, providing a bright color to the formerly drab songbird. Any Canary today that has some red feathers has some Siskin genes, Braun said.

Braun said the research team was conducting a survey of birds in little-studied Guyana — which neighbors

Venezuela — when they came across a population of several thousand Red Siskins.

That, he said, is several times the known population of the birds elsewhere in the wild.

The discovery was made in April of 2000, he said, but was kept under wraps until a conservation plan could be developed providing legal protection for the birds in Guyana.

It was just a matter of time before they were discovered, he said, because the region where they were found is increasingly being developed.

Red Siskins been protected in Venezuela since the 1940s.

The goal is not to prevent people from raising the birds in cages, he

said, but to avoid damage to the wild population.

The American Federation of Aviculture is engaged in a Red Siskin recovery project, attempting to breed a large enough captive population of the birds for the commercial market.

The discovery by Braun and Mark Robbins of the University of Kansas is being published in the June issue of *The Auk*, the journal of the American Ornithologists Union. The research is a collaboration between the Smithsonian, the University of Kansas and the University of Guyana.

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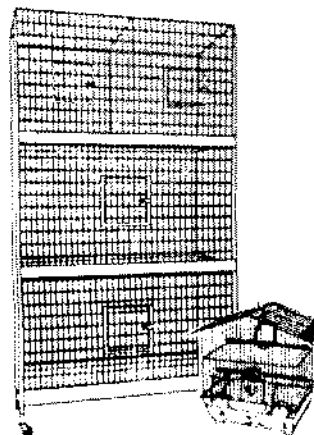
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National Avian Welfare Alliance

Organizational Meeting Notes



National Avian Welfare Alliance Temporary Officers

Front Row L to R: Ben Galloway, Ruth Rogers, Steve Duncan, Karen Clifton, Mat Schmidt

Middle Row L to R: Barb Weidenreich, Kathy Heaton, Elke Davis, Sally Huntington, Laurella Desborough, Natashua Schischakin, Dick Ivy

Top Row L to R: Rich Porter, Deryl Davis, Vince Huntington, Al Novasud, Jack Rickman, ET Truder

At a meeting facilitated by the American Federation of Aviculture, Inc., avian interest groups from across the nation met in Houston, Texas on 24-25 May 2003 to form the National Avian Welfare Alliance (NAWA). A list of attendees and the organizations represented are shown in the attached Table 1 and a photo of attendees is attached as Figure 1 (See above). (Howard Voren, representing the Organization of Professional Aviculturists, was present on speaker phone.)

The organizational attendees reached consensus that membership in NAWA will be restricted to bird groups or societies (i.e. not individu-

als) and will be by invitation only. The immediate objectives of NAWA are:

- to address regulatory issues imposed by the recently amended Animal Welfare Act
- to create a strong network that can respond to additional issues and problems that affect bird owners in the US.

NAWA is intended to be a loose alliance of avian interest groups where each group represented has an equal voice in the decision-making process. The decision was made to incorporate NAWA within a state and charter the organization as a non or not for profit organization. Achieving this goal was tasked to the American Racing Pigeon

Union (representative Karen Clifton) who will incorporate NAWA, act as the registered agent, and provide the group a physical address in Oklahoma. To this end a formal mission statement is required and was developed. The mission statement of NAWA is "To ensure the welfare of birds in captivity through education, research and conservation."

Functionally, the organizers of NAWA elected to initially conduct the business of the organization through acting positions called:

Coordinator (Benny J. Gallaway)
 Assistant Coordinator
 (Steve Duncan)
 Secretary (Karen Clifton)
 Treasurer (Matt Schmit)
 Communications Coordinator
 (Ruth Rogers)

The named individuals will act in the referenced position until the next meeting. Ruth Rogers secured a domain for a NAWA website, and will set up a secure communications list in the immediate future.

Once these decisions were made the group turned to the business at hand, namely developing a set of draft regulations and minimum standards for birds as is now required under the AWA. Ultimately these regulations, developed by industry, will be presented to the USDA. Following an extensive discussion of existing regulations for other animal groups previously included under the AWA, Dr. Richard Porter volunteered to (1) create a "cut and paste" set of what these regulations might look like when modified to address birds, and (2) to provide this document to the group the following morning. The group gratefully accepted the proposal and recessed for the evening.

The following morning the group reassembled, minus Karen Clifton, and worked until noon on the "cut and paste" draft provided by Dr. Porter. Materials provided by Marshall Meyers provided the foundation for this "cut and paste" draft. Work on this draft will continue over the next few months. The next meeting was planned for sometime during the American Federation of Aviculture convention in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Gipson and Dr. DePoyster of the USDA are expected to be available at the AFA convention for consultation on the work of NAWA.

**AVIAN ALLIANCE MEETING
 REPRESENTATION (24 May 2003)
 TABLE 1**

**American Federation of Aviculture
 (AFA)**

Benny Gallaway, *President*
 Natasha Schischakin
 Laurella Desborough, *Legislative Vice
 President*

**American Pheasant
 and Waterfowl Society**

E. T. Trader, *President*
 Al Novosad

American Racing Pigeon Union

Karen Clifton, *Executive Director*

Avicultural Society of America (ASA)

Steve Duncan, *Legislative Liaison*

Bird Clubs of America (BCA)

Dick Ivy

Eclectus Group (EG)

Laurella Desborough, *Chairman*

**Hanging Parrot & Fig Parrot
 International Conservancy**

Matt Schmitt

Bird Endowment

Jack Rickman, *Vice President*

**International Association of Avian
 Trainers and Educators (IAATE)**

Barabara Heidenreich, *President Elect*

National Finch and Softbill Society (NFSS)

Sally Huntington. *President*
 Vince Huntington. *Region 6 Vice President, AFA Rep*

Friends of the St. Vincent Amazon Foundation (FSVAF)

Richard Porter

International Aviculturists Society (IAS)

Richard Porter

The Parrotlet Alliance, Inc.

Ruth Rogers. *President*

International Parrotlet Society (IPS)

Kathy Heaton

National Parrot Rescue and Preservation Foundation (NPRPF)

Kathy Heaton

Pyrrhura Breeders Association (PBA)

Eike Davis

Deryl Davis

Organization of Professional Aviculturists (OPA)

Howard Voren (*via speaker phone*)

The following members were unable to attend this meeting:

African Parrot Society (APS)

Jeannie Pattison

Amazona Society (AS)

Diana Holloway

American Lory Society (ALS)

Roland Cristo

American Racing Pigeon Union (AU)

Frank Greenhall

AFA Avian Welfare Committee

Genny Wall

Last Chance Ranch

Cathy Kelly

National Racing Pigeon Union

Scott Landry

Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC)

Marshall Meyers

Pionus Breeders Association (PBA)

Larry Ring

Texas A & M Veterinary Medical School

Darrel K. Styles. DVM

Other avian interest organizations were invited, but did not respond. Additional organizations have been placed on the invitation list.

These minutes were in large part presented to and approved by the group prior to the end of the meeting. These minutes are a matter of public record.

Information on the progress and activities of the National Avian Welfare Alliance are available to all at the NAWA web site at www.nawabirds.org.

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Over the past year, overwhelming numbers of you have chosen the 1st Class Mailing membership option. We have now fallen below the minimum number required by the U.S. Postal Service for Bulk Mailings and are no longer able to offer Bulk Mail.

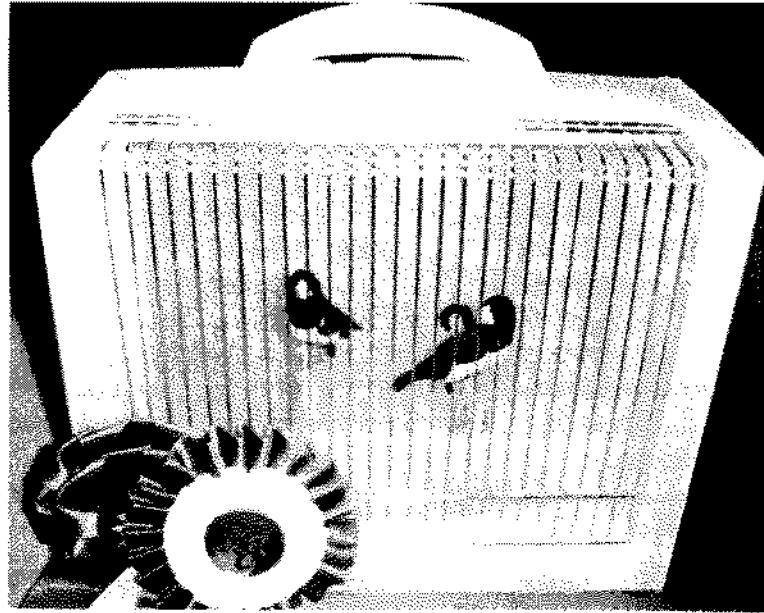
The membership forms now found on the NFSS website (www.nfss.org) and in this Journal reflect this change. All members currently receiving their Journals via Bulk Mail will begin receiving them via First Class Mail with this issue. All future renewals will only provide the 1st class option.

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*The cancellation of the National Cage Bird Show and subsequent decision to hold
NFSS' National show in conjunction with the Great American Bird Show, which is
six weeks earlier, left us in the midst of arrangements for the Afternoon of Aviculture
Program at the Journal deadline. There will be more speakers scheduled and program
updates will be posted at the NFSS website at www.nfss.org.*

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Jim Hardin

Jim Hardin has been a bird enthusiast for over 30 years, having pet birds as a youngster and keeping a mixed flock for the past 25 years. He has bred a variety of Finches, Parrotlets, Doves, etc. as a hobbyist. Jim is a professor of Wildlife Ecology at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, where his main area of interest and research involves non-game species, including endangered and threatened wildlife. He has been involved with the AFA's Red Siskin project for over 12 years, during which time he has served as a repository for birds until they could be placed with breeders; and he has also participated in the breeding program. In 1991, he visited Australian aviculturists who have a similar breeding program for the Red Siskin.

Jim will explore the causes of the Red Siskin's brush with extinction and the efforts that have been made to save the species. He will relate some of the hurdles, setbacks, and successes encountered by the AFA, as well as bird organizations in other countries, in their efforts to save the Siskin. This will be an interactive session that will demonstrate how aviculturists can play active roles in "giving back" to the birds that provide us so much enjoyment.



The New Society: Finches from Abroad are now in the USA.

Michael Marcotrigiano

Michael Marcotrigiano was born in New York City and holds an M.S. and Ph.D in Horticulture at the University of Maryland. He was a faculty member for 17 years in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and since 2000, has been a Professor of Biology and Director of the Botanic Garden of Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. He is also currently working in research on cell culture and genetics in plants

Michael started owning birds in 1965 (mostly Budgies). In 1995 he started breeding Gouldian Finches, but fell in love with their foster species, the Society Finch.

Michael has imported Japanese lines to the U.S. by visiting Japan to arrange an importation. He also has imported Dutch and Belgian lines from a visit to Europe and from trades with other importers. He now is working with every known gene mutation in Society Finches and has some superior lines for conformation.



**Watch the NFSS Website (www.nfss.org) for further
presentation announcements!**

NFSS Election

As you already know, 2003 is an election year for NFSS. In the March/April issue, all positions were described and a call for candidates was made with a good response. This section of the Journal is your opportunity to see who is running for each position, get to know them a bit, and make your decision on who you would like to represent you on the NFSS board.

Normally, the election results would be announced at the National Cage Bird Show. However, this year the NCBS has been cancelled due to concern about Exotic Newcastle's Disease. This time the election results will be announced at the Great American Bird Show in Chicago, October 4-5.

Election Ballots will be sent to each member under separate cover. Please take the time to review the candidates, and then cast your ballot. While you may not know some of these individuals personally, you will hopefully be able to make your decision based on the information they have provided here.

So - don't sit back - take an active role and cast your vote!

Candidate: NFSS President

Sally Huntington



Sally Huntington is the current (2002-2003) President of the National Finch and Softbill Society. She is past three-term President and a Lifetime member of the Finch Society of San Diego County. Sally is a life member of AFA, the Model Aviculture Program (MAP), NFSS Finch and Softbill Save, and the National Cage Bird Show (where she won best Finch/Softbill in 1999 and the Scannell Best in Show 2002).

Her 1999 lecture at the Los Angeles AFA Convention was both entertaining and informative as she displayed several tame hand raised Finches and Softbills, including "Turkey, the talking Red-Headed Finch", opening our eyes to the question of the language windows in the Finch species.

Sally's mid-2002 article in the AFA Watchbird on breeding and raising the White-Eared Bulbul displayed Sally's avian creativity as she shared her in-depth information and previously unpublished data on these very active and intelligent birds.

In March 2003, she gave a presentation on the African Red-Headed Finch at the Foothill Bird Breeders Symposium in Sacramento, California.

She and her husband wrote the article, "Meet the Companion Finch", in the June 2003 *Bird Talk* magazine.

She is involved and working with the "Avian Interest Alliance", at the request of AFA, to assist the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) in establishing workable regulations for birds.

Candidate: 1st Vice President (*Regional V.P.'s/Education*)

Armando Lee



Hello, my name is Armando J. Lee and I am running for 1st Vice President.

I've had many different types of pet birds since I was 10 years old. In 1985 I began breeding finches and canaries to exhibit at shows. I am a Panel Judge for the National Finch and Softbill Society and the National Colorbred Association.

My wife, who also has an interest in

birds, usually accompanies me to as many bird shows as possible. We both enjoy traveling and the wonderful friends we have made through this hobby.

I reside in South West Florida; professionally I am a Certified General Contractor and a Licensed Real Estate Broker. I am employed in our family business.

Your vote for me is greatly appreciated: I am looking forward to serve you again as your 1st Vice President.

Candidate: 2nd Vice President (*Publications*)

Harry Bryant

I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your support as a candidate for the position of 2nd Vice President of the National Finch and Softbill Society.

I have been a member (NFSS #1675) of the NFSS for the past 14 years, and during the last 4 years, have created and maintained the NFSS Website.

I have held the 2nd VP position during the past term (2002-2003), and have worked with the editor to revamp and redesign our new "Journal", which replaced the old "Bulletin". I also worked with the band secretary, membership director and FinchShop manager to develop automated online ordering through the NFSS website.

I am also the designated NFSS Legislative Director, working closely with other bird organizations on proposed fed-

eral and state legislation that would affect bird owners.

In addition to my 2nd VP duties, I have temporarily taken over the 3rd VP's duties, and have completed the NFSS 2002-2003 Census and spent time working on the Finch & Softbill Save Program during the last few months.

By continuing as the 2nd VP, I hope to be able to help strengthen the NFSS by making it a professional organization that both educates and appeals to the beginning and advanced Finch and/or Softbill Breeders and owners, the "show" enthusiasts, and anyone else who is interested in Finches & Softbills. I also hope to increase our international membership in both Finches and Softbills. I also plan on continuing to make beneficial changes and/or additions to our programs to better support and educate the membership.

Candidate: 3rd Vice President
(NFSS Finch/Softbill Save Program/Census Manager)

Jack Clinton Eitnrear



In 1969, despite my Mother's concerns, I obtained a group of fancy Pigeons. These included Tumblers and Rollers, which astounded the residents of my rural community with their aerial antics as they flew over their rooftops. I had been bitten by the bird bug and have never recovered! Since that time, I have maintained Toucans, Tanagers, Kookaburras, Pheasants, Quail, Doves, Parrots, Finches, Vultures, Hawks, Eagles, and Ducks. I have bred representatives from most of these groups although often I have had birds for pure enjoyment with no intent to breed them.

During the 1980's I became involved with the AFA – first as a contributor to the magazine (The Double Yellow-Head – Mexico's Most Popular Parrot, June/July AFA WATCHBIRD, 1980), then as the South-Central Regional VP, Chair of the Conservation Committee, and Contributing and Advertising Manager for the magazine. I received an AFA AVY Award for my work on the conservation committee (establishing a small grants program and

rejuvenating the Red Siskin Program) and an AFA AVY for my "From the Field" column that appeared in the AFA WATCHBIRD for many years. In 1990, I became President of AFA. During that time, I dealt with the Wild Bird Conservation Act, established AFA FASTADS, started the AFA band program and designed/purchased a professional display for AFA's use at trade shows.

Concerned over the future status of Neotropical Finches (ie. Mexico, Central and South America) I formed the Neotropical finch Breeders Association in 2002.

Issues that I believe the National Finch and Softbill Society needs to address include: participation in the Census and Finchsave, increasing membership, enhancing the financial base through corporate sponsorships, issues surrounding availability and shipping of Finches and Softbills, and more joint efforts with zoological collections. I cannot resolve issues in these areas alone, but am encouraged with the quality of the leadership and membership in NFSS and firmly believe that, "A single ant can do little, but a million ants can move a mountain."

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Candidate: 3rd Vice President
(NFSS Finch/Softbill Save Program/Census Manager)

Randy Taylor



I would like to introduce myself. My name is Randy Taylor and I live in the "Heart of the Texas Panhandle" in the city of Canyon. I have been a registered nurse for over twenty years and am presently employed as Senior Clinical Systems Analyst in the Information System department for our Regional Hospital System here in the Panhandle.

My interest in our feathered friends began at the early age of six years when my mother gave my brother and me two baby chickens for Easter. It sparked an interest that has survived to this day. During these forty-three years, I have not been without some type of bird, whether it be Finch or Chicken. I have been an active member of the NFSS for a number of years and have participated in the FinchSave and Finch & Softbill Save programs with my Waxbill species. I am also a life member of the American Bantam Association and have been a licensed Bantam Chicken judge for over ten years. I am a proud member of the American Federation of Aviculture and the American Poultry Association. During my "California" years during the 1970's, I served two terms of office as Secretary of the South Coast Finch Society in Orange County. I am presently serving as the Waxbill Group Manager for the Finch and Softbill Save program. This past year, I have been instrumental in developing the biological species profiles and husbandry guidelines for the the Waxbill species that are registered in the program.

I have bred numerous species of Finches and Softbills, including Zebras, Societies, Gouldians, Stars, Shaftails, Button Quail, Diamond Doves, Red-Eared Waxbills, Melbas, Lavenders, Fire-Finches, Red-Cheeked cordon bleu, Blue-Capped Cordon Bleu, Black-Cheeked Waxbills, and Violet-Eared Waxbills. My current species include Red-Billed Fire-Finches, Blue-Capped Cordon Bleu, Black-Crowned Waxbills, Violet-Eared Waxbills, Societies, and several varieties of Zebra Finches.

I would like to be considered as a candidate for the position of 3rd Vice President for the NFSS which includes the duties of Finch and Softbill Save Program Director and Census Manager. During the past year, I have worked closely with the present FSS Director and participants in the program. My continued success in breeding Finches and my active participation in the FSS program serve as testimonials in my dedication to further the program and to assist in the establishment of captive domestic lines of Finches and Softbills. I possess good writing, computer, and communication skills, which would be of benefit in fulfilling my obligations in this position. All of my bird records have been entered into computer breeding programs for a number of years. I have had several articles published in Poultry journals and also the NFSS Journal. Also, I have recently had three years' experience in editing a quarterly newsletter for a Poultry breed club.

I would like to thank you for considering me for this position and will do my best to fulfill my obligations to the NFSS if I am elected.

Candidate: 4th Vice President (Judges' Panel/Standards/Research)

Martha Wigmore



As the current NFSS Fourth Vice President and NFSS Judges Panel Director, I would consider it the highest honor to be reelected to serve my NFSS friends again in this same capacity during the next term (2004-2005). Since joining NFSS only a few months after its inception, I have had the pleasure of being on the NFSS Board of Directors for 12 of the 18 past years in various capacities, including terms as Editor, Treasurer, Regional Vice President, and in work on committees (Pairs, Zebra and Society Standards, Bylaws and Classification revisions, and others). I've continued my efforts for Finch and Softbill hobbyists this term. Early last year I distributed to every NFSS affiliated club the most current NFSS Show Classifications, and sent along to several clubs the matching NFSS Show Secretary worksheets. I prepared another update of "The NFSS Judges Handbook and Official Standards," and am currently working on the 2003 update. I developed the "NFSS Style Sheet for Official Standards" as a guide for preparing and approving NFSS standards,

and redesigned and updated the NFSS Show Report Form. I solicited award sponsorships for the National Cage Bird Show, and have kept NCBS, and now GABS, current with NFSS classes and judge selections in support of NFSS' annual National Show. As per the duties of the NFSS Points Director, I recorded and prepared for publication the 2002 Show Results, and am busy recording our 2003 shows. During this term we have moved forward to approval the standard for the Star Finch and are reviewing the General Standard for final Board OK. New standard committees have been formed this summer for the latest Society and Gouldian Finch mutations, and volunteers have been requested to work on standards for other species of interest. We have a new apprentice judge in our excellent program, and I compiled some interesting information from several NFSS judges which we shared in "The NFSS Journal" this spring. I continue to serve the NFSS Board in more general capacities, one of which has been as a member of the Audit Committee for the past two years. I appreciate your support this term and look forward to helping you further as NFSS Fourth Vice President/NFSS Judges Panel Director next term. Thank you for your

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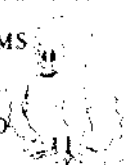
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Candidate: Membership Director

Linda Hughes



My husband and I have been married over 33 years. We have two grown daughters and a grown son, four grandchildren, ranging from 4 years to 15 years old. Our 15 year old grandson lives with us and attends a Christian High School. We are active in our family Church. I am a Registered Nurse that is retired working part time at our business. I was in the computer field prior to my nursing career which has helped me immensely in what I am doing now.

In the early part of our marriage we showed Afghan Hound dogs for 17 years. Even before dogs, I loved birds. I had Parakeets, Canaries, and Cockatiels throughout my childhood and well into adulthood. We got our first Parrot in in the seventies and she is over 25 years old now. Our first is still with us as well as three others that were added along the way. We have a 20 foot x 10 foot x 8 foot flight outside that our parrots take turn in to exercise. They are all a special part of our family.

When I saw the Gouldian Finch for the first time I knew I had to have one. After getting my first pair of Goulds I was hooked. Shortly after my first pair of finches turned one year old they laid a clutch of eggs. They sat them perfectly but pitched the chicks from the nest the day after they hatched. I attempted to hand raise them

myself using the formula I had hand fed my Parrots on along with millet seeds, egg and cornbread. Three were barely alive when I found them and they died shortly thereafter, but I fed the remaining three. They grew and were the most loving little ones and I still have all three beautiful hand raised Gouldians. Since that time I knew what I wanted to do and that was to raise Finches. We had a bird house built and since then I have raised Gouldians and Societies. I recently increased my stock by obtaining Red Headed Parrot Finches and Blue Faced Parrot Finches and hope they will produce some beautiful offspring. I went through the NFSS and purchased them from one of your members (Clint Harris). I love Finches and wish that I would have had the opportunity to enjoy them long before now.

I have read every article, book or magazine that I can get my hands on to learn more about Finches. I have a dear friend that has raised Gouldians for years and I pick his brain frequently. I try to feed the best of food to my Finches and take the best care I can of them. They are all beautiful and in good feather and I want to keep them that way. I raise them for their beauty and their unique personalities and I am picky where they go when they leave my aviary. I always give my instruction information to all buyers as well as a number they can call to ask questions. They are not a business with me. They are my love.

If chosen for this position I look forward to working with the NFSS, its members and potential members.

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Friday, October 3, 2003 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

(Details in this issue of the NFSS Journal)

Candidate: Membership Director

Robert Mehl



I am a relatively new member to NFSS, but I would like to offer my talents to help the organization grow. I am impressed with the organization's journal, website and believe NFSS is a must for finch lovers - both hobbyists and breeders.

I live in Owings Mills, Maryland, which is a suburb of Baltimore. My Finch population is currently at 85 with hatchlings arriving daily. I currently raise Zebra Finches, Timor Zebra Finches, Societies, Star Finches, Bronze-winged Mannikins, Lady Gouldian Finches, Red-headed Parrot Finches, Blue Faced Parrot Finches, Blue-capped waxbills, Orange-cheeked waxbills, Strawberry Finches (Red Avadavat), and my newest additions - Owl Finches. I also have a small collec-

tion of Button Quails.

I have recently re-established my Finch collection and have found NFSS to be an excellent source of information and contacts. In the past, I have been the membership director for our state school nurse association. I am and have been the President of our homeowner's association for the past five years. I am a school nurse with Baltimore County Public Schools and work at an elementary school that is 2 miles from my home. From my work I have gained computer skills that I will use in the position of Membership Director.

If elected, I will complete all operations of the Membership Director's position in an orderly, timely matter so that the association can grow and the members can feel that the association responds appropriately. My goal as membership director would be to see the association expand by 10% or more annually.

Candidate: Executive Secretary

Martie Lauster



Hello to all of you. I have served as your Membership Director over the past two years and am also NFSS' Journal Editor. In my "spare" time, I also raise several varieties of Finches including Gouldians, Owls, Societies, St. Helena, Blue Cap, Gold Breasted, and Black-Rumped Waxbills, as well as BH Nuns.

I live in Macedon, NY, a suburb of Rochester, on a Farm I share with my hus-

band, 16-year-old son, horse, a German Shepherd, Chocolate Lab, and the love of my life - Stetson, our Eleanora Cockatoo. We call Stetson my "Affirmation Parrot" as every morning he quietly says to me, "Hello Pretty Girl - I love you!" - followed by several kisses. I am working hard to get my husband to follow suit!

I would be pleased to serve you as NFSS Executive Secretary for the 2004/2005 term and will use my software and publishing skills to assist me in carrying out the duties of this office.

Candidate: Treasurer

Mark Phelps



Since there are no other nominees for Treasurer, and I don't need to try and get your vote, let me tell you a bit about myself so that you can feel confident about the guy who keeps track of your money...

Qualifications

For about 25 years, I have been the treasurer for the various bands of which I have been member. I have also held jobs as Administrative Assistant, Accounts Payable Accountant, Computer Operator/Programmer, Customer Service Manager and my current position, Senior Project Manager/Engineer. Although only one of these were directly involved in Accounting, the common thread among all of them, is that they require skill with numbers and procedure, attention to detail, and customer service. I hope to use these skills to continue serving you and the Society.

Campaign Promises

I will do my best to continue to provide sound financial advice and direction for the Society, and to represent the wishes of all the membership in decisions of the Board. I will continue my support and increase my involvement with Finch/Softbill Save and the educational and youth programs. I will strive to maintain the confidence of the Society so that I may bring continuity to this position by (hopefully) remaining Treasurer for as long as I remain a member.

The Birds

I am an avid "show person" with my main interest in Softbills. I share my home with Darla Dandre, our current Region 3 V.P. and Awards Manger, and our 40 or so birds. We keep Softbills, Finches, and a small handful of Hookbills, including Lories. I personally own two Blue Bellied Rollers, a Collared Aracari, a Chestnut Tailed Minia, and a Cockatiel. I was fortunate enough to win the 2001 Kellogg trophy with a Red Legged Honeycreeper.

I look forward to being able to work for you and the Society!

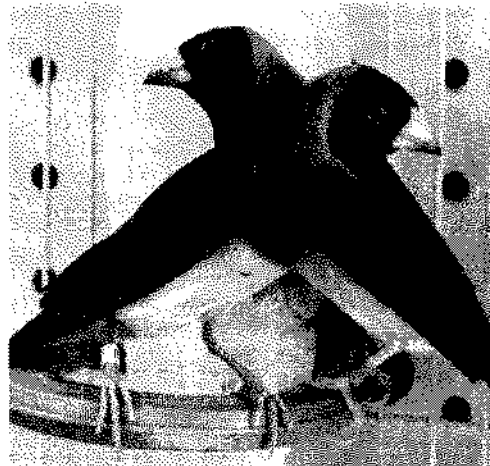


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Candidate: Liaison Officer**Darla Dandre**

- Lisle, Illinois
- NFSS member since 1997, NFSS Region 3 VP and NFSS Awards Manager
- Member of GCCBC, WINGS, NFSS, SPBE, ADA, NPA, GABS, NCBS, and AFA
- NFSS "Champion Exhibitor" 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
- NFSS "Exhibitor of Excellence" accomplished in 2000
- Student of Ornithology – College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL
- Curator of Birds – Oak Park Conservatory, Oak Park, IL

Since childhood, I have been exhibiting animals of some nature at county fairs, 4H, and open events. As an Adult, I refa-

miliarized myself with this great past-time, by joining NFSS and showing my Softbills, Finches and Doves. Later, I would also include Parrots to that list. I currently maintain a web group that provides members with Bird Show information in the United States.

I have kept and exhibited over 12 species of Softbilled birds and over 15 species of Finches. I am very interested in the conservation of all Softbill species and consider myself a fancier. I also do what I can to introduce the public and all interested parties to these wonderful and intelligent birds. I hope that in the future I will have the means to start a serious breeding program for selective domestically raised Softbill species.

Candidate: Band Secretary**Paula Hansen**

Standing Memberships: NFSS– 8 years, American Federation of Aviculture–9, Columbia Canary and Cascade Canary Club for 5 years each, Eastside Finch Connection – 2 years.

Positions presently holding: American Federation of Aviculture's Red Siskin Coordinator and Board Chair since October, 2002, American Federation of Aviculture's Oregon State Coordinator since August, 2002, Oregon Public Employee Union Steward since February,

2001, NFSS Band Secretary & Board Member since June, 2002.

I have raised Zebras, Societies, Shafttail, Green Singers, and Red Factor Canaries. I am also still breeding Gouldians, Gloster Canary, Button Quail, Blue Capped Cordon Bleu, Goldbreasted Waxbills. A Red Siskin Recovery Project Breeder (RSRP) for 8. My interest in birds started back in high school where I worked in pet shops. Was president of a local club for 8 years. I have working experience in distribution, inventory, and ordering.

I hope you will consider me as a qualified candidate, and know that you will not be disappointed!

Candidate: Region 1 Vice President - Northeast
(CT, DE, MA, ME, MD, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, WV)

Robert Fairchild

I am currently working on a Network Engineering and Management Degree with a backbone in Internet Services. I have been raising birds since the early 90's and Finches since around 95. I specialize in the breeding and care of Zebra

Finch and its colour mutations. Recently I started breeding the European Isabel mutation in the hopes of establishing the mutation in the United States. Other finch species that I have bred are Bengalese, Gouldian, Java Rice, and Spice.

Candidate: Region 2 Vice President – Southeast
(AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN)

Ron Castaner



Dear NFSS Members and Friends,

As Region II Regional Vice President I would like to thank you for your support for me and for the NFSS.

Let tell you a little about myself. I live in West Palm Beach, Florida, on the east coast, sixty miles North of Miami with my wife, Linda, who is a great help during NFSS shows as secretary. We live on two acres in an equestrian area. No, I don't have any horses, but the Finches make up for them.

I have raised Finches all my life since I was five years old; I have raised and bred almost all species of Finches. I was former NFSS President, and now Region Two Vice President. I am a member of the Red Siskin Project, member of the Treasure Coast Exotic Bird Club, which last year I assisted in setting up a scholarship along with all the hard work of the club members for the University of Florida Veterinarian

School. I have written many articles on the care of Finches. I have held classes on Finches around the State of Florida, on care, breeding, nesting, diets, banding and with my hand raised Red Tail Diamond Sparrow (Named Lucky) we make a wonderful class together. It is nice to see a tame Finch flying around among people and interacting with them, it is one of the many rewarding and satisfying things we get from them. We help with all the NFSS shows around the area and those we can make in other States. I have shown birds and won a few prizes.

Conservation to me is most important - the raising and being able to see those that are almost extinct, hard to find and breed, become as easy as the Gouldian to breed.

It is most rewarding knowing you are giving back to nature for someone else to enjoy.

To you, the members of the NFSS, we hope to see some of you become part of this Board. It is a great experience.

Thank you for your support.

Candidate: Region 3 Vice President – Mid Central
(AR, IL, IN, KY, LA, MI, MO, OH)

Patrick Vance

I've been a keeper and breeder of finches for 21 years. My collection consists of over 500 birds, including 40 species of finches and 5 species of doves. I've served as Executive Secretary for 3 terms, dating back to the 1990's. I've been active as an exhibitor and Panel Judge for the NFSS and would like to use this expe-

rience to encourage the novice finch enthusiast to explore the benefits of exhibiting finches and softbills, benefits including a growing knowledge of standards and the camaraderie that develops on the show circuit. I'm requesting your vote as Region 3 Vice President. Thank you.

Candidate: Region 4 Vice President – Midwest
(IA, KS, MN, NE, ND, OK, SD, TX)

Clint Harris



Greetings. My name is Clint Harris and I reside in central Texas. I am seeking the position of Region 4 Vice President and would appreciate your consideration. My interest with Finches began at age 19, and although I have kept and raised many other avian species, the challenge and thrill of breeding Finches provides me with the greatest satisfaction.

I greatly lament that many species of Finches that were once inexpensive and widely available, are now missing in our bird rooms. I try and direct some of my energy regarding conservation and the need for genetic purity through some articles I have written, through participation

on the NFSS Forum and the Finch and Softbill Save (FSS) program. With regards to FSS, I serve as species captain for the Diamond firetails. Along with working with Firetails, I also raise Owls, Gouldians, Red Head and Blue Face Parrot Finches, and a few species of Waxbills.

I strongly believe the NFSS is a relevant and important organization and its presence and influence in aviculture must continue to grow. Every member of the NFSS, regardless of experience, is vital to the collective goal of preserving Finches and Softbills. To that end, I view the various aims and educational outreaches of the NFSS as critical components in which information and techniques may be widely disseminated. I offer my experience and enthusiasm to the members of the NFSS, and look forward to serving our dynamic organization. Thank you.

Watch for the NFSS Annual Census Report!

Arriving in your mail box soon...

Candidate: Region 5 Vice President – Mountain

(IA, KS, MN, NE, ND, OK, SD, TX)

Anna Sinclair

I am Anna Sinclair, and I am currently the VP for Region 5. I enjoy this position immensely because I love working with people and I love working with my Finches. God has blessed me in achieving the ability to raise many baby Finches over the past 22 years.

Currently, I am working with English

Zebras, Societies, Strawberry, Cordon Bleu, Star, and Owl Finches. My husband and I have been blessed to be able to raise three children over the last 34 years – successfully, praise the Lord.

Bill, my husband, also spoils me continually by building everything my heart desires for my birds.

Candidate: Region 6 Vice President – Pacific Coast

(AK, CA, HI, OR, WA)

Raspberry

I am a middle school teacher in Portland, Oregon. I have been raising Finches for two years. I have mostly Timor and Australian Zebras and Societies. But, like any Finch breeder, it is hard to limit myself to only a few species. So, recently I have added Indian Silverbills to my flock. I have my Timor Zebras listed with the NFSS Finch Save Program. I also have two Parrots, named Rio and Rain, and a five year old Australian Shepherd named Rue.

I keep either one pair of Zebra or Society Finches in my classroom and am building student interest in them. These birds breed and hatch chicks at school. Among my students, I promote responsibility through caring for the animals. I have helped students acquire cages (often

free) and I provide them with birds. The birds are free if they and their parents sign a contract stating they will care for the birds and only let them breed if they have known homes for the offspring. I have begun a club for Finches at my school and have begun steps to connect the club with 4-H. I am currently hand-raising an abandoned Society chick in my classroom. My plan for this Summer is to work on a web site for kids about Finches. My greatest aspiration with NFSS is to build membership. Building interest in Finches with children is one effective way to boost membership in NFSS.

I enjoy Finches and the people I meet through Finches. Some of my favorite Finch people are those who have been keeping Finches for 50 or more years. I also enjoy talking to people all over the world through the internet's Finch chat groups. I participate in three, including NFSS.

Candidates: Region 8 Vice President – Canada

Alfred Mion

Born in northern Italy, our family moved to Windsor when I was 13 years old. I worked in construction, then moved on to a tool and die firm in 1963, 'til present.

Julianne and I married in 1965. We have three married children and one grandson.

Around 1968, I bought my first bird, a white male Canary – soon to be followed by a hen. I met other bird fanciers in the Fogolar Furian Club. We would get together to talk birds. The group formed the Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society in 1976. I am now the President, but I have gone through the ranks since its formation. I have been going and participating at other clubs, shows, and exhibits, in Canada and

the US, since '68. You learn so much by talking with other enthusiasts, helping and participating.

Many different Canary types, old varieties and even new colours were introduced to my bird room at first. Then, I fell in love with Finches and Hookbills, which I specialize in now. I have won many "Best" and "Best Unflighted" (young) in Show, through the many years of exhibiting Canaries, Finches, and Hookbills.

I have been judging, since 1980, shows in Canada, as well as, the United States. I received my judge's certificate from the Avicultural Advancement Council of Canada in 1986 for Finches and Hookbills – and have my judge's certificate from the North American Parrot Society.

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Showing isSharing

*News from NFSS
Judges Panel Director
Martha Wigmore*

NFSS National Show 2003 to be held with GABS

NFSS' annual National Show and General Membership meeting has been changed and will be held in conjunction with the Great American Bird Show, October 4th and 5th. *We hope you can join us!* As explained elsewhere in this issue, the National Cage Bird Show, at which NFSS traditionally holds its National Show, has been cancelled for 2003. Our apologies and thanks go to NFSS Panel Judge Armando Lee who had made himself available to judge for NFSS at NCBS. We'll sure be in touch with Armando about upcoming Nationals.

Because of this change, NFSS Panel Judge Patrick Vance will have the honor of judging the NFSS National this year at the Great American Bird Show on October 4th, the first day of the two-day show. NFSS Judge Dr. Al Decoteau will be judging Finches and Softbills on the second day, October 5th, a show sponsored by the Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club. GABS awards cash prizes for the top placing birds on the first day, including \$1,000.00 to the best placing bird in show by a GABS member! Birds entered by NFSS members have won best in show several times over the years! Such celebrations!! (And don't forget to join GABS before the judging to be eligible for the cash awards.)

The show is being held at the Holiday Inn Select Hotel & Convention Center in Tinley Park, Illinois. Room rates are \$89 plus tax; the hotel can be reached at 708-444-1100. If flying, it is BEST to fly into Chicago Midway airport, NOT into O'Hare. The show venue is on the southern side of Chicago, quite a ways south of O'Hare. Greater Chicago has a nice website with basic information at www.gcCBC.org/sys-tmpl/gabs2003/. Details about the show can be obtained by e-mailing GABS contacts Dave and Deb Dollar at Sandhillxotics@aol.com. Chicago bird fanciers have a tradition of putting on terrific bird shows! *Come for the fun! Come for the education! Come for the birds!!*

New Star Finch Standard Adopted

NFSS now has a standard for exhibiting Star Finches! The NFSS Board approved the new standard at its 2nd quarter 2003 Board meeting. Please see the November/December 2002 issue of "The NFSS Journal" for the complete text of the new standard. The Star Finch standard will also be included in the 2003 Update to "The NFSS Judges Handbook and Official Standards," available through NFSS Finchshop after September 1st. Thanks again to NFSS members Harold Bowles, Clarence Culwell, Stephen Hoppin, Gene Miller and Bill Parlee for their contributions to this fine standard!

NFSS Junior Exhibitors

Affiliates! Support the junior bird fanciers in your community and encourage them to share in our exhibitions! NFSS offers Best Junior Exhibitor recognition for the highest placing exhibit by a person age 16 and younger. *Share the joy!* Contact NFSS Awards Manager Darla Dandre for more information.

NFSS Standards Style Sheet

Interested in how NFSS standards are written and approved? Write me for your copy of the "NFSS Style Sheet for Official Standards."

**Show prep takes six to eight weeks
– start today!**

See you at the shows!

NFSS General Membership Meeting

Each year, NFSS holds a general membership meeting at the National Cage Bird Show. Since the NCBS has been cancelled this year, the general membership meeting will be held at the Great American Bird Show in Chicago, October 4-5. At this issue's deadline, we have not yet retained a location for this meeting - but will post it at the NFSS web site (www.nfss.org) and prominently at the show.

We hope you will join us. This is a great opportunity to meet your NFSS Officers, ask questions, and express your opinions.

Hope to see you there!

NFSS Closed Band Colors

NFSS announces the color rotation of closed bands to be used over the next several years. They are as follows:

Year	Color	Year	Color
2004	Silver	2008	Gold
2005	Green	2009	Red
2006	Orange	2010	Black
2007	Dark Blue	2011	Light Blue

NFSS 2nd Quarter, 2003, Board Meeting Minutes

The 2nd quarter Board Meeting was conducted online and included discussions on AWA, the Animal Welfare Act, END (Exotic Newcastle Disease), appropriate sizes for banding certain avian species, regional shows, band sales and expenses. Two motions were as follows:

Motion 2003-03 Motion by Paula Hansen, Band Secretary. "I'd like to make a motion to the Board to increase the Band Budget, an increase of 1540.75." The motion was seconded by Martie Lauster.

9 YES 1 NO Motion passed.

Motion 2003-04 Motion by Martha Wigmore. Shall the proposed Star Finch Standard be approved as the official NFSS standard? Motion seconded by Martie Lauster.

10 YES 0 NO Motion passed

A note from the 2004 Election Committee shows that we are currently without a candidate for Region 1 Vice President and Membership Director. If any NFSS member would be willing to serve the NFSS in either capacity, please contact me or Darla Dandre. E-mail addys are listed on Board of Directors List. Region 1 VP must reside within that region. Thankyou for your consideration!

Reports from the departments of NFSS follow.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Vance, Executive Secretary

2nd Quarter, 2003, Officers' Reports

1st Vice President, Armando Lee
(Regional V.P.'s, Education)

Ginny, Ron Castaner, and myself are gathering some photos of various finch/softbill housing to send to regional VPs along with a suggested manner in which to display them for events/shows.

2nd Vice President, Harry Bryant
(Publications, Legislative Attache)

Legislative Update: Proposed legislation that would affect bird-owners - HB-2328 in TX & AB-202 in CA, the "END" crisis, and the never-ending assault on aviculture by the

"animal-rights" groups keep me occupied - updates on all of these matters can be found on the "Legislative" pages of the NFSS website.

4th Vice President, Martha Wigmore
(Judges Panel/Standards/Research)

RESIGNATION OF CIVITARESE FROM NFSS JUDGES PANEL

NFSS has regretfully accepted Jacqueline Civitarese's resignation from the NFSS Judges Panel, effective the end of April 2003. A knowledgeable cage-bird hobbyist as well as a parrot judge, Jacky has brightened NFSS show benches since her name was first published as an NFSS panel judge in "The NFSS Journal" in Jul/Aug 1997. Our best wishes to Jacky!

NFSS JUDGES PANEL

NFSS currently has 25 panel judges and one apprentice judge. One judge has not paid the annual judge's fee for 2003 and has been contacted by certified mail. Two judges are entering their fourth straight year with no reported NFSS shows and may be asked "to submit to evaluation prescribed the Panel Director," per "The NFSS Judges Handbook" (pg. 2).

STANDARDS

A slight revision of the remarkable draft NFSS General Standard has been submitted for publication in "The NFSS Journal" for member comment. The General Standard has not yet been formally approved, although it is widely referenced by breeders and judges. The proposed Star Finch Standard has been submitted to the NFSS Board for adoption, following publication for comment in the Nov/Dec 2002 "Journal." No additional input from the membership was received. Thank you to Clarence Culwell, Harold Bowles, Stephen Hoppin, Gene Miller, and Bill Parlee for their thoughtful contributions to this standard over the years.

New standard committees will form this summer! Members are asked to please contact me if you are interested in contributing to any of the following: Society Finches - New color standards and classifications for Euro-Society colors; Goutkian Finches - new color standards and classifications for

rarer mutations: Ringneck Doves: Parsons Finch.: Pearl Headed Silverbill. Always interested to hear your standard recommendations!

JUDGE FOR 2003 NATIONAL SELECTED

Armando Lee has been accorded the honor of judging NFSS' upcoming 2003 National Show, which has been held in past years in conjunction with the National Cage Bird Show (this year planned for 11/21/03 in Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas).

NOMINEES FOR 2004 GABS JUDGE

At the 1st Quarter 2003 NFSS Board meeting, the following three NFSS Panel Judges were nominated by the NFSS Board to judge the 2004 Great American Bird Show: Sally Huntington, Julie Duimstra, and Dale Laird. Further details about GABS next year (in 2004) will be shared as soon as they become available. This year's GABS is being held in Tinley Park, Illinois, on 10/04 and 10/05. NFSS Panel Judge Patrick Vance will be the NFSS sponsored judge on "Day 1", and Dr. Al Decoteau will judge on "Day 2." See you there!

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Wigmore

NFSS Membership Director, Martie Lauster

I apologize to all for somewhat over-inflating the membership numbers in my 1st Quarter Report. While we did experience a significant increase, I neglected to eliminate from the figures those memberships which had expired during December, 2002. We have seen a decrease in membership numbers this time due to this error - and as well as a high percentage of non-renewals during December, January, and February. All members receive a 60-day grace period to renew their memberships, which is the reason this decrease is showing up in our numbers now. The following are the membership numbers to report for the 2nd Quarter, 2003 - as of May 3 ("Dual" are second names on Dual Memberships):

Region 1: 142 Single/14 Dual - 156 Total
Region 2: 141 Single/19 Dual - 160 Total
Region 3: 136 Single/16 Dual - 152 Total
Region 4: 57 Single/13 Dual - 70 Total
Region 5: 33 Single/3 Dual - 36 Total

Region 6: 115 Single/20 Dual - 135 Total
Region 7: 7 Single/0 Dual - 7 Total
Region 8: 9 Single/0 Dual - 9 Total

Total Membership: 640 Single/85 Dual - 725 Total

Respectfully submitted,
Martie Lauster, NFSS Membership Director

NFSS Treasurer, Mark Phelps

Nothing exceptional to report, other than confirming that the 2002 tax forms have been filed with the IRS and the 2002 books will be available for audit by the time this report is published.

FINANCIAL REPORT For the Period 1/1/03 - 5/4/03

Cash In Accounts:	
Checking:	
- Main & Bands	\$3,848.00
- Membership	\$1,762.72
- FinchShop	\$100.00
Savings	\$21,094.77
Advances	\$800.00
Total Cash In Accounts	\$27,605.49
Total Income	\$18,111.18
	(39,305.00 Budgeted)
Total Expenses	\$13,284.00
	(40,058.00 Budgeted)
Total Gain/Loss	\$4,827.19
	(-\$753.00 Budgeted)

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Phelps, NFSS Treasurer

Liaison Officer, Ginny Ailen (Club Delegates/Show Dates)

Affiliations continue to arrive. Reminders were sent by email to all 2001 and 2002 affiliated clubs that had not contacted NFSS. Several clubs have disbanded. On the other hand, new clubs are forming and the future looks bright. As of May 1 we have 46 affiliated clubs.

Region 3 Vice President, Daria Dandre (Mid-Central - AR,IL,IN,KY,LA,MI,MO,OH,WI, Australia, Bermuda, England)

Illini Bird Fanciers is gearing up for their show which is the regional show this year

on June 7th. We had 2 clubs ADD the NFSS division to their already existing show line-up. WINGS will be hosting their second year and WCBS is hosting thier first on June 28. Both shows are in Wisconsin. Please e-mail me for more details on either show.

**NFSS FinchShop Manager,
Sue Haberkorn**

The second quarter saw the completion and marketing of the Photo CD w/Screensaver, adjustment of pricing for the video, "Finch Husbandry", kick-off of the Cookbook campaign, and design changes to the FinchShop web page index. Fourteen (14) CD's were sold in its first week of release. Ten (10) copies of the video were produced and a reduced price of \$15.00 was posted to the web site. Three (3) videos have been sold since the price reduction. A draft of FinchShop Talk announcing the Cookbook was posted to the Officers' Forum for review prior to publication in the May/June Journal. Myra re-designed the FinchShop web page index to include thumbnail photos of all items sold by FinchShop. Sales for the month of April have been brisk. I attribute the additional activity to these new and reduced price items plus the more user-friendly web page.

I will represent NFSS at the Baltimore Bird Fanciers Bird Mart on May 17, 2003. I've reserved a space for \$55.00 and will offer FinchShop items, NFSS information, and Memberships. I'll be ordering a half dozen of the Gouldian posters for the Mart as these were a big hit at previous events. In addition, I'll be making up a collage to display some of the photos available on the CD.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Haberkorn

Awards Manager, Darla Dandre

We have been receiving awards forms at a rapid rate - thanks to all for sending them in

early, however, there is a decrease in overall awards orders as compared to last year at this time. I am hoping most have not decided to cancel shows or go elsewhere for awards, but remain with NFSS and continue to purchase our beautiful awards.

I have found our new ribbon supplier! I have just ordered 30 Novice ribbons from our new supplier and they look FABULOUS! Instead of paying \$4.50 per ribbon we paid \$1.75 per ribbon and a 1 time die fee of 20.00 (for the 10 finches logo - thank you Kerry for the artwork!) that we can use on all the REST of the ribbons that I will be ordering from now on!!! Felco is fast, friendly and on the ball. The cost of our rosettes is going to drop dramatically! I will be proposing a NEW PRICE LIST for NFSS awards next quarter. I do believe that more clubs will purchase NFSS awards and more of them, if we decrease the prices. Also, one final word, I am now developing with Felco a new Rosette for the YOUTH award to be offered in 2004. This will make it more affordable than the 25.00 plaque that we are offering this year.

**NFSS Finch/Softbill Forum Moderator,
John Wilson**

There are currently two hundred and twenty-seven subscribers to the Forum. Since July of last year message volume has not dropped below 400/ month except for march at 393 messages. This month will exceed 600 messages. My experience with listservs suggests that nowhere on the web is there an avian list with both the message volume and level of civility found on our Finch/Softbill Forum. (I expect smiles here). I would like to thank those board members who've been active on the list for their participation. Our quality and success rests substantially on the active participation of our more experienced members.

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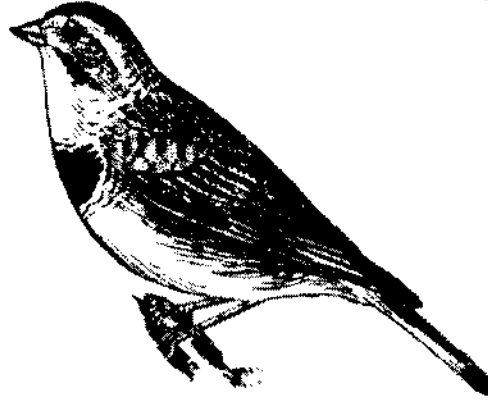
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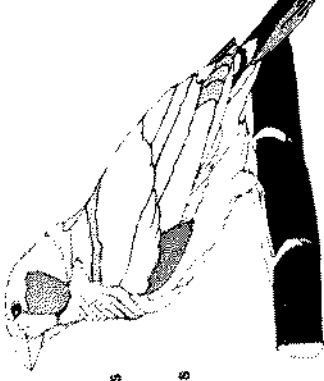
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October 11, 2003

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In conjunction with the Columbia Canary Club's Annual

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<p style="text-align: center;">ALABAMA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Central Alabama Avicultural Society <i>(Montgomery)</i> <u>Mtgs:</u> 2nd Sun. - 2:30 pm - Prattville City Library, Prattville <u>Contact:</u> Margie Lanier (334) 567-4073 margielanier@yahoo.com <u>Show:</u> REGIONAL SHOW - REGION 2 Aug. 30-31 - NFSS, NC'S, NAPS, Color/Type Canaries, Governor's House Hotel, Montgomery, AL. <u>Judges:</u> Aug. 30 - Armando Lee Aug. 31 - Sally Huntington <u>Show Mgr:</u> Jo Reaves (256) 892-2204</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Durham Avicultural Society of Ontario <i>(Pickering, Ontario, Canada)</i> <u>Mtgs:</u> 2nd Tue. - Rotary Park Pavillion Lake Driveway W., Ajax <u>Contact:</u> John Zerafa (905) 355-5542 showmanager@birdclub.ca <u>Website:</u> www.birdclub.ca <u>Show:</u> REGIONAL SHOW - REG. 8 Sep. 20-21 - Jubilee Pavilion 55 Lakeview Park Rd. - Oshawa, Ont.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CALIFORNIA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Central California Cage Bird Club <i>(Modesto)</i> <u>Mtgs:</u> 3rd Sun. - Mancini Hall <u>Contact:</u> Ed Gecsek (209) 529-0663 <u>Club E-Mail:</u> jones7110@aol.com <u>Show:</u> Oct. 25 - SOS Club, Modesto <u>Judge:</u> Julie Duimstra <u>Show Mgr:</u> Bennie Jones (209) 531-0597 E-Mail: jones7110@aol.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society <i>(Ontario, Canada)</i> <u>Mtgs:</u> Last Sun. in Members' homes. <u>Contact:</u> Julianne Mion (519) 948-6398 julianne@mnsi.net <u>Show:</u> Oct. 17-19 Fogular Furlan Sports Complex, Windsor, Ont. <u>Judge:</u> Clarence Culwell</p>
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<p>Exotic Bird Club of Florida, Inc. (Palm Bay) <u>Mtgs:</u> 2nd Sun - 1275 Culver Rd.-Palm Bay <u>Contact:</u> Ginny Heptig (321) 952-9780 yngathrtt@aol.com <u>Website:</u> www.homestead.com/ exoticbirdclubofflorida <u>Show:</u> Oct. 12 - 1275 Culver Rd.-Palm Bay <u>Judge:</u> Dale Laird</p>	<p>Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club (Chicago, IL) <u>Mtgs:</u> 3rd Fri.- American Legion Hall 310 W. Butterfield Rd. Elmhurst, IL <u>Contact:</u> Sharlan Toby (847) 217-4751 or (837) 700-6260 secretary@agccbc.org <u>Club E-Mail:</u> president@gccbc.org <u>Club Website:</u> www.GCCBC.org</p>
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<u>Judge:</u> Conrad Meinert	<u>Judge:</u> Annette Howard
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<u>Club E-Mail:</u> raymondreter@aol.com	<u>Mtgs:</u> 2nd Sat - 7 pm - Granny Shaffeeers Dixieland Chicken, Joplin, MO
<u>Show:</u> Oct. 18 Tall Cedars Hall, Parkville	<u>Contact:</u> Doug Willis (417) 358-5189 dwillis71@cox-internet.com
<u>Judge:</u> Dennis Lewis	<u>Fairs:</u> Jul 13 & Oct. 12 - Springfield, MO
<u>Contact:</u> (410) 628-2051 or (410) 329-1928	Aug. 23 - Lawrence, KS
MICHIGAN	<u>Auction:</u> Oct. 19 - Girard KS
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<u>Mtgs:</u> 2nd Mon. - 7pm - UAW Hall 4269 Alpine NW, Grand Rapids	<u>Mtgs:</u> 2nd Sun - 2 pm - Trail West Library
<u>Contact:</u> Diana Hugo (616) 842-0163 pdhugo@charter.net	<u>Contact:</u> Anthony Duy (816) 356-0533
<u>Club E-Mail:</u> pdhugo@charter.net or noahbird@gameritech.net	<u>Club E-Mail:</u> membirdsetcmichel@kc.rr.com
<u>Website:</u> www.angelfire.com/mi4/glas	<u>Website:</u> www.GKCAS.org
<u>Show:</u> Oct. 18 - Rockford Middle School Rockford, MI	<u>Show:</u> Oct. 25 - Holiday Inn South, K.C.
<u>Judge:</u> Annette Howard	<u>Show Mgr:</u> Maria Michel (816) 763-5935 membirdsetcmichel@kc.rr.com
Society of Canary & Finch Breeders <i>(Livonia)</i>	Missouri Cage Bird Club <i>(St. Louis)</i>
<u>Mtgs:</u> 3rd Sat - 6:30 pm - Wixom, Michigan	<u>Mtgs:</u> 1st Sun - Maplewood, MO
<u>Contact:</u> Patrick Vance (248) 443-0643 spartanfinchman@cs.com	<u>Contact:</u> Dennis Burhanç (636) 980-8569
<u>Show:</u> Oct. 18 - Livonia	<u>Show:</u> Nov. 7-8 - Days Inn - Eureka, MO
<u>Judge:</u> Armando Lee	<u>Judge:</u> Miki Spartzak

NFSS-Affiliated Clubs/Events

<p style="text-align: center;">NEW HAMPSHIRE</p> <p>Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society (Manchester) <u>Mtgs:</u> 2nd Mon - 7:30 pm - Villa Crest Retirement Center <u>Contact:</u> Ray Schwartz (630) 362-6106 prismsdad@aol.com <u>Club E-Mail:</u> editor@boaf.com <u>Website:</u> www.boaf.com <u>Show:</u> Oct. 25 <u>Judge:</u> Dennis Lewis Center of NH Holiday Inn, Manchester <u>Show Info:</u> Rena Fox (603) 635-1324 cncaviary@parrotpages.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OREGON</p> <p>Eastside Finch Connection (Portland) <u>Mtgs:</u> 1st Mon. - 7 pm - Clackamas Comm. Club Hall - 15711 SE 90th <u>Show:</u> REGIONAL SHOW - REGION 6 Nov. 8-9 Gresham National Guard Armory - 500 NE Division St. - Gresham, OR <u>NFSS Judge:</u> Cecil Gunby <u>Canary Judges:</u> Type - Linda Hogan Color - Albert Silva <u>Contact:</u> K.J. Brown (503) 266-7606 jeeperspeepers55@aol.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NEW YORK</p> <p>International Canary & Finch Society (Western NY State and So. Ontario, Canada) <u>Mtgs:</u> One Sun/Mo. 2 pm. Alt. Locations - Galleria Mall, Cheed, NY or St. Theresa's Church, Niagara Falls, NY <u>Contact:</u> Mary Ellen Sacca (716) 825-8271 sacca@net.telsearch.com <u>Website:</u> www.3.upatsix.com/ics <u>Show:</u> Oct. 11 - Best Western Hotel, Lockport, NY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PENNSYLVANIA</p> <p>Greater Pittsburgh Cage Bird Society, Inc. (Pittsburgh) <u>Mtgs:</u> 2nd Sun. - 2 pm - Faith Community Church - Jefferson Rd. - Penn Hills <u>Contact:</u> Margie Jonnet (412) 795-1904 mjonnet@katz.pitt.edu <u>Show:</u> Nov 1-Palace Inn-Rte. 48 Monroeville <u>Judge:</u> Miki Sparzak</p>
<p>New York Finch & Type Canary Club (New York City) <u>Mtgs:</u> 2nd Sun - 1 pm - Averill Blvd Park Elmont, (L.I.), NY <u>Contact:</u> Stan Kulak (718) 967-6899 barstand@aaahawk.com <u>Website:</u> www.nyfinch.com <u>Show:</u> Oct. 18 - St. Jude's Church - 1677 Canarsie Rd. - Brooklyn <u>Judge:</u> Miki Sparzak</p>	<p>Chester County Bird Club, Inc. (Malvern) <u>Mtgs:</u> 2nd Sun - E. Whiteland Twnshp Bldg. <u>Contact:</u> Maria Rosenberger (610) 469-6402 Duckybathtime@aol.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTH CAROLINA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PUERTO RICO</p> <p>Asociacion' Criadores Del Finches, Inc. <u>Contact:</u> Jose R. Diaz (787) 747-7947 <u>E-Mail:</u> criadores_finches_este@hotmail.com <u>E-Mail:</u> Juan Santos (787) 875-0679 jsantos2269@msn.com <u>Show:</u> REGIONAL SHOW - REGION 7 Nov. 8-9 - Show Nacional de Invierno - Caguas <u>Judge:</u> Nov. 8 - Armando Lee</p>
<p>Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society (Raleigh) <u>Mtgs:</u> 3rd Sun.-2:30 pm- Glen Eden Pilot Pk <u>Contact:</u> April Blazich (919) 851-8079 aprilb@bellsouth.net <u>Website:</u> www.rdcbs.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TENNESSEE</p> <p>Tennessee Valley Exotic Bird Club (Knoxville) <u>Mtgs:</u> 1st Tue - UT Vet School <u>Contact:</u> Sondra Ott (865) 573-2381 sondradott@bellsouth.net <u>Website:</u> http://www.Kornnet.org/tvebc</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Southeast Tennessee Avicultural Society (Niota)</p> <p><u>Mtgs:</u> 2nd Sun.-2 pm -Niota Elementary Sch</p> <p><u>Contact:</u> Janet Burrell (423) 472-1306 jgb2202@aol.com</p> <p><u>E-Mail:</u> jgb2202@aol.com or tjburn2000@yahoo.com</p> <p><u>Show:</u> Oct. 25 - Niota Elementary School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Canary and Finch Society (Pasadena)</p> <p><u>Mtgs:</u> 2nd Sun - 2pm - Community Room - Pasadena Towne Square Mall</p> <p><u>Contact:</u> Harold McBrayer (281) 338-2814 haroldmcbrayer369@hotmail.com</p> <p><u>Website:</u> http://canaryfinchsociety.tripod.com</p> <p><u>Show:</u> Oct. 25 <u>Judge:</u> Armando Lee</p>
VIRGINIA	
<p style="text-align: center;">Middle Tennessee Cage Bird Club (Nashville)</p> <p><u>Mtgs:</u> 3rd Sun.-2 pm-108 Donelson Sr. Ctr</p> <p><u>Contact:</u> Lisa Mellies (615) 789-0002 yui02@bellsouth.net</p> <p><u>Show:</u> Oct. 4 - TN State Fair Grounds - Creative Arts Bldg - Nashville</p> <p><u>Judge:</u> Annette Howard</p> <p><u>Show Mgr:</u> Wilma Crawford (615) 890-6906 tnma2@home.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Peninsula Caged Bird Society, Inc. (Hampton)</p> <p><u>Contact:</u> Ben Rogers (757)484-6001</p> <p><u>Club E-Mail:</u> dickivy@two-rivers.com</p> <p><u>Club Website:</u> www.vapeninsulacagedbirdclub.org</p> <p><u>Events:</u> See the web site - several each year.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Badger Canary and Finch Club (Milwaukee)</p> <p><u>Mtgs:</u> 3rd Sat - members' homes</p> <p><u>Contact:</u> Susan Feldstein (262) 965-5362 bneathhiswings@yahoo.com</p> <p><u>Club E-Mail:</u> DEvanormun@aol.com</p> <p><u>Show:</u> Oct. 25 - Ramada Inn - Hwy 41 & 9th Oshkosh, WI</p> <p><u>Judge:</u> Charles Anchor</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Wisconsin Cage Bird Club (Oshkosh)</p> <p><u>Contact:</u> Dave Bluma 920-428-4595 davidbluma@aol.com</p> <p><u>Show:</u> Jun. 28 - Ramada Inn - 500 S. Koeller</p> <p><u>Judge:</u> Miki Sparzak</p>	
TEXAS	
<p style="text-align: center;">Fort Worth Bird Club (Fort Worth)</p> <p><u>Mtgs:</u> 3220 Botanic Garden Dr.</p> <p><u>Contact:</u> Clarence Culwell (817) 220-5568 culwell5@flash.net</p> <p><u>Club E-Mail:</u> circ1m@swbell.net</p> <p><u>Website:</u> www.fwbc.org</p> <p><u>Show:</u> Sep. 28 - Grapevine Convention Ctr. Grapevine, TX</p> <p><u>Judge:</u> Charlie Anchor</p> <p><u>Show Mgr:</u> Jerry Cason (817) 237-5867 jerrycason@mindspring.com</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Alamo Exhibition Bird Club, Inc. (San Antonio)</p> <p><u>Mtgs:</u> 4th Sun - 2 PM - Becker CPA Center</p> <p><u>Contact:</u> Nathan Durbin - (210) 433-1840 tak@stic.net</p> <p><u>Events:</u> Sep. 27 Live Oak Civic Center - Live Oak</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Texas Bird Breeders (Temple)</p> <p><u>Mtgs:</u> 2nd Sat. - Noon - Feb/May/Aug</p> <p><u>Contact:</u> Clarence Culwell (817) 220-5568 culwell5@flash.net</p> <p><u>Show:</u> Nov. 1 - Mayborn Convention Ctr.</p>	



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Club City/State: _____

Club Meeting Dates/Location: _____

Club Delegate: _____

Address: _____

*Phone: _____ *E-Mail: _____

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Club Officer: _____

Address: _____

*Phone: _____ *E-Mail: _____

Club E-Mail Contact (Important): _____

Club Web Site: _____

Show/Event Date: _____ Panel Judge: _____

Show Location: _____

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





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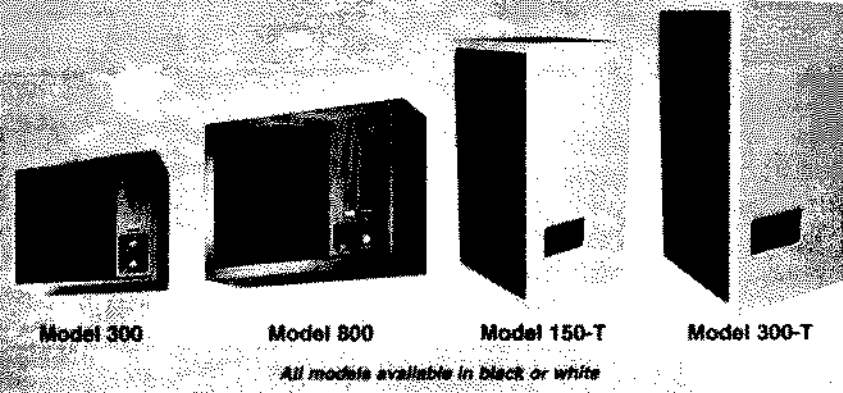
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