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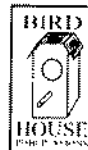
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NFSS President's Message

January, 2004



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*Thank you to **Kerri McCoy** (and **Harry Bryant**, pro-tem) and welcome **Randy Taylor**, 3rd VP.*

*Thank you to **Martie Lauster** and welcome **Linda Hughes**, membership director.*

*Thank you to **Patrick Vance** and welcome **Martie Lauster**, executive secretary.*

*Thank you to **Ginny Alien** and welcome **Darla Dandre**, liaison officer.*

*Thank you to **Jim Felix** and welcome **Robert Faichild**, region 1 VP*

*Thank you to **Daria Dandre** and welcome **Patrick Vance**, region 3 VP*

*Thank you to **Harold McBrayer** and welcome **Clint Harris**, region 4 VP*

*Thank you to **Vince Huntington**, who will remain with us along with Harry Bryant, as AFA representative, and welcome **Raspberry**, region 6 VP*

*Thank you to **Vince Moase** and welcome **Aifred Mion**, region 7 VP*

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*Thank you to **Sue Haberkorn** and welcome **Robert Mehl**, FinchShop Manager.*

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Happenings: Finch and Softbill Save/Census

by Randy Taylor
NFSS 3rd Vice President

First, I would like to thank everyone who exhibited his/her confidence by selecting me to be the NFSS 3rd V.P. for the 2004-2005 term. I will humbly write this regular column in the Journal to assist in keeping the general membership informed of the activities within the FSS Program/Census. It seems that in the past, the program has been perceived by many to be a 'secret' elite arm of the NFSS. Also, many of the past participants have voiced that they have not seen any 'perks' for participating in the program. I intend to correct both of these problems. One key solution to begin correcting these ideas is communication - and so starts this regular column.

I believe that most, if not all, of our NFSS members received the recent 2003 NFSS Annual Census results. One can see from studying these numbers that we do have a large variety of finches and softbills in our bird rooms and aviaries, but the actual numbers of participants and species appears quite sparse for most individual breeders and species. I am sure that in reality, this was only a fraction of the actual numbers of aviculturalists and species that are currently being kept/raised throughout the continent as many breeders have never even heard of the NFSS or the Annual Census. Quite a few of the species were listed in very low numbers and that is how most

breeders/aviculturalists raise them... a few at a time. I am not sure if many of you recognize the fact that in many circumstances, some of these species are now no longer legally imported into the US due to the CITES treaty. Most of the birds on the CITES list were added in 1976 and I was surprised to see that these birds were generally listed in the Census in extremely low numbers.....I even thought that some of them were no longer found here in the US! Very few of these birds are being raised and in the very near future, they will be impossible to obtain in American aviculture. Others that were reported in larger numbers will soon follow them and will also become extinct in the US altogether unless we organize and help each other. With this in mind, that was what spurred the birth of the FinchSave program in the very beginning of its existence.....species that were once available in large numbers were becoming hard to find due to the import ban. This is even more true today. I for one, want to give our future generations the opportunity to see and keep any species that is currently available for those that wish to have them. I can hear many of you asking, "But what does this have to do with me? I have only ever been able to raise a couple of these birds and couldn't possibly make a contribution to this cause!". That is where we have

our first misunderstanding! You are in the same 'boat' as the majority of finch/softbill breeders. As in the words of Harry Bryant, we have to stop being 'collectors' and become 'breeders' or we will lose them. Think of the excitement that you first had when your birds fledged their first clutch for you. You were on cloud nine to be sure, just as I was and am every time. We have the responsibility to provide this opportunity for others in the future. This is what Finch and Softbill Save is all about - preserving birds for our future generations. By organizing together, we can accomplish this goal for some species, if not many of them.

FSS Goals:

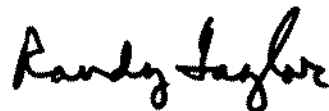
Long term goal: To have an established consortium of breeders of finches and softbills dedicated to producing and maintaining a viable captive bred population of finches and softbills in the United States and Canada.

Short term goal: Consistent breeding success with participating species.

I have decided to make some initial changes in the FSS Program. The registration fee will remain at \$15.00 but will now afford participants a 2 year membership. The application/registration process will be divided into 2 parts: the initial application (one page) and then later, registration of your birds. One will have 3 months from the initial application to get their registration into the FSS Director. There will no longer be any duplication of requested husbandry information.

Once you have registered your species and specific birds, you will only be required to complete an annual report to continue in the program and this will coincide with the Annual Census. Where we have multiple participants with the same species, you will be given the opportunity to either trade offspring with each other for that species or even with other participants/species that you are wanting to get a start in. The FSS Newsletter will be sent to all FSS registrants on a quarterly basis beginning in February 2004 and will highlight FSS participating species by providing Biological Species Profiles (natural wild specifics) and Husbandry Guidelines (captive management). The February Newsletter highlights the Gold-breast Waxbill and the Masked Grassfinch. I will occasionally offer the FSS Newsletter to the general membership as they last and upon request only....just to let you get a glimpse of what you are missing! There will be 10 extra copies of the February Newsletter available so get your request in. I will always remain open to suggestions/comments/complaints and in fact solicit such. If you feel that you would like to be a part of conserving any eligible finch/softbill species for our future but don't think you have the time, experience or resources, please contact me. FSS Program Guidelines and applications are available on request also.

Oh, and by the way, I was hooked on this preservation thing with my first pair of Fire Finches!



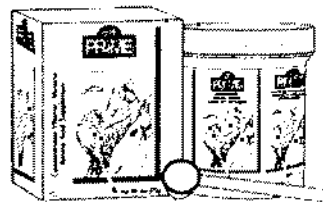
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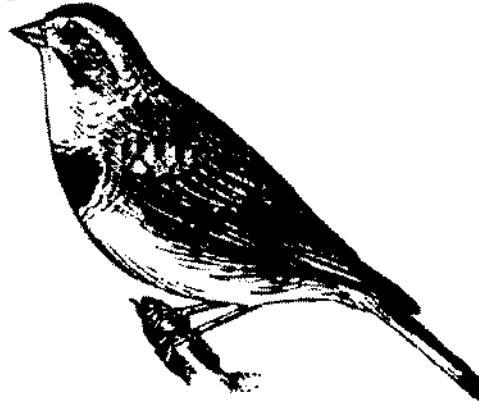
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Is it Better to Look Good than to Feel Good?

by Michael Marcotrigiano, NFSS Science Editor

Birds can attain attractive plumage color in several ways, depending on the species. Some have feather structure that reflects certain wavelengths of light (commonly blue), some synthesize pigments and they are deposited in defined areas (commonly browns, rust, and black), and some add to their color by eating pigment and storing it in feathers, beaks, and sometimes feet. One class of pigments that assist some birds in becoming colorful is the carotenoids. These fat-soluble pigments are highly prevalent in plants and some seed. They are characteristically yellow to orange. In most birds that have yellow, orange, or red color, it is only by eating the pigment that they attain such beauty. For example, the red siskin's plumage is red because its genetics allow it to accumulate red and orange pigment from food. Through hybridization, these genes have been transferred over to red factor canaries. Another example, is the orange beaks of zebra finches which accumulate these pigments.

Besides making the world more colorful, carotenoids are powerful antioxidants and antioxidants play a key role in the enhancement of the immune response in animals. Over the past decade, one hypothesis for why female birds prefer the most highly ornamental males is that by having

intense colors the males are perceived as being healthier, not "just better looking".

Several years ago I was watching the Tonight Show when Billy Crystal came on, impersonating the Latin movie star and heartthrob, Fernando Lamas. Johnny Carson, playing along with the new Crystal character, asked him how his health was and he said in a Fernando voice, "Not great... but Johnny, it is always better to look good than to feel good". Apparently, this is not how it works, at least in the birds studied so far. In fact, there is evidence supporting the prediction that carotenoid-based sexual attraction signals are reduced in birds that are infected with parasites, the assumption being that when carotenoids are limited, the bird needs to use its antioxidants for health reasons, rather than for display.

Very recently, in the prestigious journal *Science*, J.D. Blount and colleagues report on immune function and sexual attractiveness in zebra finches. This is the first report that clearly demonstrates that the manipulation of dietary carotenoid supply causes parallel changes in the immune function and the sexual attractiveness of male zebra finches.

I report on this research to show you that interesting biological work is being done on many aspects in birds.

This is not a recommendation to pump up your birds on super doses of carotenoids. Anyone who knows an obsessive color-factor canary breeder is aware that the use of high doses of these pigments can result in liver and kidney failure. What you should gain from this, is an appreciation that a female zebra finch prefers males with more intensely colored beaks and that this is correlated to better health in these studies. So when you wake up tomorrow, comb your hair, brush your teeth, and have a carrot. If you don't attract a mate, eat two.

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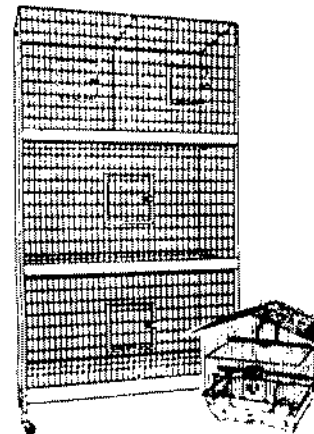
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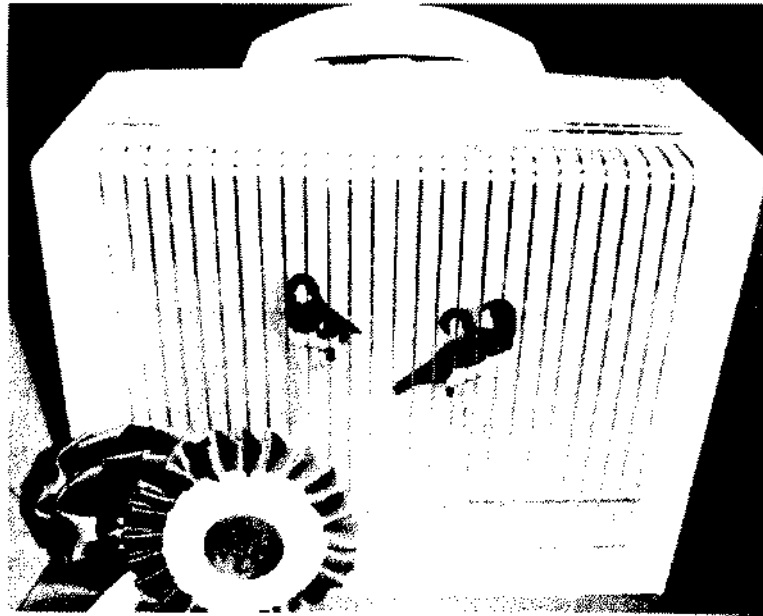
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Promoting Aviculture among Youth: Starting a Youth Club

by Raspberry

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How far back does your interest in aviculture go? Five years? Ten years? Fifteen years? Conversations with septuagenarians who are still active in aviculture tell me their memories go back to childhood. Their families kept chickens, pigeons or other barnyard fowl, or maybe even a canary in the house.

While their earliest experiences with keeping birds may not be with finches *per se*, they claim the roots to their lifelong interest in aviculture began with their childhood fascination with feathered creatures.

Our septuagenarians came from a different cultural time. Lifestyles tended to be more agrarian. That lifestyle made it practically unavoidable for people to have more intimate connections with the day to day lives of diverse life forms, be it agrarian wildlife or barnyard animals. Today, few people in the States live such a lifestyle. Most urban dwellers eat eggs, but shockingly, many don't know that hens will lay eggs in the absence of a rooster! Gone are the days, for so many people, of the day to day connections with diverse animal life. Gone are the days of our agrarian youth and all its mystical dreams and moments of philosophical *deus ex machina* that occur in the passing, sleepy afternoon hours of barnyard hay lofts or grassy, streamside banks.

Fortunately, urban dwellers can still have similar experiences if they take the notion. Aviculture lends itself to this. Certainly these experiences can be had in the day to day routine chores of backyard aviaries or indoor free-flighted bird rooms. But such experiences can even occur when a bird lover keeps a single pair of caged finches in an office or living room.

What is alarming to me is how few people take up the hobby of aviculture. Bird clubs, club shows, and even bird marts lean disproportionately toward adults. Alarmingly too few youth attend these events. With the loss of agrarian lifestyle, people have fewer childhood opportunities to develop a lifelong interest in the lives of animals. Many septuagenarians and I believe that a sure way to develop a lifelong interest in aviculture is to have positive experiences with birds when we are most impressionable--during our youth. For this reason, among others, I have started a youth bird club at the school where I teach. This article is a reflection on these early club experiences.

The greatest difficulty in getting a youth club started is finding youth who have interest in and the time for birds. In order for a youth club to begin, certain things that interest kids have to be in place. Beyond interest in the birds them-

selves. interest may include such things as: 1) which other kids are joining. 2) economic accessibility to the hobby. 3) trust and respect for the club leaders. and 4) a varied activity plan which sustains a distractable mind that seems to transform faster than any video game. While these may sound like shallow, unrelated factors in a child's decision process, they are not shallow for them and in fact, if we are honest with ourselves, we use the same criteria. Kids are just more direct about it.

Fortunately for me, I am a public school teacher. My school also has an after-school Parks and Recreation program with a director, Karen Acres, who is gung ho supportive of youth clubs and events. So with my classroom as a suitable location, an advertiser to distribute informational leaflets throughout the local community, and a large population of kids from which to poll, the essential ingredients to starting a club were easily accessible. The only remaining obstacle to hurdle was my procrastination! I had early ideas for how to get started, but free time, fatigue from working around kids all day, personal life conflicts and a general lack of faith in my abilities to be a competent leader interfered. Years later, September of 2003, I took the plunge and asked Karen Acres if I could start the club. She agreed, whole-heartedly of course, but it took two more months before I actually held my first meeting.

I put an ad in my school's daily bulletin and also scheduled another ad in the Parks and Recreation's January '04 bulletin. I caught student interest by offering free cages and birds for all students interested in joining the club. I was warned against doing this by a local 4-H canary leader, with a possible "take the cage and run" scenario. So, in order to minimize this outcome, I chose to screen my applicants carefully. So far, I have not had that experience. The application process included an informal interview wherein I discussed with the child why he or she was interested in joining the club

and keeping finches. It also included a written contract, to be signed by parents, and a promise to return the cage and birds if the child chose to exit the club within the first year. Not surprisingly, numerous students were screened out by their parents; one student screened herself out, and I screened out two students for what I believed to be an inability to adequately care for the birds. At the end of this process, I had six eager students! With the community bulletin expected out in January, I expect to add a few elementary kids as well as some home-schooled kids. But really, ten to fifteen kids is plenty enough to manage!

The club meetings were set for twice a month, directly after school. No student, against their polite protests, was allowed to take home birds during the first two meetings. They had to know how to take care of birds first and they had to choose between two species: societies or zebras. They also had to choose which mutation of that species they wanted. Since I had several birds of both species in my classroom plus internet access and a computer that used a projector, big screen projections of eFinch.com's Gouldian finches, owls, and star finches left these aspiring aviculturists salivating! Talk about kids in a candy store! But by the end of the third meeting, they had settled on their birds and were allowed to take them home.

Daily, for the following two weeks, they checked in with me on how their birds were doing. Our agendas, to be honest, were in conflict. They rushed in with enthusiastic questions like, "When can I get another pair?" or "When can I put a nest in their cage?" I tempered their strident pace with, "Let's see how you do with what you have for a while." I tempered their onslaught of questions with basic questions of my own like: "Where are you keeping your birds? Where is the heat source coming from? Is there a window nearby? Open? Closed? Are there any drafts? Are you watching for build up of seed hulls in your seed dish?"

Amazingly simple questions that, while pretaught during the introductory classes, were important to review in the early days. Unfortunately, as much as we like to think pretraining will prevent misfortunate deaths, nothing replaces the value of learning from experience. One student, upon returning from a Thanksgiving weekend away, found his zebras all puffy. Immediately, he diagnosed the problem, dumped out the seed hulls and fed them. He also gave them a heat lamp as he had learned in a club meeting, and guiltily reported to me his calculation error in how much seed the birds would go through in his four day absence - a close call, and hard lesson. While the birds had dropped to the floor right in front of him to eat, neither died. In another case, a student brought his cage and birds to school for me to see. His zebra hen had a string wrapped around her foot. An X-acto knife easily removed the string and the bird was spared her limb - another close call, but a lesson well-learned. Don't cover the cage with an old ragged towel.

While some readers may see disaster in entrusting helpless creatures to a young person's care - a young person, whose good intentions are notoriously perforated with varying degrees of irresponsibility - careful parent and club leader involvement in each of these young aviculturalists' day to day bird care has had a positive impact on the outcome of these delicate birds' lives.

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Really, when we think of it, over two months of bird keeping without a single loss? That is a perfect start! How many birds go home from pet stores only to die within the first week of purchase because of ill-prepared bird owners? I am afraid to know the answer!

Kids need lots of hands on experiences. But hands on and finches don't mix. So one of the first things I taught my kids is to resist holding their birds unnecessarily. Rather, I directed their hands to do other things. In one meeting we made eggfood and learned why we feed it and about all the dangers of leaving it in the cage too long. In another meeting, we learned how to make what I call "shanty" bird houses - milk carton nests as seen on Roy Beckham's website: eFinch.com. In another meeting, I showed the students how I band young chicks and promised to band their chicks for them when the time came for that. Showing the kids things they can do for

their birds and why it is important not to hold them without valid reasons, is paramount to success.

I mentioned earlier that economic disadvantages can prevent kids from joining a club. While keeping a pair of finches may not be that expensive, it is for a kid whose allowance is easily eaten up by other things. Several members of my youth bird club get support from their families, fortunately. One, I am told, got a new, larger cage for Christmas. Some

families, however, can barely afford seed, let alone an NFSS youth membership. So part of my efforts, from the start, have been to find bird owners willing to donate used cages, and cage accessories. One significant donor is Jan Baldwin, a local bird hobbyist, who doesn't wink an eye at donating her smaller, used cages for the cause. In addition, at a recent bird show, a canary breeder held a "going-out-of-business" sale. I was right there, grabbing up 25 cent seed cups, water bottles, perches, and nets.

While there is much I am teaching the kids about how to care for their birds, there is much children and their families are teaching me, too. In one encounter with a parent after a club meeting on record keeping, in which I sent each student home with a notebook that included various record keeping sheets, the parent said, "Oh! so this is becoming a breeding operation?" Humm. I had been discussing genetics with the child all along. The child has a pair of sex-linked lno societies. The male is split to lno and the female is lno. The child is very interested in genetics and asked all the right questions, but unfortunately, I hadn't! I hadn't asked, "Is it ok with your parents that you let your birds have babies?" In another example, one child selected two male zebras as her choice of birds when she joined the club.

That should have been my wake-up call. While my interest in keeping finches includes breeding birds for show and learning about genetics, not all people have that interest. Some, like the girl who has two male zebras, just likes the song they make and having the birds in her bedroom. She didn't want to deal with breeding the birds and finding homes for the chicks. Fortunately, I had honored her wish and hadn't insisted she start with a mixed gender pair. So, a successful club leader sets aside personal interests, listens to the interests of the child, and finds a way to help augment that child's interest.

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These are my reflections on the first days of a young, new Youth Finch Club. Who knows where these early experiences with finches will take these kids? Most will not become aviculturalists as adults. I am sure; but hopefully, all of them will

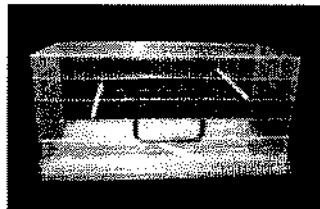
have had a positive experience with their birds and will see the value aviculture has for both people and birds. Maybe someday, one will become a lawyer and work on a case that will inhibit movement in some way of a fundamental animal rights organization. Who knows? But certainly, if our septuagenarians' insights are correct, people need to be involved in the hobby at an early age if the hobby is expected to grow.

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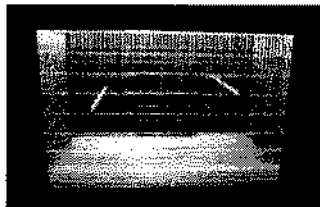
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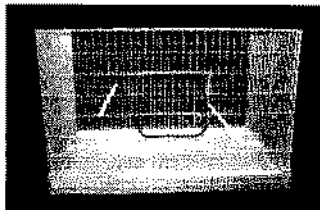
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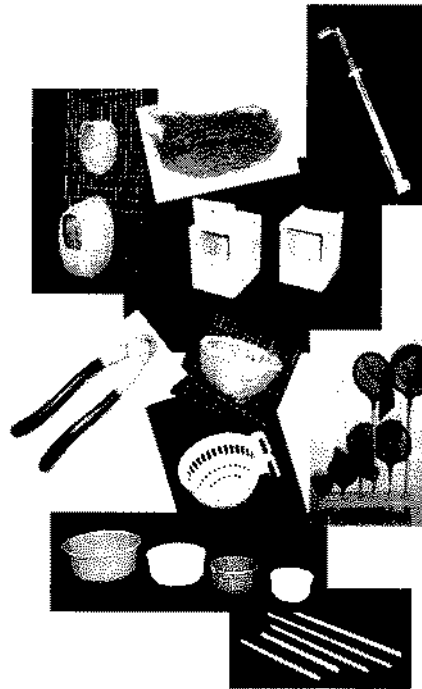
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Wingin' it in the West - The 2003 NFSS Region 6 Show

by Julie R. Duimstra

"It is amazing what can be accomplished when we are open to the concept of 'possibility.'"

- Julie R. Duimstra

While sitting in the gallery at the Region 6 show, I looked around and saw folks hanging on every word that our Judge was saying as he described the attributes of a particular Gouldian Finch. The bird was a fine representative of the Gouldian Finch standard adopted by NFSS. What did he say? Whispers of, "Is that K.J.'s bird?" and, "whose bird is that?" were barely audible in the gallery. Bright smiles, nudges and winks traveled between some of the folks in attendance. Looking around I saw that NFSS Member Glenda Kennedy was beaming with pride as the Judge said, "This is the best colored blue-bodied Gouldian I've seen all year. I would like to work this bird into my breeding program."

Later he held up a show cage with an Orange Bishop Weaver cock in full nuptial plumage. The bird seemed to glow a fluorescent orange color under the full-spectrum lights that illuminated the judging bench. The orange coloration was that intense and was contrasted beautifully against the rich black plumage. The feather texture resembled that of crushed velvet. It was an exquisite bird! As our Judge examined the weaver carefully and then went back for another look, someone else's smile was shining in the back row of the gallery. Bill Smith! It was his bird. I knew it!

- Paula Hansen

The Members of the Eastside Finch Connection combined their talents, efforts and resources with the Columbia Canary Club to hold a joint bird show in Gresham, Oregon this year. The outcome was a tremendous 2-day success with record numbers of exhibitors in all of the divisions, Finch/Softbill, Colorbred Canary and Type Canary.

Hosting the 2003 NFSS Region 6 Show was a first-effort by the Eastside Finch Connection. Exhibitors traveled from California, Oregon and Washington

to bring their birds to our show. Changes in the Oregon Department of Agriculture's policies necessitated having an Avian Veterinarian on-site at the show to conduct visual health inspections on all birds that were brought in from out-of-state. A nominal fee was charged for this service.

We invited Mr. Cecil Gunby from Sharpsburg, GA. to judge our show. Cecil heeded my advice and packed warm waterproof clothing for the inclement weather often experienced in

Western Oregon in November. Winds funneled through the Columbia River Gorge but relented sometime Saturday night after the awards banquet finished. Sunday proved to be an exquisitely sunny and clear Fall day and Cecil traveled with NFSS Members Bill and Mary Smith through the sights of downtown Portland to an Orchid Show in Hillsboro. We showed Cecil some genuine Pacific Northwest hospitality and I know for a fact that he enjoyed his experience in Oregon as much as we enjoyed having him here!

We had a record 115 entries by 16 Exhibitors. Eight exhibitors were classified as Novice Exhibitors for NFSS purposes and we had one junior exhibitor (age 16 and under). The Eastside Finch Connection encourages younger people to become involved in aviculture. With the efforts of our club and local 4-H groups we hope to see more junior exhibitors at future shows.

The NFSS Best in Show plaque was awarded and NFSS rosettes, large Club

rosettes and four sizes of classic silver bowls set atop wooden bases were awarded for places 1st through 4th in the Division. NFSS rosettes were awarded to places 1st through 10th in the Division as well as 1st, 2nd and 3rd Best Unflighted birds in the show. An NFSS Best Novice Exhibitor plaque and rosette were awarded to the Best Novice Exhibitor in the show and club rosettes and acrylic crystal/gold cup trophies were awarded to the 2nd and 3rd Best Novice Exhibitors in the show. The Best Junior Exhibitor, Ms. Leslie Smith, went home with an armload of trophies for her efforts at the show! She received the NFSS Plaque for Best Junior Exhibitor, club triple rosettes and acrylic crystal/gold victory trophies on marble bases for Best, 2nd and 3rd Best Junior Exhibitor in Show and rosettes and trophies for 2nd and 3rd Best Novice Exhibitor in Show! Congratulations Leslie! Additionally, an NFSS plaque was awarded for, "Best Softbill in Show" to our one and only softbill entry and a lovely rosette was presented as the Judge's Special Award.

EASTSIDE FINCH CONNECTION 2003 SHOW WINNERS

November 8-9, 2003

<u>Show Placement</u>	<u>Species Description</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>
Best in Show	Pearl Headed Silverbill	K. J. Brown
2nd Best	Owl Finch Cock	K. J. Brown
3rd Best	Green Singing Finch Cock	K. J. Brown
4th Best	Shafttail	Bert Spear
5th Best	Recessive Cream Zebra Cock	Julie R. Duimstra
6th Best	Yellow-bodied Gouldian Hen	Bill & Mary Smith
7th Best	Indian Silverbill	K. J. Brown
8th Best	Blue-Grey Tanager	Faye Silverstein
9th Best	Black cheeked / Black faced Zebra Cock	Richard Pizzurro
10th Best	Masked Grassfinch	K. J. Brown
Best Unflighted	Pearl Headed Silverbill	K. J. Brown
Best Novice Exhibitor	Shafttail	Bert Spear
Best Junior Exhibitor	Blue capped Waxbill Cock	Leslie Smith
Judge's Special Award	Orange Bishop Weaver Cock	Bill & Mary Smith
Best Softbill in Show	Blue-Grey Tanager	Faye Silverstein
2nd Best Unflighted	Shafttail	Bert Spear
3rd Best Unflighted	Masked Grassfinch	K. J. Brown

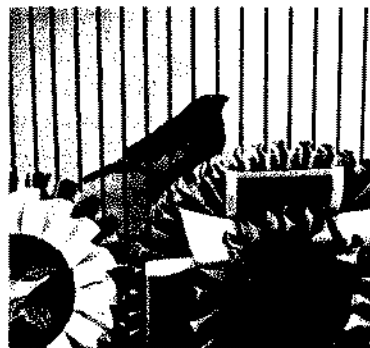
We hope to sponsor another NFSS Finch/Softbill Show next year. Our only hope is that some new members will step forward and get involved and share in the work that is required to stage an event like this. There are many positions to fill and valuable experience to be gained through your efforts. I know that Ms. Wigmore recently made a flippant comment in the NFSS Journal about, "...shows not being rocket science." While this may be true, getting volunteers to **help** put on these shows is, excuse another metaphor, "...like pulling teeth." This year too many of us wore, "many hats." In the future it would be nice to see *more* people wearing those hats!

Many thanks to those of you who dedicated yourselves to making this show a reality again this year. You know who you are!

Positions and descriptions of the respective "hats" to be worn at a bird show include:

Show Manager

Oversees the annual show and all of its related functions. Wears a shirt with a large red bull's-eye target painted on the back with "Show Manager" embroidered on the front. Just kidding. Appoints the Show Committee members and guides them in their duties during the show. Schedules the date of the show after confirming availability of a suitable venue. Hires the Judge(s) for the show. Corresponds with the Judge and may make the arrangements for travel. Confirms their schedules and arranges appropriate lodging with restaurants on-site or nearby. Appoints a person to be in charge of hospitality during our Judge's stay. Confirms the ordering of NFSS awards and Club awards. Oversees the awards presentation banquet.



Best in Show and Best Unflighted
- Pearl Headed Silverbill
raised and exhibited by
NFSS member K.J. Brown.
Photo by XJulie R. Duinstra

Assistant Show Manager/Show Coordinator

Assists the Show Manager in whatever way possible. Also wears a shirt with a large red bull's eye painted on the back.

Show Catalog Editor

Collects all advertisements and coordinates the information to be included in the show catalog. Responsible for content, layout and delivery to a copy/print shop for copying, assembly and binding.

Catalog Ad Staff

Solicits and collects commercial and member ads for delivery to the Show Catalog Editor.

Set-up Manager

Oversees the general layout of the show hall and the assembly of the judging benches, show stands and gallery seating.

Set-up/Take-down Team

Multiple positions. Works under the direction of the Set-up Manager to both set-up and tear down the show and clean up the show hall.

Bird Classifiers

Confirm or assign birds to the correct classes and sections as outlined in the show catalog. They assist exhibitors by answering questions and ensuring that the exhibitors fill out their entry forms and show cage tags correctly. This position requires someone with a well rounded knowledge of all birds.

Show Cage Tag Salesperson

Oversee the sales of show cage tags and distribution of entry forms, records transactions and responsibly handles money.

Judge's Secretary / Head Steward

Position requires knowledge of how the judging process flows. They aid the Judge as needed with the initial "walk through" of the entries lined up in proper order and oversee the flow of entries to and from the judging bench. The Show Secretary records all of the show data with respect to the correct numbers of entries in each class and the Judge's subsequent placement of entries in each class, section and division and oversees the Ribbon Tiers. The Head Steward guides the stewards in how the birds are handled from the time that they are checked into the show until they are cleared for removal from the show.

Stewards

Usually also part of the Set-up and Take-down Team, but this is not a requirement. Stewards are responsible for handling the entries once they have been entered into a show. Stewards place the entries on the ready stands, review the information recorded on the show cage tags, staple the show cage tags closed, ensure that each entry has sufficient food and water and set-up of birds on the ready stands for the Judge's "walk-through." Stewards then move the cages to and from the judging bench for each class and section as the Judge directs. Stewards monitor the condition and safety of the birds during the show. They may also need to monitor traffic near the vicinity of the ready stands. Any problem with an entry (compromised bird) must be communicated and handled immediately. A hospital cage and an avian first aid kit are essential to have on hand.

Awards Manager

Communicates with the Show Manager and staff, determines the awards needs and orders awards. Displays awards at the show. May also transport awards to the banquet site for the awards presentation.

Ribbon Tiers

Assemble ribbons for presentation to the entries when requested.

Hospitality Person(s)

The official show greeter(s). Cheerfully assists visitors as they enter the show hall. Answers questions and directs visitors to the galleries, sales tables, raffle ticket sales, silent auction, vendors' booths, etc. Communicates with the public. May oversee the refreshments if available.

Advertising Manager

Places show advertisements in local and regional newspapers, with radio and television stations, in other bird club newsletters/bulletins, on websites and with online newsgroups. Also enlists the help of club members to post show fliers on bulletin boards, in pet stores and veterinary clinics in the area.

Banquet Set-up

After the room/menu have been confirmed, oversees the awards banquet. Solicits banquet reservations and collects money in advance and during the show. Set up person will oversee the starting time for the dinner to be served and the general arrangement and decoration of the banquet hall.

Historian / Photographer

Takes and/or collects and assembles photographs of the show's activities for the Club members and records the activities as part of the Club's history.

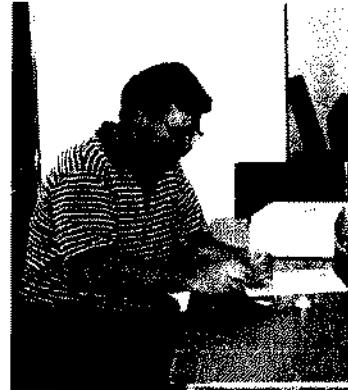
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Eastside Finch Connection 2003 Show Memories...



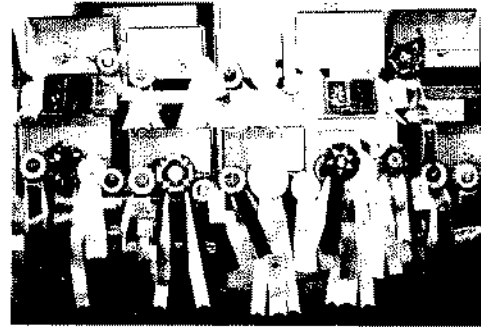
*NFSS Members **Gloria Reeder and Jerry Berreth** enjoy pre-show moments.
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*NFSS Member **Bert Spear** concentrates on filling out his paperwork the day of the show. Bert served as one of the show Stewards.
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*NFSS Band Secretary/ATA Red Siskin Project Leader **Paula Hansen** peeks between cages in the Bird Sales Room to flash a quick smile at the camera.
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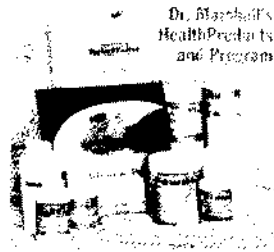


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*After show dinner Sunday afternoon, unwinding and celebrating a job well done. Left to right, **Julie R. Duimstra, K.J. Brown, Linda Brown, Cecil Gunby.**
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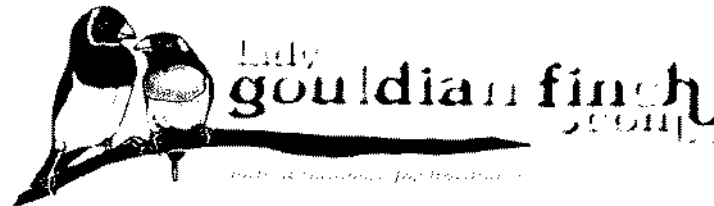


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Avian Education: The Need for Softbill Exposure

by Jason Crean

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In all my work with birds, both psittacines and softbills alike, I am always amazed at how excited people become when learning about a specie they have never worked with before. I have always been quite forthright about the need for exposure of the less common species for many reasons - one of these being that they are far more likely to engage the "student", no matter what the age. Exhibiting softbills is a wonderful way to grab the attention of the public because they are less common in "peticulture", so most people find them intriguing and novel.

I do lectures often on behalf of our local zoo (www.brookfieldzoo.org) and The Avicultural Society of Chicagoland (www.tasc-chicago.org) in order to educate the public on endangered avian species and worldwide conservation efforts - including Species Survival Plans, Studbook Management, and Population Management programs. However, no program would be complete without a trusted companion, my Green



Author Jason Crean with
Eclectus "Loki", and "Cricket",
his companion Green Aracari.

Aracari (*Pteroglossus viridis*). Affectionately known as "Cricket", program participants can see how a bird other than a parrot can be a wonderful companion. For those of us who are connected to the zoo world, it is well known that the general public overall will become more aware and conscientious of endangered species when seeing a living example. It is for this reason we need avian ambassadors to represent the species in peril, whether that bird species is endangered or not.

Green aracaris, the smallest member of the Ramphastids (toucans), are wonderful birds, full of energy and positively crave human attention if they have been hand-raised. Cricket is always a big hit among audiences because of her unique plumage, calm and loving nature, and, of course, her impressive beak! In captivity this species is largely frugivorous, eating a diet largely made of fruits and pellets. They are active and fun-loving birds, manipulating toys with their

slender beaks and loving a good scratch from their human companions. This is surprising to many people - especially those who may have had parrots all of their lives and never really been exposed to softbills, other than the occasional mynah who they only remember as "messy." When speaking at the Midwest Bird Seminar in March, 2003, I had a swarm of people after my talk, all of whom owned birds, in awe of Cricket and thirsting to know more. Even my zoo colleagues who see Cricket's friendly nature are amazed when they have never seen a human-raised aracari.

In addition to the lectures in which I take part, I also teach life science at the high school and college level - a great place to teach about avian life. It excites me to see how respectful students are to animals like these when having one in the classroom. Most students will become engaged in the learning process during an animal's visit where they may

have not been motivated to do so before. Living animals can be great motivators to almost any student! The earlier students are taught about proper care of birds and the intelligence they possess, the more they will respect wildlife and have a higher ethical attitude toward these species - both in their homes and abroad.

I stress how important the need for education is among the public - both for people who are already bird lovers and for those who are not yet involved in aviculture. Softbills require public exposure so people can see a wider range of birds and have a greater appreciation of their diversity. It will also, in turn, illustrate the different types of care associated when having a species that may not be as common. This will increase awareness among the public and create a more conscious group of people who will probably care a bit more than before they saw a bird like Cricket.

Jason Crean wears many hats: he teaches biology, animal science, and environmental science at the high school and college level, works as a consultant to Brookfield Zoo, and is a breeder of parrots and softbills, something he's been doing since age 12. Information about his aviary and practices can be viewed at his website, www.beaks-birdhouse.com. He is also the president of TASC, The Avicultural Society of Chicagoland, which has as its main goal, public avian education. You can see more of information about TASC at their website, www.tasc-chicago.org.



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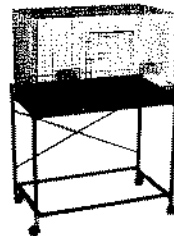
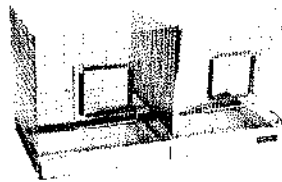
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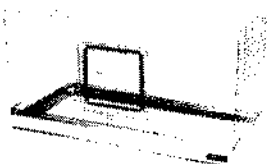
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News from NFSS
Judges Panel Director
Martha Wigmore

Welcome to new NFSS Panel Judge

Congratulations to **Laura Tinker** of Holmes, New York for successfully completing NFSS' Apprentice Judge program. The NFSS Board of Directors approved Laura's appointment to the NFSS Judges Panel at its 4th Quarter 2003 Board Meeting. Look for Laura on the show circuit! We're proud of you!

2003 strong show season for finches & softbills!

What a great year for seeing the birds! Thank you all for bringing them out for us to enjoy and learn from! There were MANY new exhibitor names this year – and among them many new members! Welcome! A great number of shows had tremendous participation: New York Finch & Type Canary Club had 23 exhibitors, Central Alabama Avicultural Society had 21 its first day and 16 the second day, 20 exhibitors brought birds to our National Show at the Great American Bird Show (and 14 at the Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club show the second day of GABS), and once again there was great enthusiasm for our hobby at the Eastside Finch Connection show in Oregon (16 exhibitors), at NIROC with 12 exhibitors, Outside the continental U.S., the Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society show in Windsor, Ontario, attracted 13 exhibitors, and the Asociacion Criadores de Finches show in Puerto Rico had great participation once again with 11 exhibitors. Many other clubs keep encouraging us to show with them, too! You are ALL the very best! *Thank you!!!!*

NFSS Judge selected for NCBS 2004

NFSS traditionally holds its annual National Show in conjunction with the National Cage Bird Show, this year being held in Lansing, Michigan. Our judge for the Finch and Softbill Division this year

will be NFSS Panel Judge **Armando Lee** of Cape Coral, Florida. NFSS activities at NCBS will be held from Thursday, November 18 through Saturday, November 20, with judging on Friday, November 19. Watch "The NFSS Journal" for more information!

Lower rosette prices from NFSS in 2004!

One of the most exciting developments in NFSS exhibiting this year is the greatly reduced price of NFSS rosettes for our affiliated clubs! As every club knows, it is no small thing for every exhibitor to bring their birds to share at your shows, and our beautiful rosettes are a giant, and now inexpensive way for your club to show their appreciation to your exhibitors! Especially exciting are our Best Junior (age 16 and under at the show) and Best Novice rosettes! Remember the excitement of your first rosettes? See elsewhere in this issue for information about how your club can order these from NFSS this year!

Special recognition for past judges of NFSS National Shows

One of the most important experiences an NFSS Panel Judge can have with NFSS is judging the NFSS National Show. The NFSS Board in 1999 felt the experience worthy of special commemoration with the awarding of a special plaque to each National Show judge. Over the years, several NFSS National Shows slipped by when our National Show judge went home from the experience with nothing but fond memories. Recently, past judges of our National Shows were sent a commemorative plaque honoring their contributions to our fine hobby. *Our heartfelt thanks to each of you! Watch for the many wonderful early shows this year! You'll have a blast!! Have a terrific year with your birds!*

2003 Exhibitor Awards

NFSS awards programs are one means of recognition of the effort and achievement of our exhibitors. Only those who have reached or come near the threshold for recognition of these exhibition awards can understand how much work and dedication goes into sharing their birds with us to this extent. Those in our hobby who thereby have so many opportunities to see finches and softbills at shows in our areas and across the country thank you all!

An exhibitor achieves Champion Exhibitor status when he or she has accumulated 50 points or more during a calendar year.

Achieving **Champion Exhibitor in 2003** is:

Ciarence Culwell 77 points

In what has definitely been an upswing year for bird exhibiting, let us also recognize a few others who have put so much into sharing their birds with us at the shows in 2003: **Paul & Janelle Bellike** (45 pts), **Lisa Murphy** (42 pts), **Armando Lee** (39 pts; also one of our two busiest NFSS judges in 2003!), **Daria Dandre** (38 pts), **Dennis Burhans** (35 pts) and **Clara Gontero** (33 pts). Thank you all for sharing so many truly magnificent birds with us at the shows!

An exhibitor who accumulates 200 or more points during his or her lifetime achieves NFSS Exhibitor of Excellence status. There are no new Exhibitors of Excellence in 2003, but both **Armando Lee** (168 pts) and **Clara Gontero** (151pts) are approaching this milestone.

The Birds at the Shows in 2003

If an exhibitor places in the top ten in a show judged by a NFSS Panel Judge she will automatically receive the same number of points for the placement for her NFSS closed banded bird, per the NFSS Points Schedule. A bird can achieve Champion Bird status when it accumulates 50 NFSS points or more during its lifetime. Since 1984, 12 birds have accomplished this feat. No birds with 20 points or more prior to 2003 earned additional points during the year.

Of note, Society Finches won the most Best in Division awards at NFSS affiliated shows, with six wins, followed by Gouldians, with five wins, and **Daria Dandre's** Persa Touraco, with 4 wins! After Society Finches, one of the biggest stars of NFSS top benches (top ten) across the country in 2003 were Pearl-headed Amadines. Judges frequently remarked on the large number of Gouldian entries, as well as strong showing of African finches at many shows.

Top Ten NFSS Shows in 2003

All points summaries by Martha Wigmore
NFSS Points Director

We have received reports from 42 NFSS shows judged by NFSS panel judges in 2003, with entries from 6 to 170. There were a total 2,423 finches and softbills exhibited, up 275 birds from 2002, with an average show size of 58 entries. 91 exhibitors placed in point-eligible positions on the top bench, up from 69 last year. For the second year in a row, the largest NFSS-affiliated show was held in Puerto Rico. Special mention goes to exhibitor and NFSS member **Ramon Colon**, winner with Society Finches at both year's shows! The top ten shows in 2003 were:

- 1 - Asocacion Criadores de Finches**, Caguas, Puerto Rico
170 entries
11/22/03; Judge: Armando Lee
Best Bird: Self Chocolate Society by Ramon Colon
- 2 - Central Alabama Avicultural Society-Day 1**, Montgomery, Alabama
133 entries
8/30/03; Judge: Armando Lee
Best Bird: Superb Starling by Harold & Margie McBrayer
- 3 - Great American Bird Show**, Tinley Park, Illinois
119 entries
10/04/03; Judge: Patrick Vance
Best Bird: Chocolate & White Society by Michael Marcotrigiano
- 4 - Eastside Finch Connection**, Gresham, Oregon
115 entries
11/08/03; Judge: Cecil Gunby
Best Bird: Pearl-headed Amadine by K.J. Brown
- 5 - Central Alabama Avicultural Society-Day 2**, Montgomery, Alabama
113 entries
8/31/03; Judge: Sally Huntington
Best Bird: Saffron by Kathleen Clark
- 6 - Texas Bird Breeders**, Temple, Texas
100 entries
11/01/03; Judge: Paul Williams
Best Bird: Shafttail by Clarence Culwell

7 - Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club, Tinley Park, Illinois

78 entries

10/05/03; Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau

Best Bird: Lavender Waxbill by Paul & Janelle Beilke

8 (tie) - Illini Bird Fanciers, Springfield, Illinois

75 entries

6/07/03; Judge: Dennis Lewis

Best Bird: Blue-bellied Roller by Mark Phelps

New York Finch & Type Canary Club, Brooklyn, New York

75 entries

10/18/03; Judge: Marion (Miki) Sparzak

Best Bird: Greenfinch by Roland Stoute

9 (tie) - Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society, Windsor, Ontario, Canada

70 entries

10/18/03; Judge: Clarence Culwell

Best Bird: Dilute Gouldian by Mike & Lynne West

Fort Worth Bird Club, Grapevine, Texas

70 entries

9/27/03; Judge: Charles Anchor

Best Bird: Self Chocolate Society by Clarence Culwell

10 - Georgia Cage Bird Society-Day 1, Marietta, Georgia

88 entries

11/01/03; Judge: Jerri Wiesenfeld

Best Bird: Red-headed Gouldian by Chris Eichner

Congratulations to **all** the exhibitors and sponsoring club members who again made this show season possible and so special! We are happy to report that once again, there were no complaints made against any member of the Judges Panel.

A reminder to Judges, Show Secretaries, and exhibitors to fill in all your show forms legibly, accurately, and completely. Complete bird descriptive information and comments from each judge fill in the picture of our shows provided from the NFSS show report forms for you, our membership.

If you find an error in the show results or point totals, please send a written note to Martha Wigmore this spring.

And a **BIG** thank you to every breeder who made these wonderful birds available to us!

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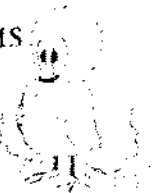
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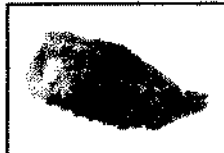
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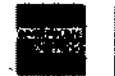
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National Finch and Softbill Society 2003 Show Results

Submitted by Martha Wigmore
NFSS Judges Panel Director & Points Director

2/16/03 - Florida State Fair - A.M. - Tampa, FL

Judge: Jerri Wiesenfeld **Exhibitors:** 6 **Entries:** 38

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Armando Lee	Euro Blk/Brn Society Finch		4
2	Walter Brittain	Green Singing Finch		3
3	Armando Lee	Pintailed Nonpareil		2
4	Pat & Jerry Miller	Melba Finch		1
5	Carrie Efstathion	Orange Ringneck Dove		0
6	Dale & Eileen Laird	Crimson Pileated		0
7	Dale & Eileen Laird	Zosterop		0
8	Walter Brittain	Crimson Pileated		0
9	Pat & Jerry Miller	Silver Gouldian		0
10	Walter Brittain	Shafttail		0

2/16/03 - Florida State Fair - P.M. - Tampa, FL

Judge: Clarence Culwell **Exhibitors:** 7 **Entries:** 43

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Armando Lee	Blk/Grey Society Finch		5
2	Jerri Wiesenfeld	Pied Java Rice Bird		4
3	Walter Brittain	Gold Breasted Bunting		3
4	Walter Brittain	Shafttail		2
5	Dale & Eileen Laird	Crimson Pileated		1
6	Jerri Wiesenfeld	White Java Rice Bird		0
7	Dale & Eileen Laird	Melba Finch		0
8	Dale & Eileen Laird	Silver Zebra Finch		0
9	Armando Lee	Blk/Grey Society Finch		0
10	Dale & Eileen Laird	Zosterop		0

5/17/03 - South Mississippi Cage Bird Society - Biloxi, MS

Judge: Cecil Gunby **Exhibitors:** 6 **Entries:** 60

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Armando Lee	Crimson Pileated		7
2	Armando Lee	Red-headed Normal Gouldian		6
3	Lisa Murphy	Owl Finch		5
4	Armando Lee	Blk/Brn Society Finch		4
5	Ginny Allen	Self Choc Society Finch		3
6	Mary Perez	Spice Finch		2
7	Armando Lee	RH White Breasted Gouldian		1
8	Billy Cochran	Normal Zebra Finch		0
9	Candice Kulesza	Tangerine Silky Dove		0
10	Ginny Allen	Orange-cheeked Waxbill		0
Unflighted	Armando Lee	Normal Zebra Finch		-
Novice	Mary Perez	Spice Finch		-

6/7/03 - Illini Bird Fanciers - Springfield, IL

Judge: Dennis Lewis **Exhibitors:** 6 **Entries:** 75

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Mark Phelps	Blue-bellied Roller		7
2	Betty Brandt	Blue Wht Back Gould	B-422-02	6
3	Dennis Burhans	Normal Shafttail		5
4	Dennis Burhans	Dilute Society Finch		4
5	Patte Montgomery	African Black Cheeked Waxbill		3
6	Dennis Burhans	Owl Finch		2
7	Darla Dandre	Glossy Starling Pair		1
8	Dennis Burhans	Pearl-headed Amadine		0
9	Dennis Burhans	Star Finch		0
10	Dennis Burhans	Pearl-headed Amadine		0
Unflighted	Candice Kulesza	Peach Ringneck Dove	ADA-3574-03	-
Novice	Candice Kulesza	Tangerine Silky Ringneck	ADA-409-95	-

Judge's Comments: Today the Roller couldn't be beat. This was a fine show with condition to be commended. Stewards & Secretary were to be commended. Such a finch selection of finches & softbills. This show everyone should attend!

6/28/03 - Wisconsin Cage Bird Club - Oshkosh, WI

Judge: Marion (Miki) Spartzak **Exhibitors:** 6 **Entries:** 40

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Darla Dandre	Glossy Starling Pair		5
2	Paul & Janelle Beilke	Self Choc Society Finch	FCC-E-532-02	4
3	Paul & Janelle Beilke	Swee Waxbill		3
4	Paul & Janelle Beilke	Scaly-crowned Weaver		2
5	Paul & Janelle Beilke	Bronze-winged Mannikin		1
6	Mark Phelps	Blue-bellied Roller		0
7	Sam Warrunck	Black Cheeked Zebra Finch		0
8	Sam Warrunck	Self Choc Society Finch		0
9	Darla Dandre	Pekin Robin		0
10	Paul & Janelle Beilke	Fawn Shafttail		0
Unflighted	Sam Warrunck	Self Choc Society Finch		-
Novice	Sam Warrunck	Black Cheeked Zebra Finch		-

Judge's Comments: This was a very good showing for a first finch & softbill show. The 1st place pair was flawless! Each one could have been B.I.S. We enjoyed several hours of finch family fun & education.

8/2/03 - Suncoast Avian Society - St. Petersburg, FL

Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau **Exhibitors:** 7 **Entries:** 51

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Bonnie Lewis	Emerald Starling		6
2	Alfred Vivar	Parsons Finch		5
3	Alfred Vivar	Normal Zebra Finch		4
4	Walter Brittain	Gold Breasted Bunting		3
5	Dale & Eileen Laird	Melba Finch		2
6	Ron Castaner	CFW Zebra Finch		1
7	Walter Brittain	Normal Shafttail		0
8	Alfred Vivar	Normal Zebra Finch		0
9	Bonnie Lewis	Emerald Starling		0
10	Dale & Eileen Laird	Paradise Whydah		0

Judge's Comments: Quality in the show was better than I have seen in a long time. Overall condition was great. Wonderful group of high quality Zebras. The softbills "were magnificent, particularly the Emerald Starling. An excellent Melba - seldom seen" anymore.

8/30/03 - Central Alabama Avicultural Society, Day 1
Montgomery, AL

Judge: Armando Lee	Exhibitors: 21	Entries: 133		
Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Harold & Margie McBrayer	Superb Starling		10
2	Cecil Gunby	Peale's Parrot Finch		9
3	Harold & Margie McBrayer	Paradise Whydah		8
4	Harold & Margie McBrayer	Violet-eared Waxbill		7
5	Cecil Gunby	Pope Cardinal		6
6	Grant Jones	RH Normal Gouldian		n/m
7	Jenny Kepano	BH Normal Gouldian		4
8	Ginny Allen	Red-headed Parrot Finch		3
9	Lisa Murphy	Swee Waxbill		2
10	Billy Cochran	Normal Zebra hen		n/m
Unflighted	Candice Kulesza	Wild Type Dove		-
Novice	Grant Jones	RH Normal Gouldian		-

8/31/03 - Central Alabama Avicultural Society, Day 2
Montgomery, AL

Judge: Sally Huntington	Exhibitors: 16	Entries: 113		
Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Kathleen Clark	Saffron		9
2	Kathleen Clark	Shafttail	?-4037-03	8
3	Armando Lee	RH Normal Gouldian		7
4	Lisa Murphy	Swee Waxbill		6
5	Billy Cochran	Blk/Gray Society Finch		n/m
6	Ginny Allen	Orange-cheeked Waxbill		4
7	Armando Lee	Crimson Pileated		3
8	Candice Kulesza	Tangerine Silky Dove	ADA- 95409-03	2
9	Kathleen Clark	Button Quail - Rusty Nail		1
10	Billy Cochran	Normal Zebra Finch		0
Unflighted	Kathleen Clark	Shafttail	?-4037-03	-
Novice	Candice Kulesza	Tangerine Silky Dove	ADA- 95409-03	-

Judge's Comments: This show had 22 doves, 18 RH Normal Goulds, all in great condition! 46 Gouldians total. The club is very friendly & welcoming to new members & old friends!

9/27/03 - Mid-America Cage Bird Society - Des Moines, IA

Judge: Paul Williams	Exhibitors: 5	Entries: 21		
Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Pts
1	Darla Dandre	Touraco		3
2	Mark Whiteaker	RH Dilute Gouldian		2
3	Robert Wild	Chaffinch		1
4	Mark Whiteaker	Blue Bodied Gouldian		0
5	Darla Dandre	Yellow Bunting		0
6	Jeanne Murphy	Normal Java Rice Bird		0
7	Darla Dandre	Red-eared Waxbill		0
8	Darla Dandre	Pekin Robin		0
9	Robert Wild	Silver Zebra Finch		0
10	Darla Dandre	Bronze-winged Mannikins		0
Novice	Sue Ann Hartfield	RH White Breasted Gouldian		-

9/27/03 - Ft. Worth Bird Club - Grapevine, TX

Judge: Charles Anchor	Exhibitors: 6	Entries: 70		
Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Pts
1	Clarence Culwell	Self Choc Society Finch		7
2	Clarence Culwell	Pied Zebra Finch	D-447-00	6
3	Donna Mallory	Forbes Parrot Finch		5
4	Clarence Culwell	Red-headed Finch		4
5	Clarence Culwell	RH Normal Gouldian		3
6	Clarence Culwell	Normal Zebra Finch	?-165-03	2
7	Clarence Culwell	RH Normal Gouldian		1
8	Donna Mallory	Java Rice Bird		0
9	Clarence Culwell	Self Choc Society Finch		0
10	Clarence Culwell	Spice Finch Pair		0
Unflighted	Clarence Culwell	Normal Zebra Finch	?-165-03	-
Novice	Alicia Baker	Gouldian Pair		-

Judge's Comments: Overall the birds were in fine condition. Some birds needed more cage time, sat on bottom or bounced all over."

NFSS Annual National Show**10/4/03 - Great American Bird Show - Tinley Park, IL**

Judge: Patrick Vance **Exhibitors:** 20 **Entries:** 119

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Michael Marcotrigiano	Choc & White Society Finch		9
2	Dennis Burhans	Fawn Shafttail		8
3	Sally Huntington	Chestnut-brsted Mannikin	?-1729-03	7
4	Bonnie Lewis	Emerald Starling		6
5	Paul Beilke	Pearl-headed Amadine		5
6	Sally Huntington	O.B. White Zebra Finch	?-1791-03	4
7	Paul Beilke	Swee Waxbill		3
8	Oarla Dandre	Yellowhammer Bunting		2
9	Oarla Dandre	Persa Touraco		1
10	Dennis Burhans	Fawn Society Finch		0
Unflighted	Sally Huntington	Chestnut-brsted Mannikin	?-1729-03	-
Novice	Penny Siefkes	O.H. Gouldian		-

Judge's Comments: A wonderful variety of finches. I'm especially impressed with 28 African finches & over 30 Zebra Finches. A great show!!

10/4/03 - Middle Tennessee Cage Bird Club - Nashville, TN

Judge: Annette Howard **Exhibitors:** 7 **Entries:** 63

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Pts
1	Lisa Murphy	Swee Waxbill		7
2	Lisa Murphy	O.H. W.B. Yellow Bodied Gouldian		6
3	Lisa Murphy	Honeycreeper		5
4	Lisa Murphy	Owl Finch Pair	C-429-00	4
5	Sondra Ott	White Breasted Gouldian		3
6	Candice Kulesza	Oark Frosty Ringnk Dove	ADA-3604-03	2
7	Billy Cochran	Bik/Bm Society Finch		n/m
8	Lisa Murphy	Orange-cheeked Waxbill		0
9	Billy Cochran	Superb Starling		0
10	Billy Cochran	Bik/Brn Society Finch		0

10/5/03 - Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club - Tinley Park, IL

Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau **Exhibitors:** 14 **Entries:** 78

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Pts
1	Paul & Janelle Beilke	Lavendar Waxbill		7
2	Sally Huntington	O.B. White Zebra Finch	D-1797-03	6
3	Patrick Vance	Cuban Melodius		5
4	Bonnie Lewis	Emerald Starling		4
5	Patrick Vance	Melba Finch		3
6	Sally Huntington	Silver Cheeked Wht Zebra	D-1763-03	2
7	Michael Marcotrigiano	Self Chestnut Society Finch		1
8	Paul & Janelle Beilke	Swee Waxbill		0
9	Darla Dandre	Persa Touraco		0
10	Bonnie Lewis	Barbet Pair		0
Unflighted	Sally Huntington	O.B. White Zebra Finch	D-1797-03	-
Novice	Penny Siefkes	Red-eared Waxbill		-

Judge's Comments: A very nice Red Throated Parrot Finch was properly entered in AOV - we need this classified. A meticulous Lavendar showed very well. The Zebras were outstanding, as was the Cuban Melodius. The few softbills were very good.

10/11/03 - Exotic Bird Club of Florida - Palm Bay, FL

Judge: Dale Laird **Exhibitors:** 5 **Entries:** 35

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Jerri Wiesenfeld	Self Choc Society Finch		4
2	Ron Castaner	Black Cheeked Waxbill		3
3	Jerri Wiesenfeld	Melba Finch		2
4	Felipe Bonilla	Green Singing Finch		1
5	Terry Casella	Dove	V-75-6	0
6	Alfred Vivar	Parsons Finch	C-1703-01	0
7	Alfred Vivar	Lightback Zebra Finch	D-9207-01	0
8	Ron Castaner	Normal Shafttail		0
9	Felipe Bonilla	Fawn Zebra Finch		0
10	Felipe Bonilla	Green Singing Finch		0

10/11/03 - WINGS - Day 1 - Oshkosh, WI

Judge: Conrad Meinert	Exhibitors: 3	Entries: 23		
Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Paul Beilke	Pearl-headed Amadine		3
2	Darla Dandre	Pekin Robin		2
3	Darla Dandre	Yellowhammer Bunting		1
4	Penny Siefkes	O.H. Gouldian	D-6591-03	0
5	Paul Beilke	Pearl-headed Amadine		0
6	Paul Beilke	Black-hooded Nun		0
7	Darla Dandre	Choc Crested Society		0
8	Paul Beilke	Fawn Breasted Waxbill		0
9	Darla Dandre	Red-eared Waxbill		0
10	Darla Dandre	Persa Touraco		0
Unflighted	Penny Siefkes	O.H. Gouldian	D-6591-03	-
Novice	Penny Siefkes	O.H. Gouldian	D-6591-03	-

Judge's Comments: Birds were in good condition over all. Would have liked to had more entries.

10/12/03 - WINGS - Day 2 - Oshkosh, WI

Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau	Exhibitors: 3	Entries: 24		
Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Paul Beilke	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu		3
2	Paul Beilke	Lavender Waxbill		2
3	Darla Dandre	Persa Touraco		1
4	Darla Dandre	Pekin Robin		0
5	Paul Beilke	Orange-cheeked Waxbill		0
6	Paul Beilke	Pearl-headed Amadine		0
7	Paul Beilke	Black-hooded Nun		0
8	Darla Dandre	Yellowhammer Bunting		0
9	Paul Beilke	Fire Finch		0
10	Darla Dandre	Red-eared Waxbill		0
Unflighted	Penny Siefkes	R.H. Gouldian	D-11775-03	-
Novice	Penny Siefkes	Bearded Reedling		-

Judge's Comments: A very strong group of African finches were exhibited in this show. The few softbills were of good quality exhibiting good conformation and condition. It is rare that we see good Yellowhammers; this was a good one.

**10/18/03 - Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society
Windsor, Ontario, Canada**

Judge: Clarence Culwell **Exhibitors:** 13 **Entries:** 70

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Mike & Lynne West	Dilute Gouldian		n/m
2	Mike & Lynne West	R.H. White Breasted Gouldian		n/m
3	Mike & Lynne West	Blue Gouldian		n/m
4	Alfred Mion	Cordon Bleu		4
5	Jake Hoekstra	Fawn Zebra Finch hen		n/m
6	Nan Skinner	Pied Red-headed Parrot Finch		n/m
7	Ricardo Gaskin	Normal Shafttail		n/m
8	Pete Vanerp	Star Finch		0
9	Sylveste Aviaris	Bicheno		0
10	Ricardo Gaskin	Normal Java Rice Bird		0
Unfought	Mike & Lynne West	Dilute Gouldian		-
Novice	Jayson Brierley	Penguin Zebra		-

10/18/03 - Gulf South Bird Club - Houma, LA

Judge: Conrad Meinert **Exhibitors:** 6 **Entries:** 17

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Todd & Mary Perez	R.H. Gouldian		0
2	Todd & Mary Perez	Black-hooded Nun		0
3	Todd & Mary Perez	Red-faced Star Finch		0
4	Jeanne & Bob Davis	Fawn Zebra Finch		0
5	Todd & Mary Perez	Orange Bishop Weaver		0
6	Todd & Mary Perez	Button Quail		0
7	Todd & Mary Perez	Zebra Finch A.O.V.		0
8	Todd & Mary Perez	Fawn & White Society		0
9	Todd & Mary Perez	Owl Finch		0
10	Mark Perez	Spice Finch		0
Novice	Todd & Mary Perez	R.H. Gouldian		-

Judge's Comments: They hadn't had a Finch Division for quite some time. Birds weren't in very good condition. Weather much too hot for the birds.

10/18/03 - Baltimore Bird Fanciers - Baltimore, MD

Judge: Dennis Lewis **Exhibitors:** 10 **Entries:** 23

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Paul L. Rehm Jr.	Yellow Bodied Gouldian		n/m
2	Robert Mehl	Red-headed Parrot Finch		2
3	Miki Sparzak	CFW Zebra Finch		1
4	Robert Mehl	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu		0
5	Paul L. Rehm Jr.	B.H. Gouldian		0
6	Robert Fairchild	Cream Zebra Finch		0
7	Kate Secor	Green Singing Finch		0
8	Lydia Gourlay	Blue Bodied Gouldian		0
9	Robert Fairchild	O.B. Zebra Finch		0
10	Robert Fairchild	Normal Zebraa Finch		0
Unflighted Robert Mehl		Blue-capped Cordon Bleu		-
Novice Mark A. Vosburg		Fawn & White Society Finch		-

Judge's Comments: The Gouldian in 1st was so steady, not afraid to show both sides, marking & color = standard. The Parrot Finch also a tight feathered, sleek bird. The CFW Zebra was a surprise shown by one of our illustrious judges who wasn't in the gallery. Quality of feather was to commended. BBF always hosts a wonderful show. Dinner is worth driving for, nice bird fair also. Thanks for all the help.

10/18/03 - Society of Canary & Finch Breeders - Livonia, MI

Judge: Armando Lee **Exhibitors:** 7 **Entries:** 57

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Darla Dandre	Persa Touraco		6
2	Patrick Vance	Cuban Melodius		5
3	Robert Wild	Chaffinch		4
4	Patrick Vance	Pearl-headed Amadine	C-637-02	3
5	Darla Dandre	Yellowhammer Bunting		2
6	Charlie Anchor	Pied Zebra Finch		1
7	Jim Heffernan	Tangerine Dove		0
8	Robert Wild	Greenfinch	E-1782-01	0
9	Patrick Vance	African Fire Finch	A-219-03	0
10	Patrick Vance	Choc/White Society Finch	E-105-03	0
Unflighted Patrick Vance		African Fire Finch		-

10/18/03 - Great Lakes Avicultural Society - Rockford, MI

Judge: Annette Howard **Exhibitors:** 4 **Entries:** 6

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Angie Person	Mutation Ringneck Dove		0
2	Diane K. Schuler	Dark Frosty Ringneck Dove		0
3	Jan Bishop	Star Finch Pair		0
4	Laura Dafford	Pied Zebra Finch		0
5	Angie Person	Mutation Ringneck Dove		0
6	Diane K. Schuler	Frosty Ice Silky Dove		0

Judge's Comments: Good representation of quality doves. Small show due to the fact Regional held same day, same area. I would like to thank GLAS for inviting me to judge and for all of the wonderful hospitality.

10/18/03 - New York Finch & Type Canary - Brooklyn, NY

Judge: Marion (Miki) Sparzak **Exhibitors:** 23 **Entries:** 75

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Roland Stoute	Greenfinch		n/m
2	Gary Spence	Pintailed Nonpareil		n/m
3	Nizam Ali	Pearl-headed Amadine	FCC-1188-025	
4	Suren	Saffron		n/m
5	Roland Stoute	Green Singing Finch		n/m
6	Hiram Rampersand	Gouldian Pair		n/m
7	Dan & Angela Gray	Bronze-winged Mannikin Pair		n/m
8	Roland Stoute	European Goldfinch		0
9	Michael Marcotrigiano	Society Finch		0
10	Julio Lorenzo	Gouldian		0

Unflighted Roland Stoute European Goldfinch -

Judge's Comments: Very exciting group of birds. Quality was wonderful. Very large Gould Section - was fun to work through such a group with an apprentice. It was a good learning experience for her. Glad to see finches coming back.

10/25/03 - Central California Cage Bird Club - Modesto, CA

Judge: Julie Duimstra **Exhibitors:** 6 **Entries:** 50

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Clara Gontero	Gold-breasted Waxbill	A-1472-00	6
2	Clara Gontero	Orange-cheeked Waxbill	B-265-99	5
3	Clara Gontero	Turquoise Tanager	G-254-03	4
4	Richard Pizzurro	Five-colored Nun		3
5	Alvin Lea	Rufous Necked Weaver		2
6	Clara Gontero	Red-faced Star Finch	RB-293-00	1
7	Clara Gontero	Orange-faced Star Finch		0
8	Clara Gontero	Gold-breasted Waxbill Pr	A-178-99	0
			A-180-99	0
9	Richard Pizzurro	Self Choc Society Finch	E-1004-00	0
10	Richard Pizzurro	CFW Zebra Finch hen	RB-503-01	0

Unflighted Clara Gontero Turquoise Tanager G-254-03 -

Judge's Comments: The quality of birds entered in this show was very good. 50 entries celebrated the 50th anniversary of the CCCBC's annual bird show! May they enjoy another 50 years. No Junior Exhibitors this year. The Five-coloured Nun was *Lonchura quincolor, wallacii* subspecies.

10/25/03 - Motor City Bird Breeders - Warren, MI

Judge: Annette Howard **Exhibitors:** 3 **Entries:** 21

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Patrick Vance	Pearl-headed Amadine	C-637-02	3
2	Patrick Vance	Cuban Melodius		2
3	Patrick Vance	Blue Billed Fire Finch	B-216-03	1
4	Patrick Vance	Blue Bodied Gouldian	D-5738-03	0
5	Patrick Vance	Shafttail	C-453-03	0
6	Patrick Vance	Melba Finch	D-3714-02	0
7	Patrick Vance	Senegal Fire Finch	A-219-03	0
8	Patrick Vanca	Crimson Breasted Finch		0
9	Tammie Hurley	O.H. White Brst Gouldian	D-5163-02	0
10	Patrick Vance	Fawn/White Society Finch	E-1051-03	0

Unflighted Patrick Vance Blue Billed Fire Finch B-216-03 -

Novice Tammie Hurley O.H. White Brst Gouldian D-5163-02 -

Judge's Comments: Great finches! The African Section was especially well received. The Pearl-headed Amadine was stunning! I would like to thank MCBB for giving me the opportunity to judge such a spectacular group of birds.

10/25/03 - Greater Kansas City Avicultural Society
Kansas City, MO

Judge: Cecil Gunby	Exhibitors: 5	Entries: 24		
Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Mark Whiteaker	Green Singing Finch		3
2	Dennis Burhans	Aurora Finch		2
3	Dennis Burhans	Shafttail		1
4	Dennis Burhans	Fawn Zebra Finch		0
5	Dennis Burhans	Cream Zebra Finch Pair		0
6	Rachel Kuhns	Self Choc Society Finch		0
7	Mark Whiteaker	Blue Gouldian	?-8690-03	0
8	Rachel Kuhns	Chestnut Society Finch		0
9	Dennis Burhans	Orange Bishop Weaver		0
10	Dennis Burhans	Self Choc Society Finch		0
Unflighted	Mark Whiteaker	Blue Gouldian	?-8690-03	-
Novice	Rachel Kuhns	Chestnut Society Finch		-

10/25/03 - Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society
Manchester, NH

Judge: Dennis Lewis	Exhibitors: 10	Entries: 32		
Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Sharon Curran	R.H. Gouldian		n/m
2	Michael Marcotrigiano	Chestnut Society Finch		3
3	Fernando LaSpanta	Lightback Zebra Finch		2
4	Dan & Angela Gray	Bronze-winged Mannikin Pair		n/m
5	Miki Spartzak	O.H. Gouldian		0
6	Fernando LaSpanta	Normal Shafttail		0
7	Fernando LaSpanta	Fawn Shafttail		0
8	Laura Tinker	R.H. Gouldian		0
9	Michael Marcotrigiano	Self Fawn Society		0
10	Katy Secor	Green Singing Finch		0
Unflighted	Fernando LaSpanta	Lightback Zebra Finch		-
Novice	Sharon Curran	R.H. Gouldian		-

Judge's Comments: The paired Bronze-winged Mannikins was the nicest pair I have judged in years. The R.H. Gouldian was steady all day, conformation & tail were there. The Chestnut Society was an outstanding bird. Shafttails were nicely bibbed, tails & conforming to standard. BOAF put on a wonderful show. Thanks to all for sec. & stewarding.

10/25/03 - Southeast Tennessee Avicultural Society**Niota, TN**

Judge: Clarence Culwell

Exhibitors: 10

Entries: 57

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Billy Cochran	Zebra Finch		n/m
2	Terri Bartow	Honeycreeper		5
3	Lisa Murphy	Swee Waxbill		4
4	Rich Eichner	R.H. Gouldian	E-2222-01	n/m
5	Billy Cochran	Superb Starling		n/m
6	Rich Eichner	R.H. Gouldian		n/m
7	Lisa Murphy	Orange-cheeked Waxbill		0
8	Terri Bartow	Sea Green Red-headed Parrot Finch		0
9	Terri Bartow	Bronze-winged Mannikin		0
10	Lisa Murphy	Self Choc. Society Finch		0
Unflighted	Terri Bartow	Sea Green Red-headed Parrot Finch		-
Novice	Terri Bartow	Honeycreeper		-

10/25/03 - Badger Canary & Finch Club - Oshkosh, WI

Judge: Charles Anchor

Exhibitors: 10

Entries: 50

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Paul Beilke	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu		6
2	Carolyn Belisle	Normal Java Rice Bird		5
3	Sam Wavrunek	Normal Zebra Finch	D-58-99	n/m
4	Darla Dandre	Persa Touraco		3
5	Paul Beilke	Self Choc Society Finch		2
6	Marlene Minor	Green Singing Finch		1
7	Darla Dandre	Pekin Robin		0
8	Sue Feldstein	Normal Shafttail	BCF-08-02	0
9	Paul Beilke	Black-hooded Nun		0
10	Evon Van Ornam	European Siskin		0
Unflighted	Marlene Minor	Green Singing Finch	D-104-03	-
Novice	Sam Wavrunek	Normal Zebra Finch	D-58-99	-

Judge's Comments: Over all birds were in fairly good shape. Some were looking tired. Maybe they had been shown too often without a rest.

11/01/03 - Rocky Mountain Society of Aviculture - Day 1 **Denver, CO**

Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau **Exhibitors:** 7 **Entries:** 36

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Aspen Leaf	Violet-eared Waxbill		n/m
2	Anna Sinclair	CFW Zebra Finch	?-9022-03	3
3	Terry Bender	White Breasted Gouldian		n/m
4	Chris Taggart	Collared Aracaris		n/m
5	Anna Sinclair	Lightback Zebra Finch	?-2122-03	0
6	Anna Sinclair	Plumhead Finch	?-1883-03	0
7	Anna Sinclair	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	?-521-03	0
8	Terry Bender	O.H. Yellow Gouldian		0
9	Anna Sinclair	Lightback Zebra Finch	?-2120-03	0
10	Aspen Leaf	Forbes Parrot Finch	B-33-00	0
	Unfought Anna Sinclair	CFW Zebra Finch	?-9022-03	-

Judge's Comments: A close to flawless Violet-eared won over a nice quality group. Gouldians were very good with much good conformation. A nice Collared Aracari was pleasant to see. All 3 Zebras were of good quality.

11/01/03 - Georgia Cage Bird Society - Day 1 - Marietta, GA

Judge: Jerri Wiesenfeld **Exhibitors:** 11 **Entries:** 68

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Chris Eichner	R.H. Gouldian		7
2	Chris Eichner	B.H. Gouldian		6
3	Jerry & Pat Miller	Melba Finch		5
4	Cecil Gunby	Bali Mynah		4
5	Chris Eichner	Fawn/White Society Finch		3
6	Billy Cochran	Blk/Grey Society Finch		n/m
7	Billy Cochran	Normal Zebra Finch		n/m
8	Cecil Gunby	Rufous-backed Mannikin		0
9	Dale & Eileen Laird	Parsons Finch		0
10	Lisa Murphy	Choc Society Finch Pair		0
	Unfought Chris Eichner	B.H. Gouldian		-
	Novice Jennifer Kepano	B.H. Gouldian		-

Judge's Comments: Great group of birds. There were 23 Gouldians! This made things quite challenging and exciting. The gallery was a lot of fun and all seemed to really enjoy the day!

11/01/03 - Greater Pittsburgh Cage Bird Society
Pittsburgh, PA

Judge: Marion (Miki) Sparzak **Exhibitors:** 10 **Entries:** 55

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Madison Hoenes	Owl Finch		6
2	Michael Scott	Yellow Canary		n/m
3	Ray Slemok	CFW Zebra Finch		4
4	Lynda Snyder	O.H. Gouldian		3
5	Mark Vosberg	White Society Finch		n/m
6	Shawn & Jim Felix	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu		1
7	Saren Curren	White-hooded Nun		0
8	Margie Jonnet	Ringneck Dove		0
9	Margie Jonnet	Normal Zebra Finch		0
10	Lynda Snyder	Shafttail		0
	Unflighted Shawn & Jim Felix	Pied Society Finch		-
	Novice Madison Hoenes	Owl Finch		-

Judge's Comments: What a great Junior Exhibitor (Madison Hoenes). Was fun to judge a large group of doves.

11/01/03 - Texas Bird Breeders - Temple, TX

Judge: Paul Williams **Exhibitors:** 11 **Entries:** 100

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Clarence Culwell	Shafttail	?-2270-03	9
2	Clarence Culwell	Society Finch	?-276-03	8
3	Debbie Eaton	White Eye Zosterop		n/m
4	Clarence Culwell	Zebra Finch	?-165-03	6
5	Darrin Hill	Gouldian		5
6	Clint Harris	Red-headed Parrot Finch	D-6335-03	4
7	Clarence Culwell	Zebra Finch	?-3653-99	3
8	Darrin Hill	Diamond Sparrow		2
9	Randy Taylor	Cordon Bleu	C-186-01	1
10	Clarence Culwell	Society Finch	?-2636-00	0
	Unflighted Clarence Culwell	Shafttail	?-2270-03	-

11/02/03 - Rocky Mountain Society of Aviculture - Day 2
Denver, CO

Judge: Conrad Meinert **Exhibitors:** 7 **Entries:** 38

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Aspen Leaf	Violet-eared Waxbill		n/m
2	Anna Sinclair	CFW Zebra Finch	?-9022-03	3
3	Anna Sinclair	Plumhead Finch	?-5830-03	2
4	Debby Steele	Gouldian		1
5	Anna Sinclair	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	?-521-03	0
6	Anna Sinclair	Lightback Zebra Finch	?-2122-03	0
7	Anna Sinclair	Plumhead Finch	?-1883-03	0
8	Terry Bender	O.H. Yellow Gouldian		0
9	Anna Sinclair	Lightback Zebra Finch	?-2122-03	0
10	Chris Taggart	Aracaris		0

Unflighted Anna Sinclair CFW Zebra Finch ?-9022-03 -

Judge's Comments: Could have had more birds entered. Condition wasn't too good overall.

11/02/03 - Georgia Cage Bird Society - Day 2 - Marietta, GA

Judge: Armando Lee **Exhibitors:** 7 **Entries:** 44

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Cecil Gunby	Turquoise Starling		5
2	Kathleen Clark	Pied Zebra Finch		4
3	Lisa Murphy	Orange-cheeked Waxbill		3
4	Jerry & Pat Miller	Melba Finch		2
5	Kathleen Clark	Peter Twinspot		1
6	Cecil Gunby	Bali Mynah		0
7	Dale & Eileen Laird	Crimson Pileated		0
8	Cecil Gunby	Rufous-backed Mannikin		0
9	Cecil Gunby	Pintailed Nonpareil		0
10	Lisa Murphy	Yellow Bodied Gouldian		0

Unflighted Kathleen Clark Shafttail -
 Novice Terry Casell White Ringneck Dove -

11/08/03 - Missouri Cage Bird Club - Eureka, MO

Judge: Marion (Miki) Sparzak **Exhibitors:** ? **Entries:** 58

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Darla Dandre	Persa Touraco		6
2	Dennis Burhans	Shafttail		5
3	Dennis Burhans	Dilute Society Finch		4
4	Dennis Burhans	Self Blk/Brn Society Finch		3
5	Robert Wild	Chaffinch		2
6	Dennis Burhans	Cream Zebra Finch Pair		1
7	Dennis Burhans	Dilute Gouldian		0
8	Dennis Burhans	Normal Zebra Finch		0
9	Darla Dandre	Yellowhammer Bunting		0
10	Dennis Burhans	Self Blk/Brn Society Finch		0
Unfought	Dennis Burhans	Choc/White Society Finch		-
Novice	Pat Schoites	Chestnut Society Finch		-

Judge's Comments: What can I say! It was the "Dennis Burhans" show. Would like to see NFSS bands on these birds.

11/08/03 - Eastside Finch Connection - Gresham, OR

Judge: Cecil Gunby **Exhibitors:** 16 **Entriss:** 115

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	K.J. Brown	Pearl-headed Amadine	?-1219-03	9
2	K.J. Brown	Owl Finch		8
3	K.J. Brown	Green Singing Finch		7
4	Bert Spear	Shafttail	?-4373-03	6
5	Julie R. Duimstra	Recessive Cream Zebra Finch		5
6	Bill & Mary Smith	Yellow Bodied Gouldian		4
7	K.J. Brown	Indian Silverbill		3
8	Faye Silverstein	Blue-Grey Tanager		n/m
9	Richard Pizzurro	B.C. Blk-faced Zebra Finch		1
10	K.J. Brown	Masked Grassfinch	?-1149-03	0
Unfought	K.J. Brown	Pearl-headed Amadine	?-1219-03	-
Novice	Bert Spear	Shafttail	?-4373-03	-

Judge's Comments: Nice numbers & very excellent quality. Wonderful judging assignment anyone would enjoy.

11/22/03 - Asociacion Criadores Finches - Caguas, PR

Judge: Armando Lee **Exhibitors:** 11 **Entries:** 170

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Ramon Colon	Self Chocolate Society		12
2	Ernesto Polidura	Fawn hen		n/m
3	Roberto & Yira Rosa	Gray cock		n/m
4	Roberto & Yira Rosa	CFW Zebra Finch		n/m
5	Javier Hernandez	O.H. White Brstd Gouldian	D-10157-02	8
6	Javier Hernandez	Yellow Bodied Gouldian		7
7	Prisila Colon	Cream Ino		n/m
8	Prisila Colon	Black Brown		n/m
9	Hiram Morales	Yellow Bodied Gouldian		n/m
10	Javier Hernandez	O.H. Gouldian		3
	Unflighted Ramon Colon	Self Chocolate Society		-

**11/23/03 - Society of Aviculture Puertoriquenea
Caguas, PR**

Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau **Exhibitors:** 5 **Entries:** 58

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1	Ernesto Polidura	Fawn Zebra Finch		n/m
2	Hiram Morales	Normal Zebra Finch	D-3692-03	n/m
3	Javier Hernandez	R.H. Gouldian	D-10157-03	4
4	Hiram Morales	Yellow Gouldian	D-2599-03	n/m
5	Ernesto Polidura	Normal Zebra Finch		n/m
6	Roberto & Yira Rosa	CFW Zebra Finch		n/m
7	Javier Hernandez	Choc Society Finch		0
8	Javier Hernandez	Euro Society		0
9	Javier Hernandez	R.H. Gouldian		0
10	Javier Hernandez	O.H. Blue Gouldian		0
	Unflighted Hiram Morales	Normal Zebra Finch		-

Judge's Comments: A very strong showing of Zebras at this show with many good Gouldians as well. There were also some quality Societies at this show. Africans were weak.

11/29/03 - National Institute of Red-Orange Canaries
Arlington Heights, IL

Judge: Laura Bewley	Exhibitors: 12	Entries: 43		
<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Darla Dandre	Persa Touraco		5
2	Charlie Anchor	Pied Zebra Finch		4
3	Paul & Janelle Beilke	Lavender Waxbill		3
4	Jeanne Murphy	Shafttail mutation		n/m
5	Paul & Janelle Beilke	Pearl-headed Amadine		1
6	Patte Montgomery	R.H. White Breasted Gouldian		0
7	Paul & Janelle Beilke	Self Choc Society Finch		0
8	Laura & Tim Deitz	Saffron Finch		0
9	Steve Hopman	Pied Red-hd Parrot Finch	C-846-03	0
10	Jeanne Murphy	Normal Java Rice Bird		0
Unflighted	Charlie Anchor	Pied Zebra Finch		-
Novice	Amy Bergman	Ringneck Dove		-

11/29/03 - Cascade Canary Breeders Association
Seattle, WA

Judge: Brian Mandarich	Exhibitors: 10	Entries: 53		
<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Gloria Reeder	Normal Java Rice Bird		6
2	Carol Johnson	Diamond Sparrow		5
3	Gloria Reeder	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu		4
4	Douglas White	Zebra Finch	D-9091-03	3
5	P.M. Silverstein	Dove		n/m
6	Gloria Reeder	Bunting		1
7	K.J. & Linda Brown	Cuban Melodius	?-941-03	0
8	K.J. & Linda Brown	European Goldfinch		0
9	Shirley Perkins	Gouldian		0
10	Carol Johnson	Gouldian		0

**12/06/03 - Santa Clara Valley Canary & Exotic Bird Club
Mountain View, CA**

Judge: Brian Mandarich	Exhibitors: 5	Entries: 54		
<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Clara Gontero	Gold-breasted Waxbill	A-472-00	6
2	Clara Gontero	Turquoise Tanager	G-211-02	5
3	Clara Gontero	Turquoise Tanager	G-254-03	4
4	Roy Beckham	Tri-colored Nun	ROY-2035-033	
5	Clara Gontero	Black-cheeked Waxbill		2
6	Roy Beckham	Red-headed Finch	RB-31-02	1
7	Clara Gontero	Golden Song Sparrow		0
8	Clara Gontero	Gold-breasted Waxbill	A-480-00	0
9	Roy Beckham	Madagascar Mannakin	ROY-2093-030	
10	Steve Fairman	Fawn Cheeked Zebra Finch		0

12/13/03 - Cajun Canary & Finch Club - Metairie, LA

Judge: Armando Lee	Exhibitors: 6	Entries: 63		
<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Clarence Culwell	Parsons Finch		7
2	Clarence Culwell	Fawn Shafttail		6
3	Clarence Culwell	CFW Zebra Finch		5
4	Clarence Culwell	R.H. Gouldian		4
5	Clarence Culwell	Self Choc Society Finch		3
6	Clarence Culwell	Parsons Finch Pair		2
7	Clarence Culwell	Chestnut/White Society Finch		1
8	Clarence Culwell	Self Choc Society Finch		0
9	Clarence Culwell	Normal Zebra Finch		0
10	Mary Perez	Pintailed Nonpareil		0
Unflighted	Clarence Culwell	Fawn Shafttail		-
Novice	Mary Perez	Pintailed Nonpareil		-

NFSS 4th Quarter, 2003 Board Meeting Minutes

The 4th Quarter Board Meeting was conducted online beginning October 27th and ending December 9th, 2003. The Board of Directors of the NFSS invited the 2004/05 officers to join the Officers' List during the 4th quarter meeting. The new officers joined the current board members in the discussions, adding their insights, thoughts, etc. to the discussions at hand. From their contributions online, it is obvious that the NFSS is in sound hands for the upcoming year. Discussions during the quarter concerned a multitude of topics, ranging from the NFSS offering family bands, whether they be striped or solid in color, a discussion on items for FinchShop including shirts and pins. The consensus was for FinchShop to purchase pins with the NFSS logo on it as well as shirts, whether polo or t-shirts, also with the NFSS logo. It was announced that Laraine McGinnis donated 4 "Nature's Jewels" posters to the NFSS. Ginny Allen reported that she continues to work on the NFSS by-law revisions, and will continue to do so into 2004. There was much discussion on the 2004 NFSS budget, with strong interest in working with as balanced a budget as possible. Further information will be made available with time. Finally, there was discussion on NFSS sanctioned shows and Regional Shows. The following motions were made and voted upon:

Motion 2003-06 Martie Lauster motioned that "in addition to single year memberships at \$30/individual, \$35/dual, we add offerings as follows:

3 years at \$85/single \$99/dual
5 years at \$140/single \$165/dual
Lifetime at \$1500/single \$1740/dual

The motion was seconded by Ginny Allen.

Motion Passed: 10 YES 1 NO

Motion 2003-07 Motion by Martha Wigmore "shall the NFSS accept the NCBS selection of Armando Lee as judge for the Finch and Softbill Division at NCBS 2004? Seconded by Ron Castaner.

Motion passed: 11 YES

Motion 2003-08 Motion by Martha Wigmore "Shall Laura Tinker be accepted to the NFSS Panel of Judges? Motion sec-

onded by Martie Lauster.

Motion Passed: 10 YES 1 abstained

Motion 2003-09 Motion by Mark Phelps to accept the final draft of the 2004 budget, seconded by Martie Lauster.

Motion passed: 11 YES

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Vance, NFSS Executive Secretary

4th Qtr. 2003 NFSS Officers Reports

Membership Report

The following is the 4th Quarter, 2003, NFSS Membership Report:

Region	Single	Dual	Total
1	147	17	164
2	145	23	168
3	149	19	168
4	70	15	85
5	35	3	38
6	133	18	151
7	9	0	9
8	9	0	9
TOTAL:	697	95	792

These numbers reflect a modest increase of approximately 7%.

Respectfully submitted,

Martie Lauster, NFSS Membership Director

FinchShop Report

Greetings, all. FinchShop sales continue at a steady pace. So far this year, the most popular items have been nestbox kits, CDs, note cards, nets, and Journal back issues. This past quarter videos have also been popular. Region I VP, Chris Fairchild, offered to investigate the cost of putting the Finch Husbandry video on DVD, something he has the equipment to do. More on that later.

The Baltimore Bird Fanciers Show & Mart in October was not a money-maker for us this year, but we broke even on the cost of the space due in large part to some private donations. However, one new member was signed up at the show.

As I review current inventory levels and prepare to do some purchasing for 2004, I will be investigating the cost of having some T-shirts silk-screened with the NFSS logo. Also, stock of gouldian pins is

very low and I need to see if I can find a source for reproducing those at reasonable cost.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Haberkorn, FinchShop Manager

Treasurers Report

Again I start my report with apologies...

My business and personal lives, compounded by this being the middle of show season, has again interfered with my taking care of NFSS affairs in a timely fashion. I apologize to anyone affected by the slow processing of checks (hopefully none by more than a week), but also to the membership as a whole, as the 2004 budget and the 2002 audit are not complete by the assigned time of the 4th quarter board meeting. I assure you that both are in process and will be complete by the beginning of 2004.

Financially, things are as expected, other than the cost of the Census, which was not budgeted for in the 2003 budget.

Not to worry, we had enough money to easily cover this additional expense.

For the Period 1/1/03 - 11/16/03:

Cash in Accounts - \$20,069.54
Income - \$34,285.57 (\$39,305.00 Budget)
Expenses - \$37,675.62 (\$41,598.75 Budget)
Total Loss - \$3,390.05 (\$2,293.75 Budget)

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Phelps, NFSS Treasurer

Band Report

2003 Band Sales last 3 months:
(November contains some 2004 orders too!)

Sept 2003: 13 mail-ins/19 pay pal
Sales: \$349.70
Oct. 2003: 13 mail-ins/11 pay pal
Sales \$614.55
Nov. 2003: 17mail-ins/13 pay pal
Sales: \$1,815.60
(as of 11/16/03)

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Hansen, NFSS Band Secretary

NFSS 2004 Budget		
Submitted by Mark Phelps, NFSS Treasurer		
INCOME	EXPENSES	
Bands 10,271.00	<u>Bands 9,260.00</u>	Materials 75.00
Membership 24,095.00	Paypal 134.00	Postage 7,425.00
FinchShop 2,750.00	Materials 7,789.00	Freight 200.00
Sales 2,200.00	Postage 1,061.00	Mailing Svc 2,100.00
Shipping 550.00	Misc. 276.00	<u>Awards 2,500.00</u>
Affiliations 1,250.00	<u>Membership 1,084.00</u>	Materials 2,200.00
4th VP/	Paypal 282.00	Postage 250.00
Judges Panel 250.00	Materials 235.00	Misc. 50.00
Journal 2,500.00	Postage 507.00	<u>Finch/</u>
Awards 2,500.00	<u>FinchShop 1,731.00</u>	<u>Softbill Save 200.00</u>
Finch/Softbill	Paypal 61.00	Materials 150.00
Save 150.00	Materials 850.00	Postage 50.00
Advertising 0.00	Postage 550.00	<u>Advertising 475.00</u>
1st VP/	Misc. 270.00	<u>1st VP/</u>
Region VP's 0.00	<u>Affiliations 325.00</u>	<u>Region VP's 1,000.00</u>
Misc 1,315.00	Materials 195.00	<u>Misc Expense 1,675.00</u>
Treasurer 15.00	Postage 130.00	Treasurer 75.00
NCBS 900.00	<u>4th VP/</u>	NCBS 400.00
AFA 0.00	<u>Judges Panel 175.00</u>	AFA 400.00
A of A 400.00	<u>Journal 27,000.00</u>	A of A 400.00
GABS 0.00	Printing 16,000.00	GABS 400.00
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		Net Loss: 344.00

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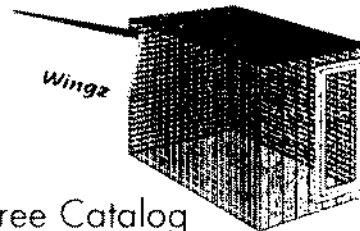
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





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