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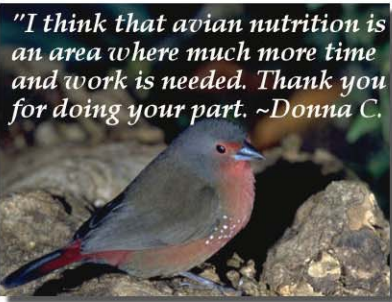




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NFSS President's Message

July/August 2007

Digital cameras and our ~~Baby~~ Bird-sitters.

Don't let any bird-sitters read how valuable they are to us as they'll likely start asking for more pay, or, in the case of most, to be paid at all. Bless the sitters, but also, how can we make their job easier?

Vacations are not vacations if you worry that your babies are safe at home, well fed, clean watered, temperature balanced, sung too (the sung-to part is a joke, but, not a bad idea actually) and more.

In the old days, we left notes, maybe did a walk-through, and relied on the sitter's experiences and maturity. Now though, a digital camera and computer printer make it possible to leave clear color photos of what each bird species feed dish is to look like along with notes, and can be posted at the food prep place, and on each cage, as needed. You can leave photos of the ideal seed cup locations in each flight to prevent squabbling, droppings and hulls from falling into open bath water dishes, and more. It is also likely a good idea to have several pictures of birds posted, with appropriate notes: "This is a healthy Zebra Finch 'click'." "Here is one puffed up and ill 'click'." This ill bird gets put in a hospital cage 'click', a pix of the hospital cage and proper location of its heater, cover, special food (with photo), etc. "This is an egg bound finch (or softbill)" 'click' – with treatment notes. "This is a poop-bound butt." - with treatment notes. "When the seed is this low in feeders, add more." An ill bird or a baby tossed from a nest isn't easy to spot in a flight. Aren't we pleased when we return to see signs the baby-bird-sitter did scan each flight as he/she fed and watered? Our sitter, son Eric, 30, who has been around birds since he was 8 recently spotted a 2 day old chick on the bottom of a flight. He peeked into nests in that flight but found more than one clutch of chicks. Taking a chance, he placed the baby in with a crowd of Society finches. They immediately started to feed the chick. The sitter was pleased. It turned out the chick was actually an Owl Finch baby, but was fostered by the Societies, as they do anyway. If I would have had foresight, I could have perhaps left a digital pix of nestlings posted adjacent to their nest, should one be found on the flight bottom. So look for a good 'sitter' and enjoy your vacation with your traveler of choice...



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Structural Comparison of Pearl mutation and Wild-type Feathers of *Lonchura Striata* using a Scanning Electron Microscope

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A relatively new and popular color variation of the Society Finch (*Lonchura striata* var. *domestica*) is the pearl mutation which originated in Japan and was brought to the United States less than ten years ago (see National Finch and Softbill Society Bulletin. Vol. 16. No. 2. March/April. 1999, p 16-22). High-quality pearls have silvery heads, wings, and tail feathers, and a neck spotted with silver dots; the rest of the body resembles a chestnut self even in a chocolate background. The mutation is a single sex-linked recessive and is expressed highly variably depending on yet to be determined factors. Careful pairings and line breeding have resulted in birds that highly express pearl. The underlying cause of the pearl phenotype is a source of interest to breeders and scientists alike. Is the silvery color caused by a change in the structure or the pigment of the feathers, or perhaps a combination of the two?

As a first-year student at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, with an interest in learning microscopy, I agreed to take on the project—to investigate the structure of the chocolate self and mutant pearl feathers. I chose to use a Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) for the project. Biologists use SEMs to look at the surface of specimens; thus, SEMs are ideal for looking at fine surface details of feathers. The SEM is similar to a light microscope (which most people have worked with in biology labs); however, it generates images using electrons rather than light. This

allows for a resolving power roughly 40 times greater than the resolving power of a light microscope. The SEM can magnify up to 150,000 times.

There are a variety of mechanisms underlying the colors we observe in bird feathers. Some colors we perceive are a result of pigments expressed inherently in feathers. Two common pigment classes found in Society finches are phaeomelanin and eumelanin. Phaeomelanin is responsible for red-yellow colors; eumelanin creates black-brown colors. Pigments can also arise as a result of environmental factors, such as the diet of a bird. A common example is seen in flamingos, which become pink in color by retaining the orange pink carotenoids present in the shrimp that they consume.

Feather structure can also influence exhibited colors. Structural colors are created when a feather structure interacts with light wavelengths of the same order of size. For example, the diversity of colors in peacock feathers is observed because the way light reflects from the surface of the barbs. Unlike the single gene recessive gray mutation in the Society Finch, the pearl mutation results in a silvery sheen. We wondered if there might be a structural change within the mutation causing the sheen.

At the beginning of this project, I searched for literature on studying feathers using the

SEM. I found several useful diagrams of feather morphology and nomenclature (Figure 1 below), protocols for cleaning feathers, and ideas on feather features to assess.

Feathers for this study were provided from birds in the breeding program of Michael Marcotrigiano. For this project, we chose to

When I first looked at a feather under the SEM, I was amazed at the amount of debris trapped in the feathers (Figure 2 right). Knowing this debris might interfere with a careful analysis of fine structure, I found a number of methods for cleaning the feathers, most of which outlined variations of agitating the feather in solutions of ethanol, acetone, and soapy water.

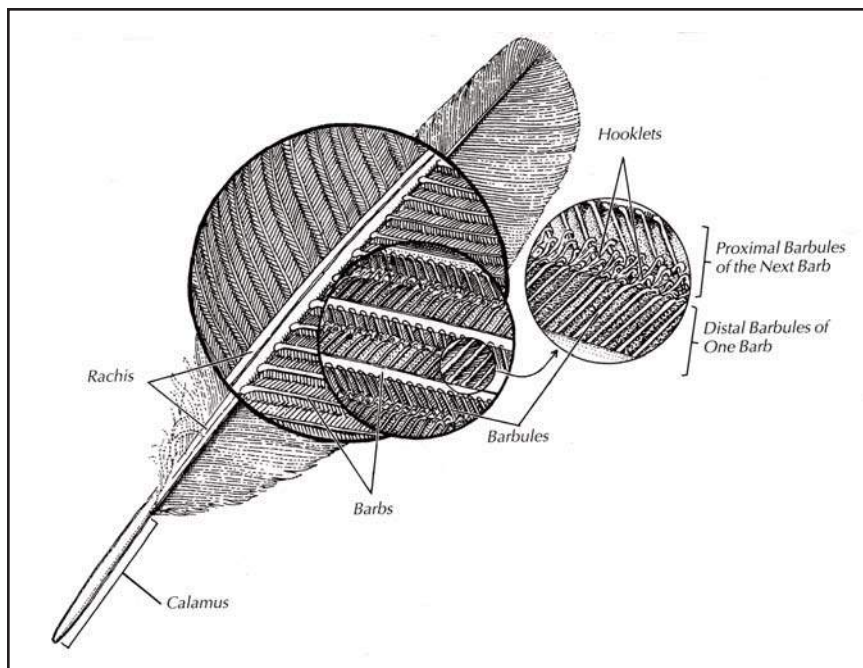


Figure 1: Diagrammatic representation of a typical feather. Illustration by John Schmitt-Copyright Cornell Lab of Ornithology

compare middle tail feathers of the chocolate self and the pearls. There were several reasons for this decision: 1) the middle tail feather in the good pearls exhibits the silvery color, 2) a missing middle tail feather will have little effect a bird's flight and quickly regrow, 3) using a feather from the same location of the birds standardizes the analysis.

Michael later provided cleaner feathers by giving the birds' fresh-water baths twice a day for five days. These feathers were typically as clean as or cleaner than the feathers cleaned manually.

Specimens for the SEM need to be coated with a thin layer of metal; an image is formed when the electrons in the metal

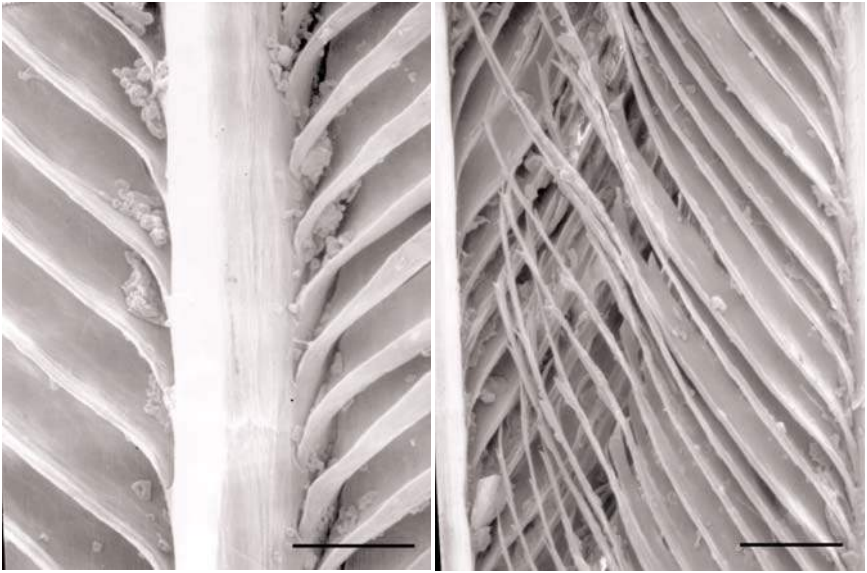


Figure 2: Wild-type feather showing debris near rachis (left photo) Scale bar equals 25 μ m. Right photo is a close-up of cleaner feather following bathing protocol. Scale bar equals 50 μ m.

interact with the electrons from the microscope. Once the samples were coated with metal, I was ready to begin comparing the pearl and wild-type feathers on the microscope.

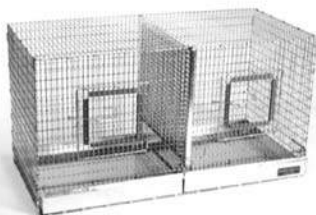
I decided to analyze the feathers in two ways: 1) by analyzing segments of the entire feathers, and 2) by analyzing single barbs. Opposite sides of feathers appear different, so I prepared samples of both sides. I found two articles suggesting features to analyze using the SEM. Barbules have a series of nodes along the barbule shaft (Figure 1). One article suggested looking for differences in the shape of the nodes, their arrangement, and their density along the shaft of the barbule. Because the article noted considerable variation in these elements within a single feather type,

I decided not to use this as a point of comparison.

The second article suggested counting the number of barbs and barbules per length of feather. I took pictures of the mutant and wild-type feathers and counted the barbs and barbules per unit length. I found that the number of barbs in both mutant and wild-type feathers hovered around 22 barbs per centimeter.

Along with this quantitative assessment, I qualitatively assessed the appearances of the feathers, comparing standard pictures of the pearl and chocolate feathers. Samples of the pictures I took of feather segments are seen in Figures 3. I also took pictures of single barbules (Figure 4 page 9).

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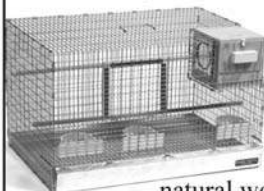


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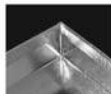
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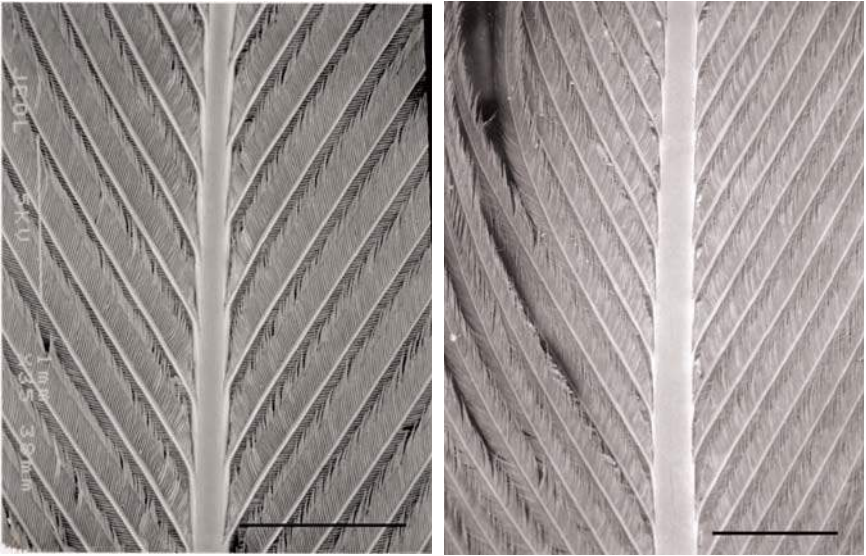


Fig. 3. Wild-type tail feather left and pearl tail feather right. Scale bar in both is 1000 μm .

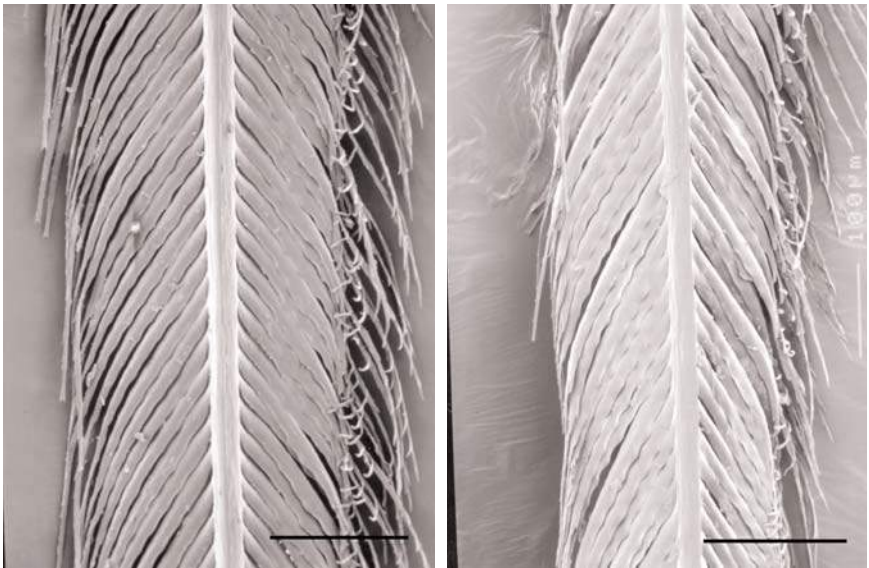


Figure 4. Wild-type feather barbule left, pearl feather barbule right. Scale bar equals 15 μm .

Through my analysis of the feathers using the scanning electron microscope, I did not find structural variations between the chocolate and pearl mutation feathers. Reflective color can be caused by structural features within the feather itself and not on the surface. So the SEM research does not eliminate the possibility that structural variations exist. More extensive methods of assessing feather structure exist. Two-dimensional Fourier analysis of transmission electron micrographs can correlate nanostructure and light behavior. Work with various spectrophotometers would allow analysis of light reflected from feather segments. Pigment analysis of pearls has not yet been attempted.

My early investigations gave me a great appreciation of the interesting and complex details of feather structure and how color in birds, besides being beautiful, is caused by an array of structural and chemical properties.

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NFSS President – 2008 to 2010

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- Improve communications with membership through online forums and the *NFSS Journal*
- Increase membership and number of affiliated clubs to introduce others to the world of keeping, breeding, and showing finches and softbills
- Strengthen NFSS financially in order to improve the benefits available to our members and affiliated clubs
- Encourage clubs to affiliate and sponsor NFSS affiliated shows, providing our expert judges the platform to educate fellow hobbyists

My Accomplishments as 1st Vice-President Include:

- Acting as Presiding Chair during the President's absences
- Reinstated the Education Column in the *NFSS Journal*
- Chair of Education Committee
- Chair of the Department Back-up Committee
- Member of the By-laws Revision/Study Committee
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- Member of the Zebra Finch Standard Committee
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The NFSS By-laws require that the Society have an election of Officers every two years. Therefore, the NFSS Board of Directors will mail to all NFSS members and the appropriate Delegates of all NFSS affiliated clubs, **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15, 2007**, a ballot which includes all positions open for election and the names of candidates running for each position in the 2007 General Election.

All votes must be returned to the designated address for collecting and counting the ballots with a postmark of **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1st, 2007**. Specific instructions will be included in the ballot.

The announcement of the winners in the election will be made at the National Caged Bird Show to be held in Denver, Colorado, November 15, 2007.

Please remember these deadlines as it pertains to renewal of your membership – don't allow an interruption in your active membership to occur – especially if your renewal date is near any of these deadlines. You must allow the Membership Director adequate time to process renewals and prepare mailing lists. New members and existing members who renew their membership **BEFORE OCTOBER 15, 2007**, will be provided with a ballot, but it will be their personal responsibility to make sure it is returned and postmarked **BY NOVEMBER 1, 2007** in order to be eligible.

Dual members will each have one (1) vote each and will be provided with separate ballots. Club Delegates will have one (1) vote as it pertains to the wishes of their individual clubs.

-2007 General Election Committee

Have a Question?

The NFSS Education Committee, consisting of 1st VP Bob Peers and the regional VPs will run a Q&A column dedicated to answering member's bird husbandry questions. Members are encouraged to write or email their regional VP or the 1st VP with non-emergency questions they would like answered. The Education Committee and expert consultants will attempt to answer every question and will select one or two questions to publish in each journal.

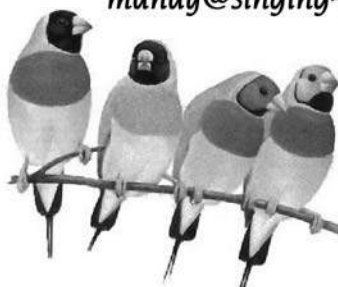
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A Dream Vacation and the Biggest Finch Show in the Americas!

By Armando J. Lee, NFSS Panel Judge

I am talking about the biggest finch show in the Americas, the “Asociacion de Criadores de Finches Show” (Breeders of Finches Association Show) in the beautiful island of Puerto Rico held at the end of November or beginning of December of every year. At this time of the year (winter) generally the US show season is over and done and depending on where you reside you may be fighting the cold weather, shoveling snow, or even restricted to only indoor activities. Consider going to Puerto Rico! Exotic hideaways, miles of beautiful sandy beaches, mountains and valleys, beautiful waterfalls, and many other natural wonders wait for you. In addition to the natural splendors, you will find yourself surrounded by warm and friendly people. Puerto Rico is known around the world for its hospitality, lovely weather and incredibly charming people; where everybody - from the taxi driver to the governor - wants to make you feel at home. What if I told you that this is the location of a bird show that tops the finch entries of the National Cage Bird Show?

In November 2006 I had the privilege of judging their “2006 Winter Show”. There were 359 entries with 21 exhibitors. Just about every class of zebra, gouldian, and society finch were represented. The show was held in a

large shopping mall where lots of people were exposed to bird showing as a hobby. The staging was very well organized. Not only was it a great show, but great fun! After the show a group of artists sang and danced local folklore to the enjoyment of young and old. Food was provided by the members of the club; it was plentiful and delicious!

To appreciate the quality of the birds being shown you must understand that every member of this club is a “breeder”. An entry must be bred and banded by the exhibitor to qualify for the top honors. In regard to the quality of the entries, take the excellent all year-round climate of Puerto Rico together with birds originating from Europe, the US and Canada and add the knowledge of many years of bird breeding and the results are outstanding birds!

Sure, it's possible for you to bring birds to compete on the show; but, my advice is: Why not come to the show as an expectator without having to deal with all the paperwork and permits necessary to travel and return with your birds to the U.S. mainland. Instead, enjoy the show to the fullest, rate the show if you like, take notes, and after considering the requirements of traveling and entering your birds in the show make your own decision for competing in the following year's show. If you can take a little more time off from work and your daily routine, treat yourself to all Puerto Rico has to offer and make a vacation out of the trip!



Now, let me tell you a little about Puerto Rico:

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico: (*"Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico"*), is a self governing unincorporated territory of the United States with Commonwealth status (which means "no passport required" to visit and enjoy!)

Location: Puerto Rico is the eastern most island of the Greater Antilles in the Caribbean Sea, approximately a thousand miles southeast of Florida (the nearest of the mainland United States) and just east of the Dominican Republic and west of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Topography: The island of Puerto Rico is almost rectangular in shape, and is the smallest and the most eastern island of the Greater Antilles. The island is com-

paratively small, 3459 sq miles, with a central mountain range reaching an altitude of 4390 ft at Cerro Punta, and surrounded by low coastal plains. Puerto Rico terrains range from palm-lined beaches on four cost lines to rugged mountain ranges, gently rolling hills, and dry desert-like areas. The island boasts 20 designated forest reserves. The most notable is "El Yunque" the only tropical rain forest in the U.S. Forest Service.

Language: Spanish and English are the official languages, but Spanish is without a doubt the dominant language. Knowledge of Spanish will be very useful, although English is widely spoken. Sometimes you will find yourself surrounded by Spanish speakers only, but be sure that in every store, restaurant, medical and/or government facilities,

they would search around and find one person, who knows enough English to help you.

Customs and Documents Required:

The passport and visa requirements for entering Puerto Rico are the same as for entering the USA. No passport or visa is required for US citizens. Visitors over the age of 21 may bring the following items into the United States duty-free: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars (but not cigars from Cuba) or 4½ pounds of tobacco, 1 quart of spirits or wine, and gifts or articles up to a value of US\$100. Narcotics and dangerous drugs are prohibited; fresh meat, fruit, vegetables, and plants are either prohibited or restricted. If you're departing for the U.S., your luggage will be inspected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to make sure you're not carrying prohibited fruits and plants or those "free" finches you got as gift from the locals.

The local currency is US dollars.

There are plenty of ATMs thru the island. Puerto Ricans call dollars "pesos," quarters "pesetas," nickels "vellón" or "fichas", and pennies "centavos", "chavitos" or "chavos prietos".

Relative Costs: A newspaper will cost you about \$0.35 to \$0.75. A can of beer is around \$1.00 to \$3.00, and a serving of rum or whiskey about the same. A cup of coffee will run from \$0.35 to \$2.50, depending on where you drink it; a ham sandwich, \$2.00; lunch in a pub,

\$8 and up (plus your drink). A theater seat will cost from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

There is a small restaurant near the hotel serving local dishes at \$8 to \$10, the servings are plentiful, the taste is out of this world and the variety lets you eat there daily. The bird show is FREE.

For bird-watching there is: El Yunque Rain Forest, Cabezas de San Juan Nature Reserve, Guánica State Forest, Cabo Rojo National Wildlife Refuge and the Panoramic Route.

El Yunque

El Yunque Tropical Rain Forest with a total area is 28,000 acres has an estimated 240 types of tree, and many other plants, such as tiny wild orchids, bamboo trees, giant ferns, and trumpet trees. Hiking trails and rest areas are available. El Portal Tropical Forest Center has film exhibits and interactive displays about the rain forest. Open daily 7:30am to 6:00pm.

Las Cabezas de San Juan State Park

Las Cabezas de San Juan State Park, located in Fajardo, embraces a portion of the island's lush tropical rain forests. It also has a scientific research center, which serves as a home of many endangered species. Visitors can explore the reserve along a network of trails and board-walks. The Island's second oldest lighthouse, El Faro, is located here. It offers a magnificent view that, on a clear day, reaches distant Caribbean islands. The Nature Reserve is open for general

and school group tours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning and open to the public Friday afternoon through Sunday. Special rates are available for groups of 20 or more. Reservations are required for all visitors. Tours lasting two and one half hours are scheduled four times daily: 9:30am, 10am, 10:30am and 2pm. An English tour is available at 2pm.

Guanica Dry Forest Reserve

The Guanica Forest Reserve is a coastal mangrove forest and has been an UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve because of several endangered species found only in Puerto Rico. No camping allowed. Open Mon-Sun 8am - 5pm.

Cabo Rojo National Wildlife Refuge

Located along the coastal plain of southwestern Puerto Rico, the Cabo Rojo

National Wildlife Refuge, a subtropical dry forest, has a visitor's center and interpretive displays as well as bird-watching trails.

An interpretive trail totaling 2 miles passes through the refuge and approximately 12 miles of hiking trails are available for bird-watching, photography and wildlife observation. Some 50 bird species occur in and around the refuge, including the endangered yellow-shouldered blackbird. No camping allowed. Open Mon-Fri from 7:00am to 4:00pm.

Panoramic Route

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NFSS BOD 2nd QUARTER MEETING - 2007

PRESENT: PRESENT: Sally Huntington, Rebecca Mikel, Katy Dodd, Tom Keegan, John Wilson, Ron Castner, Danny Gonzales, Doug White, Lisa Murphy, Cecil Gunby, Brenda Josselet, Ginny Allen, Gail Benson, Terry Cox, Alfred Mion, Raspberry, Laura Bewley, Bob Peers, Paula Hansen, Sharon Dvorak, Bill Parlee. Harry Bryant

ABSENT: Roberto Rosa

TREASURY REPORT – Lisa Murphy

<u>Period</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
January 2007	\$ 7,907.53	\$5,868.09
February 2007	\$4,156.80	\$1,084.38
March 2007	<u>\$ 3,778.27</u>	<u>\$2,279.61</u>
Total	\$15,032.60	\$9,232.08

<u>Department</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Bands	\$5,638.20	\$3,283.76
Membership	\$6,848.49	\$208.46
Advertising	\$1,627.64	-0-
Judge's Panel	\$110.00	-0-
Finch Shop	\$10.38	-0-
Affiliations/Awards	\$639.00	-0-
Journal	-0-	*\$5,543.96
Misc.	<u>\$158.89</u>	<u>\$206.10</u>
Total	\$15,032.60	\$9,232.08

*\$2663.11 (cost to print Nov/Dec 2006 Journal) + \$2880.85 (cost for printing and postage Jan/Feb Journal) - both paid in January of 2007. Postage for the Nov/Dec Journal (\$850.00) was paid in December 2006 and is not reflected in this total.

Bank Account

Beginning Balance (1/1/07):	\$5,243.72
Ending Balance (3/31/07):	\$11,044.24
Current Balance (5/1/07):	\$11,598.19

IRS Status

Notice from IRS rec'd on 4/27/07, fine assessed is \$2,147.40 for late filing of 2005 Tax Return. The option of appealing the fine and requesting a refund is provided. Appeal submitted with check on 5/14/07; processing time may be up to four (4) months.

and mailing services, and \$300 for editors fee and misc. expenses, totaling \$3813.

also take pressure off the new editor and ease demand for articles and align the journal with quarterly BOD meetings and enable us to provide more timely information to the members. This may be an alternative to cutting the overall size or quality of the journal.

2006 IRS 990 form completed, filed, and mailed on 4/30/07 with the assistance of Sharon Dvorak (Finch Shop Manager). Several documents missing from that year and cannot be recreated. Contact with Bill Parlee, Parliamentarian, and Mark Phelps, 2005 Treasurer, in attempt to recreate as much information as possible. Concerns with our ability to conduct an actual "audit" – two are required per bylaws. Bill Parlee provides input regarding the difficulties in regaining records from a prior Treasurer; when they arrived they were incomplete. Sharon Dvorak will complete first audit; Paula and Raspberry the second. Lisa notes NFSS reimburses for postage only, anticipated time is 40-60 hours per person, and as audit is to be "Independent" she is limited in what assistance she can provide.

2005 Audit is in the process of being conducted. Sharon Dvorak will conduct first review; Tom Keegan the

second. Lisa will notify the BOD when this is complete.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Brenda Josselet

January-March, 2007:

Single: 553

Dual: 212

Foreign: 21

Foreign Dual: 2

Junior: 11

Affiliates: 28

TOTAL: 827

39 new members since last report

1st VP REPORT – Bob Peers

Education Committee favors establishing a bird husbandry Q&A section in the Journal. Editor confirms available Journal space. Committee will field questions from membership - submitted via e mail, forum, or USPS. One to 2 per Journal in hopes of stimulating interaction between Members/Regional VP's/Board. Bob chairs committee as 1st VP.

Because Roberto Rosa has been unable to communicate with the Board, Bob will assist with representation of the members from Region 7 - Puerto Rico, with the help of Armando Lee.

Concerns expressed about lost department information in the past - Bob recommends committee be formed to develop a plan for "Department Back-ups". Would include the exchange of information between departments on a regularly scheduled basis to insure redundancy in all NFSS data and records. Bob will chair, seek volunteers to sit on the committee, and report back to the BOD.

Rebecca offers to compile "Events List" to include a list of events/ tasks NFSS/Officers responsible for throughout the year (example: IRS 990 Form, Professional Affiliation renewals, etc.). All BOD members requested to assist by forwarding information to Rebecca. Each item limited in length - task/event, person responsible, deadline date, pertinent details/fees, etc. All BOD members will be provided a copy when complete. It will then be reviewed at each Quarterly BOD meeting and posted as appropriate.

2nd VP REPORT – Harry Bryant

Prior discussions were held regarding Bonding of financially responsible Officers; committee was formed to investigate. This to be tabled until 3rd Qtr meeting. Continuing to gather information.

NFSS Informational Brochure updated but waiting to post to website until Pro-Tem elections complete as additional updates will be required at that point.; NFSS Classifications are updated.; Katy Dodd, Editor, provided with all exchange magazines and newsletters rec'd during prior Editor's tenure & a CD which contains articles for future Journals.

WEBSITE INFORMATION: Finch Save Census Report for 2006 & NFSS Judge's Handbook (some sections will be re-posted in a clearer version) posted to website. Request made to move Handbook from Finch Shop to

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website (no inventory or printing/shipping costs, can serve as educational tool, can be updated quicker & "modernized" by using color and/or photos as needed). Need to keep CD's available for those without internet capability. "Shows and Clubs" section nearly complete and on line soon. Informational pages being written for various Finches and Softbills, will post along with photos. All are encouraged to help by writing a brief summary of any species not listed. Need to include a prominent link to any on-line vendors for Finch Shop items which also includes short description of available items; Harry Bryant and Sharon Dvorak will work collectively on this.

3rd VP REPORT – Danny Gonzales

Census is complete; Randy Taylor pulled together and forwarded to Katy Dodd, Editor. Vonda Zwick was asked to take a look at conducting the Finch Save on-line, including the stud book and compiling "who" has "what". Danny requested to chair a committee to include Vonda and Randy for the remainder of the year. 5/10/07 post to NFSS membership forums an announced new yahoo group for FSS and removal of any membership fees for Finch Save program.

4th VP REPORT- Cecil Gunby

Zebra Finch Standard revised several times over past few months, many suggested changes incorporated into final draft. Standard and point application is finished, only lacking silhouette. Waiting on prototype, when rec'd committee will evaluate and critique and then present new standard. Judges Panel is strong at present and looking forward to new show season. Cecil requests both electronic and hard copies of Judge's Handbook to assure most recent revisions can be incorporated to maintain integrity of show panel. Sally asks for volunteers to assist -Tom Keegan assumes responsibility for the update.

Champion Exhibitor of Section – Raspberry

Raspberry chairing a committee including: Cecil Gunby, Sally Huntington, Rebecca Mikel, Jim Heffernan, Doug White, Laura Bewley, Bob Peers, and Bill Parlee. A draft of ideas for the C.E.S., including points allocations and sample data sheets sent to all participants for review. Raspberry to contact each committee member & review the proposal/gather information and feedback. More information will be presented at the next BOD meeting.

Society Standard Perspective Article: Written by Tom Keegan, Cecil Gunby, Raspberry – will be posted in Journal. Harry provided Tom a copy of The Bengalese Finch (Panjer & Wigmore) for reference during final edit of this article. (*Editor's Note: See article published in the May-June 2007 Journal*)

BAND SECRETARY REPORT - Paula Hansen

PERIOD	INCOME	EXPENSES
January 2007	\$3,245.41	\$3,029.09
February 2007	\$1,227.68	\$120.91
March 2007	\$1,219.19	\$735.49
Total	\$5,692.28	\$3,885.49

In Comparison:

PERIOD	INCOME
January 2006	\$1,113.27
February 2006	\$1,428.78
March, 2006	\$386.30
Total	\$2,928.35

EDITOR REPORT – Katy Dodd

Total cost for Mar/April 2007 Journal was \$1614.56 to print 750 journals. Total journals shipped to members were 665, with extra copies sent to Editor. Breakdown of costs includes \$1070 for printing, \$544.46 for shipping – roughly \$2.15 per journal-with shipping, or \$1.43 per journal-without shipping.

Comparison for prior 3 journals:

ISSUE	PRINTING COSTS	SHIPPING COST	TOTAL COST
Nov-Dec 2006:	\$2,663.11	\$850.00	\$3,513.11
Jan-Feb 2007	\$2,030.85	\$850.00	\$2,880.85
Mar-April 2007	\$1,070.00	\$544.56	\$1,614.56

Some of Mar/Apr issues were damaged and NFSS membership lists were polled for complaints. Rec'd complaint from 1 member with a damaged copy. Printer contacted & noted they perform spot checks. Will monitor quality of paper used and address as necessary. Can maintain lower postage costs if Journal is 40-50 pages – can't always be the case and is dependent on content provided. With lower page count, can give consideration to including some color photos. Goal is to keep journal production cost and mailing at or below \$2000 per issue. Large number of documents rec'd for inclusion in May/June issue. Layout for July/Aug issue has started and schedule for prepping future journals is 4 months prior to printing. Request made to remember deadline dates so no more last minute crunching than necessary. Those members who reported missing Journals and thus missing Pro-Term Election Ballots have been provided with numbered, water-marked replacement ballots via e mail – Brenda Josselet confirmed each were current members.

ADVERTISING REPORT – Gail Benson

PERIOD	INCOME	PAY PAL FEES	TOTAL
January 2007	\$943.00	\$9.92	\$933.08
February 2007	\$306.00		\$306.00
March 2007	\$396.00	\$7.44	\$388.56
TOTAL:	\$1,645.00	\$17.36	\$1,627.64

There were no Advertising expenses during the 1st quarter 2007 except for the Pay Pal fees listed above.

FINCH SHOP REPORT – Sharon Dvorak

Finch Shop is ready; Sharon reviewed list of items/costs each & requests BOD review/approval. Re-opening is at no cost to NFSS as all items are “drop shipped”. Inventory of items offered by Café Press, Victory Engraving, and Victory Design will be purchased and maintained by those vendors rather than the NFSS, although this does not preclude NFSS from inventorying some items in the future. Items offered include: shirts (golf, polo, t-shirt, twill) sweatshirts, ball caps, totes, mouse pads, coffee mugs, beer steins, aprons, clocks, name badges, luggage tags. Some apparel items offered with embroidered NFSS logo, others screen printed. Question about stocking sales tables at NFSS events. We want to stay with no inventory for now. There will be a full page ad in the next Journal.

CLUB LIAISON REPORT – Doug White

Affiliates – Doug White 28 affiliated clubs at this time.

Awards – Bob Peers To date 9 orders for a total of \$739. If BOD members are aware of affiliated clubs who conduct shows, Bob encourages us to speak with them about ordering their awards through the NFSS.

MODERATOR REPORT – John Wilson

John suggests Larry Baum serve as back-up Co-Moderator; he has agreed to assist; there were no dissenting opinions expressed. In the past/and continuing, John has/will add and delete various individuals as moderator both to perform functions requiring access to list controls (i.e. Membership Director for subscription approval), and/or to work on list related projects (databases, polls). This position would be a true back-up moderator with authority to take over in John's absence. The suggested candidate is a thoughtful contributor, willing to press for changes he believes benefit NFSS while contributing to a civil community, and a long-time NFSS member. He will participate on the BOD when John is not available and when temporary arrangements and approvals need to be made.

Pro-Tem Election Have rec'd a fair amount of ballots; they are being logged for eventual count.

TRANSITION COORDINATOR REPORT – Ginny Allen

The responsibilities for each BOD position have been compiled from questionnaires sent to past and present BOD members. After reviewed and edited by a BOD committee and approved by the BOD, these were included in a General Election article the BOD has sent to the Editor to be printed in the May/June NFSS Journal. Each present BOD member was asked to prepare a comprehensive step-by-step description of their position, including contacts and schedule of procedures pertaining to their office. All information gathered should be included in a Policy and Procedure document for each position.

With regard to mailing of ballots for General Election we will have to establish a deadline for memberships which are up-to-date in order to allow Membership Director to process any memberships and get labels ready for the mailing of the ballots. We will accommodate those who renew at a later time, but need to remember the deadline for the post-mark on the returned ballots. Those who renew late but wish to rec'v a ballot and cast their vote in the election may pay to have their ballot delivered to the firm counting the votes.

The July/August issue of the Journal will carry the Bios of all those running for office in the General Election – the deadline for submitting information for that issue is July 1st. (*Editor's Note: Bios will be sent separately with the ballots rather than published in the journal*)

REFUND POLICY – Lisa Murphy

We need to establish a "Refund Policy". Options were discussed and a formal policy will be developed. All refunds should be processed through the Treasurer to assure they are processed correctly and to minimize any fees related to refunds.

BY-LAW CHANGES – Doug White

Discussion regarding the appropriateness of current procedure for changing by-laws. Current process requires 2 letters be submitted and then a membership vote, with 2/3 majority to pass. Voter turn-out is minimal so changes can be enabled by a minimal representation of members. Process to change shouldn't be too difficult or too easy. Should there be a specific percentage of membership participation? Should the requirement for the number of letters submitted be increased? A committee is to be formed to discuss by-law revision and present at next meeting. Several have volunteered. Suggestion made to have by-laws reviewed by an outside firm who have legal counsel available– further discussion and pricing to be presented at 4th quarter meeting.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A Policies and Procedures Committee has been formed in order to investigate the appropriateness of the creation of policies for specific processes conducted by the BOD. Also discussed was creation of step-by-step procedures for duties of individual Officers/Departments. Each Officer would be responsible for writing pro-

cedures for their duties, submitting to the Committee for final review, and eventual inclusion into a manual which contained all procedures for all Offices. Newly elected Officers to the BOD in the future would be presented with a copy of those relating to the responsibilities of their office.

GENERAL ELECTION – Sally Huntington

Rebecca volunteered to Chair the Election Committee. The committee is to construct a ballot which will be mailed via USPS – we have a donor for the postage – no worries with Journal conflicts. Official results will be mailed to two (2) BOD members – the President and President Emeritus. We need a minimum of 1 and maximum of 3 candidates for each office.

Election document regarding officer duties and responsibilities is in “files” section on BOD forum web page; all BOD members have provided input in the form of responses to questionnaires as well as throughout the revision and approval process. It will be posted with other General Election information.

Also representing the BOD on the Committee are Sally Huntington and Tom Keegan. Member representatives include Larry Baum, Gwynne Willison, and Andrea Mordoh.

VOLUNTEER CLEARING HOUSE – Tom Keegan

Tom offers to serve as Chair to coordinate volunteers - members who want to get involved but don't know how to or don't have time to serve as an Officer. It would assist with bringing in help for Officers who have heavy workloads, to help with special projects that are a lot of work at particular point in time. Volunteers would fill out application to include skills, interests, availability. Coordinator would match up volunteers with officers making request for assistance. BOD Officers utilizing volunteer services would be responsible for what gets done and that policies are followed. Do we need to consider “Non-Disclosure Statement” to assure volunteers acknowledge they are serving in a voluntary capacity only and not entitled to compensation beyond approved expenses? Tom will make announcement in Journal via an ad which may be included in each issue and work with John to post info. on forum(s). Tom will collect and hold applications & report progress at next meeting.

COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERSHIP – Tom Keegan

Need to set up system for communicating decisions/announcements to membership. Minutes are available once approved – but immediately available only to those who have internet access; others must wait until they are published in the next issue of the Journal. Posting to forums does not reach all members but will be utilized to improve & increase communication lines.

Vacancies on the Board: Vacancies will be announced on the PP & Husbandry forum(s) with request that interested parties submit bio/resume. All BOD members provided with copies and a vote taken. Additionally, we will ask for bios before positions open and maintain them in a “stand-by” file for a pool of those willing/qualified to fill positions as needed. An ad will be placed in the Journal and on both forums notifying members of this option with a request that all bios be sent to Tom Keegan.

Posting Meeting Agenda: Agenda “evolves” up until time meeting begins – occasionally some items added after meeting is convened – business needing to be conducted dictates this. Agenda posted one day may be changed significantly by the next. Cannot assure “final” agenda would be available in sufficient time prior to meeting to allow members time to review and provide comment. Members are encouraged to contact any BOD member with items they wish to have added to agenda. BOD needs to be able to have flexibility to conduct business of the society & care should be taken to not make policy that restricts the course of action future BODS might need to take. Members can attend/participate in the Annual meeting – posting this agen-

da might be more appropriate. Regional VP's are free to discuss with those members in their Region what areas of discussion are occurring/up-coming and bring concerns/comments back to the BOD.

Board Announcements: Periodic reports of discussions and activity outside the Quarterly Meetings & subsequent minutes will be compiled and posted to the membership forums. Intent is to report on the progress of Board activity on particular projects.

John Wilson, Tom Keegan, and Rebecca Mikel will work jointly on all communications made to the membership via the Forums, the Journal, or the minutes from Quarterly Board Meetings. Any forms developed in the process of this communication will be provided to Harry Bryant so they may be included on the web site.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AFA August 22-25, 2007, Los Angeles, California. NFSS will have a complimentary booth, Sally is doing a presentation; Rec'd advertising information and specs – deadline for submitting an ad is June 15th. Suggestion made we use new logo, include Mission Statement and a Membership Application. The name of the new Membership Director can be dropped in after the election.

NCBS (& Afternoon of Aviculture): We need to develop ad for this event also – suggested we use the same one developed for AFA. There is a silent auction at NCBS – we need to begin collecting items for this. Anyone interested/available to make a presentation (at least 50 minutes) should contact Sally immediately.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

It is determined that the price of Lifetime Membership is \$1500. This price was not established to serve as any great benefit, but more to serve as a donation brought in during the year in which it was paid. The biggest value for the member is not having to renew their membership again. A 5 yr. membership saves the member money, but is more difficult for the Treasurer and Membership Director to manage and we lose money if our costs increase during the 5 yr period. Raspberry will investigate ideas which might generate more interest in the Lifetime Membership and report back during the 3rd Quarter BOD meeting.

Motions from NFSS BOD 1st Quarter Meeting - 2007

MOTION	COMMENT	BY	2ND	STATUS
2007-13	Accept current revision of Election Document	Mikel	Murphy	Pass
2007-14	NFSS to purchase a full page ad in the AFA Convention Journal which includes new NFSS Logo, Mission Statement, and Membership Application (\$275.00)	Murphy	Peers	Pass
2007-15	Accept the new NFSS logo as "official"; include it on website, all forms, and FinchShop Merchandise	Mikel	Murphy	Pass
2007-16	Accept the revised meeting minutes as submitted by Rebecca Mikel	Josselet	Keegan	Pass
2007-17	Adjourn the 2nd Quarter BOD meeting	Peers	Murphy	Pass

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca E. Mikel, NFSS Executive Secretary

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Show/Expo: show 10/27/07

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Show/Expo: TBA

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Show/Expo: meetings 4th Sunday 2pm

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Judge: TBA

Information contact: TBA

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Location: Mayborn Convention Center,
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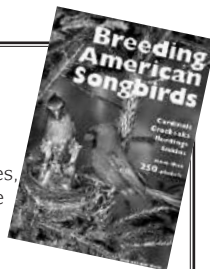
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Schedule of Events:

Friday, July 27th Hall set up and Guest Speaker

4:00pm bird hall set up (Work Crew only)

7:00pm Doors Open.

Guest Speaker John Wilson on "Speciation"

10:00pm Bird Hall Closes

Saturday, July 28th Bird show! Judge Paul Williams

7:00am Bird Hall opens/exhibition birds accepted

9:00am All exhibition birds end entry

9:00am Show personnel walk through

10:00am Judge's walk through then Judging

12:00pm Lunch and Guest Speaker: Robert Black on
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1:00pm Judging continues with raffle drawing and
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7:00pm Appreciation dinner

Sunday: July 29th, 7:00am Show committee meeting.

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9:00 am Room break down

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When: August 24–25th, 2007

Where: Quality Inn

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Schedule of Events:

Friday, August 24 - Check in Birds and Hospitality
Night

Saturday, August 25

7:00am – 8:30am Check in Birds

9:00am – Judging Begins

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