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President's Message

Rebecca Mikel

Auld Lang Syne

Does anyone else feel as if we sailed right through summer and right PAST Halloween, Thanksgiving, and now it's nearly time for Christmas??? !!!!! Let's hope – just as quickly - we're throwing open the door and welcoming Spring! These next few months can be difficult here in the Midwest – but Spring is our consolation prize! I planted over 300 Spring flowering bulbs in mid-October and my mantra is "Think Spring".

As you read this, NCBS 2015 will be behind us. If any of you have comments, suggestions for improvement, or questions for future years - please forward those to me and I'll share them with the NCBS Board. As a reminder, the event is scheduled to be held in the same location in 2016 and 2017. Hopefully this makes pre-planning simpler for more people and we'll continue to see increased attendance at this important event. Even if you don't "show" your birds, this event has so much more to offer and anyone with the least bit of interest in Aviculture will find plenty of things of interest.

This issue contains a submission by Hiram "Ken" Rampersaud (New York)– new NFSS Panel Judge. We want to extend a congratulations and "Welcome" to Hiram – but also to Ricardo Gaskin (Canada)– our two newest additions to the NFSS Judge's Panel. This accomplishment represents a great deal of dedication as they are required to pass a fairly difficult written test , serve as Apprentice at three NFSS shows –under three different judges, and receive a majority vote of the NFSS Board of Directors. Their names and contact information has been added to the Judge's Panel page in this issue of the Journal and they are eligible to judge NFSS shows effective immediately! I'm confident both will represent NFSS favorably and professionally. There are others in the process of completing the requirements to become an NFSS Panel Judge - we send our thoughts of encouragement as we're excited about the possibility of adding even more new names to that list.

Happy New Year,

Rebecca Mikel, NFSS President

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Meet your Editor – Tanya Logan

I'm a long-time bird enthusiast, having started out with a pet cockatiel over 30 years ago. I then moved to zebra finches before finding my true love, Lady Gouldian finches. Along with about 16 pairs of those, I have society finches, zebras, a canary, a 19-year-old Pionus parrot, 4 cockatiels, a Maltese, and a Corgi mix.

My husband Mickey and I met in a church orchestra in Tennessee, where we are both from. He's a trumpet player and I am a classically trained violinist. We married in 2008. At the time Mickey owned an antique store called Trace of Time, and I wanted to be with him during the day, so I opened a violin shop alongside his store. I sold and repaired violins, rehaired bows, and taught lessons. We then decided to relocate to Florida—that was just over two years ago. So we closed the shop and moved to Punta Gorda, Florida, where we believe we are on vacation every day. It truly is Paradise.



Mickey is an antiques and residential contents appraiser, meaning that he appraises all the “stuff” in your house; think Antiques Road Show. He also teaches the appraisal courses for the International Society of Appraisers, and he co-wrote their manual. He did grow up with a parakeet, but when we met he had two ancient Ragdoll cats, who have both since passed away.

When not playing with birds, I work as an author and freelance writer. I have several books in print on real estate development, and in 2013 I published a Bible study called Come Back to Jesus—and Don't Bring your Blackberry. My next book is the Gouldian Finch Handbook, which should go to publication in about a month.

My hobbies are creating jewelry and oil paintings, which I sell online and occasionally at local shows. I sell handmade bird toys locally, too.

Living in Florida means you can have more birds, because some of them can



live outdoors. At least that's what we thought, so I located a lot of mine on the lanai (screened-in porch). A couple of snake encounters later, I decided to move the birds indoors. Poor Mickey had already laid down the law: No birds in the living room. Well, not only are they in the living room, they're in the dining room, office, and craft room as well.



Tanya and her husband Mickey

I have three adult children, Amy, Holly, and Heath Hicks. They live in Florida and Philadelphia. Holly is a chemical engineer and Heath is a medic, usually working as a medical contractor with the US government. Amy is ill but she has helped me with a lot of freelance writing jobs; I couldn't do it without her.

I am excited to help out with the NFSS and plan to serve you to the best of my ability. I welcome your thoughts and ideas, and your articles. Even if you feel you aren't a writer, I would be happy to take your notes or ideas and make them into an article. We all have something important to contribute, and NFSS is not "ours" it is yours, too.



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Saving the Red Siskin

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Red Siskin (Sporagra cucullata)

The Red Siskin (*Sporagra cucullata*) is an iconic bird of northern South America and the Caribbean that is internationally endangered mainly due to intensive wildlife trafficking for the pet trade. In Venezuela, Red Siskins have been trapped for centuries but the most severe decline occurred in the early 20th century when it became popular to deliberately hybridize this species with domestic canaries to produce a “red factor” variety of canary. The bird was severely over-harvested, resulting in an estimated reduction of over 90% across this range, including complete removal from most of the eastern portion and the neighboring islands of Trinidad and Tobago.

Trapping continues today and is further compounded by habitat loss due to overdevelopment, especially in tropical dry forests. In southern Guyana, a previously undocumented population was discovered in 2000 in a remote area of the Rupununi region. Presently the largest known population, containing an estimated 1,000-3,000 birds, it has also become a target for trappers and is threatened by habitat loss due to anthropogenic fire. Cuba and Puerto Rico have also harbored populations of Red Siskins. Although commonly assumed to be feral, some suggest that Red Siskins originally may have been native to these islands. The species was last reported in this region in 1983 but it is possible Red Siskins may persist in small numbers in a remote area of Puerto Rico.

The Red Siskin Initiative (RSI) is an international partnership of public and private institutions, communities and individuals that was formed to help protect and restore sustainable populations of this species across its historic range through threat reduction, research, captive breeding and reintroduction to agroforestry systems. To date, RSI efforts have focused on remaining populations in Guyana and Venezuela. A pending proposal would expand this effort to include field and molecular research aimed at determining whether Red Siskins persist in Puerto Rico and whether the species was native to the Caribbean.

The Red Siskin Initiative (RSI) has had its most successful year yet, thanks to the hard work and contributions of team members and supporters. We look forward to an even bigger and busier 2016 with major new phases and initiatives planned for research (captive breeding, genomics, agroecology, and field surveys in Guyana and Caribbean), fundraising to construct a breeding center at Parque Zoológico y Botánico Bararida (PZBB) and implementing a social marketing campaign to combat the wildlife trade. Read on for updates on project priorities. Happy Holidays to all!

Project Milestones

Captive Breeding — A research population of captive Red Siskins has officially been established at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute. The first pair of Red Siskins were transferred from Toledo zoo to SCBI in October. Five more breeding pairs, generously donated by Jim Sillers, will arrive this week.

Molecular Research – Whole genome sequencing of Red Siskins by the Duke Center for Genomic and Computational Biology is nearly complete. Our bioinformatics team from the Smithsonian and University of Maryland will begin de novo genome assembly this month. We expect one of the highest quality bird genomes produced to date, which will fully enable development of a hybrid detection assay and the other extensive molecular work that we have planned.

Updates

Website – An English version of www.RedSiskin.org was launched in August. A Spanish version is in the works. Upcoming features include interviews with team members and regular updates on research.

Venezuelan Coordinator – In September, the Smithsonian Grand Challenges Consortia awarded the RSI a stipend to hire Miguel Angel Arvelo as project coordinator for Venezuela. Miguel holds a DVM, has experience in government and zoo administration, and has been an RSI partner for two years. Miguel's skill, energy and dedication will increase productivity in all project facets.

PZBB Red Siskin Breeding and Education Center Will Ruhl, Ruhl Walker architects, will travel to Australia in February to study the breeding facilities of the Save the Gouldian Finch project (www.sarahpryke.com) and work with

the lead building contractor and Mike Fidler, project co-founder and expert finch aviculturist, to further the design of the PZBB complex.

Field Research – The Venezuelan field crew has made seven field trips since May, and has collected habitat data and searched for siskins in over 30 locations—none with sightings yet, but many with promising habitat.



In Guyana, the South Rupununi Conservation Society (SRCS) has made six trips since May to document behavior and habitat, band birds and collect data to help refine range estimates. As always, direct field training and education in conservation and bird observation skills for students and local community members are a major focus of all SRCS field trips.

Using recent and historical data, the RSI is developing new protocols for long-term population monitoring and will implement these in the new year.

Shade Coffee Initiative – The SRCS received a grant from the Rufford Foundation in May to support a shade coffee feasibility study and pilot program that aims to advance a broad sustainability agenda in southern Guyana.



Habitat Modeling – Dr Ada Sanchez-Mercado is leading the effort to build a model of the historical Red Siskin distribution to help understand habitat parameters and identify promising areas for future reintroductions. Thus far, the team has collated museum records

and sightings from experts, identified a sampling universe and important environmental variables, and built an initial model, which is being refined with habitat validation results coming in from the field.

Grant Applications Pending or in Process – American Bird Conservancy: Avian diversity and habitat in VE shade coffee

Mohammed bin Zayed: Anti-wildlife trafficking Smithsonian Bond Fund: Field and molecular research to assess origin and current status of Red Siskins in Caribbean region

Smithsonian Women’s Committee: Support for US project coordinator

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National Bird Show – December 3-5, 2015 Pheasant Run Resort – St. Charles, Illinois

Rebecca Mikel, NFSS President

The home of the 2015 National Bird Show was Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois - just a short distance west from Chicago. The site is exactly what an event of this magnitude needs – lots of spacious and comfortable rooms, several choices for food and beverages, a quaint old-town village with some shopping choices, a magnificent coliseum for the bird show, meeting rooms, banquet halls, and location after location with comfortable seating for those wanting some quiet time to visit with a few friends – ALL under one roof! There are two indoor pools, a hot tub, an exercise room, and several other “perks” available. Weather permitting there’s also a golf course right outside the door!



The NBS Board promised some changes to the event this year – and boy did they deliver! Walking into the show hall – the aisle leading into the actual exhibition area was lined with photos and mementos from many, many years of prior NBS events. The new NBS logo was on a huge overhead sign - welcoming everyone to the event. The staging areas for birds was curtained off – which not only help prevent unnecessary traffic into the staging area – but which also added a very organized and professional look to the hall. In dead center of the auditorium was a large seating area with tables and chairs. Each table had a white linen table cloths and festive red poinsettias - a great place to take a break without having to leave the excitement of the show hall! We also had a huge choice of vendors to shop with - some directly outside the show hall, and then an entire room full sponsored by TASC (The Avicultural Society of Chicago).



One of the schedule changes was moving the banquet from Saturday night, to Friday night after the show. However, calling that event just “a banquet” hardly seems fair. What an event it was! This year’s banquet had a theme – “Roaring 20’s” – so guests began to arrive in full dress – I was surprised at just how many chose to play along and dress up – all adding to the fun of the evening. The Banquet room was decorated beautifully (thanks to NFSS member Kristen Reeves and her daughters and NBS BOD member Mary Tarsitano). The background music

Kristen Reeves and son, Aiden

was from the appropriate era as were the back drops. There were also generous cash prizes given for the top costumes. Drawings were made and prizes given to five persons who were allowed to be first in line of those waiting to check out birds.

The Finch division saw it's largest entry in many, many years at 207 with most all divisions having several entries. Judge Clarence Culwell, had his work cut out for him right from the start. His job was made much easier by the fact Vonda Zwick and Laurie Erwin spent the entire evening the night before making sure things were in order, followed by the efficient stewardship of Laurie Erwin and Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud on the day of the event, with ribbon hanging by Vonda Zwick. Rebecca Mikel served as secretary for the division.



*Rebecca Mikel,
NFSS President*

We welcomed "The Guys" from Puerto Rico who brought at least 40 finches -- as did Laurie & Demetrious Irwin (who also won the drawing for one free night in the motel!), really boosting the overall numbers of the show. Abraham Ogir, on the other hand, brought just one Parson Finch, which won. He said, "it only takes one to win, just like the lotto." I've not yet heard total numbers of entries for ALL divisions and am anxious to hear if the other divisions saw an increase in entries similar to that experienced in the Finch Division.

Another difference NBS made this year was in the awards presentation. Rather than announcing winners at the Banquet, these announcements were made on Saturday afternoon. A nice touch was their announcing the winners of all Sections in each Division as well as the 1st through 3rd place winners in each Section. Some of those sections were large and winning those was an accomplishment worth recognizing.

While the 2015 show reports will be included in a later issue of the Journal, we're including the "unofficial" show results for the benefits of those reading this article. I hope to see all of you at the event in 2016!



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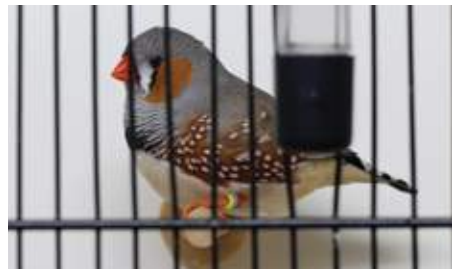
1st Place: Parson Finch
Abraham Ogir (Bill Parlee Best Finch winner)



2nd Place: Pekin Robin
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3rd Place: BF Parrot Finch
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4th Place: Grey Zebra Cock
Vince/Sally Huntington

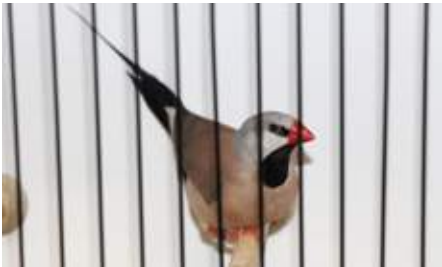


5th Place: Yellow Purple Breast Gouldian
Laurie & Demetrious Erwin



6th Place: Euro Black Brown Society
Dennis Burhams





7th Place: Shafttail
Vince/Kendra Moase



8th Place: Pair Black/Brown Societies
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9th Place: RF Parrot Finch
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Spotlight On Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud New NFSS Panel Judge

Ken was born the second child of five in the village of Leonora, located between the Essequibo and Demerara flood plains of Guyana, South America. Guyana is the only English speaking country in South America. It is unique in that it shares the South American flora and fauna but culturally is considered part of the Caribbean. Guyana has approximately 800 species of birds and is best known for the Harpy Eagle and the cock-of-the-rock.

Ken's rich natural and cultural background influenced his naturally jovial approach toward life. He loved the outdoors, focusing on track and field events early on, which earned him a few medals. Ken has had many pets: a parrot, rabbits, guinea pigs, goats, sheep, and cows. In his early teenage years, his finch (referred locally as Towa-Towa) education began when he joined the local men with small bird cages on their early morning jaunts alongside the roadside (a Guyanese activity).



His mother was a well-known seamstress and his dad worked as a tractor operator with the Leonora Sugar Estate. Unconsciously, Hiram parents influenced his work ethics and formed the basis for his determination to succeed. At eighteen years old, he began studies at Guyana Red Cross, then onto nursing school where he graduated with honors.

At age twenty-five, Ken migrated to New York as an economic migrant. There was extremely difficult with no money, friends, or family; he felt lost and alone in a strange environment. Upon his defining moment when his mother passed away and he was unable to attend her funeral, he resolved to become the best he could be to make his mother proud.

Much later in his life, after he accepted New York as his adopted home, he started to re-engage with his love for birds. He approached it with the same passion and dedication with which he approaches life, actively seeking to expand his knowledge and understanding of birds. He began breeding and showing his own finches in the late 1990's.

Nisam Ali, one of the panel judges, recognized his keen interest and allowed him to judge The New York Finch Feather Show, after which he went on to judge many other shows in New York. However, he was not content with this and actively

pursued an accreditation to become a Certified National Finch and Soft Bill Judge in the USA. He passed the Judges' test in Dayton, Ohio, November 2014 and completed his three apprenticeships in South Carolina, Texas and Florida in 2015. He was approved by the NFSS Board of Directors in October 2015, becoming the first Guyanese Panel Judge to sit on the Judges Panel in the United States. He can now judge finches in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

Ken loves travel and has traversed to most of the States of America, Canada and Puerto Rico to visit and compete in bird shows. To date, he has amassed 171 points and is looking forward to reach his goal of 200 show points so as to receive the Exhibitor of Excellence Award from NFSS.



Ken with his family - wife Geeta, sons Ken & Kevin

Ken feels he could not have achieved all that he has without acknowledging all the people who have helped him through his journey, and wishes to express thanks to all, especially his Aunty Doreen & Uncle Roy Seegobin, Vince and Sally Huntington, Rebecca Mikel, Andrew, Laura Tinker, Lisa Murphy, Daniel Maldonado, Cheryl Burns, Vince and Kendra, Diane Braithwaite, Samantha Vincent, Abe Ogir, wife Geeta, and sons Ken and Kevin.

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Website: www.birdclub.ca
Club Contact Email: jacquies.parrots@sympatice.ca

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