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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rebecca Mikel

NFSS Election Year 2019

Summer has FINALLY arrived! It's been a very rainy one here in the Midwest, but thank goodness for the warmer temperatures.

The NFSS census has been completed for another year – results are available for review at: <http://nfss.org/fss/finch-and-softbill-save-program/census-results/> We encourage all aviculturists, whether they are NFSS members or not, to participate in this census. If you'd like to participate, but prefer to remain anonymous, the program is designed to allow that option.

Long standing board member, Laura Bewley, has resigned her position of Awards/Affiliations Manager and we thank her for her many years of service in this position. Lauren Ogburn has been appointed to this position and all orders for awards will now go through her. Contact information for Lauren is in the Journal and on the website for your convenience. Javier Perez has also resigned as Region 2 Vice-President and will be missed. Van To has been appointed to that position and we welcome his participation and look forward to working with him.

2019 is a General Election year for the NFSS Board of Directors. Some of our current Board members have decided not to run for their positions again and I'd like to invite you to give strong consideration to your ability to run for one of these positions. Those positions include 2nd Vice-President in charge of Publications, 3rd Vice-President in charge of Census and FinchSave, Region 4 Vice-President, Advertising, and Web Site Manager. If you are interested, please contact any Board member at your earliest convenience as the Ballot is being compiled as is the document containing the Bios of all those running for Board positions. The option to run as a "write in" candidate is always an option as well.

The NBS board is also busy planning the 2019 National Bird Show – scheduled for November 14-16th, 2019, at Pheasant Run Resort in St Charles, Illinois. Please add that event to your calendar. We'd love to see each and every one of you there!

Updates continue to the NFSS website – please check that site for listings of bird shows and events in your area . Your support of each of these events helps keep them "alive".

Rebecca Mikel
President

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NFSS Board of Directors Meeting – Second Quarter 2019

MEMBERS: Single: 259 DUAL: 27 (54) FOREIGN: 10 JUNIOR: 5

TOTAL: 301

TREASURY:

Checking: \$5,732

Savings: \$31,474

Total: \$37,206

May 1, 2019

Laura Bewley, 4th VP (Awards/Affiliations) resigned; Lauren Ogburn is appointed to the position Pro-Tem.

Javier Perez, Region 2 VP, resigned; Van To is appointed to position Pro-Tem.

Election Committee compiling Bios of those running in the 2019 General Election

Census is closed and sorted; for full results see:

<http://nfss.org/fss/finch-and-softbill-save-program/census-results/>

Updates to Web continue

Ads for new Advertisers created

Lauren Ogburn has received inventory of awards from Laura Bewley and placed order to replenish for future orders. Class ribbons will be replaced with stickers.

14 NFSS Affiliated Clubs to date

REGIONAL SHOW ASSIGNMENTS:

Region 1: East Coast Finch Society, 9/14/19 Wethersfield, CT

Region 2: First Coast Finch/Softbill Society, 10/26/19 Green Cove Springs, FL

Region 3: Society of Canary/Finch Breeders, 10/19/19, Livonia MI

Region 4: Canary and Finch Society, 10/12/19, Houston TX

Region 5: Columbia Canary Club, 11/2-3/19, Salem OR

16 NFSS Panel Judges to Date,

Christine Voronovich has resigned from her position as NFSS Judge

2018 Show reports are compiled and submitted for inclusion in the Journal.

2019 NBS Division paperwork completed and submitted.



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Lowering the pH of the Drinking Water for Finches

Kristen Reeves

Why would you want to lower the pH?

Many pathogens thrive under high pH conditions. Yeast, protozoa, and some bacterial issues may occur when heat or humidity is high or the immune system is suppressed (recently moved birds, during breeding season, during the molt, any stressful situation, etc.). Lowering the pH of the drinking water inhibits the ability of these pathogens to gain traction and affect your flock.

After years of research, I have discovered the best pH level to maintain healthy gut flora in Gouldians and other small finches is about 5.3-5.5.

When attempting to lower the pH of your water - whether it be to avoid yeast in a chick's crop, or to "sweeten the gut" and tighten droppings, you first want to TEST your water to see what the pH level currently is. I use aquarium test strips to do that here, though the aquarium department of your local pet store may have some better options, such as digital readout testers. The normal pH of your water will also depend on your water source and may vary greatly if you have a well.

My city tap water ranges from 7.0-7.2. At that level I need to add the following to lower the pH to 5.5:

- 1/4 tsp MegaMix (MM) per quart of water - OR
- 1/4 tsp of Citric Acid crystals (CA) per quart of water – OR
- 1/4 tsp Unpasteurized Apple Cider Vinegar (ACV) per quart of water (it MUST be unpasteurized to be effective) - OR
- 1/4 tsp KD Cleanser per quart of water

Once you test your water, you'll then add the appropriate amount of one of the above mentioned reducers to lower the pH.

When I test, I measure 2 cups of water and add 1/8th tsp of the lowering agent at a time, mix well, then RE-TEST to see how much the pH has changed. I continue adding by 1/8th tsp until I get pH the level I desire. I RECORD the amount I had to use for future reference. I typically test my water quarterly to be sure nothing has changed and I don't need to increase or decrease the amount of reducer I use.

The biggest issue is making sure there isn't so much that it totally changes the taste of the water. If you've had to add too much, the birds may not drink it - which would defeat the purpose. Watch for "squinty eyes". If you see the birds looking squinty, they aren't drinking enough and you need to reevaluate the amount of pH reducer you've used in their drinking water. Dehydration can quickly lead to death, especially in hot and/or humid climates.

I do NOT use CA, KD, ACV or MM every day of the week. I really only use it when I see a problem. I want my birds to become accustomed to regular, untreated water. I want them to be able to go to a buyer without having been "babied". They should be able to combat issues WITHOUT the use of a pH lowering agent, and should only need it on rare occasions. When I see an issue, I use one of these reducers as my first line of defense. Genetics, nutrition, overall health, stress level, and environment will all play a part in whether you see a need to lower the pH of your bird's drinking water, and how often.

I watch the droppings - when they become wetter than normal, I add the reducer. I also run environment swabs and fecal smears weekly to determine if pathogens are present.

You MUST know what normal droppings look like for YOUR species. Many times, dropping consistency will depend on what you are feeding them. If you are feeding fresh greens, chitted or sprouted seed, or wet soft food, their droppings will be wetter by default. If they are on a plain seed diet with nothing more than water supplements and grit, their droppings will be well-formed, relatively tight and dry. Birds who do not have a wet diet may have a small wet ring of urine around their droppings which is perfectly normal. If they are receiving supplements in their water, their urine and/or the urates may be slightly tinted yellow from the supplements. If you keep softbills, their droppings will be wetter by default, so knowing what's normal will be imperative to your husbandry regime.



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Average Water Intake for Healthy Captive Birds

Kristen Reeves

Over the last 10-17 years (depending on length of time any particular species was kept), I've tracked everything from seed hulls to water intake and have referenced the water intake for normal, healthy birds and multiple species. Average temperature in my bird room ranges from 65-72 degrees during the spring, summer & fall months, 48-68 during the winter. Humidity is always a bit on the high side right around 50-55%, but often much higher because my bird room is located in the basement. I will occasionally run a dehumidifier when the humidity is higher than 55%, but not often. I prefer to allow the birds to acclimate to their environment and build up immunities to issues that would be present during high humidity time. These totals are taken only from my own aviary and may be very different in other aviaries.

In my aviary, every species drinks a different amount of water. I track it daily and keep detailed for each cage. Birds in flights tend to drink less - no matter the species or mix of species – while pairs tend to drink more with or without chicks. Odd observation, yes, but a flock mentality does strange things to their eating & drinking habits!

Averages for species we currently keep or have kept are as follows:

- Gouldian - ½ oz per bird per day
- Society - ½oz per bird per day
- Chestnut Breasted Mannikin - ½ oz to ¾ oz per bird per day
- Star Finch - ¾ to 1 oz per bird per day
- Zebra Finch – ¾ to 1 oz per bird per day
- Cherry Finch - ½ oz per bird per day
- Shafttail Finch - ¼ to ½ oz per bird per day
- Parson Finch - ¾ to 1 oz per bird per day
- Masked Grassfinch – ¼ to ½ oz per bird per day
- Blue Capped Cordon Bleu - ¼ to ½ oz per bird per day
- Red Cheeked Cordon Bleu - ¼ to ½ oz per bird per day
- African Silverbill - ¼ to ½ oz per bird per day
- Indian Silverbill – ½ to ¾ oz per bird per day
- Owl Finch (Bicheno) - ¼ to ½ oz per bird per day
- Lavender Waxbill – ¼ to ½ oz per bird per day
- Redbilled Fire Finch (Senegal) – ¼ to ½ oz per bird per day
- Gold Breasted Waxbill – ⅛ to ¼ oz per bird per day
- Orange Cheeked Waxbill – ¼ oz per bird per day
- Black & White Manikins – ¼ to ½ oz per bird per day
- Bronze Winged Manikins – ¼ oz per bird per day
- Blue Faced Parrot Finch – 1 to 2 oz per bird per day (they soften their food with the water and also try to bathe in the drinkers, so this could be less drinking and more mess making, there's no way to truly measure)
- Red Throated Parrot Finch – ¾ to 1 oz per bird per day
- Quail Finch – ¼ oz per bird per day
- Cutthroat – ¼ to ½ oz per bird per day
- Spice Finch – ¼ oz per bird per day

- Green Singers – ½ to 1oz per bird per day
- Grey Singers – ¼ to ½ oz per bird per day
- Cuban Melodious - ½ to 1 oz per bird per day
- Weaver (Red Bishop) - ½ to 1 oz per bird per day
- Strawberry - ¼ to ½ oz per bird per day
- Canary - varies greatly from ¼ oz to 2 oz per bird per day depending on variety and size
- Crimson Pileated Finch – ¼ to ½ oz per bird per day. This small amount is mostly due to the wet foods they receive daily.
- Budgerigar – varies greatly from ½ to 4 oz per bird per day – mostly due to bathing in the water receptacle
- African Grey – approximately 6 oz per day
- Orange Cheeked Conure – approximately 4 oz per day
- Rosie Bourke – 2 oz per bird per day
- Scarlet Breasted Grasskeet – ½ to 1 oz per bird per day
- Canaries – ½ oz per bird per day. Fairly consistent regardless of species (We've kept Glosters, American Singers, Fife and Rollers)

Taking into consideration that a medication or supplement may taste or smell bad, these amounts may vary greatly depending on what is added to the drinking water. Gouldians here, for example, will totally refuse to drink for up to 48 hours if they don't like the taste or smell. By then they are wobbly and looking dehydrated and squinty-eyed and will finally give in and drink, but in very small amounts averaging less than 1/4 oz. I have seen similar behavior in all of the species I've kept over the years, but to a lesser extent than with the Goulds.

These totals also change dramatically depending on the foods offered. Salt content and wet foods affect intake – changes in diet will also affect consumption, usually seeing it rise as much as 5x the norm until they've acclimated to the new diet, so obviously these totals may be very different from one aviary to the next. Overall health of the flock also plays a large role in consumption. In my experience ill birds, or those with mild issues, tend to drink more than those with strong immune systems and no outward signs of illness. And, of course, heat and humidity play a large role as well. A hot and humid aviary may see far larger consumption, while a drier, cooler aviary may see slightly lower consumption.

An important aspect of tracking water intake is observing whether a bird has received enough of a medication to actually stop an issue. In the past it has been a problem here and what prompted me to begin tracking intake. Unless I closely monitor their intake, I may not know for sure they are getting enough. When I do not monitor the water intake, my only other recourse is to check droppings and run crop washes (depending on the issue) to ensure treatment has worked. I perform follow-ups at 3 days, 7 days and 10 days following treatment, and monitor water intake the entire time. But all water is tracked daily, regardless of health in the flock.

The Benefits of Handling Your Birds Often

Kristen Reeves

I know and understand that not everybody is a birdy Ninja like I am, and I also realize that not everyone is comfortable handling their birds. But I'd like to explain a few reasons why handling them is really imperative to a healthy flock!

But first, an explanation: I take liberties with my birds. I have never been one to "follow". When it comes to my birds, I always lead. I live outside the birdcage. My sole purpose in life while keeping birds is to disprove myths and prove theories. I ALWAYS question and never stop until I find the answer I'm looking for. How will I ever know the answer unless I take some risks and just TRY??? The answer to that question is I'll never know UNLESS I try. Therefore, I just do whatever I need to do to get that answer. You can't always worry about what another breeder will say. Sometimes you just have to live outside the birdcage and do it! Take that risk!

I've heard all the horror stories –

- "Don't touch the chicks, the parents will abandon."
- "Don't stick your hand in the cage unless absolutely necessary, it is too stressful for the birds."
- "Don't chase the birds with a net. 5 minutes of quick chase then some rest time is better than 10 minutes of chasing."
- "Don't touch the eggs, the oils in your hand will clog the pores of the egg shell and can cause the chick to die in the shell."

I say BAH to all of that! It's bunk. I've tested each and every one of these "myths" and have found them all to be untrue. I touch chicks, eggs, and parents multiple times throughout the day and they don't abandon. I always wash my hands before handling eggs because oiling WILL cause clogging of the pores on the eggs, but if your hands are relatively clean, there is no reason not to handle them if you need to. I chase my birds all over the place - usually all over the bird room. It's how I get my exercise! And when "I" get tired of chasing "them", I just stand still and wait for them to come to me - then I just snatch them out of the air with my bare hands. Learn how your birds move and you'll never have to fight to catch them again! Be one with the bird! Seriously gang. We need to lighten up!

Sure, if you have wild-caught birds that have rarely been in the hands of a human, chances are they will indeed stress out a bit. BUT, these little guys are MUCH stronger than most breeders give them credit for! You must get them used to you. The easiest way to do that is to get them from a chick and handle them often into adulthood. But if the birds are from another breeder and have never been handled, you need to be able to work with them in case of emergency!!! Take them in hand!

Handling your birds often will give you a good idea of their overall health –

One of the reasons I prefer Scatt over an in-the-water Ivermectin treatment (though I DO use both) is because it forces me to handle the birds regularly. Sure, I have a lot of birds and it can take me hours or even days to get through them all. But when I'm done, I have an excellent idea of not only who is healthy, but who may be coming down with something, who may be too fat, who may be too thin, who is beginning an early molt or even who is coming into condition when it wasn't expected. I know every feather, every eyelash, every weight of every bird in my aviary. I know instantly when taking them in hand whether or not they've gained or lost weight. I know if there are feathers missing, and/or if something just isn't right - merely because I handle them so often and know each and every one of them so well.

Handling them enables me to catch issues early. When I take a bird in hand for ANY reason, I always check them out from head to toe. I check eyes, nostrils, chest, belly, vent. I blow the feathers away from the belly and from up around the crop. I pull each wing out and check feathers and look for signs of mites. I weigh the bird and apply Scatt if they are due. I trim nails and beaks if necessary, and always kiss the top of their tiny birdy heads before releasing them back into their cage or flight because if they "smell" like anything, this is when I will most likely notice! A healthy bird should have no smell! They should NOT smell like ANYTHING. I make notes about each bird, recording anything I see that has changed from the last time I handled them. Yep, it's a lot of work, but it is well worth it in the end.

Handling them often also makes them less afraid of you for the times you MUST handle them. If you have an emergency in the bird room - a bird gets a leg caught in the cage bars, has a broken wing, had night frights and is injured, is egg bound, is bleeding, or any other issue that could possibly occur - you don't want the bird to drop dead in your hand just because you caught them! You need them to remain calm enough that you can handle them and attend to their injuries or needs. When you handle them often, they will be less stressed when you NEED to handle them.

Now here, my birds are in a constant state of change. I move cages regularly - sometimes daily (yes, even during breeding season) - I walk through the bird room slowly, but with purpose. I don't whisper, I don't tip toe, I don't walk on egg shells. I act perfectly normal. I'll often have music playing quite loudly because I like to head-bang to a little AC/DC while I'm cleaning cages (LOL - this is truth!). I run the shop vac daily, and sweep up under the cages several times per day. I reach into every single cage at LEAST once per day, but more often than not, several times per day. I'm wiping, chasing, checking nest boxes and/or chicks. I'm checking breeding adults for signs of lowered immune. I'm in there almost constantly throughout the day - all while multi-tasking on some other project or job.

When I bump up chicks with hand-feeding formula, I just reach into the cage and pull out the nest. If the parents are still in the nest, I open the lid and lift them off the chicks, then shoo them into the cage. It's like talking to someone without mincing words. You're telling it like it is. When I go into the bird room, I don't let the birds dictate to ME how I'll act, I dictate to THEM how THEY should act.

Mine are so tame many will come up to the cage bars and often kiss me. They sit close to me on a perch and sing their little hearts out. If I whistle their song to them, they whistle back. They hiss at me and even try to bite when I try to remove them from their eggs or chicks for the umpteenth time of the day, but they rarely ever freak out. Yes, they give me the "birdy evil eye", but they know I'm there to help. They know I'm there to take care of them, and they know when they need something all they need to do is ask. Yes, they "tell" me when they need something. If you pay attention to their body language, you'll see they may well be telling YOU something too!

If you are afraid, they will sense that. If you are clumsy handling them, they will respond in kind - but the more you practice, the less clumsy and more confident you'll become - and the less skittish your birds will become. Handling them takes practice, but practice makes perfect! It's really not that difficult if you only try. The more you do it, the easier it becomes!

SIDE NOTE: One of the things I will always remember because I was actually angered by it, was when someone posted a comment on one of my videos. They'd said that it was a shame I had used a dead bird to show how I do something. I was mortified! I sat and stared at that video long and hard to see if the bird ever moved - thankfully, it did SEVERAL times and was proof the bird was not dead, only very calm and quite comfortable in my hand. It never occurred to me that someone would think I'd use a dead bird in one of my educational videos. I was appalled they'd even suggest such a thing and told them as much! They were obviously one of those who never handles their birds and the birds freak out when they approach the cage. Mine just don't do that. That video was testament to how calm they really are.

Obviously you won't always get every bird to be that laid back and calm, but you can really get the bulk of your flock calm and settled with just a bit of attention daily.

Be one with the bird! Handle them often. Get to know them, and they'll get to know YOU!



2019 NATIONAL BIRD SHOW

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THURSDAY – 11/14: 10:00 a.m. Tag sales and registration begins

FRIDAY – 11/15: 6:00 a.m. Show hall opens for exhibitors

8:00 a.m. Judging Begins

6:00 p.m. Show hall closes

SATURDAY– 11/16: 6:00 a.m. Show hall opens for exhibitors

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2019 NFSS GENERAL ELECTION

For Officers Serving 2020 & 2021

The NFSS By-laws require that the Society have an election of Board Officers every two years. A ballot which includes all positions will be open for this election and the names of candidates running for each position. The General Election will be published in the July-September NFSS Journal. A announcement of the new officers will be announced at the 2019 National Bird Show and printed in the Journal.

All votes must be received and counted **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15, 2019**. Dual members will each have one (1) vote each and will be allowed to copy the ballot or vote electronically. (<http://nfss.org/2019-election-ballot/>)

Please remember your membership must be in good standing – don't allow an interruption in your active membership to interfere with your voting for your board members – check your journal cover for your renewal date and membership number.

If you renewing late please allow the Membership Director adequate time to process renewals and prepare the ballot mailing list **BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1st, 2019**. You will be provided with a ballot or an option to vote electronically on line. It will be the member's personal responsibility to make sure the ballot is returned and postmarked **BY NOVEMBER 15, 2019** if mailed.

If you are interested in running for a position on the NFSS Board of Directors, please contact any current Board member for further information about any position you may be interested in.

NFSS CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

REBECCA MIKEL – President

I have served on the NFSS Board since December of 2006, when I began as Executive Secretary. I was elected President in 2013 and have continued in that position since that time. In my time on the Board, I've served on several committees, worked on various projects including elections, financial audits, document creation, by law revisions, and various other general responsibilities. I also serve on the Board for the National Bird Show, am a member of Michigan Society of Canary and Finch Breeders, participate in the NFSS Census each year, and contribute articles for the Journal. I work as Operations Manager for a firm in Elkhart, Indiana; and reside in SW Michigan. I keep Finches and Softbills and a few smaller Hookbills. I support local and national shows as an Exhibitor, Show Secretary, Award Sponsor, or helping out with whatever needs done at the moment. I would appreciate your vote to allow me to continue to serve as President.

SALLY HUNTINGTON – 1st Vice-President (Regional Vice-Presidents, Education)

I have served on the NFSS BOD as President and most recently as Vice President. Memberships and offices held include MAP certified (model aviculture program), life member of AFA, a charter member of Nat'l Avian Welfare Alliance, Finch and Softbill Save (FSS), member of Aviculture Society of American (ASA), currently Vice president of ASA and President and life member of the Finch Society of San Diego County (FSSDC). I have 30 years experience raising many types of finches, softbills and doves along with published avian related articles and chapters (AFA Watchbird, NFSS Journal, Bird Talk Magazine, Just Finches and Softbills Magazine, Hand Rearing Birds). In the past I have sponsored and coordinated NFSS's and FSSDC'S annual Afternoon of Aviculture (AOA) at the National Bird Show (NBS), with speaker presentations on various aviculture subjects. My day job is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) in private practice in La Jolla, California.

(No Current Candidate) – 2nd Vice-President (Publications)

(No Current Candidate) – 3rd Vice-President (FinchSave, Census)

LAURA TINKER – 4th Vice President - Judge's Panel Director, Standards, Research

As the current 4th VP, I hope to have your support to continue in the role of Judge's Panel Director. I have been a member of this panel for 16 years and I also judge for two other societies (parrots and cockatiels). I have gained valuable experience judging for these organizations that I have been able to leverage with NFSS.

I've represented our judge's panel on the NFSS BOD, reaching out to the panel for opinions and keeping them posted on important updates. Each year I have held an annual judge's meeting and also a clinic for the judges to discuss matters pertaining to judging keeping our judges in good alignment on procedures.

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I manage our show point database, the apprentice testing program, the show classification system, the standards and the judge's handbook with a high level of quality, accuracy and timeliness.

I am also the NFSS interface to the National Bird Show and have maintained our affiliation paperwork, coordinated our BOD's NBS judge selection and helped to run the NBS division by assigning division volunteers.

As a breeder of birds for 34 years, I have had past leadership experience running local organizations and shows.

I have received good feedback, enthusiasm and support from our Judge's Panel regarding my performance as the Judge's Panel Director. I would be honored to continue to serve our Judge's Panel, the BOD and the general membership once again in these capacities should you choose to vote for me in 2019.

DANNY MALDONADO – Region 1 Vice-President (Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Canada)

Hi, my name is Daniel Maldonado. I have bred, banded and exhibited birds since 1991. To this day I show and promote birds as a hobby. I have a passion for type canaries and finches and love the challenging nature of some of the varieties.

As a retired military officer and currently a software developer I tend to be a stickler for logic and rules. I guess it has always been part of my nature. I enjoy the fact that we have standards for our birds and I tend to stick pretty close to the standard when it comes to selecting my own show teams. I admire and understand the passion, dedication and sacrifices we all make when we stick with this hobby. That being said, I take my responsibility as any board member very seriously and I must put the birds and the hobby first. Sometimes this does not make us very popular but it is our job.

I am a current active enthusiastic member as well as a sanctioned judge of the National Gloster Club and Old Variety Canary Association. I am also a member of the National Finch and Soft-bill where I serve as the Region 1 VP. I have held many board positions as a member of the National Gloster Club, East Coast Finch Society, CT Canary Club (defunct) and many others. I would be honored to serve as a member of the board and would work hard to ensure our hobby is preserved and that our members voices are heard.

Thank you for the opportunity

VAN TO – Region 2 Vice-President (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, N Carolina, S Carolina, Virginia, W Virginia, P Rico, Carribean Basin)

I grew up in Vietnam, helping my dad with his finches a far back as I can remember. I have bred Australian finches and canaries and currently work with Zebras, Shaftails, Gouldians, Strawberries, and Parrot Finches, to name a few. My goal is to improve health, genetic diversity, and increase the number of species we have in the U.S. through captive breeding. I currently reside in Jacksonville, Florida with my wife, birds, and a dog.

SUSAN STIEVE – Region 3 Vice-President (Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Australia, Bermuda, England)

I've kept and bred finches for many years and started showing them in 2011 at the Bluegrass Bird Breeders show in Louisville, KY...with some moderate success I was hooked! I've been a member of NFSS since 2011 and have earned Champion Exhibitor and Exhibitor of Excellence awards. One of the most satisfying aspects of exhibiting finches is winning a show with a bird I've bred myself, which I've been fortunate to do several times. In addition to finches, I also breed and exhibit many species of hookbills and am on the Board of Directors for the National Cockatiel Society and the North American Parrot Society. I have a full-time job at The Ohio State University in Columbus where I've worked as Curator since 2001 at the Ornamental Plant Germplasm Center conserving flower seeds. I travel around the U.S. collecting wildflower seeds, use bumblebees and other pollinators to produce more seeds, and ship seeds around the world for use in research and education, always something new and exciting to do!

(No Current Candidate) – Region 4 Vice-President (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, N Dakota, S Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming)

DOUG WHITE – Region 5 Vice-President (Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington)

I am married with 3 daughters, the oldest two help me with the care of the birds. We also breed and show Scottish Fold and British Shorthair cats. I am a retired US Navy Chief Petty Officer and currently work as a Senior Recruiter for Allstate Insurance at the NW Regional Office where I look for individuals to be Agent/ Owners. I have owned and bred birds off and on for nearly 30 years. I currently have Zebras, Societies, and Fife Canaries. I have shown many types of birds and enjoy attending the shows and talking to people about the birds they own. I take time to discuss with the non-NFSS members the benefits of becoming a member

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of our great organization. I feel the greatest challenge facing the NFSS and ANY organization that is involved with birds/cats/dogs/poultry is getting new people involved in the hobby. Let's all work together over the next several years to get more people involved. I have enjoyed the past several years as your Regional Vice-President and would very much like to continue in this position.

PAULA HANSEN – Band Secretary

I am a native New Yorker, residing in Oregon the past 35 yrs. For 28 yrs I have been a member of the National Finch and Softbill Society (NFSS) and 15 of those yrs NFSS Band Secretary and Board of Directors. In 2010 I received the prestigious NFSS National Aviculturalist Recognition Award (NARA) for my 23 yrs of breeding of the Red Siskins. Participate in NFSS Facebook group and acting NFSS Webmaster. I am a member of the Columbia Canary (Oregon), Cascade Canary Club (Washington) and West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show (California). Each of the 15 yrs as Band Secretary I strive to to purchase the best quality band supplies available. Vote for me to continue as your Band Secretary.

LAUREN OGBURN – Awards/Affiliations

I reside in northeast Florida with my husband of 37 years, 2 dogs, and around 50 birds. We have one son, who seems to be a perpetual graduate student.

Birds are my passion, and a huge part of my life. I breed on a limited basis, working mainly with small softbills and African waxbills. I am honored to have received the National Aviculturist Recognition Award three times from the NFSS, for dedication to the blue dacnis, violet-eared waxbill, and purple grenadier. I breed a few other species as well, including Gouldians, honeycreepers and Pekin robins. Quality, health, and conformation over quantity is my mantra.

Combining my love of animals with a drive to compete all my life, I have owned and shown hunter-jumper horses, dogs, and even fish. I have settled in with the birds pretty much exclusively the past 12 years. I have to say; the bird fancy is the most enjoyable of all. It is delightful to be part of such a friendly, helpful and encouraging group of people.

I have served on boards of national and regional dog clubs for over 25 years, the last 6 of which I have specialized in providing trophies, awards and rosettes.

I am a retired RN, (intensive care, operating and recovery room), and have a non-degreed background and experience in veterinary medicine.

I would be honored to continue on as your Awards Director

SARA ROBERTS – Treasurer

I have served as the NFSS Treasurer for the past two years. I have raised a variety of birds throughout my life including chickens, pigeons, and finches. Most recently in 2010 I started breeding finches. I joined NFSS in 2015, wanting to support education for maintaining and breeding of finch species. Now I enjoy maintaining over 12 species of finches with breeding of Gouldians and soon, hopefully, Purple Grenadiers and Strawberry babies. I am retired and enjoy my finches, bicycling, sailing with my Partner, and time with my son's families with 6 grandchildren.

AMBER KINCHELOE – Executive Secretary

My name is Amber Kincheloe and I am your Executive Secretary. I spent my first year on the NFSS Board as your Advertising Manager. I am also the owner of Blue Ribbon Finches. I specialize in Society and Zebra Finches, Java Sparrows, and Lady Gouldian Finches. I also have a Cockatiel and an African Ringneck. As far as my non-avian friends go – we have 3 dogs, a cat, and a flock of chickens and a Ball Python. I have a wonderful husband, David, that puts up with all of my pets, and a daughter, Alizay, who lives here with David and I. She is in her first year of College and works two jobs. I am so happy to be working for the betterment of the NFSS as your Executive Secretary.

LAURA WATKINS – Membership

My bird journey started when I was a child, thanks to my mom. After the typical childhood Budgie, and then a Cockatiel, I acquired a pair of Green Singing Finches which raised babies in my dining room. Then came an aviary, then several aviaries, and you can probably guess the rest. Along the way, I joined several bird clubs, including the NFSS and became a Panel Judge in 2013. In 2017 I dramatically downsized my flock and retired to Spokane Valley, WA. It has been my pleasure to serve as your Membership Director since 2018, and will be happy to continue in this role. Thank you for your support.

(No Current Candidate) – Advertising Manager



THE NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETY
Special Election Ballot

NFSS Membership Number

This must be included or the ballot will not be counted

Dual members will each have one (1) vote and are allowed to copy this ballot

Ballots must be post-marked **NO LATER THAN September 25, 2019**

MAIL BALLOTS TO:

Rebecca Mikel

13779 US 12 E

Union, MI 49130

ELECTRONIC BALLOT: <http://nfss.org>

Awards/Affiliations Manager

Lauren Ogburn

Write in Candidate _____

Membership Director

Laura Watkins

Write in Candidate _____

Region Vice President 2

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Write in Candidate _____



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All about NFSS Bird Bands & Show Services

Paula Hansen, NFSS Band Secretary

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All orders are mailed within 3 business days. You will receive tracking information within 3 days. Each band is sequentially numbered, band size, NFS and Year. All closed bands are registered in the NFSS Band Secretary's log.

Should you wish to loan your closed bands to other NFSS members email the NFSS Band Secretary directly with their full name, NFSS member number, band size and the band number sequence. Registered bands enables NFSS to contact you the breeder of a bird when we receive inquiries on lost/sold birds. I forward to you in email to make the connection. This is another service NFSS provides.

NFSS Bands are ordered 6 months in advance the year before, so the numbering is continuous throughout the current year for any given size. There are no custom engraving provided. This preorder we do is how NFSS keeps the cost to its member's affordable.

Closed bands remain on the bird for life. Normally applied to chicks at ages 6 or 8 days depending on the specie. NFSS has recommended sizes for closed bands. They appear in each journal and on the NFSS website.

All closed band orders for the New Year are held until Christmas week. PR & Canada do get mailed a few wks earlier due to length of mailing time. This is to ensure that breeders have bands just in time for early next year clutches. Make sure your PayPal account has the correct address and the postal service recognizes your name to that address or list care of (C/O) the resident's name living at that address.

The 2020 bands will be Opal Green

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COLOR ROTATION FOR NFSS BANDS

| Light Blue | Purple | Silver | Green | Violet | Orange | Dark Blue | Red | Black | Opal Green |
|------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-----------|------|-------|------------|
| 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |

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- E-Z kits (small/medium/large) Kits come with tools and with preloaded rings. They are safer as they are closed not open ended, less snagging onto cage or nesting material, can place multiple rings on one leg and easy to roll off the birds leg. Do not use for budgies, any hook billed birds.
- E-Z Reload Rings: we carry extra reloads in 8 colors in the small popular size and 2 colors in the medium size. You can order 10, 25, or 50 rings in any combination. There's a size chart on the website.
- Ring Collector: This is a useful tool, hang up in a permanent place in your bird room, and never misplace entire strings of bands again. Organize all types of bands (Split Plastics, Closed Aluminum, or E-Z reloads by color).
- Band Cutter: This tool is the best tool we could locate, made in Europe. They are specially manufactured for removing bands from size A – M (2.1mm – 4.5mm). Great to have on hand for emergency removal.
- Band Cross Registration: This is overseen by our Judges Panel, Laura Tinker. This is for folks who order custom closed bands from clubs or other manufactures and wish to gain points. In order to accumulate points at shows for the bird it must be closed banded. NFSS Shows at your club, Regional Shows and at the National Shows. Visit our website for more information check our home website page.
- Affiliate Club Ribbons/Plaques: Lauren Ogburn has taken over the Affiliate Club department. We have forms to download or use on-line for clubs to affiliate each March, order show supplies any time. We have an electronic form for collecting your event information to post on our website and list in our Journal. Also an opportunity to be appointed NFSS Regional Show which entitles your club to a ½ page free ad. Assistance is available in creating your club ad if you don't have one.

Any questions or problems you can contact your officers listed in your Journal.



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NFSS GENERAL ELECTION GUIDELINES

NFSS Bylaws specify an election will be held every two years to elect the officers of the Society. All elected and appointed offices are open to current members. Serving on the NFSS Board of Directors is an honor, a responsibility, and a commitment of time in addition to the responsibilities of your office.

Board meetings are held four times yearly. Three are held online and the 4th quarter Board meeting will be conducted prior to the annual membership meeting held at the NCBS (it may be necessary to conclude the 4th quarter meeting online). Internet accessibility on a daily basis is necessary.

Elected officers should vote during the official meetings. Board members present annual budgets for consideration and are required to submit a detailed account of their expenditures and income to the treasurer on a monthly basis. In addition, officers must submit quarterly reports to the Board of Directors.

Knowledge of the NFSS Bylaws is essential and a basic understanding of Roberts Rules of Order is helpful. The board member's duty is to lead the organization in its mission and to keep it financially and legally viable. It is important that each candidate understand the responsibilities of the office.

Every person who intends to become a candidate for any office will be required to submit a bio/resumé to the chairman of the nominating committee stating their background and experience.

Time required: Four quarterly Board meetings are conducted, each lasting approximately a month, require a *minimum* of one hour daily to monitor and respond to posts. Time is also required to perform the duties of the office.

PRESIDENT

Preside over all meetings; attend to the day-to-day operations of the Society; be available to members of the Board, and also monitor NFSS Forums.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT (REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS, EDUCATION)

Work closely with the President. First in succession to fill the position of President in absentia or if the President is unable to fill his/her term; will coordinate activities and be responsible for Regional Vice Presidents, and approve checks made payable to the President.

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2ND VICE PRESIDENT (PUBLICATIONS)

Second in succession to fill the position of President. Responsible for all NFSS publications; supervises NFSS WebMaster and Journal Editor. Available to the Editor and Advertising Manager for guidance in securing articles and ads; assists in obtaining competitive printing prices.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT (FSS AND CENSUS)

Oversee day-to-day operations of the National Finch/Softbill Save (FSS) program; work closely with FSS Committee, Group Managers, and Species Captains to develop species profiles; collect data, maintain records; coordinate activities of NFSS Captive Breeding Program; compile and publish a yearly census.

4TH VICE PRESIDENT (Judges Panel/Standards/Research)

Must be be NFSS Panel Judge, serves as Judges Panel Director, chairs the Research and Standards Committee, and in charge of Species Classifications. Maintains records/points earned by members and birds from NFSS shows. Represents the NFSS as liaison with the National Cage Bird Show Board.

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

Responsible for encouraging membership and club affiliation in the Society within the region he/she resides. Responsible to the First Vice President and serves as part of the Education Committee. Encouraged to attend the Regional Show in their region, and hold at least one membership meeting annually within their region. They should always be a visible NFSS representative.

TREASURER

Must have business experience and accounting skills. Deposits/transfers funds electronically into and from various accounts will maintain up-to-date records, request budgets from all departments, and prepare annual budget for NFSS. Also receives/deposits/documents weekly payments to the proper account and provides the President with a weekly report. Requests approval for expenditures prior to payment. Prepare and submit to the Board at the 4th Quarter Board meeting a budget to be approved by the Board. Responsible for establishing and maintaining NFSS financial accounts and filing tax returns. An audit of the prior years financial records shall be performed by 2 BOD members not to include the current Treasurer each year and at any time the Treasurer is relieved of responsibilities.

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Must have good verbal and written communication skills, experience with using word-processing software and the internet. Takes minutes during all Board meetings, compile the minutes, and submit to the Board for approval. Maintains an archive of all minutes and the Society's official documents, and assist other Board members with correspondence as necessary.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Responsible for receipt of and processing of new/renewal memberships. Maintains current membership rolls, making them available to Department Managers.. Documents checks and sends to treasurer, sends membership materials to new/renewal members, Must be familiar with Excel and able to monitor his/her computer on a daily basis.

BAND SECRETARY

Responsible for ordering and issuing NFSS bands, verifying membership status for purchases. Submits monthly itemized expense/income report to the Treasurer. Requires computer knowledge, Excel, converting files to PDF, internet, and basic accounting skills. Negotiates purchases with band suppliers, working with foreign currency and verifying incoming merchandise.

AFFILIATE/AWARDS DIRECTOR

Responsible for club affiliations, selection of clubs hosting Regional Shows, and processing award orders. Submits monthly financial report along with any funds received to the Treasurer. Sends re-affiliation packets to clubs and when returned, enters all necessary information into a database. Forwards information to appropriate Department Managers. Information must be sent to the Membership Director for inclusion in the membership database. Also processes awards orders and maintains award inventory adequate for show season.

APPOINTED NFSS OFFICERS

The following officers are appointed via recommendation by the NFSS President & a majority vote of the BOD.

NFSS JOURNAL EDITOR

Basic grammar, spelling, computer, Excel, and publishing programs necessary, as well as knowledge of file types and how to utilize or convert them for use in the Journal. Handles all activities related to production of the bi-monthly NFSS Journal, including procuring articles and photographs, maintain communication

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with all NFSS Board members, ensure accuracy of NFSS information and forms in each issue, creates/edits each NFSS Journal issue, delivers to printer in timely manner, and approves payment Also supervises Advertising/Promotions Manager. Responsible to 2nd Vice President and President.

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONS MANAGER

Solicits ads for the Journal and coordinate with the Editor and Website Manager for placement of ads in the Journal and on the Website. Maintains electronic files with up-to-date records; handles all invoicing and record-keeping for all advertisers. Cooperates with Regional Vice Presidents in promotion of Regional Shows. Responsible to NFSS Editor and Second Vice President.

NFSS WEBSITE MANAGER

Must be completely knowledgeable with all operating systems, software, hardware, and any other programs required to create, set-up, maintain and update (as needed) the NFSS Website. Reports to the 2nd Vice President.

MODERATOR: NFSS FINCH/SOFTBILL FORUM

Acts as moderator of the NFSS Listserv, determines eligibility and approves subscribers in conjunction with the Membership Director. Writes and distributes list rules and enforces a civil forum through thoughtful correspondence. Responsible to President.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Responsible for interrelationships between NFSS and other national and local avicultural organizations, investigates and reports to NFSS Board & membership current or proposed legislation affecting bird owners/breeders. Reports to President.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF AVICULTURE (AFA) REPRESENTATIVE

Responsible for keeping the NFSS membership informed as to activities of the AFA . Reports to President

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Affiliate/Awards Director
affiliations@NFSS.org

REGIONAL SHOWS 2019

Region 1 - East Coast Finch Society - September 14, 2019

Region 2 - First Coast Finch and Softbill Society - October 26, 2019

Region 3 - Society of Canary & Finch Breeders of Michigan - October 19, 2019

Region 4 - Canary & Finch Society - October 12, 2019

Region 5 - Columbia Canary Club - November 2nd - 3rd, 2019

CALIFORNIA

Finch Society of San Diego County

Meetings: 4th Sunday of each month

Location: Poway Elks Lodge, 13219 Poway Road, Poway, CA

Website: <https://finchsocietyofsandiego.org/>

Email: sdfinchsociety@gmail.com

West Coast Zebra, Society & Gouldian Finch Show – Specialty Club

Meetings: none

Contact: Richard Renshaw - email: rrenshaw@yahoo.com

Website: www.efinch.com/show

EVENT 1

Open House: August 2, 2019 - 5-9pm

EVENT 2

Show: West Coast Zebra, Society and Gouldian Finch Specialty Show

Date: August 3, 2019 - Registration: 7-9am - Public - 9-4pm

Location: La Quinta Inn, 200 Jibboom St., Sacramento, Ca, 95811

Contact - Drew Griffith

Phone: 408 - 772 - 5818

Email: agriffith@pacbell.net

Judge: Nizam Ali

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affiliations@NFSS.org

CONNECTICUT

East Coast Finch Society

Email: jm_jariel@yahoo.com

Phone: 631-875-1544

EVENT 1 - REGIONAL SHOW 2019

Show: East Coast Finch Society - Saturday September 14th, 2019

Judging starts at 10:00am.

Location: Comfort Inn - 1330 Silas Deane Hwy. Wethersfield, CT 06109

Show Manager: Daniel Maldonado

Phone: (860) 796-8191

Email: danny_mk@yahoo.com

Judge: Bob Peers

FLORIDA

First Coast Finch & Softbill Society

Meetings: 1st Saturday every 3 months

Location: 860 Fruit Cove Road, St. Johns, FL 32259

Contact: Lauren Ogburn / Van To

Phone: 904-923-7431

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EVENT 1 - Show

Show: First Coast Finch & Softbill Society - October 5th, 2019

Location: The Ramada Gateway Hotel, 7470 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy.
(Highway 27) Kissimmee, Florida 34747

NFSS judge: Armando Lee

EVENT 2 - REGIONAL SHOW 2019

Show: First Coast Finch & Softbill Society - Saturday October 26th, 2019

Location: Clay County Fairgrounds - 2493 State Road 16 W,
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

Contact: Lauren Ogburn / Van To

Phone: 904-923-7431

Email: sunbay@comcast.net

Judge: Bob Peers

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affiliations@NFSS.org

EVENT 3

Show: First Coast Finch & Softbill Society -Saturday October 27 th, 2019
Location: Clay County Fairgrounds – 2493 State Road 16 W, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
Contact: Lauren Ogburn / Van To
Phone: 904-923-7431
Email: sunbay@comcast.net
Judge: Laura Watkins (NFSS)

FLORIDA

Florida Canary Fanciers

Club email: ariacanaries@gmail.com
Club Website: <https://www.floridacanaryfanciers.club/gallery>

EVENT 1

Show: 23rd Annual Show - December 14, 2019
Location: The Ramada Gateway Hotel, 7470 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy.
(Highway 27), Kissimmee, Florida 34747
Ask for the Canary Show discount price.
Hotel Phone: 407-396-4400
Show Contact: Brian Byrne
Email: brianbyrne1117@gmail.com
Divisions/Judges:
NFSS - Laura Tinker
Colorbred Judge: TBA
Irish Fancy Judge: TBA
German Roller Judge: TBA
American Singer Judge: TBA

Treasure Coast Exotic Bird Club – Founded in 1989

Meetings: 4940 SE Anchor Ave, Stuart, Fl.
Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/TCEBC1989/>
Contact: President – Maryann May
Phone: 772-971-2554
Email: tcbirdclub@gmail.com

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Affiliate/Awards Director
affiliations@NFSS.org

GEORGIA

Warrenton Summer Classic

Hosted by Georgia Youth Aviculturists
Contact: thomaswilkerson42@outlook.com

EVENT 1

Show: 226 South Gibson Street, Warrenton, GA 30828 - July 6th and 7th 2019

Host Hotel: White Columns Inn, 1890 Washington Road, Thomson, GA 30824

Phone: 706-595-8000 (mention Warrenton Summer Classic)

No entry fees for exhibitors under the age of 21

Birds entering the state of Georgia are required to have a health certificate & entry permit

National Cockatiel Society and National Finch and Softbill Society

Judges: Peggy Armstrong (NCS)

Laura Tinker (NFSS)

Clarence Culwell (NFSS)

ILLINOIS

National Bird Show, Saint Charles, IL

Location: Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 E. Main St, St Charles, IL 60174

Website: <https://www.ncbs.org>

Phone: (630) 584-6300

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts Cage Bird Association

Meetings: Vary

Website: <http://www.masscagebird.org/>

Email: goshawk@aol.com

Club Contact: Denise Cabral

EVENT 1 - Fall Show - Tentative November 16th, 2019

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Affiliate/Awards Director
affiliations@NFSS.org

MICHIGAN

Society of Canary and Finch Breeders of Michigan

Web page: <http://www.scfbmichigan.com>

Meetings: Meetings 3rd wkend of the month at members' homes.

Contact: Mary Tarsitano

Club Contact: mtarsitano@gmail.com

Phone: 586-781-6429

EVENT 1 - Fall Fair - Saturday, September, 7th, 2019

Location: Livonia Elks Lodge #2246, 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150

9:00am - 3:00pm - Admission \$3

Finches, Parrots, Canaries, Supplies, Breeders ~ Vendors, Silent Auction, Raffle, Concessions

Show Manager: Jim Heffernan

Email: Tielnmore@aol.com

EVENT 2 - REGIONAL SHOW 2019

Show: Society of Canary and Finch Breeders of Michigan - Saturday, October 19th

Location: Livonia Elks Lodge #2246, 31117 Plymouth Road Livonia, MI 48150

Email: SCFBMICHIGAN@YAHOO.COM

Phone: (586) 781-6429

Show Manager: Jim Heffernan

Email: tielnmore@aol.com

Phone: 313-247-5900

Judge: Laura Tinker

TYPE CANARIES - DIV 1-3

COLORBRED CANARIES - DIV 4-6

HYBRID - DIV 7 ~ TBD

FINCHES & SOFTBILLS NFSS - DIV 8

AMERICAN SINGERS - DIV 9

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Greater Kansas City Avicultural Society

Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month 2pm - 4pm

Location: Coronation of Our Lady Church, 13000 Bennington Ave. - Grandview, Mo. 64030

Club Email: gkcas@live.com

Contact: Maria Michel

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EVENT 1

Annual All Bird Show - September 21st, 2019

Location: Heritage Middle School - 600 W Kansas - Liberty, Missouri 64068

Contact: Maria Michel

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Judges/Divisions

Robert Peers - Softbills & Finches

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society

Meetings: 7:30 pm – 2nd Monday each month

Location: Villa Crest Retirement Ctr, 276 Hanover Street, Manchester, NH 03103

Email: Prismsdad@aol.com

Website: www.BOAF.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BOAFNewEngland>

EVENT 1 - Show: October 19, 2019

Location: All Dogs Gym & Inn, 505 Sheffield Road, Manchester, NH

Judge: TBA

Divisions: NFSS and SPBE

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NEW YORK

Colorbred Canary Club of New York

Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month (Except July, August & Holidays)

Location: Averill Blvd. Park, Elmont, (Long Island), NY 11001

Club Contact: José Zelada 646-872-6258

Email: nycolorbredcanaryclub@gmail.com

EVENT 1

NEW YORK COLORBRED CANARY CLUB - October 5th, 2019

Location: Saint Jude's Church, 1696 Canarsie Road (off Seaview Avenue),
Brooklyn NY 11236

Judges:

Mr. Diego Crovace - (Italy)

Mr. Andrea Benagiano (Italy)

Mr. Luis Belchoir (USA)

Mr. Ken Rampersaud (USA-NFSS)

OREGON

Columbia Canary Club

Meetings: 2nd Sunday of most months, Milwaukie Grange

Website: <https://www.columbiacanaryclub.org/>

Facebook: Columbia Canary Club

Location: Milwaukie Granger Hall, 12015 S.E. 22nd Avenue, Milwaukie, OR

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EVENT 1 - REGIONAL SHOW 2019

Show: CCC 50th Annual Bird Show and Sale - November 3, 2019

Location: Oregon State Fairgrounds, Cascade Hall - 2330 17th Street NE,
Salem, OR 97301

Show Manager: Theresa Michels

Phone: 503-602-1447

E-mail: michelsbirds@gmail.com

Judge: Laura Watkins (NFSS)

Other divisions: 1-12 (canaries) and 14 (small hookbills)

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Texas Bird Breeders and Fanciers Association

Club Email: texasbirdbreeders.org

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Phone: 817-572-6262

Email: royceandbarbirwin1973@netzero.com

Social Media: Texas Bird Breeders and Fanciers Association on Facebook

EVENT 1

SHOW: Saturday November 2nd, 2019

Location: Mayborn Convention Center - 3303 N 3rd Street, Temple, Texas 76501

Canary and Finch Society of Houston

Club Meeting: Sheraton North Houston Hotel, Every 2nd Sunday

15700 JFK Blvd., Houston TX 77032

Club Contact: Ray Terrazas

EVENT 1 - REGIONAL SHOW 2019

Show: Canary & Finch Society - October 12, 2019

Location: Holiday Inn Houston - Intercontinental Airport, 15222 JFK Boulevard,
Houston, Texas 77032

Judge: Laura Bewley

WASHINGTON

Lory League

No meetings. We are a paper club

Social Media: yahoo group and a facebook page

Website: www.loryleague.org

Contact: Julie Corwin 206-501-7428

PUERTO RICO

Asociacion de Criadores de Finches del Estec, Inc.

Meetings: Wednesdays 7 to 9pm

Location: Lus Catalina Mall, Food Court, Caguas P.R.

Website: Asociacion Criadores de Finches

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