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## **COVER PHOTO**

### **PURPLE-CRESTED TOURACO (*TAURACO PORPHYREOLOPHUS*)**

NFSS wants to thank Darren Sefton of the Foreign Bird League (Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire UK) for sharing with members his photo of this magnificent Touraco.

## **MARCH/APRIL ARTICLES**

The Mar/Apr issue will be a color issue. It will feature 2012 Award Winners and pictures taken at the National Cage Bird Show. There will be articles with pictures of the Cuban Melodious, Mousebird, and Silver-eared Waxbill, as well as a continuation of the Gouldian article featured in the Nov/Dec 2012 issue.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**WE'RE BACK FROM THE NATIONAL CAGE BIRD SHOW (NCBS).** It is the largest show on the NFSS calendar and the very best place to meet and visit with other NFSS members from all around the U.S. and Canada.

If you haven't attended a "National", look into it. The 2013 NCBS will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Lots of birds, lots of NFSS friends. You should attempt to arrive on the first day to catch the NFSS "Afternoon of Aviculture". This year, speakers from the St. Louis Zoo and Mazuri gave outstanding presentations on conservation efforts in the Mariana Islands and on avian nutrition. The question-and-answer sessions following the presentations were particularly informative.

Sally Huntington's continuing management of this event has made it a not-to-be-missed event. The "National" is also where we present those awards that reflect significant avicultural accomplishments by our members: organization level awards; the National Avicultural Recognition Award (NARA), awarded to Roland Cristo for his work with Corvids; and Kateri Davis earned the NARA Level B Award for her work with Mousebirds.

There were four members earning the title CHAMPION EXHIBITOR (50 points in 1 year): Mike Manley, Jim Heffernan, Raul Morales, and Cheryl Burns. Congratulations all!

We owe a special "Thank You" to Laura Bewley for stepping in to judge the show when Clarence Culwell was forced at the last minute to step aside to address personal concerns, and to Danny Maldonado and Bob Peers who photographed the show (pictures in the next Journal). There were 24 exhibitors and 190 birds. All in all, this was a great event.

This is an election year and the Board of Directors (BOD) will be putting together an election committee to recruit candidates and make sure we follow the election procedures laid out in the by-laws. If you are interested in serving on the BOD in an elected or appointed office please contact me or any BOD member for more information. We presently have a vacancy as Advertising Manager (appointed) and all elected positions will be decided in the 2013 election. Election results are typically announced at the NCBS.

As you read this the 2013 bands will be arriving (mailing Christmas week), many are likely already snugly fitted on the first nestlings of the new year. It's that time of year, the breeding season with the year's new bands. Paula Hansen is the elf behind the scenes that makes the bands arrival after Christmas as dependable as the seasons. We've joked that the job is a lifetime appointment (it's an elected office), but replacing Paula isn't possible. We could have a different Band Secretary but Paula is truly irreplaceable. We're very, very fortunate.

I'm looking forward to a spring of full nests and flights full of youngsters, followed closely by seeing my NFSS friends at the shows. I hope to see you there.

John Wilson  
President NFSS

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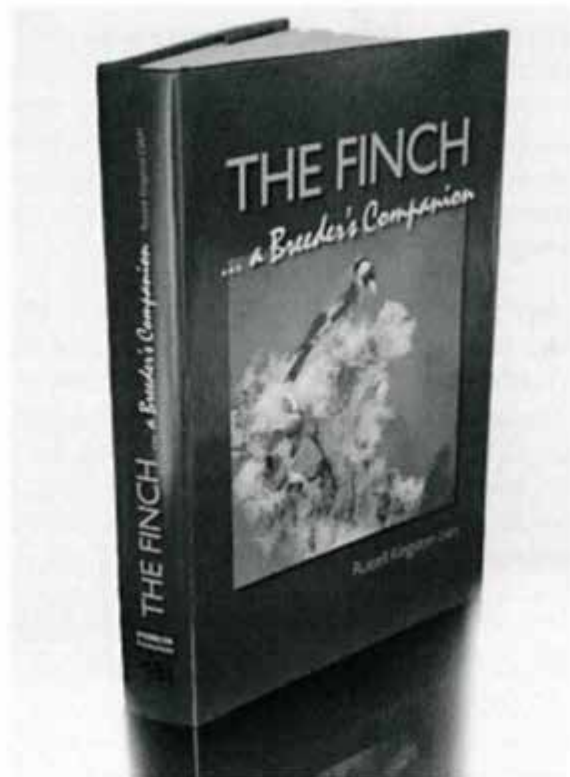
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Robert Louis Stevenson

## Bird-song at morning . . .

by Martha Wigmore

**IT HAS BEEN MY GREAT PLEASURE** to belong to NFSS since nearly its inception (member #154) and to serve this organization in numerous ways almost continuously since then. I served NFSS on the Board for just short of 20 years—as Judges Panel Director, NFSS Journal Judges Handbook and Standards Editor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Mountain Region Vice President. Parallel with that have been nearly as many years as an NFSS Panel Judge, one of the sweetest long-running experiences of my life.

The glorious parade of exquisite birds and charming exhibitors I have witnessed wove across the continent and, most happily to Puerto Rico. Along the way I was graced with a Kellogg Trophy and NFSS Founders Award, and so many unforgettable experiences.

The route has been crowded with breeders who were so eager to provide me something that helped me meet my insatiable appetite for knowledge and to hear the differing viewpoints in our branch of the hobby. And the shows—especially the shows!!

Oh, how I miss those who are no longer with us, but what comfort and light I find with bird friends, old and new, with whom I can pick up “the conversation” at any point.

There will never be anything for me that will equal the thrill of seeing that perfectly conformed Chestnut-flanked White Zebra Finch hen, those perfect Fawn Zebras, or that exquisitely marked Pied Zeeb. And oh, that one Gouldian I still can never forget. Little will match the rewards of discovering and measuring with fellow fanciers the words we use to best describe our birds in standards, including the European Societies and the newer Zeeb colors. And nothing compares with hearing the love and pride in the voice of the breeder as they tell you of their journey to the top bench.

We've been there and we'll continue to go along.

There've been some stinkers of experiences—bug-infested exhibits on the show bench, missed planes, painfully strident Board members. And too many of my own stumbles still make me cringe. But together we in our hobby have, and will continue to grow in our humanity. What a unique way to do this!

This year I heard a successful new exhibitor bemoaning that she has discovered this hobby at its decline. I had to laugh out loud at the incongruity of the statement. For our recently concluded show we had spent five hours with several of the most ardent and dedicated fanciers I've ever been with. We shared our birds and learned together, and drank deep of the inspiration. Our excitement for the upcoming breeding season is acute. And a Green Singing Finch sang us all a concert of golden notes in promise of another glorious day.

I am retiring from the NFSS Judges Panel, but I am happily moving forward with you on this journey of finch and softbill discoveries and love, with deepest appreciation for time well spent!

Say—I'll see you at the next show!!!

NFSS announces the retirement of two of its outstanding judges: Paul Williams of Eufaula, Alabama, and Martha Wigmore of Elk River, Minnesota. Both judges have been long-time aviculturists and judges. Members will miss seeing them in their roles as an NFSS Judge but we all look forward to seeing them at future shows, even if they are not judging.



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While online participation is encouraged, mail-in Census forms will also be accepted for those without Internet access.

The Census is an important function of the NFSS. The data collected will help us assess the state of aviculture in the United States and Canada, as well as analyze trends over time. Everyone's participation is encouraged no matter how many birds you keep, whether you breed or just enjoy, whether you are an NFSS member or not. The more data we get, the better we can understand our hobby. Because this is the 2012 Census, please do not include birds that were purchased/hatched after December 31, 2012 in your counts.

## 2012 CENSUS INSTRUCTIONS

To participate in the Census online (preferred), simply visit

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To participate in the Census via mail, fill out the form included in this journal and mail it to me at the address on the following page. Tracking mutation data is not a goal of the Census. Limited mutation data is collected only to help connect breeders. Mutation combinations are not supported, so you must choose which mutation to enter such birds under. You are free to enter all your birds as Normal (or Other) rather than enter them by mutation to keep the process simple.

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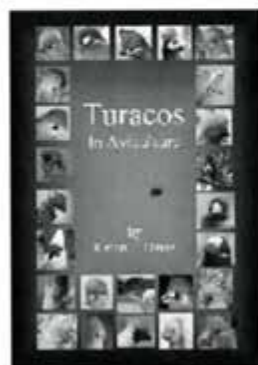
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The Census is open to both NFSS members and non-members in order to get the most accurate portrait of the birds we are keeping in the fancy. Please help to contribute to the success of the program by participating and spreading the word! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about the Census.

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# Food for White-cheeked Turacos

by Ade Jones

**WHITE-CHEEKED TURACOS ARE 97% FRUIT EATERS.** They consume live food but mainly when they have chicks in the nest. Throughout the year food requirements are basically the same, with the addition of certain fruits when they are breeding.

I feed the following to one pair of birds each day but this is increased if/when chicks arrive on the scene.

30 grapes of any color • one large banana • half a pear

I add to this on different days, either

half a small tin of Mandarin orange segments • strawberries  
blackberries • red currants • raspberries  
one-fourth mango • papaya • a few soaked dog biscuits

In the outside aviary, there may be a problem in preventing food from freezing in the winter. Try to use fruit with less moisture content, which is easier said than done. Add dry currants/sultanans/raisins to the dish. In really bad weather you may need to provide smaller portions and change food regularly all day.

At this time I am experimenting with a small heat source to stop fruit freezing. If this is successful and does not cost too much to implement I will let you know!

Fruit should be chopped into small-size pieces, and grapes and small items cut into halves or quarters. Sprinkle a small amount of low iron insectivorous food over the food and mix thoroughly.

Different-colored fruit seems to attract their attention (such as strawberries or red grapes). During the breeding season I find papaya is consumed in much larger quantities, plus I provide a separate dish of insectivorous food.

If there are budding trees or plants in the aviary these may occasionally be eaten. If there are two chicks in the nest, two weeks after the hatching the food quantity will be doubled. However, when sitting on eggs, less food is consumed.

White-cheeked Turacos do not pick up food and give it to their chicks. They regurgitate everything, placing their beaks into the chick's beaks. It is quite a sight if you have never seen it before. Remember, Turacos do not have a crop and whatever is fed to them will be excreted 20 or 30 minutes after being eaten; eg., if you feed a dish of blackberries, then after 30 minutes it will look like they are excreting crude oil!

I have found live food plays an important role in rearing chicks. Obviously, in a large aviary the adults will find a certain amount of their own live food which is added to whatever I can find or purchase for them. Slugs of any size are eaten, plus small snails and earthworms.

I understand some people are reluctant to feed these things but I find the benefits outweigh the hazards, and if this means the difference between success and failure, then what would you do?

In my experience it seems to be mainly cocks that relish live food. They then pass this on to the hens and also the chicks. What puzzles me is how a two-inch-long slug can be swallowed and broken down into manageable pulp for feeding to chicks in a small period of time.

### **GOLDEN RULE**

Do not use slug pellets in your garden and try to convince your neighbors not to either. This not only could save your birds, but other visitors to your garden, such as Blackbirds and Hedgehogs will be protected, too.

Always remember there are no strict guidelines to follow or which work best—only the ones that suit your birds and you!

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This article was reprinted with permission of the Foreign Bird League in the UK. If you are not familiar with this organization, you can visit their website at

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to learn more about them. They have a very nice color publication with many informative articles and outstanding photographs.

I found especially interesting Darren Sefton's article, *The Magic of the Okavango*. His narration of where this trip for himself and his wife began, how they got to their destination, conveniences they *did not have*, things they got to do, and pictures to go with it was remarkable.

# Hand-feeding From An Egg

by Ron Castaner

*Did you get your bird as an egg or un-weaned?*

*Would you do it again?*

**WHAT I'M GOING TO WRITE ABOUT** is my experience of hand-feeding from an egg. There are a few ways to feed a bird but first, we need to know something about the bird and their requirements because it makes a big difference.

Some birds have a crop, some don't; some eat insects, some don't. Some need to be fed every hour and a very small amount, some don't. Then we have to make sure we understand the bird we're hand-feeding and the requirements it needs. Temperature and humidity are very important in some birds. At what age should we start hand-feeding? To those experienced breeders we don't have a luxury to choose at what age we start or when is the best time. There are many reasons parents don't want to feed the bird; parents die, too many in the nest for parents to feed, and I'm sure they're a few more but you get the idea.

I have hand-fed many birds and many types in my life, from one of the smallest (Strawberry Finch) to one of the biggest, the Moluccan Cockatoo. To hand-feed the Strawberry Finch I had to use a pair of magnifying glasses, the kind that go around the head, to make sure I could see the mouth opening.

I have shown members the Black-crested Finch I hand-fed and the difference in them. They have no crop and you have to make sure you don't over-feed that species. The love and the requirements of insect they need in their diet, no formula. Much different from the Zebra Finch and the Congo African Gray, because they have a crop and you feed them formula from any company you choose.

A few years ago, I won't tell you how long, I drove to Homestead (Miami) to see a person that had some Congo African Grays for sale. I still remember that day. He didn't know me well and didn't know my experience in birds. He was very reluctant to sell me the bird, which I was not surprised as he loved his birds.

I mentioned to him my experience and who I was. After a while he agreed to sell me the bird with no guarantees—you will know why.

We walked to his backyard; there were a few acres full of cages and birds. He knew what I was looking for. I said I wanted a Congo Gray, he said okay, and I said only a day or two old. He looked at me and said “no way”, and again we started.

After a few minutes we walked again and stopped at the pair of beautiful Congos. He opened the nest and there it was, a baby Congo just born, the egg still in the nest. I said that’s what I want.

We picked up the egg and the baby Congo with a spoon, and I brought him home. I came prepared; I had a heating pad and incubator with me and I had another incubator at home ready for the bird. I had the temperature and humidity set a couple of days ahead to make sure it was working normal.

From that moment on it was like having a child, making sure it was fed, making sure the utensils were disinfected, making sure the formula was not too cold or too hot, making sure your hands were clean and not to touch anything else, especially another bird. Birds at that age are very prone to disease; there is very little immunity to any disease at that age.

You have to make sure you are at home on time to feed, especially the first few weeks, which are the most critical. You have to make sure you keep checking the temperature and humidity, and you have to do it quite often. After you have a routine down and schedule set, there is no problem or reason why anyone would not try, the main thing again, get to know the bird and the requirements it needs. Every bird and species is different, what is good for one might not be good for another, keep that in mind.

The rewards are beyond anyone’s expectation. What a treat it is to see their eyes open for the first time, and you’re there to see it happen. To them you’re the world and parent, they will trust you, believe me they will bond with you. Care and love is all they need, no fancy cars, house, boats, makeup, or hairstyle—they will love you as you are and ask for nothing in return.



The older they get the more love they need. They will show you and explain to you what they need. Watch their reactions to things, take a moment to understand what they're trying to tell you, because they're always telling you something new.

To those that are not experienced in hand-feeding a bird, you should have someone show you how to hand-feed a bird. Maybe the person where you bought the bird will let you keep it there till the bird is weaned, than you can stop there and try to hand-feed it yourself while they watch. You need to learn a few things, how much to feed the bird and how often, how warm the formula should be, and at what temperature and humidity the incubator should be kept, if need be. I'm sure after a while you will know how.

Try to bond with the bird as soon as possible. Show them your needs at an early age. Show them when to go to bed, when to be quiet, when it is ok to be loud, and potty train the bird. At an early age you can teach them almost anything, be patient and be consistent.

Would I do it again? Yes, I would. I feel there is nothing more rewarding than to hand-feed your own bird. You will get to know the bird's needs at a very early age. Every bird will be different, even if it is the same kind. Just like humans, everyone is different in their own way, birds are the same.

My treasure of a hand-fed bird was a Diamond Fire Tail from Australia, which I hand-fed. The most intelligent bird I have ever seen in my life. He didn't need to talk; I knew what he wanted by his actions, he also knew mine. I'm sure some of you had the opportunity to see him and how much he loved to be with people.

In closing I would like to bring to your attention that a bird is like a permanent two-year-old child. They will depend on you; they have no fear, so be very careful around the house, especially your kitchen, and never leave a bird loose while you're cooking. Take all the precautions you can, it's never enough.

Will I do it again? Yes I will. The experience and satisfaction is very rewarding. You will have a friend for life that doesn't care how you look, how much you have, or what kind of car you drive. All it needs is your love, care, and understanding. Keep it safe and out of harm's way.

# 2012 NFSS SHOW REPORTS

FROM THE EDITOR: If the show report for your club does not appear on the following pages it is because the judge did not send it to either Laura Bewley, the Judges Panel Director, or the Editor. **NOTE:** Exhibitors will not receive their points until Laura receives the show report with the information needed to award points.

## NATIONAL CAGE BIRD SHOW

St. Louis, Missouri

NOVEMBER 16, 2012

ENTRIES: 190

EXHIBITORS: 24

JUDGE: LAURA BEWLEY

### 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE

Light-back Zebra Cock      NFS11E 2158      Sally Huntington      13

### 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE

Pekin Robin      NFS11J 1      Sally Huntington      12

### 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE

Shafttail      NFS12 1405      Vincent M. Moase      11

### 4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

Fawn Self Society      NFS12D 639      Cheryl Burns      10

### 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

RH Gouldian Cock      BFB12 225      Julie Lawson      9

### 6<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

European Goldfinch      BFB11 592      Joe Gaglio      7

### 7<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

RH Parrot Finch Cock      Lisa Murphy      7

### 8<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

Gold-breasted Waxbill Pair      AAC12 2,3      Vincent M. Moase      6

### 9<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

Crimson Pileated      NFS      Rebecca Mikel      5

### 10<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

Black-headed Zebra Cock      NFS12 1552      Janet Edmonds      4

### BEST UNFLIGHTED

Shafttail      NFS12 1405      Vincent M. Moase

### BEST NOVICE

European Goldfinch      NFS12 53      Hussein Nijmel

### JUDGE'S SPECIAL

Masked Grassfinch      Vince Huntington

### JUDGE'S COMMENTS

Outstanding birds shown. Top 4 birds were excellent. The top 10 birds worked their way to Best in Show through many fine birds. The exhibitors showing here understand show standards and displayed their birds well. Vince Moase, Ken Rampersaud, and Laura Watkins made judging this show fun. Thanks for your help. Zebras and Societies were the bulk of the birds.

# 2012 NFSS SHOW REPORTS

JUNE 2, 2012

Heart of Illinois Bird Club

Pekin, Illinois

ENTRIES: 33

EXHIBITORS: 2

JUDGE: KENNETH H. GUNBY

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	PTS.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	EIA11G 526	Susan Stieve	4
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fawn-cheeked Zebra AOV	NFS12D 3003	Susan Stieve	3
3 <sup>rd</sup>	PB Yellow-backed Gouldian		Susan Stieve	2
4 <sup>th</sup>	Normal Shaftail	NFS11C 0368	Susan Stieve	1
5 <sup>th</sup>	BH Normal Gouldian Cock		Jeff Cast	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Masked Grassfinch		Susan Stieve	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Euro Chocolate Society	SCFS11 335	Susan Stieve	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Pearl Japanese Society	EIA-09 242	Susan Stieve	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Euro Finch (Fife Canary) AOV	09 18	Susan Stieve	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Australian Cherry Finch Pair	KJ724/NFS4617	Susan Stieve	
UNFLIGHTED	Fawn-cheeked Zebra AOV	NFS12D 3003	Susan Stieve	

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: Great show.

March 18, 2012

Treasure Coast Exotic Bird Club

Stuart, Florida

ENTRIES: 37

EXHIBITORS: 9

JUDGE: ANNETTE J. HOWARD

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	PTS.
1 <sup>st</sup>	OH Dilute Gouldian		Raul Morales	7
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Normal Shaftail		Raul Morales	6
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Red-winged Pytilia Pair		Luis Garcia	
4 <sup>th</sup>	BH Normal Gouldian Cock		Felipe Baldez	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Grey Zebra Cock		Felipe Bonilla	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Peach Dove		Ron/Carrie Castaner	2
7 <sup>th</sup>	Masked		Raul Morales	1
8 <sup>th</sup>	Florida Fancy Zebra		Alexander Villarreal	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Red-eared Waxbill		Luis Garcia	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Rosey-rumped Waxbill		Ron/Carrie Castaner	

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: This is the third show for this club and it is getting better and better. Very nice birds, friendly people, large number of vendors, and lots of free good food. I can't wait until next year's show. Good job.

# 2012 NFSS SHOW REPORTS

SEPTEMBER 22, 2012

Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society

Windsor, Ontario, Canada

ENTRIES: 106

EXHIBITORS: 10

JUDGE: CLARENCE CULWELL

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	PTS.
1 <sup>st</sup>	RH Gouldian	AAC11D 2198	Julie Lawson	9
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Normal Grey Zebra Cock	AAC12E 563	Peter VanErp	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gold-breast Waxbills Pair	AAC12A 2403	Vince Moase	7
4 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Grey Tanager		Mike/Elaine Manley	6
5 <sup>th</sup>	RH Gouldian	IFB12D 185	Julie Lawson	5
6 <sup>th</sup>	Chestnut-flanked Zebra	AAC12E	Peter VanErp	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	AAC12D 608	Vince Moase	3
8 <sup>th</sup>	Black/Brown Society	AAC10D 928	Mike/Elaine Manley	2
9 <sup>th</sup>	White-eye Zosterop		Mike/Elaine Manley	1
10 <sup>th</sup>	Blue WB Gouldian	AAC12E 515	Elizabeth G. McDonald	
UNFLIGHTED	Normal Grey Zebra	AAC12E 515	Peter VanErp	
NOVICE	Normal Grey Zebra		Greg Sword	

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: There were many excellent birds. Very good quality.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2012

National Institute of Red Orange Canaries

Westchester, Illinois

ENTRIES: 82

EXHIBITORS: 7

JUDGE: MARTHA WIGMORE

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	PTS.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Normal RH Gouldian Hen		Susan Stieve	8
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Normal Pied Zebra Cock	NFS11E 0522	Bob Peers	7
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Green Singing Finch Cock		Susan Stieve	6
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fawn Zebra Hen	NFS12E 0935	Susan Stieve	5
5 <sup>th</sup>	Red-headed Parrot Finch			4
6 <sup>th</sup>	Green Singing Finch Hen	NFS09	Fumi Takeda	3
7 <sup>th</sup>	Crimson Pileated		Bob Peers	2
8 <sup>th</sup>	Self Chocolate Society	NFS11	Fumi Takeda	1
9 <sup>th</sup>	Shaftail Cock		Bob Peers	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Dilute Gouldian Cock		Susan Stieve	
UNFLIGHTED	Fawn Zebra Hen	NFS12E 0935	Susan Stieve	

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: Wow! Outstanding top 10. Dedicated group, steeped in the tradition of NFSS and in love with showing. Thank you so much.

# 2012 NFSS SHOW REPORTS

OCTOBER 6, 2012

Colorbred Canary Club of New York  
Brooklyn, New York

ENTRIES: 73 EXHIBITORS: 10

JUDGE: LAURA TINKER

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	PTS.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Normal RH Gouldian	FCC12 952	Hiram Rampersaud	7
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Normal RH Gouldian	FCC12 971	Hiram Rampersaud	6
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Normal Grey Zebra	MAN11 865	José Urrutia	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Red-faced Parrot Finch	GS11 437	Manuel Rodrigues	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Normal RH Gouldian	FCC11 065	Hiram Rampersaud	3
6 <sup>th</sup>	Gold-breasted Waxbill	FCC11	Hiram Rampersaud	2
7 <sup>th</sup>	White Zebra Hen	COH11 78	Bob Vargo	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Normal Grey Zebra	???11 18	José Urrutia	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Self Chocolate Society	FCC12 80	Hiram Rampersaud	
10 <sup>th</sup>	South American Seedeater	FCC	Fazil Ali	
UNFLIGHTED	Normal RH Gouldian	FCC12 952	Hiram Rampersaud	

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: Some strong Gouldian Finches today. Very few Society Finches. Lots of European Goldfinches but condition was lacking a bit. Nice size show.

OCTOBER 6, 2012

Fort Worth Bird Club  
Azle, Texas

ENTRIES: 111 EXHIBITORS: 7

JUDGE: LAURA BEWLEY

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	PTS.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Chestnut Society	NFS12D 627	Cheryl Burns	9
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Normal Gray Zebra	NFS12E 360	Stephani Spruill	8
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Purple Grenadier	NFS12C 1331	Sally Porter	7
4 <sup>th</sup>	Chocolate Self Society	NFS12 6211	Tom McWhirter	6
5 <sup>th</sup>	Chestnut Society	NFS11D 1541	Cheryl Burns	5
6 <sup>th</sup>	Normal Grey Zebra		Stephani Spruill	4
7 <sup>th</sup>	Saffron		Cheryl Burns	3
8 <sup>th</sup>	Chocolate Self Society Pair		Clarence Culwell	2
9 <sup>th</sup>	Chestnut Zebra Pair		Clarence Culwell	1
10 <sup>th</sup>	Self Chocolate Society		Clarence Culwell	
UNFLIGHTED	Chestnut Society	NFS12D 627	Cheryl Burns	
NOVICE	Purple Grenadier	NFS12C	Sally Porter	

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: Great show. There were 66 Societies all in great shape and several good Zebras. This is a wonderful show to attend. You will have good birds to compete with and great Texas.



# 2012 NFSS SHOW REPORTS

OCTOBER 12, 2012

**Kings County Canary Club  
Brooklyn, New York**

**ENTRIES: 65**

**EXHIBITORS: 10**

**JUDGE: NIZAM ALI**

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	PTS.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Euro Society	NFS 059	Orlan Remorca	7
2 <sup>nd</sup>	African Red-head	NEC 421	Fasil Ali	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	RH Gouldian		Hiram Rampersaud	5
4 <sup>th</sup>	European Goldfinch	KCC11	Keniss Marshall	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Saffron Finch		Manuel Rodrigues	
6 <sup>th</sup>	BH Green Siskin	KCC	Keniss Mrshall	
7 <sup>th</sup>	South American Seedeater		Joseph Yee	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Red-headed Parrot Finch		Manuel Rodrigues	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Mutation Shaftail	NYC 912	Fasil Ali	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Euro Siskin	NEC 3201	Bert McLeod	
UNFLIGHTED	RH Gouldian		Hiram Rampersaud	
NOVICE	Normal Shaftail		Cayo Quinalia	

**JUDGE'S COMMENTS:** Congratulations to the exhibitors. Very nice turnout. Great, outstanding top Society. Some Saffron Finches were lacking a bit in condition.

OCTOBER 13, 2012

**Suncoast Canary and Finch Club  
Punta Gorda, Florida**

**ENTRIES: 178**

**EXHIBITORS: 14**

**JUDGE: ALFREDO BRUGUERAS**

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	PTS.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Coubassoo		Josue Carrasquillo	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shaftail		Jasue Carrasquillo	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	White Java Rice		Brandon Garcia	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Silver Java Rice		Raul Morales	9
5 <sup>th</sup>	Green Singing Finch		Tom Pounker	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Cherry Finch		Luis Garcia	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Normal Zebra	NFS12D 2163	Alexander Villarreal	6
8 <sup>th</sup>	OH Gouldian	NFS11D 0561	Raul Morales	5
9 <sup>th</sup>	Gold-breasted Waxbill, pair		Luis Garcia	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Dilute Gouldian, pair		Raul Morales	3
UNFLIGHTED	Normal Zebra	NFS12D 2163	Alexander Villarreal	
JUNIOR	White Java		Brandon Garcia	
NOVICE	White Java		Brandon Garcia	

**JUDGE'S COMMENTS:** Excellent group of birds. Well conditioned, well presented, and also an excellent club. Exhibitors were very attentive and inquisitive. Enjoyed the show very much.

# 2012 NFSS SHOW REPORTS

OCTOBER 20, 2012

Cascade Canary Breeders Association  
Monroe, Washington

ENTRIES: 37

EXHIBITORS: 5

JUDGE: LAURA BEWLEY

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	Pts.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Silver Self Society	NFS12D 4130	Ivan Montes	4
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Firefinch Cock		Nina Rapp	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	OH Normal Gouldian	NFS11D 7818	Kaye Simeon	2
4 <sup>th</sup>	Normal Grey Zebra Cock		Kaye Simeon	1
5 <sup>th</sup>	Firefinch Cock		Nina Rapp	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Fawn Zebra Cock		Susan Dickson	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Red Brown Society Cock	NFS12D 4132	Ivan Montes	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Diamond Dove Cock		Doug White	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Cutthroat Cock		Doug White	
10 <sup>th</sup>	OH PB Gouldian Cock	NFS12D 5003	Kaye Simeon	
UNFLIGHTED	Silver Self Society	NFS12D 4130	Ivan Montes	
NOVICE	OH Normal Gouldian	NFS11D 7818	Kaye Simeon	

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: Many young birds in very good condition were shown. I enjoyed some wonderful Fire Finches well-trained for show and in great condition. The Society Finches had great rich color and nice conformation. It was nice to see a large group of Orange-headed Gouldians. Very nice show.

OCTOBER 20, 2012

Greater Kansas City Avicultural Society  
Grandview, Missouri

ENTRIES: 19

EXHIBITORS: 4

JUDGE: LAURA TINKER

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	Pts.
1 <sup>st</sup>	RH PB Normal Gouldian Cock		Levi Campbell	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	CF CO Zebra Hen		Shaina Boatright	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Green		Barbara Roberts	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Chestnut Self Society Old		Shaina Boatright	
5 <sup>th</sup>	YH PB GB STB Gouldian Cock		Katie Goens	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Fawn Society		Shaina Boatright	
7 <sup>th</sup>	OH Dilute Gouldian		Barbara Roberts	
8 <sup>th</sup>	RH PB SFY Gouldian Cock		Katie Goens	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Red-cheeked Cordon Bleu		Katie Goens	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Chestnut Self Society Young		Shaina Boatright	
UNFLIGHTED	YH PB GB STB Gouldian Cock		Katie Goens	
NOVICE	RH PB Normal Gouldian Cock		Levi Campbell	

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: This show consisted of four novice exhibitors who showed some lovely birds. Best in Show was a well-deserving Gouldian that will do well in larger shows. Congratulations exhibitors!

# 2012 NFSS SHOW REPORTS

OCTOBER 20, 2012

Society of Canary and Finch Breeders of Michigan  
Livonia, Michigan

ENTRIES: 102                      EXHIBITORS: 12

JUDGE: VINCENT M. MOASE

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	PTS.
1 <sup>st</sup>	FH Gouldian Hen		Kristen Reeves	9
2 <sup>nd</sup>	White Zebra Hen		Bob Peers	8
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Plumhead Cock		Susan Stieve	7
4 <sup>th</sup>	Normal Zebra Cock		Bob Peers	6
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fawn/White Society		Kristen Reeves	5
6 <sup>th</sup>	BH Gouldian Cock		Kristen Reeves	4
7 <sup>th</sup>	Euro Goldfinch		Joe Gaglio	3
8 <sup>th</sup>	BH Dilute Gouldian Cock	NFS12D 72	Kristen Reeves	2
9 <sup>th</sup>	Crimson Pileated Cock		Rebecca Mikel	1
10 <sup>th</sup>	Green Singing Finch Cock		Susan Stieve	
UNFLIGHTED	BH Dilute Gouldian Cock	NFS12D 72	Kristen Reeves	
NOVICE	Star Finch Cock		Steven Stapleton	

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: Nice section of birds and good audience.  
A good day to judge.

OCTOBER 27, 2012

Central California Cage Bird Club  
Modesto, California

ENTRIES: 29                      EXHIBITORS: 3

JUDGE: SALLY C. HUNTINGTON

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	PTS.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Penguin Zebra		Roy Beckham	3
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cherry Head		Roy Beckham	2
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Black-cheeked Zebra	NFS12E 1559	Janet Edmonds	1
4 <sup>th</sup>	Cutthroat	NFS12D 11195	Laura Watkins	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Timor		Roy Beckham	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Shafttail	MFS09D 13854	Laura Watkins	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Silverbill		Roy Beckham	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Star		Roy Beckham	
9 <sup>th</sup>	CC Zebra		Roy Beckham	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Fawn/White Society	NFS10C 156	Laura Watkins	
UNFLIGHTED	Black-cheeked Zebra	NFS12E 156	Laura Watkins	

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: A small show but excellent birds, over half were Zebras.

# 2012 NFSS SHOW REPORTS

OCTOBER 27, 2012

Chester County Bird Club

Exton, Pennsylvania

ENTRIES: 37

EXHIBITORS: 7

JUDGE: KENNETH H. GUNBY

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	PTS.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Fawn Self Society	FCC908 12	Hiram Rampersaud	4
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shaftail		Leslie Huegerich	3
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Consort Canary Cinnamon Variegated	249 2	Abe Ogir	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Chestnut	NFS02 556	Hiram Rampersaud	1
5 <sup>th</sup>	Normal Zebra Hen	FCC946	Hiram Rampersaud	
6 <sup>th</sup>	OH PB NB Gouldian Cock		Steven Funk	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Cutthroat		Steven Funk	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Variegated Canary Cock	184 11	Abe Ogir	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Grey/Black Society	DKBL	Allison Benny	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Shaftail Pair		Steven Funk	

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: Great show. Nice birds.

NOVEMBER 3, 2012

Texas Bird Breeders and Fanciers Association

Temple, Texas

ENTRIES: 90

EXHIBITORS: 10

JUDGE: CLARENCE CULWELL

REGION 4 SHOW HOST: DOUBLE POINTS

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	PTS.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Chocolate Self Society Pair	NFS09D 6275/76	Cheryl/Leland Burns	14
2 <sup>nd</sup>	BH WB Gouldian		George	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fawn Society	NFS12D 639	Cheryl/Leland Burns	10
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fawn Java		Brianna Morrison/ Kim White	8 6
5 <sup>th</sup>	Saffron		Cheryl/Leland Burns	4
6 <sup>th</sup>	Chestnut Society	NFS12D 687	Cheryl/Leland Burns	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Red-headed Parrot Finch		Kenneth Stephens	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Green Singing Finch		Alfredo Brugueron	
9 <sup>th</sup>	White Java Rice		Brianna Morrison/ Kim White	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Cherry Finch	NFS10D 1628	Brianna Morrison	
Unflighted	Fawn Society	NFS12D 689	Cheryl/Leland Burns	
Novice	Red-headed Parrot Finch		Kenneth Stephens	

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: None

# 2012 NFSS SHOW REPORTS

OCTOBER 20, 2012

Baltimore Bird Fanciers

Baltimore, Maryland

ENTRIES: 37

EXHIBITORS: 8

JUDGE: NIZAM ALI

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	PTS.
1 <sup>st</sup>	RH Gouldian		Hiram Rampersaud	4
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Owl Finch		Tiffany Park	3
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cutthroat Finch		Steven Funk	2
4 <sup>th</sup>	Self Chocolate Society		Hiram Rampersaud	1
5 <sup>th</sup>	Maig Zeba		Hiram Rampersaud	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Cordon Bleu		Abraham Ogir	
7 <sup>th</sup>	White Dove Hen		Stephanie Lopez	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Normal Shaftail		Steven Funk	
9 <sup>th</sup>	BH WB Gouldian		Steven Funk	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Gouldian Pair		Steven Funk	
UNFLIGHTED	RH Gouldian		Hiram Rampersaud	

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: Congratulations to all exhibitors. Very strong Australian Finches. Excellent condition on RH Gouldian.

JUNE 1-3, 2012

Asociacion de Criadores de Finches

Caguas, Puerto Rico

ENTRIES: 314

EXHIBITORS: 20

JUDGE: BOB PEERS

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	PTS.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Zebra Normal Grey Cock	ACF11D 065	Carlos Mendez	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	BH PB BB Gouldian	ACF10D 169	Ramón Colón	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	BH GB PB Gouldian	ACF10D 260	Burico Vidal	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Zebra Fawn Cock	ACF12D 502	Ramón Colón	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Zebra Normal Grey Hen	ACF12D 862	Carlos Mendez	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Society Black Brown	ACF10C 1926	Hiram Morales	11
7 <sup>th</sup>	BH PB Yellow Dilute Gouldian	NFS11D 094	Ramón Colón	
8 <sup>th</sup>	BH WB BB Gouldian	ACF11D 387	Pedro Flores	
9 <sup>th</sup>	BH GB PB Gouldian	NFS11D 1108	Juan Alicea	8
10 <sup>th</sup>	Society Creamino	NFS11C 216	Germán Alejandro	
UNFLIGHTED	Zebra Fawn Cock	ACF12D 502	Ramón Colón	
JUNIOR	Zebra Phaeo	ACF11D 1936	Eddie Coss, Jr.	
NOVICE	Zebra CFW Cock	ACF10D 613	Pedro L. Hernandez	

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: None

# 2012 NFSS SHOW REPORTS

OCTOBER 13, 2012

Canary and Finch Society  
Houston, Texas

ENTRIES: 77 EXHIBITORS: 67

JUDGE: BOB PEERS

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	Pts.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Chestnut Self Society	NFS11E ?	Cheryl Burns	7
2 <sup>nd</sup>	RH Normal Gouldian		Jan Doak	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Normal Zebra Hen		Jan Doak	
4 <sup>th</sup>	CFW Zebra	NFS12F 252	Brianna Morrison	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Cherry Finch	NFS12E 307	Brianna Morrison	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Chestnut Self Society	NFS12D 662	Cheryl Burns	2
7 <sup>th</sup>	Saffron Finch		Cheryl Burns	1
8 <sup>th</sup>	BH Gouldian		George Burns	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Chestnut Self Society	1538	Tom McWhirter	
10 <sup>th</sup>	White-eye		Debbie Eatron	
UNFLIGHTED NOVICE	CFS Zebra ?	NFS12F 353	Brianna Morrison George Martin	

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: Great group of Societies. What a great club; very hospitable and just a lot of fun to be around.

NOVEMBER 3, 2012

Columbia Canary Club  
Vancouver, Washington

ENTRIES: 37 EXHIBITORS: ?

JUDGE: BOB PEERS

REGION 5 SHOW HOST: DOUBLE POINTS

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	Pts.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Red-billed Firefinch Male		Nina Rapp	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Red Siskin Cock	11C 2781	Paula Hansen	6
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chestnut-flanked Cock	11D 1989	Dezirae Lord	4
4 <sup>th</sup>	Silverbill		Faye Silverstein	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Gouldian Dilute	10D 7908	Shirley Perkins	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Black and White Seed eater		Paula Hansen	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Dilute Fawn Society	11D 10573	Dezirae Lord	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Normal Java Rice Finch Cock		Katie Kramer	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Fawn White Society	11D 1982	Dezirae Lord	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Brazilian Cardinals Pair		Paula Hansen	
UNFLIGHTED NOVICE	White and Chocolate Society Normal Java Rice Finch Cock	12D	Dezirae Lord Katie Kramer	
JUNIOR	Chestnut-flanked	11D 1989	Dezirae Lord	

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: Wonderful collection of birds. Nice South Americans and Africans. Great club that really made me welcome. Thanks.



# 2012 NFSS SHOW REPORTS

NOVEMBER 3-4, 2012

**Asociación de Criadores de Finches**  
**Caguas, Puerto Rico**

**ENTRIES: 368                      EXHIBITORS: 24**

**JUDGE: KENNETH H. GUNBY**

**REGION 2 SHOW HOST: DOUBLE POINTS**

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	PTS.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Fawn Cock Zebra		Ramón Colón	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	RH WB GB Gouldian		Hiram Morales	30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	RH WB GB Gouldian		Hector Tozado	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Normal Grey Cock		Ramón Colón	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Zebra Pair		Hiram Morales	24
6 <sup>th</sup>	BH PB GB Gouldian		Rurico A. Vidal	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Chocolate Society		Ramón Colón	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Grey Zebra Hen		Germán Alejandro	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Fawn Zebra Hen		Germán Alejandro	16
10 <sup>th</sup>	BH PP GB		Juan Nieves	14

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: None

NOVEMBER 13, 2012

**Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club**  
**Joliet, Illinois**

**ENTRIES: 63                      EXHIBITORS: 6**

**JUDGE: JERRI C. WIESENFELD**

**REGION 3 SHOW HOST: DOUBLE POINTS**

AWARD	SPECIES	BAND NO.	EXHIBITOR	PTS.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Green Singing Finch		Susan Stieve	14
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shaftail		Kristen Reeves	12
3 <sup>rd</sup>	RH Gouldian	NFS12D 4762	Susan Stieve	• 10
4 <sup>th</sup>	Isabel Zebra		Susan Stieve	8
5 <sup>th</sup>	Purple Starling		Julia Howard	
6 <sup>th</sup>	OH Gouldian		Susan Stieve	4
7 <sup>th</sup>	Dilute Fawn Society		Dennis Burhaus	2
8 <sup>th</sup>	Green Singing Finch		Charlie S.	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Fawn-cheeked Zebra		Susan Stieve	
10 <sup>th</sup>	RH Gouldian Hen		Susan Stieve	
Unflighted	RH Gouldian	NFS12D 4762	Susan Stieve	

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: We had a very nice group of birds at this show; very nice, indeed! It was great to see Green Finches and European Goldfinches, too. The Shaftail was absolutely stunning; however, only "one" can take first place. The little Green Singing Finch was a great example of the NFSS Standard. Great work exhibitors!

## 2012 National Cage Bird Show Highlights

by *Rebecca Mikel*

**S**T. LOUIS, MISSOURI, WAS THE HOME OF THE 64<sup>TH</sup> Annual National Cage Bird Show, specifically the Millennium Hotel in the downtown area—just across the street from the beautiful St. Louis Arch. Exhibitors began arriving as early as Wednesday morning and by Thursday morning the lobby was filled with birds in cages, exhibitors, suitcases, and bellhops running in several directions.

The distances some of the exhibitors drove to be a part of this event was tremendous! Laura Watkins and Janet Edmonds came from California—30 hours! Danny Maldonado and Ken Rampersaud from New York—probably about the same amount of time; Vince and Kendra Moase, along with Ricki Gaskin, came from Canada; Ginny Allen was from southern Alabama; and Vince and Sally Huntington drove from California also. I'm sure there are several more that drove as far, or farther, but these are just a few that come to mind.

Due to some unforeseen circumstances, the scheduled judge for the Finch/Softbill Division, Clarence Culwell, was unable to attend, but Laura Bewley, long-time NFSS Panel Judge and 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President/Judge's Panel Chair for the NFSS Board of Directors, stepped in to serve as judge for the 2012 event. Vanessa Brugueras, our usual NCBS Show Secretary, was unable to attend due to health issues. We missed Vanessa and her smiling face but Laura Watkins sat down in the Secretary's chair and we were off and running. Vince Moase and Ken Rampersaud graciously agreed to serve as Show Stewards.

Friday evening was the usual "Hospitality Night" and auction of the birds donated by last year's Higgins Winners. Bob Peers won the bid on the birds donated by the winner of the Finch and Softbill Division in 2011 (Rebecca Mikel)—a pair of Dybowski Twinspots (sure hope Andrew doesn't look in the bird room any time soon for those Dybowskis!).

There were a total of 190 birds in the Finch/Softbill Division—one of the largest groups in a few years, with a total of 24 exhibitors. This year was a bit different in that Lovebirds, Cockatiels, Parrots, and Parakeets were in a separate room. The show stands built by "Jim" at Corners Limited provided such a professional consistent appearance from one Division to the next.

One by one, the other Divisions concluded their competitions, while Laura proceeded with Class after Class, Section after Section, until we were ready for the Final Top 10. We were happy to welcome two exhibitors from the Canary group: one exhibiting a European Goldfinch (Joe Gaglio), another a Red-headed Bunting and Green Finches (Charlie Schembri). The European Goldfinch placed in the Top 10 finals and the exhibitor ended up with an NFSS membership on that day! Sally Huntington took home Top Finch with a Lightback Zebra as well as Top Softbill with a Pekin Robin. We all have our work cut out for us next year—beating Sally!!

Rebecca Mikel  
NFSS Executive Secretary

*by Sally Huntington*

**WHY DO I GO TO THE NATIONALS?** The answer is easy: I go to see old friends and to meet new ones.

We had a wonderful two-week vacation going to and from the National Cage Bird Show. My husband packed up 20 birds, two dogs, and all the essentials and off we went. On the way, we stopped in Joplin, Missouri, to see our oldest son. I didn't "break anything" this time.

We had a very relaxing visit. Then it was off to St. Louis. AOA was a great success, speakers were excellent, and the turnout was the largest ever. We laughed and chatted with old and new friends, placed First and Second on the top bench, laughed and chatted with friends, bought and sold birds, laughed and chatted with friends, but did not buy any birds at the NCBS auction. Instead, we laughed and chatted while eating 'key lime pie' and drinking 'a bit of wine'.

We attended meetings Saturday, sold and bought birds, laughed and chatted, and went to the banquet where we dined with friends. While checking out birds we had one last chat with new and old friends before leaving Sunday a.m.

We took the long way home, driving through the south. Now it's good to be home.

Sally Huntington  
NFSS Panel Judge

**M**Y NCBS EXPERIENCE SURPASSED MY EXPECTATIONS this year as I had the honor of judging the Finch and Softbill Division. I would like to thank Stewards Vince Moase and Ken Rampersaud, Secretary Laura Watkins, and Backup Secretary Rebecca Mikel for their help. They made a great support team and with their help worked through the 190 birds without a problem. Thank you for volunteering your time. I know you missed having the freedom to wander the show, hang out with friends, look over other divisions, and a peaceful lunch. I want you to know I appreciated your support throughout the judging process. Susan Stieve, thank you for filling in during the steward's breaks. Your helpfulness is appreciated. Cheryl Burns, thank you for helping with ribbons as needed, and supplying me with refreshment.

I would like to thank all exhibitors for bringing some wonderful birds to the show. We had a nice variety in each section. Overall the birds were in great condition and competition was tough. The softbill section contained some beautiful birds ranging from a very small Blue Dacris to a Toucanette on guard to get a taste of anyone's finger that came close enough.

A Pekin Robin won the section, then placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the show. It possessed glowing condition and extreme restraint to control its energy inside the show box. Sally Huntington, breeder and exhibitor of this beautiful bird, would be someone to council with on getting your birds in winning shape.

The Zebra section included beautiful color mutations: black-cheeked, black-breasted, chestnut-flanked white, orange-breasted, and pied, to name a few. There was an impressive crest on one little Crested Fawn Zebra that placed 10<sup>th</sup> in show. It displayed the beautiful depth of color a black-cheeked can have. The normal zebras and a nicely marked pied had good conformation, but the zebra to beat was Sally and Vince Huntington's lightback. The bird was unbeatable with spot on condition, very nice evenness of color, and well-defined markings. The cage training and stamina shown by this bird enabled him to show off his best assets and win Best in Show.

The Gouldians shown did not disappoint us with their color, condition, and size. There were a good number of them shown with a normal Red-headed Gouldian cock exhibited by Julie Lawson taking the section with a body size very close to the desired 5½ inches and excellent condition. Overall the Gouldians seemed rather nervous in the show boxes and would have done better in the show had they had better deportment. When you are that beautiful you should never fear the stage.

In the Other Australian Finches section we had the treat to view a group of Cherry Finches (Plum-heads) displaying their muted but striking coloration, some very nice Chestnut-breasted Mannikins and Masked Grass Finches but which were all overpowered by a normal Shaftail. Exhibited by Vince Moase of Canada, the Shaftail was immaculate as we expect one to be but also exhibited nice stance and demeanor. Its best asset though was its conformation. One of the Masked Grass Finches in this section sang his heart out on the show bench trying his best to catch our attention. Later, I found out he had to sing for his supper at Vince Huntington's and was just working his magic voice to see what he could get.

The Indo-Pacific section gave us a chance to view some outstanding birds with a Red-headed Parrot Finch and Lutino Red-headed Parrot Finch topping the section. A nice group of Spice Finches, a White-hooded Nun, and some Forbes Parrot Finches were also a treat to view in this section. The birds here faced some condition and deportment challenges but the Red-headed Parrot Finch exhibited by Lisa Murphy towered over the others with very nice condition and intense color to place 7<sup>th</sup> in show.

The Society Finches were delightful. The self-colored American societies dominated the Society Finch section and an American Self Fawn won the section with good condition, evenness and depth of color, outstanding conformation and a will to win (Or some would say good deportment.). This bird, bred and shown by Cheryl Burns, went on to place 4<sup>th</sup> in show. There was a powerful European Goldfinch competing among a few other Goldfinches that stole the European Finches section and placed 6<sup>th</sup> best in show. The bird not only had good conformation and excellent color it displayed good deportment.

There were some other fine birds in this section such as normal and cinnamon Greenfinches. The Finches of Africa section brought color and variety to the show. A Black-bellied Firefinch was a special treat to see, as was a couple of Purple Grenadiers. A Paradise Whydah was shown displaying his graceful movement with a 12-inch long tail. Although no birds from this section placed in the top 10 in show, several of these birds could take best in show on another day with some rest and conditioning.

The next section, Finches of the Americas, offered an interesting group, where a Crimson Pileated took first, then placed 9<sup>th</sup> best in show. Exhibited by Rebecca Mikel it never did give us a peek at his crest but displayed beauty and grace in the show box. Another interesting bird was the Ruddy-breasted Seedeater, a petite bird with subtle yet powerful coloration.

Then came the Doves and Quail section where an amazingly cage-friendly, good-conditioned Button Quail placed first. The exhibitor of this bird, Laura Watkins, shared a quail travel tip with me after the show on keeping your quail in great shape while traveling cross-country. She placed bubble wrap inside the cage top to keep the little guy from hurting his head as quail are known to fly straight up when startled. This way he would crash into a soft substance instead of the hard wood cage top.

Last we had the Pairs section where a nice variety of pairs were exhibited. A beautiful pair of Self Society Finches and a very good pair of Zebra Finches were in the group but a super pair of Gold-breasted Waxbills placed first and then took 8<sup>th</sup> in show. The Gold-breasted pair exhibited by Vince Moase was in good condition, was attentive to one another, and worked the box like winners.

In conclusion, this group of 190 birds was fun to judge and a delight to see up close. I applaud the exhibitors; many traveled long distances with their prized birds to compete with the best across the nation.

I truly feel going to the National Cage Bird Show is a worthwhile trip although expensive and should be made by people wanting to grow in knowledge and understanding of finches and softbills. The show is not only a place for competition but a major educational opportunity. Where can you meet breeders from across the nation, compare your birds with the best birds being shown, and make friends to share your enthusiasm all in one weekend?

There is no other show like the National Cage Bird Show. All exhibitors and enthusiasts are welcomed with educational seminars such as the Afternoon of Aviculture organized by Sally Huntington and sponsored by NFSS, exhibits from vendors in the bird industry displaying the latest products to help you be successful at your hobby, national specialty club meetings where you can meet the people who are working with the same challenges you are and are providing information to help you enjoy your birds, and you also get to look at many different bird species where you might just fall in love with a new type of bird, and the best group of bird-lovers you could ever hang out with.

The 2013 NCBS is in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the Southern Hills Marriott. This is my home town and I hope you will come visit and exhibit and have as much fun as a new chick out of the nest.





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**MEMBERSHIP** 480

**AFFILIATIONS** 36

- Census is in the Journal. Thank you to all who participated
- 4 persons working on taking the Judge's test
- Orange-cheek Standard complete in rough draft, committee reviewing
- Discussion continues regarding options for disbursement of funds for Red Siskin Project; inquiries being made into questions regarding ownership of birds and limitations on transfer of birds
- Plans for NCBS underway, Sally Huntington has speakers arranged for AOA
- NFSS BOD presents the names of the following judges to NCBS Board for consideration for 2013 NCBS:  
Cecil Gunby, Armando Lee, Kenneth Gunby
- Barbara Jaquez ran unopposed in a special election for position of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

### *In Memory Of Dr. Richard E. Baer*

It is with sadness NFSS reports the death of Dr. Richard E. Baer (age 96). He passed away November 28, 2012 at his home in Groveport, Ohio. A 1939 veterinarian graduate, his career took him on assignments to Mexico and Puerto Rico for many years. Most are probably too young to have known "Dick" but he was an energetic force for the good of aviculture. He was an early president of the American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) and a fixture at the AFA conventions for years. He openly shared with many others his knowledge of soft-billed birds, as well as his other experiences. Dr. Baer was heavily involved in the Newcastle crisis of the '70s. When I visited him this past spring he was full of energy and ideas, talking about his plans for the next twenty years. Even if you never knew him, you should feel the loss aviculture suffers from his passing.

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## 2013 REGIONAL SHOW REQUEST

Our club would like to be a 2013 Regional Show Host YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_  
Our club would like to be a 2014 Regional Show Host YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_  
Date of Show \_\_\_\_\_ (if known)  
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#### West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show

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**Meetings**—Wednesday, 7 p.m. **Contact**—Alexander Villarreal, 1419 Collinswood Blvd., Port Charlotte FL 33948; [vetagator@yahoo.com](mailto:vetagator@yahoo.com)

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<http://www.tcexoticbirdclub.com>

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<http://www.hoibirdclub.org>

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### National Institute of Red Orange Canaries (NIROC)

<http://www.niroc.org>

**Meetings**—4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 7 p.m. at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1101 Manchester Ave., Westchester IL 60154. **No meetings**—August, November. **President**—Joaquin Torres. 312-259-2779, [jtorres@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jtorres@sbcglobal.net). **Contact**—Joel Wojotowicz, 708-352-9319, [cwojto8877@aol.com](mailto:cwojto8877@aol.com)

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<http://www.MACBS.org>

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<http://www.baltimorebirdfanciers.org>

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<http://www.gatewayparrotclub.org>

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<http://www.texasbirdbreeders.org>

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### Canary and Finch Society

<http://canaryfinchsociety.tripod.com>

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## WASHINGTON

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Alamo Exhibition Bird Club		September 22
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Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society		September 22
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Fort Worth Bird Club		October 6
	<b>CAYO QUINALIA</b> Normal Shaftail Finch	
Kings County Canary Club		October 13
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Suncoast Canary and Finch Club		October 13
	<b>GEORGE MARTIN</b>	
Canary and Finch Society, Texas		October 13
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Columbia Canary Club		November 3

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