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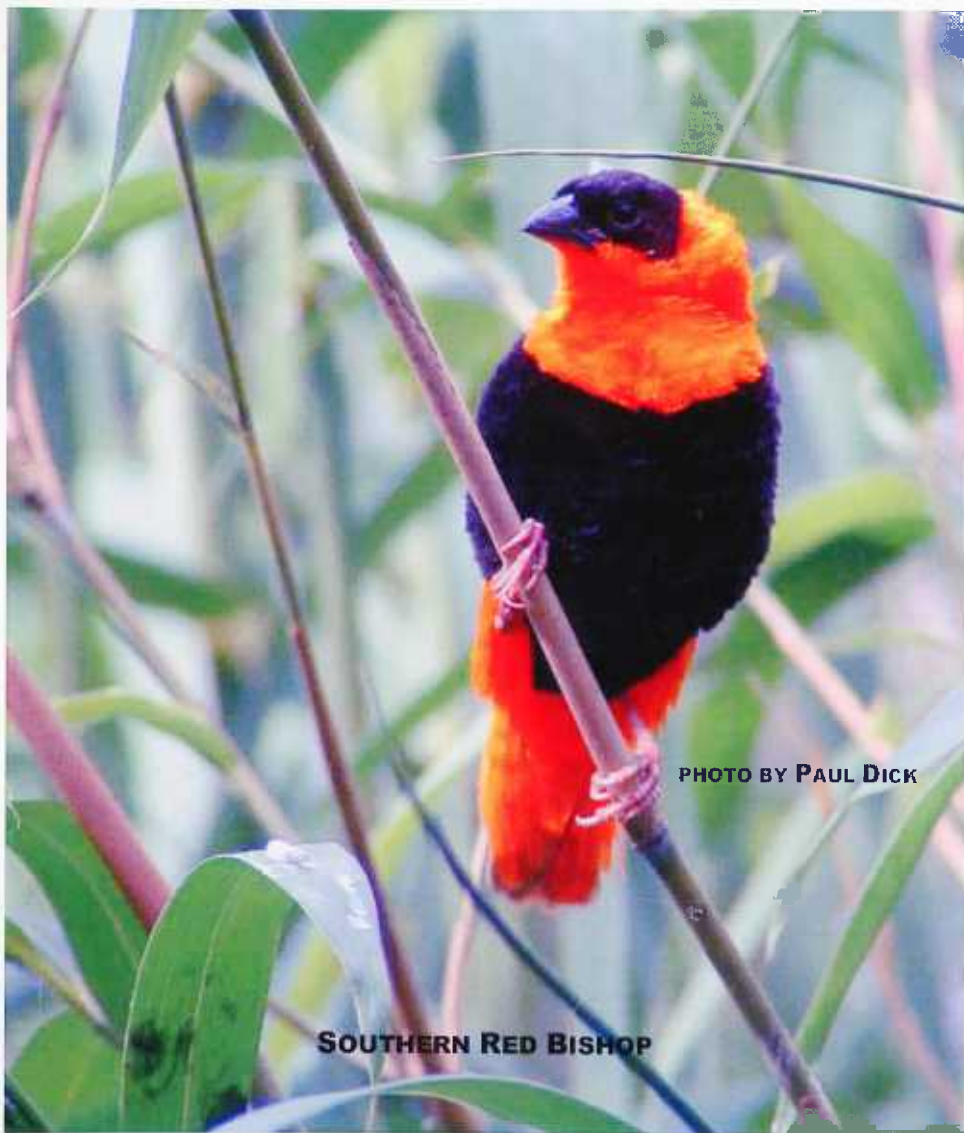


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COVER PHOTO

Southern Red Bishop

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NFSS thanks Paul Dick, Editor of Just Finches and Softbills Magazine (New Zealand), for sharing this photo with NFSS members. For anyone not familiar with this magazine, members are invited to visit their website at www.justfinches.com. A subscription to their magazine is reasonable and in this issue you will find a wide variety of articles covering many of your favorite birds, such as Indigo Birds, Parrot Finches, Gouldians, Helmeted Honeyeaters, Diamond Firetails, and Cirl Buntings.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



EVERY TIME I SIT DOWN TO WRITE A PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE I fight the urge to write a warning about the threats to private aviculture from a creeping regulatory environment and just as much from our community's continuing failure to market bird-keeping as a hobby.

I forwarded to the Forum a post from the U.S. Herpetoculture Alliance, (a reptile owners and keepers organization) regarding legislation. H.R. 996 seeks to set up an "accepted" (white) list of common domesticated pets and livestock, and an "unaccepted" (black) list; that by default would be everything not included on the "accepted" list. This is a "guilty until proven innocent" approach that would add all "unaccepted" species to the Injurious Wildlife list of the Lacey Act in one massive blanket listing."

Roland Cristo our Legislative Liaison, replied **"THIS IS BAD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"** There were two more replies and the thread ended. This bill is now posted on the NFSS website and can be read in its entirety by going to www.nfss.org.

There's a larger context to this than many of you who are younger and/or newer to bird-keeping have never experienced. I've always been drawn to birds and grew up in a world where they were kept by many and regularly displayed in public settings.

There were Java Blue Peacocks in the Fairmount Park in Riverside, California, where my family held picnics. Pet stores were present in most neighborhoods and bird cages were regularly maintained in public places. Much of this is gone. Many of what were pet stores are now pet supply stores with the majority offering no live animals.

I made a visit to the San Francisco Zoo earlier this month and can say sincerely but sadly that many NFSS members have avian collections with more depth and likely of greater financial value than the collection at the public zoo in this city of 700,000 people.

The average person on the street likely thinks the computer monitor manufacturer ViewSonic's™ picture of three male Gouldians in the three head colors represents something other than examples of one of the most widely kept and bred finches. We need to change this! Many of us have withdrawn from showing off our birds, cautious that we might be out of compliance with local codes or will draw the attention of a neighbor who doesn't believe birds should be caged. Our birds are our best ambassadors and we need to show them off. We've been warned.

John Wilson
President NFSS

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Members are encouraged go to the NFSS website to view the following bills at

<http://www.nfss.org/legal/index.html>

NATIONAL

HR 996: Invasive Fish and Wildlife Prevention Act

California

AB 339: An act to amend Section 597.4 of the Penal Code, relating to malicious mischief

The above acts can be read in their entirety on the NFSS website and members are strongly urged to read them. If you have anything to add to the Legislative News pages, please send it to either the webmaster at webmaster@nfss.org or to Roland Cristo, Legislative Liaison, at legis@nfss.org

The future of aviculture and owning pets is in our hands. As the NFSS President said: *"We have been warned."*

Please check out the following NFSS websites.

NFSS WEBSITE

Visit www.nfss.org to see all the new things happening on the site.

VISIT OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

We now have a Facebook page to keep you up-to-date with Society announcements. Like us at

<http://www.facebook.com/nfss.org>

THE MUTATION GOULOIAN FINCH

This article was featured in the Mar/Apr issue with many photos. Because the journal was not in color you cannot appreciate these photos and we invite you to read this article with colored pictures at

info@gouldiansgalore.com

LEGISLATIVE NEWS UPDATES

Keeping up-to-date on these issues is extremely important. Roland Cristo, NFSS Legislative Liaison, will post this information at

<http://www.nfss.org/legal/index.html>

2012 NATIONAL CAGE BIRO SHOW PHOTOS

After May 1, the NCBS photos shown in the Mar/Apr issue can be seen online at

<http://www.nfss.org/shows/2012ncbs.html>

Check the website frequently because we also will add other photos as time goes on.

NFSS MEMBERS YAHOO GROUP

This is a forum for the discussion of finch and softbill husbandry. It is restricted to current members of the National Finch and Softbill Society and any other discussions are not allowed.

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PRZFC invites all finch/birds lovers to
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Especial award exchange between the
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COME DONT MISS IT - OPEN SHOW
ALL BREEDERS ARE INVITED

Invited Judge: Laura Tinker (NFSS)

Birds Entries: May 31 2013 until 12pm

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Judge by affiliates of the American Union



-Exhibition ACEN (love birds & budgerigars)



-Exhibition of canaries of the Association of Manufacturers of Puerto Rico



-Exhibition of The Puerto Rico Fancy Pigeon Club

-Exhibition of exotic birds (legals in PR or DRNA)



-Exhibition of Parrots

1-2 June 2013

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2013 NFSS GENERAL ELECTION FOR OFFICERS SERVING 2014-2015

THE NFSS BYLAWS require the Society have an election of officers every two years. A ballot including positions open for election and the names of candidates running for each position in the 2013 General Election will be published in the July/August issue. You will find a description of all elected offices, starting on page 25.

All votes must be returned to the designated address for collecting and counting the ballots. To be included, ballots must be received **BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2013**. Specific instructions will be included in the ballot.

The announcement of the winners in the election will be made at the 2013 National Cage Bird Show and published in the Jan/Feb 2014 issue of the journal.

Please remember these deadlines as it pertains to renewal of your membership. Do not allow interruption in your active membership to occur, especially if your renewal date is near any of these deadlines. You must allow the Membership Director adequate time to process renewals and prepare mailing lists. New members or existing members who renew their membership **BEFORE OCTOBER 15, 2013** will receive a ballot but it will be their personal responsibility to make sure it is returned and postmarked **BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2013** to be eligible.

Dual members will have one (1) vote each and can copy the ballot.

Rebecca Mikel
Election Committee Chair
Lisa Murphy, Bob Peers, Gerta Noble, John Wilson
Election Committee

2013 GENERAL ELECTION

Start thinking about whether you are interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors. Officers and Volunteers are always needed.

FINCH AND SOFTBILL SAVE PROGRAM

THE FINCH AND SOFTBILL SAVE PROGRAM (FSS) was established in 1988. Over the years program requirements have changed but the definition and purpose of the program has not.

- **LONG-TERM GOAL**—Establish a consortium of breeders of finches and softbills dedicated to producing and maintaining a viable captive-bred population of finches and softbills in the United States and Canada.
- **SHORT-TERM GOAL**—Establish consistent breeding success with participating species in the United States and Canada.

FSS benefits conservation by maintaining studbooks of domestically bred birds in the program. In addition, FSS provides a hub for networking. To participate, you must be an NFSS member in good standing and it is required all birds in the program be banded with numbered bands. Closed bands are preferred but FSS understands this is not always possible and imported birds cannot be closed-banded.

BIRD INFORMATION—When ownership of a bird is transferred, the bird's records can be transferred to the new owner. Data collected by this program is for its own analysis and not intended to replace your records. Therefore, it is imperative you keep your own separate records.

FSS GROUPS

- NFSS-FSS—*Amandav*—Strawberry/Goldbreast
- NFSS-FSS—*Corduelis cucullata*—Red Siskin
- NFSS-FSS—*Coliidae*—Mousebirds
- NFSS-FSS—*Erythrura*—Parrot Finches
- NFSS-FSS—*European*—Softbills
- NFSS-FSS—*Pyronotus*—Bulbuls
- NFSS-FSS—*Serinus*—Group Leader needed
- NFSS-FSS—*Uraeginthus*—Blue/Purple Waxbills

All NFSS members are strongly encouraged to join one or more of the above groups. For information, please contact the FSS Director.

Vonda Zwick, Director
VondaFSS@finchaviary

2013 FSS CENSUS RESULTS

The 2012 Census is now over. Thank you to everyone who participated. We had a total of 4,388 birds entered in the 2012 Census, with 57 people participating and 185 species represented. Included in this journal are the total counts by species and mutation. For more detailed statistics and contact information from hobbyists who chose to share that information, please visit the Census results online at

<http://www.nfss-fss.org/Census>

Thank you for participating!
Vonda Zwick, FSS Director

Species	Cocks	Hens	Un-sexed	TotalBirds	Participants
European Goldfinch (<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>)	6	7	0	13	5
European Siskin (<i>Carduelis spinus</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Firefinch, Senegal (<i>Lagonostica senegala</i>)	23	20	3	46	6
Goldbreasted Waxbill (<i>Amandava subflava</i>)	56	54	15	125	13
Golden-billed Saltator (<i>Saltator aurantirostris</i>)	2	2	0	4	1
Golden-breasted Bunting (<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>)	0	0	1	1	1
Golden-headed Manakin (<i>Pipra erythrocephala</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Gouldian Finch (<i>Chloebia gouldiae</i>) [Blue Body]	7	5	9	21	5
Gouldian Finch (<i>Chloebia gouldiae</i>) [Dilute Body]	6	0	2	8	4
Gouldian Finch (<i>Chloebia gouldiae</i>) [Normal]	89	93	92	274	23
Gouldian Finch (<i>C. gouldiae</i>) [Other (Body Color)]	1	1	0	2	1
Gouldian Finch (<i>Chloebia gouldiae</i>) [Pastel Body]	2	0	1	3	3
Gouldian Finch (<i>Chloebia gouldiae</i>) [Silver Body]	1	0	4	5	2
Gouldian Finch (<i>Chloebia gouldiae</i>) [Yellow Body]	26	25	16	67	10
Green Singer (<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>)	25	24	7	56	10
Green-backed Twinspot (<i>Mandingoa nitidula</i>)	2	2	0	4	2
Grey Singer (<i>Serinus leucopygius</i>)	2	1	1	4	2
Grey-headed Silverbill (<i>Lonchura griseicapilla</i>)	1	0	0	1	1
Heck's Shaffail (<i>Poephila acuticauda hecki</i>)	5	5	5	15	1
Indian Silverbill (<i>Lonchura malabarica</i>)	2	4	2	8	2
Jacarini Finch (<i>Volatinia jacarini</i>)	2	2	0	4	1
Jameson's Firefinch (<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>)	2	2	1	5	1

Species	Cocks	Hens	Un-sexed	TotalBirds	Participants
Java Rice Finch (<i>Lonchura oryzivora</i>)	9	9	9	27	3
Lavender Finch (<i>Estrilda caerulescens</i>)	6	4	6	16	6
Linnet (<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Little Green Singer (<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>)	10	13	0	23	2
Madagascar Mannikin (<i>Lonchura nana</i>)	1	0	0	1	1
Maggie Mannikin (<i>Lonchura fringilloides</i>)	0	1	1	2	1
Masked Grassfinch (<i>Poephila personata</i>)	21	22	29	72	5
Napoleon Weaver (<i>Euplectes afra</i>)	3	5	0	8	1
Orange Bishop (<i>Euplectes orix franciscana</i>)	5	3	0	8	4
Orange-cheeked Waxbill (<i>Estrilda melopoda</i>)	16	15	11	42	11
Owl Finch (<i>Taeniopygia bichenovii</i>)	64	64	70	198	18
Owl Finch - Black Rumped (<i>T. bichenovii annulosa</i>)	21	26	18	65	2
Painted Firetail (<i>Embiema picta</i>)	6	5	5	16	2
Paradise Whydah (<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>)	3	2	0	5	4
Parson Finch (<i>Poephila cincta</i>)	20	15	16	51	2
Peales Parrotfinch (<i>Erythrura pealii</i>)	26	41	20	87	2
Pileated Finch (<i>Coryphospingus pileatus</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Pin-tailed Whydah (<i>Vidua macroura</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Purple Grenadier (<i>Uraeginthus lanthnogaster</i>)	20	122	6	148	5
Quail Finch (<i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>)	0	1	0	1	1
Red Billed Fire Finch (<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>)	1	1	1	3	1
Red Siskin (<i>Carduelis cucullata</i>)	26	15	3	44	3
Red-billed (Senegal) Firefinch (<i>L. senegala</i>)	3	3	3	9	1
Red-billed Firefinch (<i>L. senegala ruberrima</i>)	2	1	0	3	1
Red-browed Finch (<i>Neochinia temporalis</i>)	1	1	1	3	1
Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu (<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>)	21	22	8	51	10
Red-collard Whydah (<i>Euplectes ardens</i>)	1	0	0	1	1
Red-crested Cardinal (<i>Paroaria coronata</i>)	7	7	0	14	4
Red-crested Finch (<i>Coryphospingus culatus</i>)	5	4	0	9	2
Red-faced Crimson-wing (<i>Cryptospiza reichenovii</i>)	0	1	0	1	1
Red-faced Pytilia (<i>Pytilia hypogrammica</i>)	3	3	0	6	2
Red-headed Parrotfinch (<i>Erythrura cyaneovirens</i>)	47	50	28	125	4
Red-throated Parrotfinch (<i>E. psittacea</i>) [Normal]	10	9	2	21	4

Species	Cocks	Hens	Un-sexed	TotalBirds	Partici-pants
Red-throated Parrotfinch (<i>Erythrura psittacea</i>) [Pied]	1	0	0	1	1
Red-throated Parrotfinch (<i>E. psittacea</i>) [Seagreen]	0	1	0	1	1
Roller Canaries (<i>Serinus canaria</i>)	40	50	0	90	1
Rosy Twinspot (<i>Hypargos margaritatus</i>)	0	1	0	1	1
Rosy-rumped Waxbill (<i>Estrilda rhodopyga</i>)	18	12	0	30	2
Ruddy Breasted Seedeater (<i>Sporophila minuta</i>)	2	0	0	2	1
Saffron Finch (<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>)	2	1	0	3	2
Shafttail (<i>Poephila acuticauda</i>)	25	22	20	67	11
Siberian Goldfinch (<i>Carduelis carduelis major</i>)	0	2	0	2	1
Society Finch (<i>L. domestica</i>) [All White]	20	23	32	75	8
Society Finch (<i>L.s. domestica</i>) Chestnut/White Pied	10	3	20	33	8
Society Finch (<i>L. domestica</i>) Chestnut Self	16	7	25	48	7
Society Finch (<i>L.s. domestica</i>) Chocolate/ White Pied	27	15	11	53	12
Society Finch (<i>L.s. domestica</i>) Chocolate Self	28	21	21	70	5
Society Finch (<i>L.s. domestica</i>) Crested Any body color	7	3	2	12	6
Society Finch (<i>L.s. domestica</i>) [Euro Black Brown]	13	7	0	20	3
Society Finch (<i>L.s.</i>) [Euro Grey]	3	2	3	8	2
Society Finch (<i>L.s. domestica</i>) Fawn/White Pied	11	7	6	24	7
Society Finch (<i>L.s. domestica</i>) [Fawn Self]	6	5	3	14	3
Society Finch (<i>Lonchura striata domestica</i>) [Other]	11	18	11	40	5
Society Finch (<i>Lonchura striata domestica</i>) [Pearl]	4	11	0	15	4
Spice Finch (<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>)	10	4	8	22	8
St. Helena Waxbill (<i>Estrilda astrild</i>)	2	2	19	23	6
Star Finch (<i>N. ruficauda</i>) [Isabelle (Any Head Color)]	1	2	7	10	2
Star Finch (<i>N. ruficauda</i>) [Normal (Red-faced)]	49	55	20	124	10
Straw-tailed Whydah (<i>Vidua fischeri</i>)	1	1	0	2	2
Strawberry Finch (<i>Amandava amandava</i>)	35	30	7	72	3
Swee Waxbill (<i>Estrilda melanotis</i>)	0	1	0	1	1
Tri-colored Nun (<i>Lonchura malacca</i>)	4	2	0	6	1
Tri-colored Parrotfinch (<i>Erythrura tricolor</i>)	23	13	24	60	5
Village Weaver (<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>)	5	3	0	8	1
Violet-eared Waxbill (<i>Uraeginthus granatina</i>)	4	6	1	11	1
Western Bluebill (<i>Spermophaga haematina</i>)	2	1	0	3	1

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White-bellied Canary (<i>Serinus dorsostriatus</i>)	3	1	0	4	1
White-headed Nun (<i>Lonchura maja</i>)	2	1	0	3	1
Yellow Face Grassquit (<i>Tiaris olivacea</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Yellow-faced Grassquit (<i>Tiaris olivacea</i>)	6	6	2	14	2
Zanzibar Red Bishop (<i>Euplectes nigroventris</i>)	4	5	0	9	2
Zebra Finch (<i>T. guttata castanotis</i>) [Black-breasted]	26	28	9	63	5
Zebra Finch (<i>T. guttata castanotis</i>) [Black-cheeked]	16	18	4	38	4
Zebra Finch (<i>T. guttata castanotis</i>) [Black-faced]	15	4	0	19	3
Zebra Finch (<i>T.g. castanotis</i>) Chest-flanked White	46	52	0	98	7
Zebra Finch (<i>T. guttata castanotis</i>) [Crested]	3	1	0	4	2
Zebra Finch (<i>R.g. castanotis</i>) [Dominant Silver]	2	1	0	3	2
Zebra Finch (<i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i>) [Fawn]	10	20	0	30	5
Zebra Finch (<i>T.g. castanotis</i>) [Fawn-cheeked]	1	7	0	8	2
Zebra Finch (<i>T.g. castanotis</i>) [Florida Fancy]	26	23	4	53	4
Zebra Finch (<i>T.g. castanotis</i>) [Grey-cheeked]	0	3	0	3	1
Zebra Finch (<i>T.g. castanotis</i>) [Lightback]	29	7	2	38	5
Zebra Finch (<i>T.g. castanotis</i>) [Normal Grey]	85	86	25	196	12
Zebra Finch (<i>T.g. castanotis</i>) [Orange-breasted]	22	24	13	59	5
Zebra Finch (<i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i>) [Other]	0	1	0	1	1
Zebra Finch (<i>T.g. castanotis</i>) [Penguin]	26	29	2	57	5
Zebra Finch (<i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i>) [Pied]	9	6	2	17	4
Zebra Finch (<i>T.g. castanotis</i>) [Recessive Silver]	0	2	0	2	1
Zebra Finch (<i>T.g. castanotis</i>) [Silver Isabelle]	1	2	0	3	1
Zebra Finch (<i>T.g. castanotis</i>) [White]	17	19	9	45	3
Totals:	1559	1599	785	3943	56
Softbills					
African Yellow White Eye (<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>)	3	3	0	6	1
Allen's Gallinule (<i>Porphyrio alleni</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Amethyst Starling (<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>)	2	3	0	5	2
Barbary Shrike (<i>Laniarius barbarus</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Bearded Barbet (<i>Lybius dubius</i>)	1	0	0	1	1
Bearded Reedling (<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>)	1	1	0	2	1

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Bearded Reedling (<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Black-faced Dacnis (<i>Dacnis lineata</i>)	1	0	0	1	1
Black-spotted Barbet (<i>Capito niger</i>)	6	6	0	12	2
Blacksmith Plover (<i>Vanelias armatus</i>)	1	0	0	1	1
Blue-gray Tanager (<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>)	5	1	0	6	2
Blue-naped Mousebird (<i>Urocolius macrourus</i>)	2	1	0	3	1
Burnished-buff Tanager (<i>Tangara cayana</i>)	1	0	0	1	1
Chinese/light Vented Bulbul (<i>Pycnonotus sinensis</i>)	2	2	1	5	1
Cissa (<i>Cissa chinensis</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Collared Finchbill (<i>Spizixos semitorques</i>)	4	0	0	4	1
Collies Magpie Jay (<i>Calocitta colliei</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Emerald Starling (<i>Coccycolius iris</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
European Starling (<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>)	0	0	2	2	1
Garden/black Eye Bulbul (<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>)	2	0	1	3	1
Golden Tanager (<i>Tangara arthus</i>)	1	0	0	1	1
Greater Blue Eared Glossy Starling (<i>L. chalybaeus</i>)	0	2	1	3	1
Hwamei (<i>Garrulax canorus</i>)	1	0	0	1	1
Kikuyu White Eye (<i>Z. poliopterus kikuyuensis</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Laughing Kookabura (<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>)	3	2	0	5	2
Lesser Blue Eared Glossy Starling (<i>L. chloropterus</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Long-tailed Hornbill (<i>Tropicranus albocristatus</i>)	2	1	0	3	1
Long-tailed Mockingbird (<i>Mimus longicaudatus</i>)	0	0	1	1	1
Montane White Eye (<i>Zosterops poliopterus</i>)	0	0	3	3	1
Paradise Tanager (<i>Tangara chilensis</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Pekin Robin (<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>)	10	9	0	19	4
Pompador Cotinga (<i>Xipholena punicea</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Purple Honeycreeper (<i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Purplish Back Jay (<i>Cyanocorax beecheii</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Racket-tailed Treepie (<i>Crypsirina temia</i>)	0	1	0	1	1
Red And Yellow Barbet (<i>T. erythrocephalus</i>)	2	3	0	5	1
Red Capped Manakin (<i>Pipra mentalis</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Red-billed Blue Magpie (<i>Urocissa erythrorhyncha</i>)	2	2	0	4	1

Species	Cocks	Hens	Un-sexed	TotalBirds	Partici-pants
Red-billed Hornbill (<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>)	2	0	0	2	1
Red-crested Turaco (<i>Tauraco erythrolophus</i>)	5	10	1	16	2
Red-faced Mousebird (<i>Urocolius indicus</i>)	1	0	0	1	1
Red-legged Honeycreeper (<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>)	3	2	0	5	2
Red-vented Bulbul (<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>)	3	5	0	8	2
Ross' Turaco (<i>Musophaga rossae</i>)	1	0	1	2	1
Scarlet Thighed Dacnis (<i>Dacnis venusta</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Silver-beaked Tanager (<i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>)	0	1	0	1	1
Silver-eared Mesia (<i>Leiothrix argenteauris</i>)	2	1	0	3	2
Snowy-crowned Robin-chat (<i>Cossypha niveicapilla</i>)	3	3	0	6	1
Southern Ground Hornbill (<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>)	2	1	0	3	1
Spangled Cotinga (<i>Cotinga cayana</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Spur-winged Plover (<i>Vanelius spinosus</i>)	4	2	1	7	1
Taiwan Scimitar Babbler (<i>Pomatorhinus musicus</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Taiwan Yuhina (<i>Yuhina brunneiceps</i>)	4	3	1	8	3
Troupial (<i>Icterus icterus</i>)	2	2	0	4	2
Trumpeter Hornbill (<i>Ceratogymna bucinator</i>)	1	0	0	1	1
Turquoise Tanager (<i>Tangara mexicana</i>)	2	1	0	3	1
Violaceous Euphonia (<i>Euphonia violacea</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Violaceous Turaco (<i>Musophaga violacea</i>)	2	4	0	6	2
Von Der Decken's Hornbill (<i>Tockus deckeni</i>)	3	2	0	5	1
White Crest Turaco (<i>Tauraco leucolophus</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
White Head Black Bulbul (<i>H. madagascariensis</i>)	3	4	0	7	1
White-backed Mousebird (<i>Colius colius</i>)	10	7	3	20	2
White-cheeked Turaco (<i>Tauraco leucotis</i>)	3	3	0	6	1
White-crested Thrush (<i>Garrulax leucolophus</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
White-eared Bulbul (<i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i>)	9	10	0	19	3
White-necked Raven (<i>Corvus albicollis</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
White-rumped Shama (<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>)	5	7	0	12	1
White-rumped Shama (ssp indicus) (<i>C.m. indicus</i>)	3	4	0	7	1
Yellow-breasted Cissa (<i>Cissa hypoleuca</i>)	4	2	0	6	1
Yellow-hooded Blackbird (<i>C. icterocephalus</i>)	1	0	0	1	1
Yellow-rumped Cacique (<i>Cacicus cela</i>)	1	0	0	1	1
Totals:	150	130	16	296	9

Editor's Note: Due to space restrictions this article had to be condensed to fit. To read this entire, informative article, please go to <http://www.nfss.org/savethegouldians.html>

BREED AND RELEASE VS. SAVE THE WILD GOULDIAN by Mike Fidler, with contributions by Bill Van Patten

I would like to thank the NFSS Board of Directors and participating NFSS members for their generous financial and promotional contributions to the **SAVE THE GOULDIAN FUND (STGF)**. Below is a shortened article on the history of our research at the **STGF** and a progress report up through current events in 2012.

Mike Fidler, CEO
Save the Gouldian Fund

MANY WELL-MEANING AVICULTURISTS would like to believe bird-keepers could make a positive contribution to conservation by acting as a gene bank which could be tapped into for breed-and-release programs. This gene bank would be an insurance policy to be used should a species become extinct in the wild. This is highly desirable but how realistic is this belief?

Breed-and-Release programs were popularized and well-publicized during the 1990s and continue to be promoted by many zoos as it fits their corporate profile of education and conservation. Despite its high profile with the public, scientists are somewhat cautious as it is difficult to implement, is very expensive, and has a checkered history of success.

A total of 19,561 vertebrates, invertebrates and plants are on the world's Red List. Furthermore, the rate of extinction is accelerating with the global phenomenon being labeled by scientists as the world's sixth mass extinction; one of the previous ones being the extinction of the dinosaurs. Worldwide there are 1,253 species of birds considered threatened plus 843 near threatened, making a total of 2,096 species of birds in need of urgent conservation. To quote **BIRDLIFE AUSTRALIA**, "27 species or subspecies are now listed as Extinct, 20 as Critically Endangered, 60 as Endangered, 68 as Vulnerable, and 63 as Near Threatened." A total of 211 are in need of help.

It would be impossible for aviculture to play a role in keeping and breeding all 2,096 different species and improbable even here in Australia if we concentrated on our own 211. Saving all these species is going to be impossible with the scarce finance and resources currently available. Sadly, it is probably going to be a question of trying to focus effort on those areas and species most likely to end in a positive result and on programs that benefit the largest number of species within a single exercise.

Species	Cocks	Hens	Un-sexed	TotalBirds	Participants
Doves/Quail					
Beautiful Dove (<i>Ptilinopus pulchellus</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Black-naped Fruit Dove (<i>Ptilinopus melanospila</i>)	1	2	0	3	1
Button Quail (<i>Coturnix chinensis</i>) [Normal]	13	7	0	20	3
Button Quail (<i>Coturnix chinensis</i>) [Silver]	0	1	0	1	1
Cape Dove (<i>Oena capensis</i>)	6	5	1	12	4
Diamond Dove (<i>Geopelia cuneata</i>)	32	24	15	71	6
Peruvian Ground Dove (<i>Columbina cruziana</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Ringneck Dove (<i>Streptopelia risoria</i>)	12	8	4	24	1
Roul-roul Partridge (<i>Reilulus rouloul</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Tambourine Dove (<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>)	1	1	0	2	1
Victoria Crowned Pigeon (<i>Goura victoria</i>)	2	2	0	4	1
Zebra Dove (<i>Geopelia striata</i>)	3	3	0	6	2
Totals:	73	56	20	149	11

A Little Bit of Yesterday

The Jan/Feb 1985 issue of the National Finch Society newsletter noted they had celebrated their first year. With 176 members and 12 affiliated clubs they were well on the way to becoming what we are today. By this time they had created bird standards, banding procedures, showing standards, and were compiling educational programs for affiliates.

HELP WANTED

NFSS is looking for a conscientious volunteer to fill the ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONS MANAGER position. Everything has been set up to make it easy for the person assuming this position to take over and not have to spend more than a few minutes weekly handling the job. If you enjoy working with people, want to join a great team of volunteers, and would like to be considered for this position, please contact John Wilson at

president@nfss.org

In that context, the Gouldian Finch is considered an indicator species for the general health of Australia's northern savannas. Conservation activities which save the Gouldian Finch are highly likely to save a number of other species living in the same or similar habitat. Our scientists decided the first phase of any meaningful conservation program is the scientific research. The experience of others had shown that if you do not first have a thorough understanding of why a species has declined you cannot possibly save it. As an example, the highest profile USA conservation program is the California Condor Recovery Program which started in 1987 when all the surviving Condors left in the wild were captured and put into a captive-breeding program. Due to space limitations we are not able to print all of that in this article.

The Rothschild's (Bali) Mynah is another example of high endeavor and high cost with questionable results. In 1990 there were only 15 Mynahs left in the wild. A breed-and-release program was implemented which at its peak managed to get the wild population up to a maximum of 50 birds. By 2011 this mainland population was back down to six. The point we are trying to make is that there is no point in breeding and releasing birds back into a habitat or environment which is not able to sustain them. It is an expensive waste of time and effort as well as being potentially cruel.

Most programs were implemented around the same period before the world learned breed-and-release was no panacea. It all looked simple, and was an easy trap to fall into. My long-time friend, Professor Stewart Evans, had done a census of the Royal Parrot Finch in Vanuatu and discovered it now only exists on 4 of the total of 84 islands that make up the archipelago, down from its previous distribution of 14 islands. We went a long way toward getting permission to trap some of the precious wild stock for a breed-and-release program and only dropped the idea when it all got embroiled in politics.

With all this background knowledge gained from the heartbreaking work of others, we decided to first put in the hard yards and implement a thorough research program to properly understand why the Gouldian Finch was declining, before wasting scarce money trying to implement any remedial conservation work. The first part of the Gouldian research concentrated on the basic ecology, their basic life cycle. Studying wild birds is hard, they keep flying away.

Making it even harder is the remoteness and ruggedness of the Gouldians home terrain. Outside of the breeding season Gouldians prove to be highly nomadic and as the nature of the terrain meant they could only be followed around on foot; this was arduous to the point of being impossible.

Studying the whole life cycle of the Gouldian Finch meant scientists were in the field for long periods at a time in all weathers; despite their dedication, living in tents became increasingly difficult. Getting back to a boiling hot tent after working in 104° temperatures is not fun. We decided to commit some of our scarce financial resources to creating a permanent Field Research Centre by converting a building the Wyndham Shire Council had leased to us on a peppercorn 21-year lease.

At this time, it was decided to create a Captive Bird Research Centre to house some 2,500 Gouldians. This meant we could keep scientists in the field for longer spells and in all weathers and the Captive Research Centre meant they could prove, in a proper scientific manner, whether what they observed in the wild was significant or not. It also meant the scientists were able to conduct experiments that would have been impossible to achieve in the wild. One of the first conclusions drawn from this original research was that a Breed-and-Release program was highly unlikely to help in the recovery of the Gouldian for the following key reasons:

- Domestic Gouldians would not recognize and be able to evade predators, including snakes, lizards, other birds, kites, and mammals.
- Water is seasonal and ephemeral. We do not understand yet how on earth the wild birds are able find it, but they do and we would be surprised if domesticated Gouldians have the skill.
- Seed is the same also, particularly at the start of the wet season when all the seed which had fallen on the ground gets covered in water and mud and quickly sprouts into inedible plants.
- If the wild population was dying out, one had to assume there was some thing or things causing it. Until this has been corrected, it would be cruel to release captive-bred Gouldians into a lingering death.

The long-term commitment to the program, the Captive Bird Research facility, and the quality of our scientists has produced ground-breaking results with over 30 published papers which have been recognized with a number of scientific awards.

Without avicultural knowledge of how to keep and breed Gouldians, this program could not have been successful, and this is how I believe aviculture can best contribute to conservation. By providing scientists with captive-bird research facilities, hand-in-hand with the avicultural knowledge, a number of other species may be saved from extinction.

The research on the Gouldian Finch's basic lifestyle is ongoing. We need to know why so many juveniles are lost during the wet season and what the dynamics of the dry season nomadic phase are. Dr. Sarah Pryke is the chief research scientist at the **STGF**. A synopsis of her work is that the Gouldian has problems at each stage of its life cycle, all of which no doubt have compounded to exert downward pressure on numbers. However, the most significant problem has been man's interference with habitat, something under constant threat from significant changes created by cattle and land clearance for agriculture and mining, as well as the annual wild fires which sweep through the landscape annually. This relatively new phenomenon has only occurred since European settlement and is dramatically changing the vegetative structure of the landscape.

In the case of the Gouldian this habitat change, together with the effects of preferential grazing by the cattle, is possibly creating a shortage of the grasses which seed during the wet and perhaps therefore, is the factor having a downside effect on juvenile survival rates. However, the biggest known impact the fires are having is to dramatically reduce the number of natural hollows available for nesting, having a serious effect on Gouldian population numbers due to the compounding effects of potential increased nest predation and increased nest parasitism, together with competition for nesting sites from the Long-tailed Finch.

A small scale experiment was conducted to see if Gouldians would accept an artificial nest box. After a number of prototypes and a lot of trial and error, we devised a nest box the Gouldians accepted. It is even fair to say they are preferred to the natural alternative! Furthermore, breeding results from our artificial nesting boxes are better than in the natural sites as we position them to minimize predation and there is no build-up of nest parasites. Over 3,000 nest boxes have now been installed in a number of adjacent suitable experimental sites. This has virtually eliminated competition from the Long-tailed Finch and led to a 400% increase in the local study population.

As an ecological rule of thumb, where 90% of habitat is cleared, 50% of its species will become extinct. Trying to stand in the way of economic progress is pointless, but why can't we have economic development working in harmony with nature instead of against it?

Our scientists are working on projects with a number of mines and a major new irrigation development on the Ord River. They are ecologically mapping the sites before development takes place and advising how best to develop the land while accommodating the displaced wildlife. Where a waterhole is removed, a replacement waterhole is created off site. Where nesting hollows are destroyed, they are replaced with artificial ones in a local suitable site. We have been doing this for two years and have now employed an extra scientist to control and implement this facet of our work. The results of these experiments will be monitored and the process refined on an ongoing basis. Over a period of time we will know exactly what effect habitat change has on the Gouldian Finch and to what extent the current remedial activities work.

Releasing Gouldian Finches into a habitat which will not support them will not work. The conservation programs that have worked are where wild-caught species are trans-located into a suitable habitat. These are often islands or fenced-off pieces of land where feral predators are removed and the habitat is allowed to recover. Example: The Rothschild's Mynah program failed to work on mainland Bali, however a small number were trans-located to a suitable, predator-free offshore island where the population has now increased to 130 birds.

The **STGF** does not have near enough funds to attempt this, but with our current knowledge it would seem the biggest thing holding back the recovery of the Gouldian Finch is lack of nesting sites. For now, the first leg of our recovery program will extend the range of our current known populations by installing nest boxes in new, but adjacent, suitable locations. We have known pockets of Gouldians spread across the northern savannas. If we can extend these isolated populations out toward each other, eventually we could join them up. So this is another way you are helping. We can put up new nest boxes as fast as we can finance them through programs such as the **NFSS STGF** fund-raising effort. We also need volunteers to come and help us with the annual census of our populations around Wyndham the first full week of September every year.

We are trying to work on the fire problem. Getting all the various land owners, stake holders, and organizations to work together is a difficult task which will probably not be achieved without Federal Government involvement. We continue making some progress working with local authorities and land owners

What I have not covered so far is whether aviculture could act as a potential gene bank. A current working example of this is the Spix's Macaw, now extinct in the wild. It would be nice to think this could be a role for aviculture, but to achieve it would take a concerted effort by a large number of people and bird societies.

One of the biggest problems we face is a lack of genetic heterogeneity (i.e: rare birds kept in captivity tend to become too inbred). Australian aviculture has lost over 20 different species in the last 20 years for this reason.

To create a successful and useful gene bank the chosen bird(s) would have to become popular caged birds, cheap enough for the average person to afford, keep, and manage in a reasonably standard set-up. Few people can afford specialty set-ups and have the time to provide specialty food and management. It would probably be better to concentrate on birds now threatened in the wild, rather than ones which are already endangered and have a diminished gene pool.

We would like to give a heartfelt thanks to our sponsors, donors, and volunteers from around the world whose effort and money have made this program possible. To those thinking of donating, please consider that we will spend your donation very carefully so that each dollar counts. No people working in our administration receive a salary or claim expenses; all research scientists are employed by the Universities partnered with the STGF. For more information, visit www.SavetheGouldian.org and www.SarahPryke.com

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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 online and the 4th Quarter meeting is 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.

**DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES
FOR ELECTED OFFICES**

The following is a condensed description outlining the duties for each ELECTED office.

PRESIDENT

Preside over all meetings, attend to the day-to-day operations of the Society; be available to members of the Board; and 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

Reports to the President. 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

Oversees day-to-day operation of the National Finch/Softbill Save (FSS) program; works closely with FSS Committee, Group Managers, and Species Captains to develop species profiles; collects data, maintains records; coordinates activities of NFSS Captive Breeding Program; compiles and publishes a yearly census.

4TH VICE PRESIDENT

Judges Panel / Standards / Research

Must be NFSS Panel Judge. Serves as Judges Panel Director, chairs the Research and Standards Committee, 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 into/from various accounts, maintain up-to-date records, request budgets from all departments, and prepare annual budget for NFSS. Receives/deposits/documents weekly payments to proper accounts, provides President with a weekly report. Requests approval for expenditures prior to payment. Prepares/submits budget to 4th Quarter Board meeting to be approved by Board. Responsible for establishing/maintaining NFSS financial accounts, filing tax returns. Audit of prior year's financial records shall be performed by two (2) BOD members not to include the current Treasurer each year and at any time the Treasurer is relieved of responsibilities.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Good verbal/written communication skills, experience using word-processing software and internet. Takes minutes during Board meetings, compiles and submits the minutes to Board for approval. Maintains archive of all minutes and Society's official document; assist other Board members with correspondence as necessary.

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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 reports 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.

FINCN SNOB DIRECTOR

Responsible for the inventory and sales of merchandise. Receives and processes all orders. Works within financial guidelines approved by the Board for expenditures, prepares/submits annual budget, establishes/maintains contact with vendors.

AFFILIATE / AWARDS DIRECTOR

Responsible for club affiliations, selection of clubs hosting Regional Shows, and processing award orders. Submits monthly financial report and 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 orders for awards and maintains awards inventory adequate for show season.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES FOR APPOINTED OFFICES

The following is a condensed description outlining the duties for each APPOINTED office.

NFSS JOURNAL EDITOR

Responsible to 2nd Vice President and President. 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 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.

NFSS GENERAL ELECTION GUIDELINES

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONS MANAGER

Responsible to the NFSS Editor and Second Vice President. Solicits ads for Journal and coordinates with 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.

NFSS WEBSITE MANAGER

Reports to the 2nd Vice President. 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.

MODERATOR: NFSS FINCH / SOFTBILL FORUM

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

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

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

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF AVICULTURE REPRESENTATIVE

Reports to President. Keeps NFSS membership informed of AFA activities.



Did You Know . . . James Holmes, the shooting suspect who went on a deadly rampage inside a Colorado theater, worked as a summer intern at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, California, in 2006. It was here where he mapped the neurons of Zebra finches and studied the flight muscles of hummingbirds while an undergraduate at the University of California, Riverside.

Did You Know . . . The Bali Mynah (*Leucopsar rothschildi*), also known as the Rothschild's Mynah, is one of the rarest birds in the world. This magnificent white bird has black-tipped wings and tail, and sports a droopy crest. Most noticeable is the bare blue patch around its eyes. It is believed its numbers have dwindled to about 30 remaining in the wild.

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Why do people raise birds?

By "Sally's Husband." *

IF YOU ARE EVER AROUND A GROUP of bird people at a convention, a monthly club meeting, or national bird show, you soon see the greatest pastime is "talking birds." As a captive bird person (married to Sally Huntington, bird breeder, avian artist, NFSS judge, NFSS 6th Regional Rep, and past president of the [230-member] Finch Society of San Diego County), and as a professional psychologist, I've tried to figure out—*what do people get from bird clubs?*

Armed with my handy questionnaire, I've spent the last couple of years making my list, and checking it more than twice. Most of my data was gathered during club meetings, reading newsletters and magazines, and at regional and local bird shows. So, I thought it only fair to cap off my data by getting input from the bird-talkers at the Los Angeles AFA convention.

From going meeting-to-meeting, listening to conversations in the halls, at lunches, at dinners, in smokeless bars and smoke-filled patios—at vendor stalls, and more, I offer the following list as to why people belong to bird clubs. (Not necessarily in the order of importance for everyone, but it is in the "most-mentioned" order.)

- To "talk birds" with others. For a sense of what many agree is "social connection" including the need to "take care" of people. To either "provide a service of information" or to "become a leader in a project." To participate in fund-raising for clubs and to take part in the "action of the auctions."
- For the "politics" (not the local club cliques and "political struggles") of the national and international play of the on-going issues of import-exports, the CITES list, the arguments with those who would prefer no one has a pet *anything*, etc. This includes gathering, originating, sharing and mailing letters of support to congress, the post office, and the senate. This includes keeping involved in environmental futures of avian species, government cross-communication and the like. This includes being involved in travel safety for birds by monitoring airlines, postal regulations, lobbying for better services, etc. Reading/writing, trying new foods, keeping track, weighing, recording results, sharing results, etc.

- Serious involvement in matters of avian nutrition and health. Reading/writing, trying new foods, keeping track, weighing, recording results, sharing results, etc.
- To be involved in the design of aviaries, cages, flights, travel cages and devices including watering and feeding attachments, including always looking for a better way.
- Teaching, which includes writing and publishing articles, including running a club's newsletter. Writing and distributing research results, which includes passing on any education feature, article, and information source . . . overall.
- Bird show participation including social aspects of travel to new places, seeing friends, and so on. Getting birds ready for show, pampering, hoping. The experience of seeing what is considered to be this year's "best." Watching trends change. Participating in developing and setting "standards" for specific breeds.
- Genetic record-keeping and bird demographics. Participation in such as NFSS *Finch Save* or other programs designed for genetic fact-finding; the difference between nature/nurture; passing of traits; recording impact on species of dominant and recessive genes; the effectiveness of banding, branding, and tattooing to ensure honesty and integrity in breeding programs.
- Belonging to and organizing national and international organizational events such as National Cage Bird Show, American Federation of Aviculture conventions, regional and local bird marts and sales, with or without shows.
- To earn a living with birds and bird products, by selling and trading birds, locating birds as a broker, buying and selling bird-related products as a primary profession.
- Developing new and improved, safe and clean water use systems.
- Mentoring new members one-on-one. Finding and motivating young member to become aviculturists.
- In support of a spouse or other family member. Drive the car, build the aviary, feed the birds during the bird person's vacation, help watch the birds, and overall, help them be fulfilled in their pastime as an aviculturist.

Why are YOU involved in birds?

* Vince Huntington is Sally's other half.

2013 NFSS 1ST QUARTER BOD MEETING

- ✓ All Officers present
- ✓ Barbara Jacquez resigned as Webmaster; Cecile Aguilera appointed as replacement by vote of BOD; Cecil Gunby appointed Region 2 VP by vote of BOD; Michelle McKenzie will assist with Facebook page for NFSS
- ✓ Gerta Noble assumes temporary responsibility for Advertising
- ✓ Bank Balance as of 12/31/12: \$28,292.74
- ✓ Paula Hansen, Band Manager, reports 2063 strings of closed bands sold in 2012; 1075 strings of split bands, and 30 band cutters
- ✓ Total Membership as of 12/31/12: 421
- ✓ Total Affiliated Clubs as of 12/31/12: 38
- ✓ Laura Bewley, 4th VP, reports 1 person has passed the Judge's Test and will begin apprenticeship
- ✓ Two NFSS Panel Judges retire: Miki Spartzak, Martha Wigmore
- ✓ Cecil Gunby selected to Judge the 2013 NCBS; NCBS has been informed there will be no changes to NFSS Show Classifications
- ✓ NCBS Results indicate NFSS division had most entries and tied for 1st for most exhibitors
- ✓ Election Committee for General Election: Chair, Rebecca Mikel; Committee: Lisa Murphy, Bob Peers, Gerta Noble, John Wilson. Persons interested in serving on the BOD should make immediate contact with any BOD member ; deadline for submitting Bios for publication in Journal is last full week of April
- ✓ NFSS submitting check to "Save the Gouldian Fund" for \$475.39 – includes members donations and NFSS "match"
- ✓ NFSS will place 2 ads, at a cost of \$90 each, in the 2013 NCBS Catalog – one general ad for the society and one for Afternoon of Aviculture (AOA)
- ✓ Michelle McKenzie will assist with development and follow along of a Facebook page for NFSS

Affiliations and Exchanges

Rebecca Mikel

NFSS Executive Secretary

Some of you may read the Journal and see the list of those clubs the NFSS has an association with. The purpose of this article is to provide information about each, which may or may not influence your decision to pursue an increased level of involvement with them.

NATIONAL ANIMAL INTEREST ALLIANCE

www.naiaonline.org

The NAIA's mission statement reads, "*The mission of NAIA is to promote the welfare of animals, to strengthen the human-animal bond, and safeguard the rights of responsible animal owners.*" Their work has several layers, including serving as a resource dedicated to responsible animal care, devising and supporting reasonable solutions to animal welfare and environmental issues, hosting conferences to highlight topical issues, exposing animal rights and environmental extremism, and sharing animal welfare efforts and successes. The NAIA also provides experts to media, classrooms, and public policymakers via their speakers' bureau, counter the rhetoric of the animal rights movement, and publish an NAIA newsletter. They support these goals by assisting animal control and oversight agencies when writing reasonable laws that target irresponsible and inhumane owners while safeguarding responsible animal ownership and appropriate animal husbandry practices. They work to defeat existing laws that unjustly restrict owners, or ban breeds/species, or unfairly limit the number of animals an owner can keep.

AVICULTURAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

www.asabirds.org

The objects of ASA are the study of foreign and native birds; dissemination of information for care, breeding, and feeding of birds in captivity; perpetuation of species threatened with extinction; and the publications of matters pertaining to aviculture. Headquartered in California, they publish a newsletter with writings by successful and innovative curators of birds at leading zoos and some of the best bird-keepers in the private sector. They provide information relevant to virtually any kind of bird. Conservation programs are supported by ASA Fundraisers, considering such species as the Scarlet-chested Parakeet, California Condor, Black-hooded Red Siskin, the Nene Goose, and others.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF AVICULTURE

www.afabirds.org

The primary goal of AFA is education and dissemination of information related to aviculture among pet owners, hobbyists, avicultural societies, zoos, veterinarians, research institutions, pet industry, and government officials. They support the right to acquire, keep, breed, and sell birds in a responsible manner. AFA monitors proposed laws and regulations at local, state, federal, and international levels that affect your future as an aviculturalist and the well-being of birds. They seek important research, conservation, or field biology projects that may benefit from their financial assistance. The committee assigned to research these potential projects reviews inquiries and applications each year and decides on projects that are a good fit with the "mission" of the AFA.

AMERICAN DOVE ASSOCIATION

www.doveonline.com

The ADA started in 1971 with a group of persons with one thing in common: the desire to do something more for doves and the people interested in dove-keeping. This group conducts shows and sells bands and supplies. They publish a bi-monthly newsletter and promote and support active youth programs. They are committed to introducing and supporting younger people in the hobby of dove- and pigeon-keeping.

FOREIGN BIRD LEAGUE (UNITED KINGDOM)

www.foreignbirdleague.com

The FBL was formed in 1932 with an aim to encompass all keepers and breeders of foreign birds, not just exhibitors. From early on the FBL published a magazine, even through WWII when they arranged shows to raise funds for the British Red Cross. A win at the FBL Open Show is still seen as the pinnacle of success in the exhibition of foreign birds and they sponsor an Open Show each year. Their website has a list of downloadable "Care Sheets" on the keeping, breeding, and feeding of several species.

JUST FINCHES AND SOFTBILLS (NEW ZEALAND)

www.justfinches.com

This organization is based in New Zealand and offers a wonderful publication and hosts a website offering several items for sale. Some items include prior issues of their publication and a long list of relevant books and DVDs. They publish four issues a year which is now being distributed in over 20 countries. They profile breeders from other countries, helping to inform everyone about finches and softbills. For more information, please visit their website.

National Avicultural Recognition Award

Although we're just getting started with the 2013 show season, it's never too early to start preparing for 2014. In addition to striving to earn enough points to obtain Exhibitor of Excellence, Champion Exhibitor, NBC Winner, or Champion Bird, exhibitors are encouraged to strive to win the highest award the NFSS has to offer: the National Avicultural Recognition Award, otherwise known as NARA.

To obtain this prestigious award you must be a member of the Finch and Softbill Save (FSS) conservation program. Participants who meet the requirements listed below are eligible to receive this annual award which is presented at the National Cage Bird Show.

Roland Cristo, NFSS Legislative Liaison, won this award in 2012 for his breeding of Corvids.

REQUIREMENTS

LEVEL B: HONORABLE MENTION [FIRST STEP TOWARD NARA]

1. The person must be an FSS member for two (2) years
2. Keep records
3. Closed-banded four (4) generations and/or documentation in the form of a pedigree

LEVEL A: FULL NARA

1. The aviculturist must have already earned the Level B NARA in a previous year.
2. A written protocol on how the success was accomplished with enough detail that another aviculturist could follow the same protocol and replicate it with success must be submitted to the NARA Committee before NARA voting.
3. An article for publication in the NFSS Journal must be submitted to the Committee describing the breeding program protocol submitted above as well as the information garnered about this species.
4. Written references from at least three NFSS members who have seen the nominee's setup and birds must be provided. Ideally, such references should describe the candidate's qualifications, community involvement, and accomplishments. Much weight is placed on the quality of these references and the information provided.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

The requirements listed on the previous page are the minimum breeding experience and documentation required to be eligible for the award, but they are not the deciding factor for receiving the award. The NARA is designed to be a very prestigious award, difficult to achieve.

We are seeking candidates who have done exceptional things in the field of aviculture and have shared that experience with the community to better aviculture. They may do that in many different ways:

- By showing their birds and sharing them with the community.
- By teaching others about them.
- Judging bird shows and sharing their knowledge with exhibitors of all experience levels.
- They may write for publications or speak at events such as expos, conventions, shows, and bird clubs.
- They may organize bird groups, volunteer for bird organizations, or assist with organized conservation efforts.

In short, candidates should be individuals who

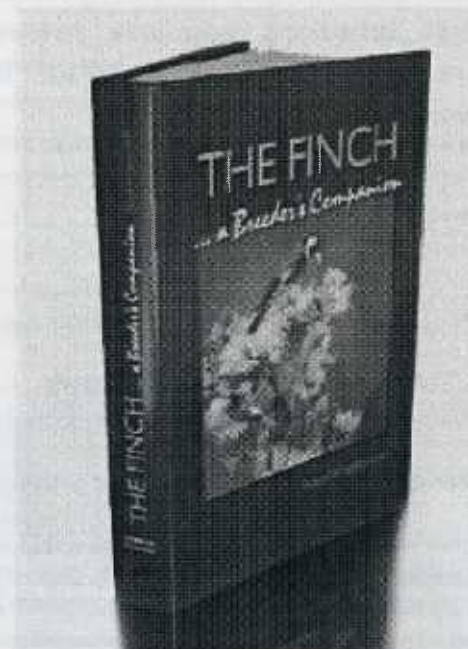
1. have experience and have demonstrated success working with their birds.
2. contribute to aviculture in a relevant way by working with species that are rare or difficult, and
3. share their knowledge with the avicultural community in a way that helps the community to grow and thrive.

HOW TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE

1. Any NFSS member may nominate a candidate for the NARA.
2. Verify the candidate's eligibility to ensure they meet the minimum requirements for the award.
3. Explain how the candidate meets the additional criteria described above in a letter or e-mail with the submission.
4. Submit the required documents and references to the Finch and Softbill Save Director before the NFSS Board of Directors 3rd Quarter board meeting (candidates for the Full Award need not resubmit Level B documentation).
5. Nominations with incomplete documentation at the time of the 3rd Quarter board meeting will not be considered for the award that year.

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Save the Gouldian Fund
www.savethegouldian.org

The Gouldian Fund was established in 2005 to promote awareness and to fund valuable research into the decline of the Lady Gouldian Finch. Now considered *endangered* in the wild, recent estimates suggest there are fewer than 2,500 Gouldians remaining. A precious life is waiting and we ask you to please make your donation to the **SAVE THE GOULDIAN FUND**, a non-profit charity. Dollar-for-dollar, NFSS will match your donation—up to \$10; however, you can donate without limit. All donations are used for research and conservation management, thus helping the Fund continue its important conservation efforts. For additional information, please go to www.savethegouldian.org.

NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETY

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CROSSING THE BORDER

by Vince Moase

IT REQUIRES A COUPLE EXTRA STEPS to bring birds into Canada for exhibition but we feel it is worth it. As with all countries there are rules and familiarizing yourself with them will ensure everything goes smoothly.

- **Health Permit.** You must obtain a health permit from your U.S. Federal Vet. and there will be a fee involved.
- **Bands.** All birds entering Canada must be banded with a numbered band corresponding with the identification on the health permit.
- **C.I.T.I.E.S.** Any birds listed under the Migratory Bird Act or on any C.I.T.I.E.S. Appendix are banned in both countries.
- **Banned Birds.** These birds are excluded because they pose a threat to the native birds and their habitat. This is a hard-to-find list, thus one has to ask what birds are banned from both countries. There is not enough room to list all banned birds.

SOME EXAMPLES: The European Bullfinch is banned in both countries, the Java Rice bird and White-rumped Shama Thrush are banned in the United States, Starlings are banned from Canada, and the Red Siskin can be brought into Canada if it has a C.I.T.I.E.S. Permit. However, it would not be able to return back into the United States.

Always call to verify which birds are on the banned list before you get to either the U.S. border or the Canadian border. To be on the safe side, exhibitors should check with both the Canadian Wildlife Service at <https://www.ec.gc.ca/> and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at <http://www.fws.gov/> to be certain the birds they are exhibiting have no restrictions.

On the return trip to the United States the exhibitor would stop at the U.S. Vet., for which there could be a fee. Because the U.S. Vet is not always there, exhibitors should check ahead of time to establish what hours the Vet. will be present, and also ask if they require an appointment. They will tell the Vet. where they have been and they are returning with the same birds.

Inspector Colburn of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife indicated that as long as you are not a commercial operation/vendor and not selling your birds, all that is needed to return would be an on-line declaration. He indicated as long as it is a small number of birds there would be no fee for this declaration.

NFSS AFFILIATED CLUBS

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NOTICE: Affiliations Were Due March 1, 2013. Club and event information will not appear in the May/June issue for unpaid affiliates.

CALIFORNIA

Finch Society of San Diego

<http://www.finchsocietyofsandiego.com>

Meetings—4th Sunday, 2-4 p.m. 12/20 at Poway Elks Club, 13219 Poway Road, Poway CA 92064. Contact—Sally Huntington: 5634 Carnegie St., San Diego, CA 92122; 858-452-9423; sdfinchsociety@gmail.com

West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show

Meetings—No club meetings, show committee meeting in July. Contact—Sally Huntington, 5634 Carnegie St., San Diego, CA 92122. 858-452-9423.

FLORIDA

Suncoast Canary and Finch Club

Meetings—Wednesday, 7 p.m. Contact—Alexander Villarreal, 1419 Collingswood Blvd., Port Charlotte FL 33948; vetagator@yahoo.com. Show Date: 10-18 thru 10-20 2013.

ILLINOIS

Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club

<http://www.gccbc.org>

Meetings—3rd Friday, except November and December, at Yorkfield Civic Center, 15W354 Lexington St., Elmhurst IL 60126. Contact—Robert Wild, 305 Grosvenor Ct., Bolingbrook IL 60440; 630-980-4416. wild@comcast.net, secretary@gccbc.org

Illini Bird Fanciers Inc.

www.illinibirdfanciers.com

P.O. Box 13006, Springfield IL 62791, Contact: Contact—Karen Williams, 217-391-4648.

INDIANA

Hoosier Bird Buddies Bird Club

<http://home.mchsi.com/~tmaldrich/>

Meetings—1:30 p.m. at upper classroom, Diehm Museum, 600 Franke Park Dr., Fort Wayne, Indiana, near the Children's Zoo; 1st Sunday, unless holiday; if holiday, meet 2nd Sunday. Summer picnic and December party held at member's homes. President: Eric M. Clark, 260-452-7828; eclark1@orkin.com. Secretary: Theresa Etzler, theresa.j.etzler@gmail.com

IOWA

Mid America Cage Bird Society
Meetings—4th Sunday, 2-5 p.m. at Des Moines Botanical Center, Swartz Room, 909 Robert D Ray Dr. Polk IA 50316. **Exceptions**—fairs held 3/24/13, 9/8/13 at IA State Fairground Walnut Center, E. 30th St. and University, Des Moines IA 50317 **President**—John Thielking, 8209 Twana Dr., Urbandale IA 50322-1522; 239-851-8132.
Thielking@lowalink.com

MARYLAND

Baltimore Bird Fanciers
Meetings—3rd Sunday, 2 p.m. at Towson Library, 320 York Road, Baltimore MD 21204-5179. **Contact**—Christine Roberts, 11 Prettyboy Garth, Parkton MD 21120; 410-343-1807, *compteacher@yahoo.com*. NFSS Delegate: Ray Reter, 10310-L Malcolm Cir., Cockeysville MD 21030.

MISSOURI

Gateway Parrot Club
Meetings—3rd Sunday, 2 p.m. at Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Road, St. Louis MO 63122. **Exceptions**—no meetings June 10, Sept 19, Dec. 9 (second Sunday), and August. **Contact**—Christine A. Kinkade, 2412 Angela Dr., High Ridge MO 63049; 636-343-8097, *President@GatewayParrotClub.org*

Greater Kansas City Avicultural Society
Meetings: 2nd Sunday at Coronation of Our Lady Church, 13000 Bennington, Grandview MO 64030. **Contact**—Clay Behrman, 3523 NE 49th St., Kansas City MO 64119; 816-217-7263, *birdman79@live.com*. NFSS Delegate: Anthony Day, 800 S. Butler Lane, Independence, MO 64056; 816-252-1120. *dayforthebirds@aol.com*.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society
Meetings: 2nd Monday. **Contact**—Ray Schwartz, 19 Olde Common Dr., Atkinson NH 03811; 603-362-6106; *President@BOAF.com*

NEW YORK

Colorbred Canary Club of New York
Meetings—1st Sunday each month, except July and August. **Contact**—Jose Zeiada, 20 N. Goodwin Ave., Elmsford NY 10523; 914-345-5707.
Club Address—96-06 73rd, Corona, NY 11368.

New York Finch and Type Canary Club
Meetings: 1-4 p.m., 2nd Sunday, except July and August. **Contact**—Stan Kulak, 17 Pembroke Loop, Staten Island NY 10309; 718-967-6899, *barstand@verizon.net*.

PUERTO RICO

Asociacion de Criadores de Fincas Inc.
 Juan Alicea, 12203 Urb Serenna, Los Prados, Apt. L-302, Caguas PR 00727; 787-479-7405. *juanalicea@yahoo.com*. **Meetings**: 7 p.m., Tuesday, Las Catalina's Mall, Food Court Area. *Juanalicea@yahoo.com*

Puerto Rico Zebra Finch Club
Meetings—Wednesday, Caguas in Plaza Centro Mall Caguas, Caguas PR. **Contact**—Gene Perez Forte, Jardines Arecibo Q59, Arecibo PR 00612. **President**—Jorge Mojica, Urb Lomas Del Sol, 175 Calle Acuario, Gurabo PR 00778-8930; 787-550-3163. *puchosbirds@yahoo.com*.

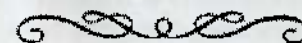
TEXAS

Fort Worth Bird Club
Meetings—2 p.m., 2nd Sunday at Fort Worth Botanical Garden Center, 3220 University Dr. (north of I-30 in Fort Worth). *http://www.fwbc.org*

Texas Bird Breeders and Fanciers Association*http://www.texasbirdbreeders.org*
Contact—Clarence Culwell, 4211 Kelly Elliott Road, Arlington TX 76016-4607; 817-220-5568. *cculwell@verizon.net*. Club meetings by conference call TBA

CANADA

Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society
Meetings—Windsor, Ontario, Canada, 519-948-6398, *julianne@mnsi.net*. **Annual Shows**: June 23 and September 27-29, 2013. See Club Events, starting below.



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American Federation of Aviculture
 P.O. Box 91717, Austin, TX 78709; *www.afabirds.org*

Avicultural Society of America
Contact—Steve Duncan, P.O. Box 3161, San Dimas CA 91773. Founded in 1927, this is the oldest aviculture society in the United States.
http://www.asabirds.org/home.html

National Animal Interest Alliance *www.naiaonline*



NFSS AFFILIATED CLUB EVENTS

MAY 29, 2013
Illini Bird Fanciers
FAIR Location: Illinois State Fairgrounds, Twilight Ballroom, 801 S. Sangamon, Springfield, IL 62702. **Fair Manager**: Gail Kefalas, 618-581-7010.
Contact: *illinibirdfanciers.com*

JUNE 1-2, 2013
Puerto Rico Zebra Finch Club
SHOW: All kinds of birds. **Judge**: Laura Tinker. **Location**: Coliseo Manel Petaca Iquim, Arecibo, PR 00612. **Fair Manager**: Ramon Rernandez, 787-633-1215.
 All entries by May 31, 2013 until 12:00 p.m. See Page 7.

NFSS AFFILIATED CLUB EVENTS

JUNE 23, 2013

Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society

Young Bird Show, Canaries and Hookbills: Moose Lodge, 777 Tecumseh Road West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada

JUNE 23, 2013

New York Finch and Type Canary Club

FAIR Location: Averill Blvd. Park • 145 Averill Blvd. • Franklin, NY 1101.

JULY 13, 2013

Greater Kansas City Avicultural Society

FAIR Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 19677 E. Jackson Dr., Independence, MO 64056. **Fair Manager:** Maria Michel, 916-803-1874, mario-michel@live.com

JULY 26-27, 2013

<http://www.efinch.com/show/>

West Coast Zebra and Finch Show

Annual Show: LaQuinta Inn Downtown, 200 Jibboom St., Sacramento, CA 95814. **Judge:** Ken Rampersaud. **Show Manager:** Richard Renshaw and Roy Beckham. rrenshaw@yahoo.com 805-644-4156.

AUGUST 24-25, 2013

Gateway Parrot Club

<http://www.gatewayparrotclub.org>

Fair: 9 a.m., Machinist Hall Dist. 9 Bldg., 12365 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton MO 63044. **Contact:** Christine Kinkade, 636-343-8097.

Boardmember2@gatewayparrotclub.org;

SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2013

Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society

Annual Show, Canaries and Hookbills: Fogolar Furlan Club, 1800 Ecrow, N: Spruce Road, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. **Show Manager:** Dave Sylvester, 519-727-3766; d.sylvestr@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

New York Finch and Type Canary Club

Fair Location: St. Jude School, 1696 Canarsie Road, Brooklyn, NY 11236.
Contact: Stan Kulak

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SHOW Location: Weitendorf Agriculture Center, 17840 Laraway Road, Joliet IL 60452.
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NOVEMBER 3, 2013

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Maureen Shanahan, P.O. Box 1297, Fall Brook, CA 92088. sdfinchsociety@gmail.com
FAIR: Holiday Craft Fair and Bird Mart. **Location:** Poway Elks Club, 3219 Poway Road, Poway, CA 92064. **Contact:** Antonio Rodrigues, 914-512-0632, antonio979@aol.com

EARLY DECEMBER

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