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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Rebecca Mikel**

### **2017 has been quite a year — Here's hoping 2018 is a happy and healthy year**

The Midwest just finished a string of several days – nearly two weeks – with temperatures in the single digits and lots and lots of snow. Yet, as I write, it's mid-50's and raining. Tomorrow it gets cold again and we'll be under several inches of solid ice. Our friends in Florida have experienced some record breaking low temperatures as well. Think Spring!

One of the things already on the calendar is the Spring Board Meeting for the National Bird Show. Several of us from around the country will gather at the Pheasant Run resort to plan the 2018 national event. The National Show date for 2018 is November 8th through the 10th and will again be held at the Pheasant Run Resort – the site of the prior years' event. Please pencil that date in on your calendar. Also, think about volunteering a one or two hour block of time during that event to help with one of the many tasks needing done that weekend. That might be at the registration table, the sale room, the show hall, check in/out stations when birds are arriving/departing. It takes a lot of hands to pull off an event of this size and we can always use a few more.

Please find in the Journal a ballot regarding a proposed Bylaw Change. This is a simple change in “language” of an already existing by law regarding the process this society would follow in the event the society was dissolved. Any changes – even in spelling, punctuation, or grammar – to the Bylaws require a vote of the current membership. Please exercise your right as a member to cast your vote.

Another change for this year – A hard copy of the census will no longer be published in the Journal. It will be available on the NFSS website. A recent issue of the National Geographic indicates 2018 is being called “The Year of the Bird” and shares that besides humans, only one kind of animal can be found on all seven continents – birds — and their populations reflect the health of the planet. How does NFSS fit into this “picture”? NFSS membership possesses a great amount of knowledge about finches and softbills and this is validated by our census. It reflects our experience and knowledge and is an essential part of avian education. Private aviculture, such as that represented by NFSS, is a great source for information regarding best practices in keeping and propagating specific species. Our Census is just one of NFSS's contribution to supporting the welfare of birds. Please take a moment to enter your information and be a part of this important project.

Rebecca Mikel, President

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### **TREASURY** (Roberts)

- Checking Balance: \$ 5,003.00
- Savings Balance: \$26,453.00
- 2018 Proposed Budget approved
- New pricing approved for Awards & Advertising

### **MEMBERSHIP** (McKenzie)

SINGLE: 263, DUAL: 32(64), ELECTRONIC: 1; Foreign: 6, Junior: 6 TOTAL: 349  
Complimentary memberships provided to those presenting at Afternoon of Aviculture

### **JUDGE'S PANEL** (Tinker)

- Currently 17 judges, hosting approximately 20 shows per year; one apprenticeship in process, show reports up to date and entered into data base
- Working on Society Finch Silhouette
- New draft of Judge's Handbook in process

### **BAND DEPARTMENT/WEBSITE/RED SISKIN PROJECT** (Hansen)

- Updates made to web of all pertinent information
- SCBI Red Siskin birds doing well – 17 adults and chicks just fledged, Miami Zoo interested in joining – large Venezuelan population in Miami provides great opportunity for education and outreach

### **CENSUS/FINCH SAVE** (Sally Porter)

- Paper copy of Census will no longer be published in Journal
- See January issue of National Geographic regarding “Why Birds Matter” – reinforcing the importance of our census and the knowledge of NFSS members

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2017 NCBS Complete
- Service Awards: Vince Moase (4th VP); Kelsey Weyland (Advertising)
- National Avicultural Recognition Award: Charles Kostan Loukeris–Red Siskin, Level B
- 2016 High Point Flighted: Cheryl Burns, American Self Chocolate
- 2016 High Point Unflighted: Laurie Erwin – Peales Parrot Finch
- 2016 Champion Exhibitor (50+ points): Laurie Erwin, Cheryl Burns, Lauren Ogburn, Carlos Mendez Hernandez, Wilfredo Barreto Reillo, Van To, Gene Perez, Hiram Rampersaud
- 2016 Exhibitor of Excellence (200+ points): Rebecca Mikel, Gene Perez Forte, Sally Porter, Hiram Rampersaud
- Upcoming Proposed By Law Change will be announced with ballot provided for vote
- DISASTER RELIEF INFORMATION: Inquiries about disaster relief for those with birds can be obtained via the AFA. For more information – contact Sally Huntington at [Huntington.sally@gmail.com](mailto:Huntington.sally@gmail.com) or see NFSS website for other contact information



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# THE NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETY

## Proposed Bylaw Change Ballot

### **NFSS Membership Number**

*This must be included or the ballot will not be counted*

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

**Ballots must be post-marked NO LATER THAN March 31, 2018**

### MAIL BALLOTS TO:

Paula Hansen  
2234 Juneau Court S  
Salem, OR 97302

PROPOSED CHANGE: NFSS Board of Directors agreed for placing IRS recommendation language for dissolution in order to remain in 501(3)(c) compliance.

### PROPOSED BY LAW CHANGE

#### ARTICLE 9: Article 9 Paragraph One, Dissolution

**CURRENT BYLAW:** Delete Paragraph One of ARTICLE 9: DISSOLUTION in its entirety.

~~CURRENT BYLAW: PARAGRAPH ONE of ARTICLE 9:~~

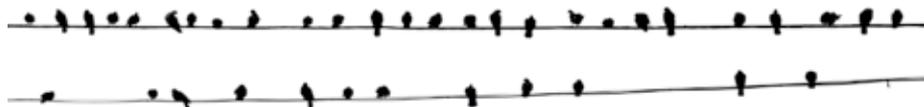
~~DISSOLUTION: Should it become necessary to dissolve the Society all properties of the Society shall be sold or auctioned off, as determined by the Board of Directors. After all debts of the Society have been fully paid, the remaining monies of the Society shall be given to a non-profit avicultural organization, as determined by the Board of Directors~~

**PROPOSED CHANGE:** Paragraph One of ARTICLE 9:

DISSOLUTION: Should it become necessary to dissolve the Society, all properties of the Society shall be sold or auctioned off, as determined by the Board of Directors. After all debts of the Society have been fully paid, any remaining assets shall be distributed to non-profit aviculture organization(s) with one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree with this change

\_\_\_\_\_ I disagree with this change



## THE NFSS 2017 CENSUS IS NOW OPEN!!

The census will remain open until **March 31, 2018**, and will be available online only at <http://nfss.org/fss/8257-2/>. This link will take you to the 2017 Census on the NFSS website, where you will find directions on how to fill out the forms.

The new format is very easy to use, so it won't take long for anyone to enter their information. What we want is the count of your birds as of December 31, 2017. You will be able to enter species without having to specify mutations. You do not have to be a member of NFSS in order to participate, but membership will help you locate other breeders working with your same species.

I would like to quote Sally Huntington, NFSS 1st VP, on the importance of the NFSS Annual Census:

*National Geographic cover for January: WHY BIRDS MATTER. They are celebrating 2018 as the year of the bird. "Besides humans, only one kind of animal can be found on all seven continents: birds...and...their populations reflect the health of the planet."*

*How important is NFSS to aviculture? What we, NFSS members, know about so many finches and softbills is validated by our annual census. The census recognizes our members' intimate experience 'tribal knowledge' an essential part of avian education. This is why many zoos turn to us, private aviculture, asking about best practice in keeping and propagating specific species.*

*Again, this is why the Census is just one of NFSS's contributions to supporting the welfare of birds.*

- Sally Huntington

Take a few minutes and participate! Let's see how many different species are represented, how many are in peril, how many are well established!

Sally Porter  
NFSS 3rd VP, Finch Save Director

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## Valediction

### Russell Kingston OAM (1945 – 2017)

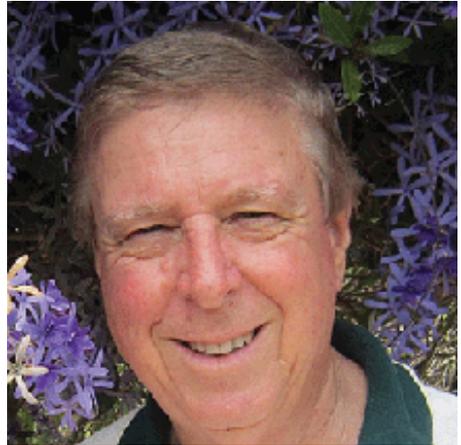
ASNSW The Avicultural Review - July – August 2017)

**By Graeme Phipps on behalf of the members of  
The Avicultural Society of New South Wales.**

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To everyone's great shock we recently lost a great champion for birds in general and finches in particular, in the untimely and sudden death of Russell Kingston.

Russell was a favoured son of aviculture and an absolutely outstandingly gifted bird breeder. Russell was a wonderful communicator – lecturing extensively and writing in magazines, and producing books which resulted in huge welfare benefits for birds. 'The Complete Manual for the Keeping and Breeding of Finches' in 1994 was the first of two major works. It was a stunningly excellent work and



I had the privilege and pleasure of writing the Foreword to it. But he went on and raised the bar again with 'The Keeping and Breeding of Finches and Seed-eaters'. Both successful. Then 'The Finch – a Breeder's Companion'.

Russell served on many community groups relating to aviculture. He was a founder of the Queensland Finch Society (QFS); served on the Avicultural Federation of Australia (AFA); National Finch and Softbill Association (NFSA) and the National Exotic Bird Registration Scheme (NEBRS) to name several. He served all with distinction, contributing that really down to earth and clever brain of his; plus his lovely personality and sense of humour that could disarm situations. One small example is while Chairing NEBRS I recall us in Canberra debating a point that wasn't getting far – producing a final list of species. There were arguments about fairness and justice, etc., and someone was seriously citing the need to consider interests of people such as a reclusive little old lady in the backblocks of Victoria who might have discovered that she had a notable new species – but didn't know about NEBRS – and Russell giggled, slapped his thighs and said 'Oh... THAT little old lady!' It was one of those circuit breakers that highlighted the absurdity of a situation. Russell had a low BS threshold.

Look – there are countless stories one could relate. But one thing we will all miss deeply is your sweet, kind and caring personality Russell. That will leave a very large gap. You will be missed. You ARE missed. He was recognised at the highest level with his Medal of the Order of Australia in 2010 for Services to Aviculture in Queensland. But I think his service went way beyond both aviculture and Queensland. He travelled extensively both overseas and in Australia observing birds in the wild and cared about them. In my copy of 'The Finch – A Breeder's Companion' I asked Russ to write a dedication that might encourage zoo keepers and others that I teach and he wrote, "I hope this tome serves to assist bird breeders and zoologists in their endeavours. The love of birds is a wonderful gift – Embrace it". The title of the book shows that he loved birds – it wasn't just that the book was a companion, but birds are companions to us and enrich our lives. He thought that their lives matter. The LOVE OF BIRDS is what he was on about. Dearly did he love them, and dearly do we all love you Russell and will miss you greatly.

May I note that Russell's books were published by INDRUSS Productions – which showed how much of his endeavours included his life partner Indra. What a wonderful life they have had together! It doesn't get any better than that does it? Indra, we share your grief but know that as with so many of the birds you both love, Russell has gone on a final migration so to speak. This time, he isn't coming back to us. But his great legacy will live on, that's for sure.

Russell just as you loved birds and loved us we love you. All of us were benefited by the fact that you lived and loved amongst us. Farewell brother.



# Visiting NFSS Members While Traveling

Paula Hansen

Before I started out in aviculture hobby, I visited a few bird clubs in my area, of which all 4 are defunct now. Like many of you today we resource to Yahoo and Facebook groups. This communication highway you'd think would expand my search for more interest in the hobby and its worldwide verses local conversations. There is unlimited amount of great and not so great birds out there. Over time you learn what to shop for quality wise. Attending shows is the best class to attend and learn. Just like clubs, you get to meet a great mix of people from all walks of life. There are so many very knowledgeable people out there with many years of experience.



For those concentrating on certain species the path is even more difficult. Each year you see less and less to inspire the hobby, less and less shows and marts to inspire yourself. What was a big hit for me, when starting the hobby, we would map out a route, packed our lunch and club members caravanned to members' homes. Boy, I learned what to do and what not to do, what can work for me and not. I'm always interested in what others use in construction in their existing spaces in their homes and yards with different types of designs. Many are into re-purposing curio cabinets as small flights. Now for me, the best inspiration is visiting in person! My wallet and time are limited; when I do have an opportunity to travel I try to plan on face to face visits.



I did have lots of opportunities meet in-person quite a few people whom I've been emailing and phoning for 10+ years. A good opportunity for this is at the National Show which I attended 2 years ago. It was great, husband and I made great time traveling across 5 states. I didn't bring birds as I was more interested in meeting bird people vs competing on the bench. I attended Afternoon of Aviculture and listened to the bird experts speak and got to chat



afterwards. After the show, the next day, we checked out of our hotel and drove up to Michigan and visited with NFSS member Jim Sillers. Jim is a retired DMV as well as an active AKC Judge whom we knew and never met before only in person during the National show. Jim's set-up was in his home and I'm guessing it use to be a den once upon a time. His bird room was jam packed with banks of cages all full of mostly canaries and some siskins. He was unpacking his canaries from the show when we arrived. We talked for hours.

The next day we drove to Toronto, Canada to visit Carmelo Zerafa, also a NFSS member, who is a siskin and goldfinch breeder. We have been emailing and chatting with him on the phone for years. We never met in person prior to that visit. He took us on a tour

of his of his out-buildings, especially constructed for his birds which extended over into his garage. There were so many birds to see. We followed Carmelo to his favorite pet shop in Toronto and I did a little supply shopping while there then off to his favorite restaurant.

This year I planned on a trip to NY for a family event. I contacted Nizam Ali, one of our NFSS Judges. I asked if I could come for a visit. He lives about 15 minutes from JFK airport where our flight was arriving. He and had I met the same year I went to the Nationals and he told me I must come see him. He has helped me locate other breeders in the NY/NJ area. Nizam has been a NFSS Judge for over 20 years and member, very involved in keeping aviculture alive, and also involved with his local clubs. New York seems to be the central hub for special and rare finches. He knew everyone I mentioned! During my visit I found his bird rooms absolutely spotless, all his birds were healthy and in perfect feather. Some birds I've not seen in person before. It was such a pleasure to listen his enthusiasm and pride; I could see the care he provides his flock. I compared the seed mixes he uses verses what I use and he shared some good ideas on supplements. Nizam has an excellent collection; Parson and Heck Grassfinches, Japanese and African White Eyes, Dusky and Peters





Twinspot's, Crimson Seed Eaters, Diamond Sparrows, Parrot Finches, Gouldians, Red Siskins, Societies and their mutations, Masked Grassfinches, Cuban Melodius', Zebras, and Stars and all of the mutations on most of these birds listed. He has some different approaches to pairing his birds that I've not heard of, read about, or even seen in action. So many questions and so many answers went on as he took me from room to room and shared his plans for future expansion. Here are some photos from my visit with him.

So nice to talk birds with good people, share information and compare notes. I was so pleased to be welcomed and thank these 3 wonderful individuals who were so willing to allow me to visit and see how things work for them. I encourage all of you to do the same when traveling or create a club trip during the summer and caravan!





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- A second or third related point, be as specific as you can.
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- More information you want us to know.
- Photos – Send the largest file size, unedited original. Photos can be taken by you or those you have permission to use. Please tell us who took your photos.
- If you quoted from any sources, please list them.
- Short biography. Tell us about yourself. Just a few short sentences.

Submit to: [editor@nfss.org](mailto:editor@nfss.org)



*Wild Crimson Finch. Photo Roy Beckham*

## Breeding the Blue Gouldian (*Chloebia gouldiae*)

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The blue Gouldian finch is one of the most prized and attractive colour mutations in aviculture. The mutation first appeared in the 1940s, but it wasn't until the seventies that anyone had success producing them in good numbers.

### Genetics

The blue Gouldian finch mutation is an autosomal recessive trait. From Finch Information Center's Definitions of Terms:

Autosomal – “Of or relating to any chromosome other than the sex chromosomes,” a characteristic inherited on any gene pair other than the sex chromosomes.”

Recessive – “A genetic character or factor that will only be phenotypically expressed when present on both loci of a homologous pair (homozygous or double factor).”

In order to display the blue colouration, a finch must possess two copies of the blue gene. A bird possessing a single copy cannot express the blue color, but still has the potential to produce blue offspring if its partner can provide a second copy of the blue gene. These finches are referred to as splits and cannot be visually distinguished from a bird that does not carry the blue gene.



## Breeding Blue Gouldian Finch

The blue Gouldian mutation was established through poor breeding practices, in highly controlled environments; using medication and inbreeding to quickly produce large numbers. Although significant work has been put into establishing strong, healthy lines of blue Gouldians, these birds are still quite weak compared to normal Gouldians.

Most breeders recommend pairing a blue bird with a “split to blue” bird to produce blue young. Two visibly blue birds should not be paired to avoid further weakening the blue Gouldian gene pool. A blue bird can be paired with a normal bird (not carrying the blue gene) to produce “split to blue” birds to strengthen your bloodlines and provide potential partners for visibly blue birds.

## Care Requirements

As mentioned previously, Blue Gouldians are genetically weaker than normal Gouldians; so special care needs to be taken when housing them. An environment with a lot of space, plenty of shelter, excellent food and water and very few stress sources (don't overcrowd them!) is ideal. A strict worm and disease control regime is also critically important.

Last modified: December 17, 2017



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## In Memoriam

# Andrew J. Green

February 3, 1946 – November 30, 2017

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Andrew John Green, the spouse of our President Rebecca Mikel, passed away peacefully at his home in the presence of loved ones, in Union, MI after a lengthy illness. Andrew was born in London, England, the son of Robert and Barbara (Carrau) Green on February 3, 1946. He moved from England, to the Island of Angelesy, Wales, and eventually to America where he met and married Rebecca Mikel on June 11, 1998. He was proceeded in death by his parents and one brother, Robert. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca – Union, Michigan, and brothers Gordon (Joan) and Collin (Lynn), sisters Barbara (Ted Davies) and Valerie (Geoff Deakin), all of Great Britain. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews - on both sides of the pond.



Some of Andrew's accomplishments include:

Inter-National Level Championships in several countries around the world by Springer Spaniel dogs he bred and trained

Competition success in English Springer Spaniel and English Cocker Spaniel Field Events

Being selected to judge the English Cocker Spaniel National Championship Competition

Being an integral part of the captive breeding and release program of Peregrine Falcons in the United Kingdom in conjunction with Cornell University

An accomplished Falconer, working with several species of Falcons, Eagles, and Hawks

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Involvement in the training programs of horses who went on to National level competition ridden by his sister in law Kelly Mikel-Lewis

Volunteer work with the Safari Club International Program at Willow Lake Sportsmens Club where he worked with youth learning a variety of sportsmen skills

Success he and Rebecca achieved through their work and captive breeding programs with exotic finches from around the world, eventually winning the Higgins Award at the National Show in 2011

Andrew was a member of the Porter Baptist Church, National Finch and Softbill Society, National Bird Society, and the Michigan Society of Canary and Finch Breeders. He established a circle of friendships around this country, was loved and respected by all he met, and will be dearly missed.



## NFSS AFFILIATED CLUBS

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affiliations@NFSS.org

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### CALIFORNIA

#### **Central California Cage Bird Club**

Location: Stanislaus County Agricultural Center,  
3800 Cornucopia Way #B, Modesto, California 95358-9492  
Club webpage: <http://www.mycccbc.org/>

#### **Finch Society of San Diego County**

Meetings: 4th Sunday of each month  
Location: Poway Elks Lodge, 13219 Poway Road, Poway, CA  
Website: [www.finchsocietyofsandiego.com](http://www.finchsocietyofsandiego.com)  
Email: [sdfinchsociety@gmail.com](mailto:sdfinchsociety@gmail.com)

#### **West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show – Specialty Club**

Meetings: none  
Website: [www.efinch.com/show](http://www.efinch.com/show)

### CONNECTICUT

#### **East Coast Finch Society**

Club Contact: Jose Urrutia  
Location: 70 Porter Brook Ave. East Hartford, Ct. 06118  
Email: [jm\\_jariel@yahoo.com](mailto:jm_jariel@yahoo.com)  
Phone: 631-875-1544

### FLORIDA

#### **First Coast Finch & Softbill Society**

Meetings: 1st Saturday every 3 months  
Location: 860 Fruit Cove Road, St. Johns, FL 32259  
Contact: Lauren Ogburn / Van To  
Phone: 904-923-7431  
Visit us on Facebook!

#### **Suncoast Canary and Finch Club**

Show Event cancelled due to Hurricane Irma.

### ILLINOIS

#### **Illini Bird Fanciers Inc.**

Meetings: First Sunday of the month, 12 pm – 4 pm  
Location: Harvard Park Baptist Church, 2401 S. 9th, Springfield, IL  
Website: [www.illinibirdfanciers.com](http://www.illinibirdfanciers.com)  
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### MASSACHUSETTS

#### Massachusetts Cage Bird Association

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

### MICHIGAN

#### Society of Canary and Finch Breeders of Michigan

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

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

Club Contact: [mtarsitano@gmail.com](mailto:mtarsitano@gmail.com)

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#### Gateway Parrot Club

Meetings: 3rd Sunday of each month

Location: Varieties Bird Store, 60 Meramec Valley Plaza, Valley Park, MO 63088

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

Contact: Georgia Fletcher

Email: [president@gatewayparrot.org](mailto:president@gatewayparrot.org)

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society

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

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

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#### **Garden State Bird Association**

Email: [GardenStateBirdAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:GardenStateBirdAssociation@gmail.com)  
Club Meeting: First Friday of every month in meeting hall  
Location: 417 US-1, Grove Street, Elizabeth NJ 07202  
Social media: [www.facebook.com/GardenStateBirdAssociation/](http://www.facebook.com/GardenStateBirdAssociation/)

### NEW YORK

#### **New York Finch & Type Canary Club**

Club Mailing Address: New York Finch & Type Canary Club  
Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month (Except July, August & Holidays)  
Location: Averill Blvd. Park, Elmont, (Long Island), NY 11001

#### **Astoria Bird Club of New York**

Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/AstoriaBirdClub/>

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#### **Columbia Canary Club**

Meetings: 1st Sunday of most months, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Website: [www.columbiacanaryclub.org](http://www.columbiacanaryclub.org)  
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Meetings: 4th Sunday every month

Location: Salvation Army Senior Services Center, 910 N. Flores, San Antonio, TX

Website: <http://aebc.org>

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Contact: Ben Garza – 210-275-3369

### **Canary and Finch Society of Houston**

Location: 15700 John F Kennedy Blvd, Houston, TX 77032

Website: <https://www.canaryandfinchsociety.com/>

Meetings: Second Sunday of the Month except Mother's Day!

## PUERTO RICO

### **Asociacion de Criadores de Finches del Estec, Inc.**

Meetings: Wednesdays 7 to 9pm

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

Website: Asociacion Criadores de Finches (Facebook)

Email: [finchrurico@hotmail.com](mailto:finchrurico@hotmail.com)

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Meeting Dates and Location: Arecibo

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Club Website/Social Media: [www.facebook.com/groups/przfc/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/przfc/)

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### **Budgerigar and Foreign Bird Society**

Meetings: First Thursday of each month (except for July and August)

Location: Banbury Community Centre, 120 Banbury Road, 2nd Floor, Toronto,

Times: at 7:30pm – 10:00pm

Website: <http://www.national-birdshow.com/>

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