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Think Spring!

Spring is a busy time for everyone and everything – and the NFSS Board is no exception! I want to share a few of those activities with you as some of them are undoubtedly things you’ll want to be personally involved in.

Susan Stieve, Region 3 Vice-President, has formed a committee who will be researching electronic voting options for the NFSS. I know we’ve started this topic before – but THIS time we’re actually going to finish it, follow through with it, and implement it. We believe it will increase voter participation in our elections. If this is something you’ve worked with, feel you have any comments or suggestions to offer which may be of assistance, or if you want to actually serve on this committee – contact Susan immediately.

Roland Cristo, Legislative Liaison for the NFSS Board, has formed a committee to address current legislation surrounding the Java Rice Finch – specifically The Lacy Act. We need breeders and keepers of this lovely Finch involved in this important work. Please contact Roland if you are able to help with these efforts in any way.

A few aviculturalists who work with and keep Pekin Robins and Silver Eared Mesias have approached NFSS about “endorsing” a Breeding Consortium working with one or both of these species. The NFSS Board believes supporting aviculturalists working with rare and hard-to-find species is a perfect place to “plant’ their endorsement and falls right in line with the FinchSave Program. Stay tuned for more exciting news about this program. This will work in the same fashion in which support of the Red Siskin Project has developed and is a great way to encourage and buoy up the efforts of those involved in these types of challenging avicultural circumstances.

The Board also discussed and approved a program of bringing members in good standing to the NFSS Board ListServ. As a result, Rancel Borgess has been invited (continued page 5)
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Proposed By-Law Change Ballot

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Proposed By-Law Change 1
ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES, Paragraph Three

CURRENT BY-LAW: Junior membership will be available at a reduced rate
determined by the Board to any applicant under the age of sixteen

PROPOSED CHANGE: Junior membership will be available at a reduced rate
determined by the Board to any applicant under the age of eighteen

☐ I agree with this change ☐ I disagree with this change

Proposed By-Law Change 2
ARTICLE 5: Term of Office, Elections, Officers, Elected Officers, Paragraph 16

CURRENT BY-LAW: FinchShop Director shall be responsible for the inventory
and sales of merchandise offered to the general public. He/she must receive
and process customer orders, orders from vendors, and work with the NFSS
Journal Editor and the Webmaster to update the FinchShop Catalog as
needed. New products must also be sought and recommended to the Board
of Directors for approval. Said Officer shall be responsible for the forwarding
of funds and reports I a timely manner to the Treasurer. Any Society inventor
must be maintained in good order and forwarded in a timely manner upon
resignation or when a newly appointed director has been appointed.

PROPOSED CHANGE: Eliminate paragraph and close FinchShop

☐ I agree with this change ☐ I disagree with this change
to participate in a non-voting appointment on the NFSS Board. We believe this allows those who have not previously served on the BOD an opportunity to get a “feel” for what governing the society may feel like and help them make an educated decision about whether they want to run for an elected position at some point. If this is something YOU may be interested in – contact any Board Member.

We look forward to hearing from you on any – or all – of these projects!

Rebecca Mikel
President
TREASURY
- 1/1/15 BANK BALANCE: $36,295.84
- 12/31/15 BANK BALANCE: $29,165.26
- Transitioned to new Treasurer
- Relocated bank accounts at National Chain
- Moved financial records to Quickbooks Accounting System
- Audits conducted of 2012 and 2013 records
- Authorization for new Treasurer on PayPal accounts

MEMBERSHIP
1/1/15: 404  12/31/15: 355

JUDGE’S PANEL
- 3 new judges added to Judges Panel (Ken Rampersaud, Ricardo Gaskin, KJ Brown)

ADMINISTRATIVE
- General Election
- Quarterly Meetings – 4
- Special Meetings – 4
- Revised prices for Lifetime Membership
- NFSS registered as 501 C 3 in Oregon
- Installed 5 new officers – Advertising Director, Journal Editor, FinchSave Director, Membership Director, Regional VP
- New PayPal accounts are listed status as non-profit, provided multiple documents to PayPal to get discount transaction fees

CONSERVATION
- Annual Census
- Red Siskin Project and Red Siskin Initiative involvement and support – donation button installed on website

EXHIBITION
- Sponsored Finch/Softbill show at AFA Convention in Chicago, August 2015
- Participated in Annual National Bird Show in St Charles, IL – December 2015
- National Avicultural Award presented to Nancy Ingram for work with Strawberry Finches
- Best Flighted and Unflighted Birds for the year presented to Lori and Demetrius Irwin
- Revised point schedule for NFSS shows
- Revised Judge’s Handbook
- Nomination of 3 judges for 2016 NCBS Finch/Softbill Division at NCBS

EDUCATION
- AOA at NCBS 2015
- Judge’s jackets for display/promotion
- Sponsored two speakers at August 2015 AFA Convention
- Sponsored 1 Smithsonian speaker at Chicago’s December National Show
TECHNOLOGY

- FinchSave groups opened to non-members in FaceBook
- Paula Hansen takes on responsibility of Website, “Captain Charles” added as Assistant
- Old Journals added to electronic archives
- BOD member profiles added to website
- New Band dept items added to website
- Revisions made to Membership and Band order forms
- Periodic updates made to Red Siskin Initiative
- New website host procured and change over of all NFSS information completed
- Set up new Pay Pal accounts and close old
- International shipping charges implemented for PayPal accounts
- Authorization for Treasurer on Pay Pal accounts

PUBLICATIONS

- Roy Beckham agrees to take responsibility for Journal production
- Added Tanya Logan as Editor

ADVERTISING/Sales

- Added “Ring Collector” to Band Dept sale items
- Added EZ rings to sale items
- Band Cutter sales
- Band orders based on prior usages, calculation of exchange rates on currency, Filling/shipping orders
- Revision of Ad pricing

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Native to eastern Africa, the Purple Grenadier (Uraeginthus ianthinogaster) is one of nature’s masterpieces. The stunning purple against the rich nutmeg brown is only found in this finch species, and its cousin, the Violet-Eared Waxbill.

I have had Purple Grenadiers for about five years and have seen some success with breeding, leading to parent-raised chicks. It’s been a long road, with bumps and heartbreaks on the way, however.

Last year (2015), we had seven chicks hatch, receive closed bands, and fledge, and they are now thriving, healthy adults. Today, those chicks are working on starting their own families—some here, and some are shared with other breeders who are working with them.

I am happy for the opportunity to share what has worked, and what has not worked, in my experience for successful parent-raising.

**HOUSING**

Here at Sunbay, in northeast Florida, birds are housed in indoor large flights, or aviaries. Fashioned with wood and plexiglass, ventilation is wire mesh on top, and one-quarter of the top walls on two sides. Temperature is kept between 70 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit. In cool weather (under 60 degrees), the aviaries get a heat lamp. Plenty of horizontal flight space is available, at least four feet. Silk plants and natural wooden perches decorate and provide perching and privacy. Orchard grass or clean hay is used for the flooring. Full-spectrum lighting is provided, on a timer corresponding to the natural daytime hours. For “nightlights,” LED rope-lights are
arranged on the tops of the aviaries. Also on a timer, these lights provide soft, dim light. They do not interfere with sleep but are bright enough so the birds can see in case of night frights.

The Purple Grenadiers are housed with other species. Currently, there are three 6-day-old chicks in a nest, with the parents doing a fabulous job. In the same aviary are Painted Finches, Blue Dacnis, and a Gloster canary.

**FOOD AND SUPPLEMENTS**

The most important aspect, in my opinion, is to ensure adequate nutrition and attempt to replicate the wild-state diet as closely as possible. YES, they need live food! They have a never-ending supply of mini and small mealworms, in addition to “Phoenix Worms” (a fancy name for black soldier fly larvae). They receive a good-quality finch mix, into which Higgins Snack Attack Fruit and Veggie mix is mixed in. Also, softbill insectivore diet is constantly available. Fresh fruit and vegetables (organic if possible) are offered daily. Some of the Grenadier favorites are: broccoli, carrots (microwaved for 30 seconds, and chopped), kale, cilantro, banana, papaya, grapes, pears, corn on the cob, and oranges. Sprouted or “chitted” seed is also on the daily plate, and is one of the first things to be polished off.

Egg food is a must. There are as many recipes out there as there are bird fanciers. My particular concoction for five food dishes, and around 40 birds, consists of 4–5 hard-boiled eggs, 1 teaspoon of “TurboBooster,” and 1 teaspoon of Miracle Meal. All ingredients get “pulsed” about 10 times in a mini chopper, for a fluffy, not mushy, consistency. This will last me three days, refrigerated.

Commercial dry egg food, F-Vite, and finely chopped eggshells, cuttlebone, and Herb Salad dishes are always available, free-choice.
Fresh drinking water and fresh bathing water are provided every day. For some reason, the hens enjoy multiple baths per day; the males, on the other hand, do not seem to bathe daily. Supplements in the drinking water include Mega-Mix and Dufoplus, alternating with Avigold Advance, with plain water in between.

COURTSHIP AND NESTING

Purple Grenadiers, given the right conditions, will breed all year long. They are given a “time out” for molting, which usually occurs in October-December. The hens seem to go through a much more drastic molt than the males—sometimes resembling a naked-headed turkey.

Purple Grenadiers prefer to nest up high, in a corner. Given a variety of nest choices, they prefer the large, closed-top wicker nests. The male will build the nest, using hay, feathers, coconut fibers, bits of paper towels, or whatever seems attractive at the time. I have not had good experience letting them completely build and use nests they have constructed themselves. The eggs, and even chicks, have fallen through the bottom of the nest. It is best to dismantle those at the beginning, and place a wicker nest where they have started building. They get the idea quickly.

The male does a wonderful courtship dance. He has a delightful song, and will entice the hen to breed, usually after the nest is completed, holding bits of nesting material in his beak, and jumping up and down, all while singing away. The hen will sing as well. Mating takes place either in the nest or out in the open.

Typically, between four and six white eggs are laid. Both parents will incubate. I try not to disturb, or even candle during incubation. When the hen does not budge off the nest, and the male is closely standing by the entrance, I can tell chicks are hatching. After that—it’s pretty much “LEAVE THEM ALONE.” Check the floor of the cage often for tossed chicks. Parents that are repeating generally practice good parenting and don’t toss, unless the chick has died for some reason. First-time parents may toss. I will put babies back one time—if they re-toss, it’s time to hand-raise. I have even tried fostering Purple Grenadiers under my Super-Parent Painted Finches—they would have nothing to do with them, and killed them.

After three days, I will do a super-fast nest check. If there are dead chicks, they must be removed. At that time, it’s obvious if the parents are feeding. The chicks will look plump, and the skin has a shiny look under the sparse white fluff. They do not have large crops, as for example Gouldians do. The Purple Grenadier chicks have more of a “tube crop;” they don’t store as much food, and they require more frequent, higher-protein feedings than grass finches do. The black, odd-looking chicks are very quiet. You cannot depend on hearing peeps from the nest, until they are over 2 weeks old. I used to stick my iPhone camera in the nest entrance, but now I have a great Borescope Inspection Camera -- a tiny lighted camera on a flexible tube, with a color display screen. Not expensive, and I don’t know how I lived without it!
BANDING

It’s a risk, but so far it has worked out, and the parents didn’t skip a beat. Chicks are big enough to close-band at 11–14 days. Eyes are open, and they are pretty much feathered out. I have tried earlier, and the bands slip off. For the bigger chicks, they get a size “D” band. If there are chicks that are smallish, I will try a size “C” first. I will clamp a sheet as a “curtain” in the aviary, shielding the nest from parent’s view. Quickly take the nest down, band chicks, and replace. It’s hard to resist the temptation to clean the nest, but it’s best to keep things as close to how they were as possible.
FLEDGING

The chicks will fledge at around 21 days. The greyish-green chicks will still have beak nodules for another 10–14 days, and will pick at food right away, but will not be fully independent for another month or so. Both parents will still feed, and they will perch for the night all in a row. The chicks will start to get coloring, enough to determine gender, at about 6–7 weeks of age. The males appear to reach sexual maturity at an earlier age than the hens. In my experience, the hens aren’t interested in nesting until they are about a year of age.

Purple Grenadiers are a challenging but fascinating and rewarding species to work with. I would love to work with any other breeders to help preserve these wonderful birds. Currently we depend on wild-caught imports in order to have a viable, diverse breeding population here in the U.S. With a network of serious breeders, we can work together to change this. I would love to hear from you!

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NFSS Journal
One of the smallest finches, the Goldbreast Waxbill is an African bird sometimes called the Zebra Waxbill. Both sexes are a coco brown with a gold stomach, but it’s quite easy to distinguish the male from the female as he has red eye stripes and red on his rump. The gold on the male’s stomach is also much more intense than that of the female. As with some of the Mannikins, watch the toe nails of the Goldbreasts and they grow rapidly (much more so than with other species of Finches) and can very quickly create a situation in which they get caught on materials in the cage/aviary.

I’ve had good luck some years with my Goldbreasts, and then have them do absolutely nothing the next! I wouldn’t consider them “easy” to breed in captivity – yet when they DO decide to cooperate, I’ve had no problems with them failing to incubate or raise their young and no occurrences of them tossing babies or eggs. It’s as if once they make up their mind to be parents, they are not deterred by much of anything. My pairs use coconut fiber to build a dome shaped nest with a small opening at the front or side, and they line the nest with white feathers. They’ve used both open cup nests to build these dome shaped nests, but have also woven similar shaped nests into the branches of evergreens in the aviary.

I feed Goldbreasts a similar diet to my other finches – a good quality seed mix, combined with niger, and a dried insect mix. I also feed my home made egg food which is hard boiled eggs mashed and then combined with a commercial dried egg food mix until “crumbly”. When incubating eggs or feeding young, the Goldbreasts will consume several meal worms a day. However, when not nesting or incubating,
they seldom eat the live food I’ve offered them and I discontinue it at that point. They will take a bit of apple, but seem to prefer finely chopped green vegetables to any combination of fruit I’ve offered.

Both parents share in the incubation of the eggs and feeding of the young. I usually get 3-4 eggs which are very tiny. Incubation is 10-12 days and when hatched the babies are extremely tiny. So small in fact that they will wiggle or fly right through the bars of a standard cage. For this reason, I keep Goldbreasts in flights constructed of ¼” mesh or one covered with house-type screen. I usually wait until the babies are fledged (and then some) before applying leg bands, and still have no difficulty getting an “A” sized band on them. Applying the bands while the still in the nest has resulted in their slipping the bands and I had to reapply with new bands later. If showing Goldbreasts in exhibition, you need to make sure your show cage is one with the wires with the smallest amount of spread – they will slip through the smallest of openings.

Goldbreasts do have a song, but it’s quiet and is more of a cheerful “peeping” back and forth, which is actually quite pleasing – like the tinkling of a little bell. They’re another great addition to the bird room but I’m very careful about mixing them with other species – even in large aviaries with places to hide- simply because they are SO tiny and I worry about one of the other, larger species harming them. While they are a species that used to be quite common, I don’t see so many of them around these days and would encourage those of you who ARE working with them, to continue to do so.

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Processed foods, or “pellet” foods for birds arrived on the scene in the United States in the early 1980s. Breeders instantly embraced them, based partly on claims of the advertising campaigns put out by the manufacturers. Pet bird owners followed suit, and bird rescue outfits highly recommended them as “the best” food on the market, quickly converting the seed-only birds they rescued into pellet eaters. Since then breeders and pet bird owners have had a love-hate relationship with the concept of a pellet-based diet. You’ll find heated debates and valid arguments on both sides.

Are pellets the easy key diet for birds, as touted by the manufacturers? If you’re one of those who always says, “but they don’t do that in the wild,” then you might eschew pellets because there are no pellet trees in Australia. One avian professional likened feeding a dry pellet diet to using “a crushed vitamin and mineral supplement without the fresh foods required for digesting and assimilating it.” On the other hand, it feels familiar to serve your pet a meal-in-a-bag, and they’re labeled nutritionally complete. Plus, we are told that birds live longer if they eat pellets. So who’s right?

A Short History

Early on, we fed “pellets” that were largely based on monkey biscuits, trying to coax our birds into eating them by adding infant cereal or even peanut butter. Those first attempts were colossal failures, overloading our unsuspecting birds on salt, fat and Vitamin D3. Dr. Ted Lafeber Sr. developed his first pellets in 1975 in response to the malnutrition he saw in his veterinary practice.

The extrusion process developed in the 1980s helped to increase both digestibility and shelf life of manufactured food. There was still the issue of
palatability, so sugars were added for taste and colors were added to enhance appeal—probably more for the owners than the birds themselves.

About the same time research showed that malnutrition made up around 90% of avian clinical cases. With all the advancements in education, nutrition and manufacturing, that number has not changed significantly. For all the efforts made by breeders and owners, our birds still lack nutritionally complete diets. This could be due to the birds’ habit of selecting what they like from the mix. It could also be due to a lack of scientific studies on the avian diet—and when studies have been conducted, they have primarily focused on the parrot family, which arguably have different requirements than their smaller cousins.

The Animal Medical Center of New York says that a formulated diet must comprise over 75% of the total diet in order to be effective. This is difficult for several reasons:

• We offer extra foods as treats
• We feed supplements, like dry or wet egg food
• Our birds choose certain parts of the diet while ignoring others.

In one Journal of Avian Medicine study, researchers fed 50% produce, 25% pellets and 25% seed, but even that was low in calcium, sodium and iron, and high in fat. Also, not knowing they needed to consume this diet equally, the birds chose the “wrong” foods.

The Argument for Pellets

There’s certainly a good argument for the use of pellets in the diet. They offer a nutritionally complete food, if we are to believe the manufacturers. Pellets are a really easy way of feeding; just like cat food, we simply scoop and serve.

Pellets are generally insect-free (I say generally; I bought one recently full of beetles), unlike bags of seed which often contain moths. They’re free of pesticides, another bothersome ingredient in our seed bags. They contain added vitamins and iron that our birds need. And pellets do not spoil as fast as fresh foods, which is especially important for breeders in hot, humid areas.

The Argument against Pellets

If you’ve tried feeding pellets, you already know how difficult it can be to get birds to eat them. I have a parrot who’s been fighting me for two years on a high quality brand of all-natural pellets. I finally gave up and bought him not-so-natural colored ones; now he only eats the purple.

Nutritionally, it is difficult to address the needs of the entire flock, i.e., adults, breeding adults, and chicks all need a different balance. Plus, pellets could become boring over time.
The bio-availability of some ingredients may be poor. In particular I am thinking of calcium, which may not survive the extrusion process. It’s difficult to know, and worse, nutritional research in general only compares a pellet-based diet to a seed-only diet, which is problematic for owners trying to determine the true advantage.

Manufacturers can change and have changed ingredients mid-stream, which wreaks havoc with our breeding programs since they aren’t required to tell us they have made a change.

Pellets are extremely dry – will the bird take in enough liquid to offset that? Do your own experiment by soaking pellets in water and feeling how soft or hard they become – some remain so hard my Gouldians won’t touch them even after soaking and chopping.

**A Pellet is not a Pellet**

Even discussing “pellets” is an over-generalization, as all pellets are not created equal. The percentage of protein can vary from 11% to 18%. The dye could be made from beet juice, or an artificial color derived from coal tar dye. A formula made from bleached flour and by-products pumped full of artificial color is quite different from one with organic ingredients that are free of chemicals and pesticides.

A quick glance shows that Lafeber touts their pellets as being free of artificial dyes, but they’ve coated them with molasses (sugar). Harrison’s points to their USDA organic and non-GMO verified seals, as well as their founder being an avian veterinarian. Mazuri offers a better-than-pellet formula which is said to be
more digestible and produces less waste than others; they also manufacture the most variations aimed at specific bird families and life phases, and work closely with exotic animal researchers. And there are hundreds of smaller companies competing for your business.

A Holistic Approach

Our birds are in a sense our own individual, statistically uncontrolled science experiments. We rely on manufacturers to tell us whether their products are “good enough” to sustain avian health. We trust them to add useful synthetic vitamins, and to use preservatives and colors that won’t harm our birds. It may or may not happen.

At some point, the “what they do in the wild” argument has to be laid to rest. They’re not in the wild; they’re in our aviaries or cages. Even at our best, we can’t provide everything they could find in a typical 24 hours of foraging. However, we have science and the Internet at our fingertips and, at least in theory, can give them something even better than what they’d have in the wild.

Dr. Alex Villareal, who practices veterinary medicine and raises finches in Southwest Florida, sums up the best approach. He says, “Avian diets vary as much as the species itself. To say that all finches’ and canaries’ (or other seed-eating birds’) dietary needs are met by one type of pellet would be foolish. That is not to say that I don’t recommend them, but certainly not as a single source diet. I recommend a varied seed diet along with pellets, fruit, vegetables and dry egg food. During the breeding season, I usually add moistened pellets to my fresh egg food.”

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Tanya Logan raises Gouldians, canaries, and zebra finches, and is owned by three cockatiels, a pionus parrot, and a parrotlet. She lives with her husband Mickey in South Florida.
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8th | RH-WB-Nor. | CFW | NFS | 15 | E | 3356 | Van To | 0 | 0
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1st Novice | N/A | | | | | | 0 | 0
Best Junior | N/A | | | | | | 0 | 0

Apprentice Judge: Hiram Rampersaud
JUDGE: Christine Orowitz
COMMENT: Puerto Rico Zebra Finch Club

Country: Puerto Rico
JUDGE: Hizam Ali
ENTRIES: 289
EXHIBITORS: 26

AWARD | SPECIES | CLUB | YEAR | SIZE | # | EXHIBITOR | NFSS # | POINTS
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1st | Dominant Silver Hen | NFS | 2015 | E | 526 | Gene Perez | 14100 | 22
2nd | RH-WB Gouldian | NFS | 2015 | D | 39 | Gene Perez | 14100 | 23
3rd | Fawn Society | NFS | 2013 | C | 273 | Hector Tosado | 21 | 0
4th | Fawn Zebra Male | NFS | 2015 | E | 1551 | John Bacz | 20 | 0
5th | Penguin Zebra Male | NFS | 2015 | E | 589 | Gene Perez | 14100 | 19
6th | Normal Zebra Male | | | | | Alexander Rivers | 18 | 0
7th | Black Brown Euro Society | NFS | 2015 | C | 472 | Wagner Pinero | 17 | 0
8th | RH-Nor. Gouldian | | | | | Edwin Franki | 16 | 0
9th | Light Back Zebra Male | NFS | 2015 | E | 358 | Torge Mollica | 15 | 0
10th | Society Chocolate | NFS | 2014 | C | 1025 | Tadiel Colon | 14 | 0
1st Unflighted | Dominant Silver Hen | NFS | 2015 | E | 526 | Gene Perez | 14100 | 0
1st Novice | N/A | | | | | | 0 | 0
Best Junior | N/A | | | | | | 0 | 0

Apprentice Judge: Congratulations to all the exhibitors Strong group of zebra and society also gouldian finch excellent condition

American Federation of Aviculture
Chicago, IL

Country: Laura Tinker
JUDGE: Laura Tinker
ENTRIES: 36
EXHIBITORS: 3

AWARD | SPECIES | CLUB | YEAR | SIZE | # | EXHIBITOR | NFSS # | POINTS
--- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---
1st | Crimson Pleated | | | | | Rebecca Mikell | 5510 | 5
2nd | Silverbill | | | | | Susan Stieve | 11047 | 4
3rd | Orange Weaver | | | | | Susan Stieve | 11047 | 3
4th | Yellow Bishop Weaver | | | | | Susan Stieve | 11047 | 2
5th | Gouldian | | | | | Susan Stieve | 11047 | 1
6th | Spotted Tanager | | | | | Rebecca Mikell | 5510 | 0
7th | Chestnut Bst Mammkin | | | | | Susan Stieve | 11047 | 0
8th | CFW Zebra | | | | | Susan Stieve | 11047 | 0
9th | Cherry/Plumhead | | | | | Susan Stieve | 11047 | 0
10th | Gouldian | | | | | Susan Stieve | 11047 | 0
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1st Novice | N/A | | | | | | 0 | 0
Best Junior | N/A | | | | | | 0 | 0
Judge Special | Spotted Tanager | | | | | Rebecca Mikell | 5510 | 0

Apprentice Judge: Ricardo Gaskin
JUDGE: Nice variety today. One softbill, one zebra finch, one society, seventeen africans. Beautiful tanager, many weavers in great condition. Nice comment: Nice show!
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Birds of a Feather
Manchester, NH
DATE: 9/12/15 JUDGE: C L Voronovich
ENTRIES: 3 EXHIBITORS: 1
AWARD SPECIES CLUB YEAR SIZE # EXHIBITOR NFSS # POINTS
1st BH/WB/YB Gould 15 3911 Tiago Pacho 7004 0
2nd RH/PB/Pastel Gould 15 3713 Tiago Pacho 0
3rd RH/PB/YB Gould 15 3710 Tiago Pacho 0
4th N/A 0
5th N/A 0
6th N/A 0
7th N/A 0
8th N/A 0
9th N/A 0
10th N/A 0
1st UnFlighted N/A 0
1st Novice N/A 0
Best Junior N/A 0
Apprentice Judge: Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud
JUDGE COMMENT: Nice birds with a few condition faults, spoke to exhibitor and gave advice about conditioning birds prior to show.

AEBG
Seguin, TX
DATE: 9/12/15 JUDGE: Clarence Culwell
ENTRIES: 84 EXHIBITORS: 3
AWARD SPECIES CLUB YEAR SIZE # EXHIBITOR NFSS # POINTS
1st Blue Faced Parrot Finch NFS 15 D 186 Laurie Erwin 7004 11
2nd Silver Gouldian NFS 15 D 624 Laurie Erwin 7004 10
3rd Chestnut Society NFS 09 D 6275 Cheryl Burns 05607/05608 9
4th Chocolate Society NFS 14 D 1733 Cheryl Burns 05607/05608 8
5th Chestnut Breasted Manakin N/A Laurie Erwin 7004 7
6th Blue Faced Parrot Finch N/A Laurie Erwin 7004 6
7th OH WB WB Gouldian N/A Laurie Erwin 7004 5
8th Chocolate Society NFS 12 D 00651 Cheryl Burns 05607/05608 4
9th Silver Whitetail Diamond Dove NFS 15 L 821 Cheryl Burns 05607/05608 3
10th Cherry Finch NFS 15 D 1704 Cheryl Burns 05607/05608 2
1st UnFlighted Blue Faced Parrot Finch NFS 15 D 186 Laurie Erwin 7004 0
1st Novice N/A 0
Best Junior N/A 0
Apprentice Judge: Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud
JUDGE COMMENT:

Fort Worth Bird Club
Cleburn, TX
Regional Show #4
DATE: 9/19/15 JUDGE: Clarence Culwell
ENTRIES: 156 EXHIBITORS: 7
AWARD SPECIES CLUB YEAR SIZE # EXHIBITOR NFSS # POINTS
1st Self Chestnut Society NFS 09 D 6275 Cheryl/Leland Burns 05607/05608 34
2nd Blue-Faced Parrot NFS 15 D 186 Laurie Erwin 7004 32
3rd Purple Grenadier N/A Sally Porter 5636 30
4th Self Chocolate Society NFS 14 D 1733 Cheryl/Leland Burns 05607/05608 28
5th Fawn Owl N/A Rachelle Trollinger 4043 26
6th Silver Gouldian NFS 15 D 624 Laurie Erwin 7004 24
7th Blue Capped Cordon Bleu N/A Sally Porter 5636 22
8th YB/PB Gouldian N/A Laurie Erwin 7004 20
9th Self Chestnut Society NFS 14 D 1736 Cheryl/Leland Burns 05607/05608 18
10th Mutation Star NFS 14 D 2023 Helen Hoffman 9156 16
1st UnFlighted Blue-Faced Parrot NFS 15 D 186 Laurie Erwin 7004 0
1st Novice Fawn Owl Rachelle Trollinger 4043 0
Best Junior N/A 0
Apprentice Judge: Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud
JUDGE COMMENT:
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## New York Finch
### Brooklyn, NY

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**JUDGE**: N/A

**COMMENT:** Apprentices: Ricardo Gaskin

## Houston Canary + Finch Soc.
### Houston, TX

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**JUDGE**: N/A

**COMMENT:** Wonderful selection of birds, several large sections. A number of species rarely seen on a show bench, and in excellent condition. Always a treat to come to Texas - great birds and great people.

## Kings Co. Canary Club
### Brooklyn, NY

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**COMMENT:**
## NFSS 2015 Show Reports

### Suncoast Canary & Finch Club
#### Regional Show #2
- **Country:** Punta Gorda, FL
- **Judge:** Armando Lee
- **Exhibitors:** 13
- **Entries:** 115

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### Cascade Canary Breeders Assn
#### Munroe, WA
- **Judge:** Alfredo Brugueras
- **Exhibitors:** 8
- **Entries:** 51

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### Mass. Cage Bird Assoc.
#### Laura Tinker
- **Judge:** Laura Tinker
- **Exhibitors:** 6
- ** Entries:** 21

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### Judge Comments:
- **Apprentice Judge:** K.J. Brown
- **JUDGE:** Good 2 day show good birds good competition. Had 2 novices with good condition. Judge’s choice 1 pr blue gouldian. Osmani Rodriguez

### Judge Comments:
- **Apprentice Judge:** K.J. Brown
- **JUDGE:** Excellent Group of Birds lots of public. Good Club. A Novice had 5 birds in top 10.

### Judge Comments:
- **Apprentice Judge:** K.J. Brown
- **JUDGE:** Judges Special cage 2060 7th Dom. Silver Zebra. A small show, yet the quality of the zebras was impressive.
### Regional Show #1

**Baltimore Bird Fanciers**  
**Baltimore**  
**Judge:** Nizam Ali  
**Exhibitors:** 4  
**Date:** 10/17/15  
**Entries:** 21  
**Exhibitors:** 4

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**Best Junior**  
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**Judge Comment:**  
Awesome African section and some nice Gouldians. The club goes above and beyond to make everyone feel welcome. Ricky Gaskin did a good job apprenticing.

### Regional Show #3

**Society of Canary + Finch**  
**Livonia, MI**  
**Judge:** Bob Peers  
**Exhibitors:** 9  
**Date:** 10/24/15  
**Entries:** 84

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**Best Junior**  
N/A  

**Judge Comment:**  
Even with a smaller entry there were 9 exhibitors and nine different classes including silkie ringneck doves and a lovely PB/BH silver gouldian. K.J. Brown did well in his last apprenticeship.
## NFSS 2015 Show Reports

### ACF Winter Show

**Date:** 11/6-8/2015  
**Country:** Puerto Rico  
**JUDGE:** Laura Tinker  
**ENTRIES:** 329  
**EXHIBITORS:** 25

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**Note:** Apprentice Judge: Gene Perez

**JUDGE:** Beautiful birds at the show. Top quality. There were two divisions. The unflighted was used for NFSS show report with 329 birds. There were 58 more birds in the open division also making the total 387 birds! Congratulations to all the exhibitors - some beauties that did not make top 10. Keep up the great work!

### TBBFA

**Date:** 11/7/15  
**Country:** Puerto Rico  
**JUDGE:** Alfredo Brugueras  
**ENTRIES:** 112  
**EXHIBITORS:** 6

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**Note:** Apprentice Judge: Gene Perez

**JUDGE:** Excellent showing, 112 entries. Very good birds in really good condition. The best Gouldians, I have seen lately. Very good.

### Puerto Rico Zebra Finch Club

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**Country:** Puerto Rico  
**JUDGE:** Bob Peers  
**ENTRIES:** 207  
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**JUDGE:** Some very nice birds especially for the weather conditions. A wonderful club and they put on a great show. Exhibitors are a very knowledgeable. And Thanks for treating the judge so well.
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**Florida Canary Fanciers**  
Orlando, FL

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**JUDGE**:  
Apprentice Judge:  
Kentucky Gunby  
**COMMENT**:  
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In Memoriam Ignacio Joaquin Perea

Ignacio Joaquin Perea, 84, passed away on April 26, 2016 surrounded by his family at his home in Miami, Florida. He was born on February 23, 1932 in Havana, Cuba to Gabriel and Mercedes (Frias) Perea.

Ignacio grew up in Cuba and at the age of 24 left the island due to its uncertain political and economic future. With little more than the clothes on his back and the spare change in his pockets, he found a job as a hair stylist. He married his wife of 57 years and fellow hair stylist, Maria Teresa, in 1959. A few years later they opened their very own salon together. Although the salon business was successful, Ignacio yearned for a different career path. An avid bird enthusiast and breeder, Ignacio took a leap of faith and opened a pet store in 1972 that specialized in pet birds. It was here that he began blending pet bird and small animal foods into a highly successful business that would later leave its pet store roots and create Higgins Premium Pet Foods. Forty four years later, Higgins is still family owned and now one of the nationally recognized premium bird/small animal pet food businesses in the country.

Ignacio enjoyed boating, fishing, shooting, traveling, and bird breeding most of all. After years of competing as a member of the National Bird Show and winning numerous awards, including the Best in Division Award, he became a Director on the show’s board and international bird judge. One of his proudest accomplishments was in 2002 when his company, Higgins Premium Pet Foods, took over the sponsorship of the National Bird Show and still remains the sponsor 14 years later.

Ignacio is survived by his spouse Maria Teresa; his daughter Suzanne Perea (and husband Dean Reyes), his son Andres Perea (and wife Jennifer Perea), and his son Ignacio Perea, Jr.; his sister Mercedes Covelli of Victorville, California; his grandchildren Sabrina, Jean, Nicolas, Phoebe, Andres and Alexandra; his nieces and nephews and other relatives.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Donations can be made online by visiting: http://giftfunds.stjude.org/ignacioperea.
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CALIFORNIA

West Coast Zebra and Society Finch - NFSS Speciality Club
Meetings: None
Website: www.efinch.com/show

EVENT 1
Show: West Coast Zebra and Society Finch, August 5-6, 2016
Location: La Quinta Inn, 200 Jibboom St, Sacramento, CA- 916-448-8100
Manager: Richard Renshaw
Email: rrenshaw@yahoo.com
Judge: KJ Brown
Division: Standard Zebras, Rare Zebras, Standard Societies, Rare Societies

Finch Society of San Diego County
Meetings: TBA
Location: Poway Elks Lodge, 13219 Poway Road, Poway, CA
Website: www.finchsocietyofsandiego.com
Email: sdfinchsociety@gmail.com

Central California Cage Bird Club
Meetings: 3rd Sunday of month
Location: Stanislaus Ag Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA
Website: www.mycccbc.org
Club Email: terryr@mycccbc.org

EVENT 1
Show–CCCBC 63rd- Annual Show & Fair, October 29, 2016
Location: Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 N. Broadway Bldg. E-2, Turlock, CA
Manager: Darrell Brewer / Terry Ryan
Phone: 209 969-9030
Email: terryr@mycccbc.org

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Lory League, Triangle Bird Club, LPS & NFSS
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EVENT 1
Show – Cromwell Plaza/Radisson, Cromwell, CT August 6, 2016
Manager: Julie
Phone: 206-501-7428
Email: Julie@loryleague.org
Divisions: ACS, ALBS, NAPS, NCS, NFSS, SPBE
EVENT 2
Conference – American Federation of Aviculture, 43rd Annual Conference & Bird Expo - August 4 - 6, 2016
Location: Cromwell Plaza/Radisson, Cromwell, CT
Website: www.LoryLeague.org

FLORIDA

Suncoast Canary & Finch Club
Meetings: 1st Wed. of month, 1419 Collingswood Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33948
Website: www.suncoastcanaryandfinchclub.com
Email: vetagator@yahoo.com

EVENT 1
Annual Canary and Finch Show –Saturday & Sunday October 8&9, 2016
Location: Charlotte County Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda, FL 33950
Finch Judge: Nizam Ali
Type & Stafford Judge: Regina McCarthy
Lipochrome, Melanin and New Color Judges: TBA

Florida Canary Fanciers, Inc.
Meetings: 3rd Sunday Every Other Month 2:00pm
Website: www.floridacanaryfanciers.com
Email: RudiTour@aol.com

EVENT 1
Show– Florida Canary Fanciers 20th Annual Show, December 10, 2016
Judge: Kenneth Gunby
Location: Ramada Gateway Hotel, 7470 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy, Kissimmee, FL 34747
Show Manager: Mike Corbeil
Phone: 407-468-4255
Email: RudiTour@aol.com
Other Divisions: Canary- Colorbred, Song (12/9-11th), & Type

Treasure Coast Exotic Bird Club
Meetings: 4th Sunday of Month, Port Salerno Civic Center, 4710 Anchor Ave., Port Salerno FL
Email: jim.dwyer@netzero.net

EVENT 1
Expo–Treasure Coast Exotic Bird Expo, March 20, 2016
Location: Martin Co. Fairground, Stuart, FL, 2612 SE Dixie Hwy
Show Manager: Kathy Dwyer
Phone: 772-464-7210
Email: jim.dwyer@netzero.net
ILLINOIS

National Bird Show 2016
Phone: 800-474-3272
Website: www.ncbs.org
Show: The 68th National Bird Show   December 1-3, 2016
Location: Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 East Main Street, Saint Charles, IL
Judges:
Division 1 Borders: Vlentino Cherobini - England
Division 2 Glosters: Pietro Tellaroli - Italy
Division 3 Type: Keith Ferry - England
Division 4 Old Variety: Kevin McCullum, New York
Division 5 American Type: Bonnie Cain - Ohio
Division 6 Fife Fancy: Hank Snoeren - Holland
Division 7 Staffords: Stephen Berrill - England
Division 8 Lipochorome Colorbred: Anotonio Sanz - Spain
Division 9 Melanin Classic Colorbred: Javier Soriano - Spain
Division 10 Melanin New Color - TBA
Division 11 Finches/Softbills: Laura Watkins - California
Division 12 Parrots - Deb Dollar - Florida
Division 13 Rares and Eye Ring Lovebirds: Edwin Vloeberghen - Belgium
Division 14 Peachface Lovebirds: Panagiotis Vrannas - Greece
Division 15 Cockatiels: Julie Allen - Florida
Division 16 American Singers: Mario Valladares - Illinois
Division 17 Roller Canaries: Steve Billmire - California
Division 18 Spanish Timbrados: Lazaro Perez - Spain

MICHIGAN

Society of Canary and Finch Breeders of Michigan
Meetings: 3rd weekend of the month at members homes, Livonia, MI
Website: www.scfbmichigan.com
Email: mtarsitano@gmail.com

EVENT 1
Fair - Fall Bird Fair September 10, 2016
Contact: Mary Tarsitano
Email: mtarsitano@gmail.com
Phone: 586-781-6429
Location: Livonia Elks Lodge #2246, 31117 Plymouth Road

EVENT 2
Show– Annual Bird Show, Saturday, October 22, 2016
Location: Contact: Mary Tarsitano
Email: mtarsitano@gmail.com
Phone: 586-781-6429
Divisions: Colorbred Canary/Hybrid/American Singer/Parrots NAPS/Cockatiels
NCS/Budgerigars-ABS
NEW YORK

Great Buffalo Bird Fair
Facebook: Great Buffalo Bird Fair
Email: GreatBuffaloBirdFair@gmail.com

EVENT 1
Show & Fair – June 4, 2016
Location: Pvt. Leonard Post, Jr. VFW #6251, 2450 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga, NY
Fair Manager: Dennis Febles
Show Contact: Martie Lauster
Phone: 315-573-6464
Email: mlauster@rochester.rr.com

OREGON

Columbia Canary Club
Meetings: 1st Sunday of each month, 2:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m.,
Website: www.columbiacanaryclub.org
Facebook: Columbia Canary Club
Location: Milwaukie Granger Hall, 12015 S.E. 22nd Avenue, Milwaukie, OR
Contact: Kristine Rigdon
Email: Kristine@pcez.com

EVENT 1
Show – Columbia Canary Club 47th Canary & Finch Show, Nov. 1-2, 2016
Judge: TBD
Location: TBD
Show Manager: Hector Diaz
Email: diaz47@msn.com
Phone: 503-569-6119
Divisions: NFSS and Canary

TEXAS

Fort Worth Bird Club
Website: fortworthbirdbirdclub.com
Club Contact Email: FWBC@fortworthbirdbirdclub.com

EVENT 1
Fair – The Bird Mart, May 7, 2016
Manager: Cheryl Burns
Location: Cleburne Conference Center, 1501 W. Henderson, Cleburne, TX 76033
Phone: 682-231-3099
Email: thebirdmart@fortworthbirdbirdclub.com

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EVENT 2
Show – 63rd Fort Worth Bird Club Show, September 17, 2016
Location: Cleburne Conference Center, 1501 W. Henderson, Cleburne, TX 76033
Show Manager: Cheryl Burns
Phone: 682-231-3099
Email: thebirdmart@fortworthbirdclub.com
Other Divisions: Budgies, Cockatiels, Canaries, Finches, Parrots

EVENT 3
Fair – The Bird Mart, October 15, 2016
Manager: Cheryl Burns
Location: Cleburne Conference Center, 1501 W. Henderson, Cleburne, TX 76033
Phone: 682-231-3099
Email: thebirdmart@fortworthbirdclub.com

Texas Bird Breeders and Fanciers Association
Website: texasbirdbreeders.org
Club Contact Email: Cheryl@newworldranch.com

EVENT 1
Fair – April 23, 2016
Fair Manager: Carla Crowe
Location: Mayborn Convention Center, 3303 N. 3rd St., Temple, TX
Phone: 817-337-7492
Email: whatadaffy@aol.com

EVENT 2
Show – Annual Fall Show & Fair November 12, 2016
Location: Mayborn Convention Center, 3303 N. 3rd St., Temple, TX
Show Manager: Barbara Irwin
Phone: 817-572-6262
Judges:
Budgies – Judge TBA
Canaries (Type and Color) – Judge TBA
Cockatiels – Judge TBA
Finches – Judge TBA
Parrots (Includes Lovebirds) – Judge TBA
American Singer Canaries – Judge TBA
Spanish Timbrado Canaries – Judge TBA
Other Divisions: NCS, NCA, BAA, NAPS, NFSS
Canary and Finch Society  
Meetings: 2nd Sunday of Every month, Sheraton Hotel, Houston, TX  
Website: http://canaryfinchsociety.tripod.com/  
Club Contact Email: wingsong.hj41@gmail.com  

**EVENT 1**  
Show – 21st Annual Show- October 8, 2016  
Manager: Helen Jones  
Location: Sheraton Hotel – 15700 John F. Kennedy, Houston, TX 77032  
Phone: 281-324-4100  
Judges:  
Type Canary – Bob Wild Finch  
Finch – Ken Rampersaud  
Color Canary -Linda Hogan – In Conjunction with CFS Show

**WASHINGTON**  
Lori League, Triangle Bird Club, LPS & NFSS – Specialty Club  
Website: https://www.loryleague.org  
Email: julie@loryleague.org  
Phone: (206) 501-7428  

**EVENT 1**  
Show – NFSS Bird Show at ASA Conference – April 30th, 2016  
Judge: Sally Huntington  
Location: Red Lion Inn – Port Angeles, WA  
Show Manager: Julie Corwin  
Email: julie@loryleague.org  
Phone: 206-501-7428  
Divisions: ALBS/NAPS/NCS/NFSS

Cascade Canary Breeders Association  
Meetings: 4th Sunday of the Month  
Woodinville, Washington  
Website: https://sites.google.com/site/cascadecanary/annual-show  
Email: dwhite3511@msn.com  

**EVENT 1**  
Show – 48th Annual Finch and Canary Show and Sale TBA  
Location: Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Bldg 501, 14405 179 Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272  
Show Manager: Doug White  
Phone: 360-793-0459  
Judge: TBA  
Divisions: Canary, NFSS
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### CLOSED ALUMINUM BANDS - Indicate quantity / color below. $5.00 per string of 10 bands

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