

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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September 2022

Upcoming Events

Oct 1st – Bird Toys and Stands Sale
Saturday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Location: Inez Park
2027 Wisconsin Street NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Oct 1st – General Meeting
Saturday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location: Inez Park
Topic: Meet and Greet at the Bird Toys
and Stands Sale

**Oct 27th – Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue
Fundraiser**
Parrots and Pirates Night
Thursday, 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Hollow Spirits
1324 1st Street, NW
Albuquerque, NM

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Words from the Prez

Greetings Everyone,

Summer is done and autumn is in full swing. The bounty of harvest is upon us and the aroma of fire-roasted chilies fills the air. It's a wonderful time of year.

We are days away from another awesome bird toy and stand sale with a new vendor attending. This is a great opportunity to shop, socialize, and just get out and enjoy the season. See Page 5 for details.

We'll also hold a bird club meeting late afternoon of the sale with a meet and greet. It's a good time to network, make new friends, and share parrot stories. People without parrots just don't understand...

Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM is hosting another fund raiser on October 27th. These are great fun and really help the parrot rescue. This event will have a parrots and pirates theme and everyone is encouraged to show up in your best pirate costume. See Page 4 for details.

Enjoy the season and good weather. Balloon Fiesta starts this weekend too so give yourself a little extra travel time when out and about.

Jennifer Catron



Bird Club Biz

High Desert Bird Club of NM
P.O. Box 67855
Albuquerque, NM 87193
www.HighDesertBirdClub.org

Bird Rescue Hotline: (505) 554-0804

General Meetings

Monthly, Usually on a Sunday

Meeting time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location:

Private Residence, usually, but may change depending on weather and availability of space. Location is posted in newsletter and website.

Club Officers

President: Jennifer Catron
Vice President: Dorothy Newbill
Secretary: Ramona Buzard
Treasurer: Carolyn Newell

Committee Chairpersons

Social Media/Publicity: Victoria Collier
AFA Delegate: Carolyn Newell
Bird Rescue: Jennifer Catron
Education: Dorothy Newbill
Fundraising: Available
Hospitality: Available
Library: Available
Membership: Available
Newsletter: Jennifer Catron
Raffle: Available
Website: Jennifer Catron

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance (stmt 7/31/22)	\$1,336.05
Revenue	
Expenses	
Ending balance (stmt 8/31/22)	\$1,336.05

The High Desert Bird Club of NM is a 501(c)(3) educational, public charity recognized by the IRS.

Membership Requirements

Any person interested in cage birds who agrees to support the objectives in the HDBC By-Laws is eligible for membership.

Membership Dues

\$20.00 Individual
\$30.00 Household
\$15.00 Junior (17 or younger)
\$15.00 Senior (60 or older)
\$25.00 Senior Household

Dues are payable in January of each year or at a quarterly pro-rated amount upon joining the Club.

Newsletter Policy

Birdy Bytes is generally issued on a monthly basis. Content from members is encouraged. Content deemed obscene, inflammatory, overtly personal, copyrighted without permission to republish, or insufficiently bird-related may not be published at the discretion of the newsletter Editor.

Newsletter Advertising Policy

Any individual or business that supports HDBC through the donation of money, goods, or services may have a near business-card sized ad published in the newsletter for three months for no cost.

Members may have a text ad of up to 50 words and a reasonable number of supporting photos for no cost. Ads run for two months and may be renewed for two-month increments. Members are responsible for contacting the newsletter Editor to renew their ad.

Advertising space may be purchased. A half-page ad costs \$25 for six months. Additional ad sizes and corresponding rates are available.

Newsletter Editor reserves the right to accept or reject any advertisement based on the appropriateness for *Birdy Bytes*.

To submit content for *Birdy Bytes*, contact Jennifer Catron, Editor, at jrcatron@Q.com, or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



General Meeting

October 1, 2022

****Saturday****

Meet and Greet

We will have another meet and greet the same day of the bird toy/stand sale.

This is a great opportunity for anyone attending the sale to meet current bird club officers and members and learn more about the High Desert Bird Club of NM.

We will have some tables and chairs available. Bringing your own chair or something to sit on is encouraged.

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Location: Inez Park
2027 Wisconsin St NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110**

***** This is an outdoor venue *****

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order. Club officers, members, and guests were present.

September 24th was the initial scheduled date for the bird toy/perch sale and general meeting. Due to a scheduling conflict, the date will need to be changed. New date is pending. (Editor's note: new date is October 1, 2022, same time and place.)

HDBC has a number of books and magazines in its library. Bringing it to our meeting place is difficult and we lack space to adequately display all the books in the collection.

Membership was asked if anyone wanted to manage the library and bring it future meetings or liquidate our collection. Vote was unanimous to liquidate the collection. Books will be available for purchase at the bird toy/stand sale.

Bird treat competition had three entries. The panel of expert judges (parrots at the meeting) liked all of the treats. Raffle tickets were distributed and pulled to determine winners.

HDBC Hotline



The majority of calls for end of August through September were regarding parrot surrenders. All callers were referred to

Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM.

A few calls came in for wild birds. These calls were referred to either the Wildlife Rescue of New Mexico, or Mikal Deese (On a Wing and a Prayer). Both have Facebook pages for more information. Injured hawk calls are referred to Hawks Aloft.

For bird adoptions, surrenders, and lost and found birds, Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM is the go to place.

Amazon Smile

Did you know there's an easy and no-cost way to support your favorite non-profit when you shop at Amazon.com?



AmazonSmile is a portal within Amazon.com that automatically credits a small percentage of your purchase to a designated non-profit organization. **Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico** is one of those listed non-profits. There is no cost to you for this feature.

To get started with AmazonSmile, visit **smile.amazon.com** on your web browser and sign in with your Amazon.com credentials. Choose a charitable organization to receive donations, or search for the charity of your choice. Select your charity and start shopping! To join AmazonSmile from the mobile app, open the app and find Settings in the main menu. Tap on AmazonSmile and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

Bookmark the amazon smile web address to ensure each purchase applies to your charitable contribution. The amount contributed by each purchase may not be much each time, but if a lot of people designate a non-profit, it can add up. Every little bit helps. Thank you.

BOAF Fundraiser

Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM (BOAF) is hosting another fund raiser with a pirate theme. It's a family-friendly event with parrots and wonderful raffle prizes.

The venue is Hollow Spirits in Albuquerque. They offer casual dining with an elegant flair, and locally sourced beer and distilled spirits.

[Parrots and Pirates Night | Facebook](#)

Date: October 27, 2022

Time: 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Location:

Hollow Spirits
1327 1st Street NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102
<https://hollowspirits.com>

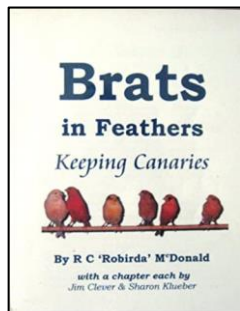
Dress in your best pirate outfit or come as you wish. Birds are also welcome. These events are a lot of fun and really help out BOAF. Mark your calendar and see you there!

HDBC Library Liquidation

Over the years, HDBC has accumulated a nice collection of bird-related books and magazines. We have hard-bound and paperback books on general parrot care, species-specific care, and a variety of information about birds.

We even have a book titled: "Brats in Feathers" which is about keeping canaries. The title seems more applicable to parrots, just sayin'.

Many of these books are out of print and post a high asking price on Amazon.com. We also have a large collection of *Bird Talk* magazine from 2001 to 2008. *Bird Talk* is chocked full of good information and many of the articles are still applicable today.



We used to have a HDBC Library chairperson that would bring the library to each meeting, and manage check outs and returns. That hasn't been the case for several years. The library is basically in storage and not available.

At the last meeting, the membership voted to liquidate the HDBC library inventory. Starting at the bird toy/stand sale on October 1, 2022, our library books and magazines will be available for sale. All reasonable offers will be considered and all proceeds will go to HDBC.

Here's a link on the HDBC website with a link to a PDF list of inventory. A few more books have been added to the list since 2011, but for the most part, it is fairly accurate.

[HDBC Library » High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico](#)

This is a great opportunity to expand your own collection of bird-related books, or create a library of your own.



**Happiness is a Good Book
and a Lovebird in a Cup.**

Bird Toys and Stands Sale

Back by popular demand! Creations by JT Bird Toys and natural wood parrot stands by Avianica are returning to Albuquerque for another one-day sale. This time they are bringing another friend, Tiffany who sells foraging type bird toys.

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022

Time: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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All the toys and perches are high quality, locally sourced, and made in the USA. If you want a specific size perch, stand or bird toy, reach out to Tina with your request and to place an order.

Creations by JT Bird Toys do not have an online store, but you can contact Tina by email, phone or Facebook.

Email: creationsjt@aol.com

Phone: 623-341-3375

[Creations By JT Bird Toys | Facebook](#)



Julie of Avianica has a Facebook page and a website where you can see more pictures of

parrot stands and find information about their products.

Email: dandjconcepts2020@outlook.com

[Avianica | Facebook](#)

Website: <https://avianica.com>



Tiffany of Parrot Playground Toys offers safe, engaging, and fun toys for parrots, toucans, and corvids.

Email: parrotplaygroundtoys@gmail.com

Phone: 406-450-6254

[Parrot Playground Toys | Facebook](#)



This is a great opportunity to purchase high-quality parrot products for reasonable prices.

These one-day sales are the closest we get to a bird mart in New Mexico. Mark your calendar, plan on attending, stock up on supplies, and do some early Christmas shopping.

Like previous one-day sales, we will also have some tables and chairs to sit and visit with other birdie people.

Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

A variety of birds are available for adoption at Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico (BFPR). HDBC is partnering with BFPR to help with receiving, fostering and rehoming pet birds.

If you're interested in adding a feathered friend to your family, please contact Dorothy Newbill (BFPR) at (505) 980-6166, or you can call our HDBC Pet Bird Rescue Hotline at (505) 554-0804 for assistance.



Amazon



Triton Cockatoo

If you are interested in fostering or adopting a parrot, BFPR is a very active parrot rescue. They are always working with a variety of different pet birds from Amazons to Macaws, and the smaller birds like budgies and cockatiels. They've even had some hand-tame doves available for adoption.



African Grey

The rescue is at capacity and a waiting list for surrenders is in place for other than emergency situations. If you are interested in adopting or fostering, please reach out to Dorothy Newbill at (505) 980-6166 or check out their Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafeathernm/>.

Their website is:

<https://www.birdsofafeathernm.org/>

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



**Budgies
(Lots of Budgies)**

Friends of HDBC



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Facebook Fun

Sometimes in life,
we just need a hug.
No words. No advice.
Just a hug to make
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