

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

Feb 12th – General Meeting

Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Roundtable Discussion: Birdie
Hormones, How to Cope**

Private Residence, RSVP Required
Albuquerque, NM

March 19th – General Meeting

Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Green Treats Competition

Private Residence, RSVP Required
Albuquerque, NM

April 15th – Bird Toys and Stands Sale

Saturday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: Inez Park

2027 Wisconsin Street NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

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Words from the Prez

Hello Birdie Friends!

I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Victoria and I am the newly appointed president of HDBC. I am so excited to be here! I've had birds most of my life, but my passion really began when I worked with macaws at a pet store as a teenager. In 2017, I adopted my super affectionate umbrella cockatoo, Snow, who has taught me a little more than I wanted to know about bird hormones. I was later bequeathed my spicy little Quaker parrot, Peeps, who loves and hates me more than anything, depending on what day it is.

I moved to New Mexico from upstate New York almost three years ago and immediately sought out like-minded friends. Boy, did I hit the jackpot when I met Jennifer from HDBC and Dorothy from BOAF! I finally found my flock and it has been so much fun getting to know all the club members and volunteers. We all share a passion that most people don't understand.

As president of HDBC, my goals are to draw more attention to our cause, acquire new members, and focus on parrot education. Education is the key to keeping birds in happy, healthy homes, forever. Far too many end up being surrendered due to ill prepared owners who, for example, may not have known about the sudden change in a bird's personality during hormonal season.

Speaking of hormones, the theme of our next meeting is "Love is in the Air". It's about that time where birdy hormones are raging and we're going to discuss how to get through it.

I'm so excited to be part of this team and I am looking forward to working on our growth and seeing everyone at the meetings! Have a great month everyone!

Victoria Bayliss



Snow and Peeps

Bird Club Biz

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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: Victoria Bayliss
Vice President: Lauren Forbes
Secretary: Sparky Newell
Treasurer: Carolyn Newell

Committee Chairpersons

Social Media/Publicity: Victoria Bayliss
AFA Delegate: Lauren Forbes
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 12/31/22)	\$1,132.94
Revenue	
Memberships	\$95.00
Birdy Bingo proceeds/donations	\$40.00
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 1/31/23)	\$1,267.94

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 HDDB 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 HDDB 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 jcatron@Q.com, or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



General Meeting

February 12, 2023

****Sunday****

Birdy Hormones How to Cope

Valentine's Day is in February and love is in the air. Birdie hormones are also in full force making many of our parrots moody and broody. Join us for a round-table discussion on coping with raging birdie hormones and how to help our parrots get through this seasonal and natural cycle.

We will be meeting at a private residence again, so RSVP is necessary.

Date: Sunday, January 15, 2023

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: RSPV to:

Jennifer Catron

JRCatron@Q.com

Meeting Minutes

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

New club officers were welcomed. President, Victoria Bayliss, and Vice President, Lauren Forbes, will meet at a later date with prior President, Jennifer Catron, to discuss officer duties, responsibilities, and to facilitate a smooth transition.

New and renewed membership dues were collected.

Approval to renew AFA (American Federation of Aviculture) affiliation was approved. Delegate appointment to represent HDBC is pending.

Upcoming HDBC meetings topics were discussed. February will be a roundtable discussion about birdie hormones and how to cope. March will be a St. Paddy's day green treats competition. Birds will be the judges. April will be a combined meeting and bird toy and stand sale event.

Birdy Bingo was the meeting event. Some participants were highly competitive.

Meeting adjourned by 6:00 PM.

Membership Support

HDBC depends on your support. One of the easiest ways to show your support is to renew or become a member. Membership dues helps HDBC fulfill Club charter objectives to educate members and the general public in the best care, keeping, maintenance, and breeding of caged birds

Membership dues begin each calendar year and are prorated on a quarterly basis. Membership classification and annual dues rates are listed under the Bird Club Biz section of each newsletter. Information about membership is also contained in our Club Constitution and By Laws posted on our website:
www.HighDesertBirdClub.org.



Have You Renewed Your HDBC Membership?

For everyone who has joined HDBC or renewed their membership, thank you! If you're not a member, join today and support a good cause. We're all about the birds.

HDBC Hotline



Only two calls for January and both were inquiring about adopting a parrot. Callers were advised to complete an adoption

questionnaire and submit it to the Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM.

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

Hospitality Table

Do you like snacks? Do you like to share? HDHC invites you to share some snacks at each monthly meeting. Everyone is encouraged to bring snacks when they can. We're very informal about who brings what and when. Donations are always welcome.

Thank you for your contribution and support.



AFA Conference



This year the AFA (American Federation of Aviculture) and the ASA (Avicultural Society of America) are combining their annual Educational Conference.

The combined conference will take place at the Hilton Richardson, in Dallas, Texas from September 28-30, 2023.

The cost of three full days of conference, a banquet and off-site tour is quite reasonable for \$295.00. Lodging can also be secured through a link on the AFA website: [Educational conference 2023 – American Federation of Aviculture \(afabirds.org\)](https://www.afabirds.org/education/conference-2023).

Details regarding the off-site tour are pending and will likely be announced soon. The off-site tour during the San Antonio, TX, conference a few years ago was to the local zoo with a back-scene tour of their rare bird nursery.

In the last few years, AFA has also offered online access to presentations via Zoom. That information will be posted as it becomes available.

Bird Toys & 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.

Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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

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

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

Facebook: [Avianica | Facebook](#)

Website: <https://avianica.com>



Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

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



A lot of birds were surrendered during the holiday time pause for adoptions. The rescue is at capacity and a waiting list for surrenders is in place for other than emergency situations.

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



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/>

Friends of HDBC



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Happy Valentine's Day



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