

# Birdy Bytes

## Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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### Upcoming Events

#### March 19<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting

**Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

#### Green Treats Competition

Private Residence, RSVP Required  
Albuquerque, NM

#### April 8<sup>th</sup> – Community Outreach Event

Garden Expo in Rio Rancho

**Saturday, 9:00 AM to Noon**

**Location: Main Library Loma Colorado**

755 Loma Colorado Blvd NE  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

#### April 15<sup>th</sup> – Bird Toys and Stands Sale

**Saturday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Location: Inez Park**

2027 Wisconsin Street NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

#### April 15<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting

**Saturday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Meet and Greet at the Bird Toy and Stand  
Sale Event**

2027 Wisconsin Street NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

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### Words from the Prez

Hello Birdie Friends!

It's March and Spring is in the air! Clocks moved forward this past weekend, so don't forget to change those smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries!

The warmer weather and longer days have the birds as hormonal as ever. If you are experiencing some sudden awry behavior from your birds, this is probably why. Don't be afraid to reach out if you have questions on how to cope. There are many things you can do to help the season to be a little more bearable for both you and your bird(s).

Birds of a Feather is still in desperate need of fosters and adopters. If you aren't able to do either, please spread the word and tell anyone who might be interested to head to [www.birdsofafaethernm.org](http://www.birdsofafaethernm.org) and complete an application.

Fosters are a great way to help a bird in need. Volunteering to help clean, feed, and socialized with the parrots is also another way to help the rescue and the birds.

At our next meeting on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day by bringing our best GREEN creations for the birds to judge and enjoy. Details about the meeting can be found in the newsletter.

Don't forget, April is right around the corner and so is the April 15<sup>th</sup> stand and toy sale! Avianica and Creations by JT Bird Toys will be here. This is always a great event. Not only are the stands and toys amazing and affordable, but it's also a great way to meet with fellow bird lovers. Come to visit and learn more about the club and rescue. We hope to see you there!

Until then, may the luck o' the Irish be with you!

**Victoria Collier**



## Bird Club Biz

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High Desert Bird Club of NM  
2003 Southern Blvd. SE, #102-2  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124-3752  
[www.HighDesertBirdClub.org](http://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 Collier  
Vice President: Lauren Forbes  
Secretary: Sparky Newell  
Treasurer: Carolyn Newell

### Committee Chairpersons

Social Media/Publicity: Victoria Collier  
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 1/31/23)	\$1,267.94
Revenue	
Memberships	\$15.00
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 2/28/23)	<b>\$1,282.94</b>

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

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### 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](mailto:jrcatron@Q.com), or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



## General Meeting

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**March 19, 2023**

**\*\*Sunday\*\***

### Green Treats Competition

Do you make or bake some special treats for your birds? Think your recipe can win over our panel of experts on parrot treats?

In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, we will have another parrot treats competition. Treats with anything green qualifies, it doesn't have to be completely green.

Everyone is encouraged to bring in samples of their choice of a parrot treat.



Winners will be determined by a panel of experts. The panel of experts will be all the birds at the meeting willing to participate.

The most eaten parrot treats will decide the winners. First, second, and third places can pick a prize from the HDBC prize bin.

It's a lot of fun for our birds and people alike.

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

**Date: Sunday, March 19, 2023**

**Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Location:   RSVP to:**

**Jennifer Catron**  
[JRCatron@Q.com](mailto:JRCatron@Q.com)

## Meeting Minutes

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

New and renewed membership dues were collected.

AFA (American Federation of Aviculture) affiliation dues are paid. The Delegate appointment to represent HDBC is Victoria Collier.

The IRS 990N tax form is filed for 2022.

Vice President, Lauren Forbes, facilitated a YouTube video presentation on Hormonal Parrots.

Meeting adjourned by 5:00 PM.

## Community Outreach

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HDBC and Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue are invited to participate in a Garden Expo hosted by the City of Rio Rancho.

This is a first time for us to participate in this event. We'll have tables with our information and some birdie ambassadors to answer questions people may have about the bird club, parrot rescue, or pet birds in general.

**Date:** Saturday, April 8, 2023

**Time:** 9:00 AM – Noon

**Location:** Main Library Loma Colorado  
755 Loma Colorado Blvd NE  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

## HDBC Hotline

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A few calls were received in February and early March.

One was in regards to wild pigeon issues. One caller was seeking a bird sitter

referral, and two calls were in regards to parrot surrender and adoption.

Pigeon issues are usually referred to a local animal control department. The bird sitter referral request had already secured a boarding place.

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?

HDBC 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.

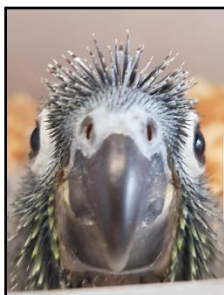


Thank you for your contribution and support.

## 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](http://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.

## 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 \(afabirds.org\)](http://EducationalConference2023-AmericanFederationofAviculture(afabirds.org)).

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.



**AFA 49th Educational Joint Conference, "Aviculture United"**  
**American Federation of Aviculture, Inc.**  
September 27 - 30, 2023 (Wednesday - Saturday)  
Established 1876

**American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. (AFA) & Avicultural Society of America (ASA)**  
**Hello Dallas, Texas!!!**

Come early and stay longer  
9/27 House of Delegates (HOD) Meeting  
9/28, 29, 30 Conference, Raffles, Silent Auctions, Vendor Hall,  
9/30 Evening - Banquet and Awards  
More announcements to come, stay tuned.  
Off-site Tour to be Announced

**Hilton Richardson Dallas**  
[www.AFABirds.org](http://www.AFABirds.org) or [Conference@AFABirds.org](mailto:Conference@AFABirds.org)

**3 Full Days of Everything Aviculture**  
25+ Presentations  
Meet the Speakers  
Meet the Authors  
Meet the Artists  
HOD Meeting  
Club Meetings  
\*\*\* Shop the Vendor Hall Everyday (Vendor hall is open to the public)

Birds  
Vendors  
Raffles  
Auctions  
Shopping  
Networking

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:dandjconcepts2020@outlook.com)**

**Facebook: [Avianica | Facebook](#)**

**Website: <https://avianica.com>**



## Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

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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.



The rescue is at capacity and a waiting list for surrenders is in place for other than emergency situations. Meet and greet opportunities of available birds are posted on their Facebook page with information about scheduling an appointment.

Here's a link to their Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafeathernm/>.



If you are interested in adopting, fostering or just want more information, please reach out to Dorothy Newbill at (505) 980-6166.

Many helpful videos, information and forms are available on the BFPR website:  
<https://www.birrdsofafeathernm.org/>



Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.





## Friends of HDBC

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### Avianica

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/avianica/>

Email: [dandiconcepts2020@outlook.com](mailto:dandiconcepts2020@outlook.com)

Cell: (480) 734-1583

## Facebook Fun

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**Is it Spring Yet?**



**Baby, It's Still Cold Outside**