

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

May 6th – Birds and Brews BOAF Fundraiser

Saturday, 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Location: Tractor Brewing Company

Nob Hill location

118 Tulane Drive SE

Albuquerque, NM

May 7th – General Meeting

Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Bird Toy Workshop

Private Residence, RSVP Required

Albuquerque, NM

June 11th – General Meeting

Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Birdy Bingo

Private Residence, RSVP Required

Albuquerque, NM

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Words from the Prez

Happy Spring birdie friends!

It seems like the warmer weather has finally arrived! The hummingbirds have returned and so has the pollen. I hope everyone is enjoying and surviving it so far! With the warmer weather upon us, we've seen an increased number of lost birds.

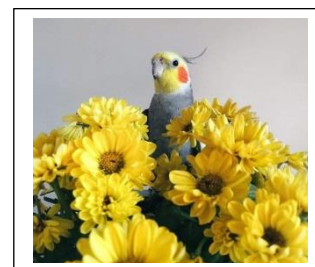
I'd like to take this opportunity to remind bird owners about making sure your windows and doors remain closed while your feathered friends are out of their cages. It only takes a second for a bird to take advantage of an open door. They have a very small chance of survival if they are not caught quickly. As the weather becomes increasingly warmer, ceiling fans also become a bigger risk for birds. Please avoid using your ceiling fans in the same space as your birds. Accidents can happen at any time.

On a lighter note, the bird toy and stand sale at Inez Park in April was a great success! We were able to raise some money with the books in our library and had a wonderful time meeting new friends. So many folks showed up to make their feathered babies happy with toys from Creations by JT and new stands from Avianica, my own included! I look forward to the next sale in September and urge you to attend if you haven't. It is a wonderful way to make new friends who share the love for birds.

Our next club meeting will be this Sunday, May 7th at 3pm. Details on location can be found in the newsletter. This month's meeting will be a bird toy workshop, where we will create bird-safe toys for our flocks! Bring items like new egg cartons, cardboard, plastic straws, wooden blocks, and beads, to create a one-of-a-kind toy. Our last toy workshop was a great success. There were so many shared items to choose from and we had a great time making them. We hope to see you there!

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Victoria Collier



Bird Club Biz

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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 3/31/23)	\$1,347.94
Revenue	
Memberships	\$60.00
Donations	75.00
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 4/30/23)	\$1,482.94

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

May 7, 2023 *** Sunday ***

Bird Toy Workshop

Back by popular demand, a bird toy workshop is scheduled for our May general meeting. The club has a collection of bird toy parts and foraging items ready for assembly. Everyone is encouraged to bring additional items for making bird toys or to refresh some existing toys.



**Bird Toy Made of
Coffee Filters**

While we are making toys for our birds, let's make an additional toy for donation to Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM. If you don't yet have a parrot, but would like to help out, bring your creativity to assemble some toys for parrots in need.

Join us for some bird-toy making fun. Members,

guests, and birds are always welcome. Tell a friend.

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

Date: Sunday, May 7, 2023

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: RSPV to:

Jennifer Catron

JRCatron@Q.com

Meeting Minutes

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

New and renewed membership dues were collected.

Meeting topic was a meet and greet and folding up the tents and tables due to windy conditions; Spring in New Mexico.

Meeting adjourned by 4:00 PM.

Words from the Prez Continued

One of the main goals of High Desert Bird Club is education. We are here to support new and experienced bird owners alike by offering our wisdom and resources to anyone who needs it. We want to be able to help the bird community to provide the best care possible for their flock. These meetings are a great way to do so, as most of us have experience in all aspects of bird care. That being said, we would like to hear from YOU about future meeting topics. If you are struggling with something you'd like help with or would like to learn more about, reach out and let us know!

Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue is still full to the brim with adoptable birdos. If you or anyone you know would like to adopt, please go to their website and complete an application. If you are interested in adopting or fostering, but are unsure of what it requires to care for a bird, consider attending a bird club meeting before applying. We are here to help!

Have a wonderful May and hope to see you all soon!

Victoria Collier

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 support.



In Memorium



Jim and Sandy Uhl with Trina Hatcher at a Wild Bird House Building Event in 2009

With great sadness, we relay the passing of one of our founding members of the High Desert Bird Club of NM. Jim Uhl passed away on April 7, 2023.

Jim and Sandy Uhl were part of the initial group of people that helped establish our bird club. Jim was always quick with a smile and willing to help where he could. One year he and Sandy opened their home to us for our annual Christmas holiday potluck dinner.

Birds everywhere lost an advocate, we lost a friend.

HDABC extends our sincere condolences to his wife, Sandy, his family and all of his friends.

HDABC Hotline



Our HDABC hotline has been fairly quiet for the end of April and early May.

We had one call about surrendering birds, one call about wild pigeons, and a call about a lost bird.

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

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/educational-conference-2023).

Details regarding the off-site tour are still 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. (Established 1878)
 September 27 - 30, 2023 (Wednesday - Saturday)

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 or Conference@AFABirds.org

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

Red QR is the hotel
 Blue QR is the conference

American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. is a 501 (c) Non-profit Educational Organization

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 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.birdsofafeathernm.org/>



African Grey Parrot



Double-Yellow Head Amazon Parrot

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/>.

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



Cuddly Cockatoo



Macaws

Friends of HDBC



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Classified Ads

Pet Sitting

Sparky and Carolyn Newell, Officers of High Desert Bird Club of NM, and owners of Exotics of the Rainforest, LLC, will pet sit for one bird in our home while you are away for business or pleasure. Forty-three years of experience caring for parrots from Conures to Macaws! We have ten parrots of our own, five Macaws, three Amazons, and two Conures. Located in Albuquerque, NM. Reasonable rates. Call (505) 230-4737.



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in New Mexico**