

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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July 2023

Upcoming Events

July 16th – General Meeting

Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Ice Cream Social in the Park
Location: Inez Park
2027 Wisconsin Street NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

July 29th – Community Outreach Event

Pueblo of Isleta Environmental Fair
Saturday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Location: Pueblo of Isleta, NM

August 20th – 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

Hello Birdy Friends!

Summer is well underway, and it is hot! I hope everyone had a wonderful 4th!

It's been a busy season so far. We've attended many events with BOAF and had a great time. It's always wonderful to meet new people and help spread the word about the rescue and the club. We will continue to attend events and fundraisers throughout the Summer and will share details as they come.

We're still looking for your feedback on educational topics to discuss on our Facebook page and at club meetings. Are you new to birds? Are you a "seasoned parront" but still have concerns or troubles with one of your flock? Don't know what kind of cage to buy for your new birdy? Let us know! Education is the key to finding the right fit and keeping birds in their homes forever. The more information we can provide the better for everyone.

Additionally, if you have an idea for a topic you'd like us to cover in the next newsletter, let us know!

Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue is still looking for homes for dozens of adoptable birds. Please head over to www.birdsofafeathernm.org and fill out an application if you are looking to adopt!

Our next club meeting will be on July 16th at Inez Park in Albuquerque. Join both High Desert Bird Club and Birds of a Feather for an ice cream social! This will be a great opportunity to mingle with like-minded people and get to know our group of club members and volunteers. Details are in the newsletter. We will also be appearing at the 2023 Pueblo of Isleta Environmental Fair on Saturday, July 29th, from 10am to 2pm. We hope to see everyone at these events!

Until next time, be safe and enjoy your Summer!

Victoria Collier



**Ice Cream Cone
or Float?**

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: Victoria Collier
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 5/31/23)	\$1,417.94
Revenue	\$0
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 6/30/23)	\$1,417.94

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

July 16, 2023

Ice Cream Social in the Park

Parrot talk and ice cream is a winning combination.

HDHC is partnering with Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue to host an ice cream social and the opportunity to meet members and volunteers of the bird club and parrot rescue.

Join us for some tasty ice cream and good company in Inez Park, Albuquerque.

Members and guests are welcome. We will be outside, so if you wish to bring a parrot, please make sure they are secure.



Sugar Cone or Cockatoo

Date: Sunday, July 16, 2023

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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

RSVP to Jennifer Catron is encouraged to ensure we have enough supplies:
JRCatron@Q.com

Meeting Minutes

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

HDHC library has periodicals (magazines) that the city library would not accept. These issues are available to anyone who wants them rather than dispose into paper recycle.

Next HDHC meetings will be July 16, 2023, ice cream social and co-sponsored by Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue; August 20, 2023, Birdy Bingo.

Proposal to invite Centurion Cages to participate in the bird toys and stands sale events. They do sell bird toys and stands, but also items not offered by our original vendors. Need to follow-up on their availability and interest in participating.

The supply of HDHC business cards is down to about 100 cards left. More cards will be ordered soon. Meeting adjourned.

HDHC Library

We still have one crate full of Bird Talk magazines and a few other bird-related magazines.

If you know of a school or classroom that can make good use of these magazines, you are welcome to them. Even though they are older issues, they have good information and lots of good pictures of birds. We would like to give them away to be enjoyed rather than throw them away. Email Jennifer Catron at jrcatron@Q.com if you would like any of these periodicals. Thank you.

BOAF Fund Raisers

Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM (BOAF) is scheduling a variety of different fund raisers to help support the rescue.

Here's a current short list of event date, time, and place. For more details, go to the BOAF Facebook page under Events: [Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico | Facebook](#)

August 12, 2023, 2PM – 4PM
Bird House Paint and Sip
Private Residence
Cedar Crest, NM

Community Outreach

We've been invited to participate in the annual Pueblo of Isleta Environmental Fair.



In the past, we staffed a few tables with Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue. It's a nice, indoor venue, and a good opportunity to increase awareness about pet birds.

If you'd like to volunteer to help staff our tables, please reach out to any bird club officer or BOAF volunteer.

Date: Saturday, July 29, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Location: Pueblo of Isleta, Isleta, NM

HDBC Hotline



Our HDBC hotline has been more active for the end of June and early July.

Several calls were regarding wild birds. Most were about fledging wild birds that often look like they are in distress. If the bird is fully-feathered, we advise they leave the bird outside and try to prevent their dogs or cats from accessing the fledgling. The fledgling's parents are usually nearby. Contact information for New Mexico Wildlife Rescue and On a Wing and a Prayer wild bird rescues was also offered.

Two calls were about owls. One owl was found nesting in an auto center, another in a backyard. In both cases, the advice was to leave them be. Owls are highly effective pest control.

One call was regarding a surrender of two parrots. 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).

Two off-site zoological tours are offered this year. The first one on Friday, September 29th is to the Ft. Worth Zoo to see their spectacular avian collection. This tour and lunch is included with your conference registration.

A second tour is scheduled for Sunday, October 1st to the Dallas World Aquarium. Separate tickets are required for this tour and may be purchased for \$25 each with \$10 from each purchase through the AFA website benefiting the Organization of Professional Aviculturists (OPA).

AFA 49th Educational Joint Conference, "Aviculture United"
American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. Established 1974
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 Hour 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

Red QR is the hotel
Blue QR is the conference

Hilton Richardson Dallas
www.AFABirds.org or 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

American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) Nonprofit 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.



Macaws Enjoying a Treat

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/birdsofafaethernm/>.



Umbrella Cockatoo

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.birdsofafaethernm.org/>



Cockatiel

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



Green Cheek Conure

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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) 220-4737.



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