

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

November 19th – General Meeting
Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Pie Theme Potluck Dinner
Private Residence, RSVP Required
Albuquerque, NM

December 2023 – No Meeting
Merry Christmas!
See You Next Year!

Happy New Year - 2024

January 21st – General Meeting
Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Bird Toy Workshop
Private Residence, RSVP Required
Albuquerque, NM

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Bird Words

Greetings Everyone,

The holiday season is upon us and in full swing. I hope everyone is enjoying the season with good friends, good food, and good health.

November is also election time for HDBC. A big thank you to all the HDBC officers, Victoria Collier, Lauren Forbes, Carolyn Newell, and Sparky Newell for their service and all the HDBC members for helping the club continue.

Nominees of club officers for 2024 are listed on page 4. Several committee chairperson positions are also available, so there are many ways to participate and be active in HDBC. We're a good club with a good cause. Please consider helping in any way you can.

Our last meeting of 2023 will be our traditional potluck dinner. The theme is any kind of food in the form of pie. See page 3 for more details.

We are planning for even more activities next year and already have a date scheduled for another bird toy and stand sale in April.

Thank you everyone for your support and we hope you will continue to participate.

Jennifer Catron



Pie Ready

Bird Club Biz

High Desert Bird Club of NM
2003 Southern Blvd. SE, #102-2
Rio Rancho, NM 87124-3752
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: 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 9/30/23)	\$1,467.44
Revenue	
Bank fee refunded	\$3.00
T-shirt sales	\$5.00
Membership dues	\$20.00
Expenses	
HDBC domain name renewal	\$23.17
Ending balance (stmt 10/31/23)	\$1,472.27

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

November 19, 2023

We traditionally combine our November and December meetings to work around the busy holiday season.

Our last meeting of 2023 will be on November 19, 2022, and is a potluck dinner. Like last year, the theme is any kind of food in the form of a pie.

Pies can be something like a Shepard's pie, chicken pot pie, quiche, and even a pizza pie. Of course there are pie desserts like pumpkin and apple pie options as well. Bring your favorite pie of choice and it will be fun to see what everyone brings.



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

Date: Sunday, November 19, 2023

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: **RSVP to:**
Jennifer Catron
JRCatron@Q.com

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:15PM. Club officers, members and guests were present.

The HDBC checking account bank, Bank of the West, was acquired by BMO (Bank of Montreal). Subsequent to the merger, they began charging \$3.00 a month for paper account statements for all customers. Instead of paying the fee, we have online access to the account and statements. They also credited us the fee charged. Credit will be reflected on the October statement.

The HighDesertBirdClub.org domain name was renewed at GoDaddy.com for another year. Cost is \$23.17 and was reimbursed to Jennifer Catron.

Bird band replicas. It may be possible to order a replica of your bird's ID band through a vendor that supplies bands for AFA. Jennifer Catron will follow up on the process and details on how to order.

HDBC officer nominations were made for 2024.

Dorothy Newbill, Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM, announced the opportunity to open up a bird supply store as an extension of the parrot rescue. Details are pending. Current target date for opening is January 2024.

Next meeting will be a combination for November and December and is a holiday potluck dinner. January meeting will a bird toy workshop.

Meeting adjourned around 5PM.

**Have a Happy
Thanksgiving!**



HDBC Hotline



Only a few calls were received for late October through mid November.

One caller had a question about finding blood droplets under her backyard tree. No feathers or fur remnants, or evidence of a nest in the tree. She is worried about her small dogs. After more questions, it sounded like there may be a large owl living in the tree. Owls are nocturnal hunters, cavity dwellers, and really well camouflaged in the tree during the day. The owl will stay as long as there is food source; she said there are a lot of squirrels in the neighborhood. Advised her to not leave her dogs unattended in the yard.

One call was about a surrender which was referred to Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico.

PSA



HDBC Elections



It's that time of year again to nominate and vote for HDBC officers for the next year. In October, nominations are collected and accepted. In November, members vote

for the candidate of his or her choice. Nominations can be accepted up to and until the time of voting.

Current nominees for 2024 are:

President: Victoria Collier
Vice President: Sandi Brennan
Treasurer: Carolyn Newell
Secretary: Sparky Newell

Please consider running for an officer position or working as a committee chairperson. We're a good club with a noble cause. We should continue our mission to educate and promote good and proper care of caged birds.

As a club, we also offer education and community support for current and new bird owners that adopt through Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue.

Serving as a club officer is both challenging and rewarding. It does require some time, but it is not all consuming. The more members we have participate in leading the club, the easier it is.

Responsibilities of club officers are listed in our bylaws. A copy of our bylaws is posted on our website and can be found using this link: <http://www.highdesertbirdclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/HDBC-Constitution-and-By-Laws-062608-Amend-110712.pdf>, under Article VI - Duties and Powers of Officers.



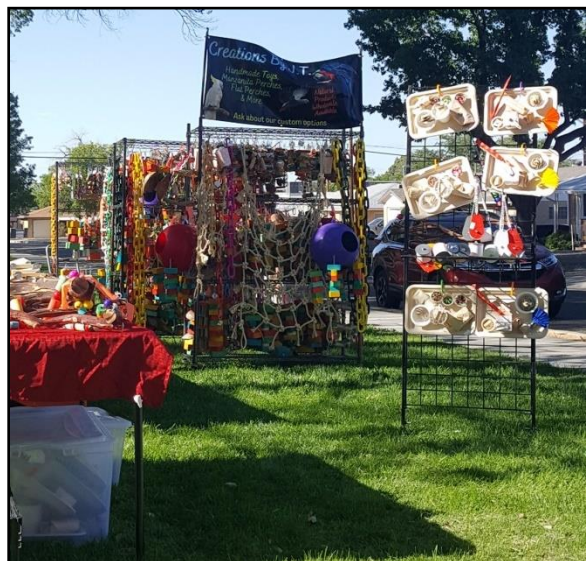
Next Bird Toy Sale

Mark your calendars for the **next** bird toy sale with Creations by JT Bird Toys. Tina always brings a wonderful selection of bird toys, perches and swings for our bird friends.

All the toys and perches are high quality, locally sourced, and made in the USA. Prices are affordable, and she always has something new to keep our birds engaged.

Date: April 6, 2024
Location: Inez Park
Albuquerque, NM

More details will be published as we get closer to the next sale date.



Recent Bird Toy Sale in September 2023

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.

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.

Every year, the adoption process is paused from November 1st through January 1st. This is to discourage the gifting of birds as Christmas or other holiday presents.

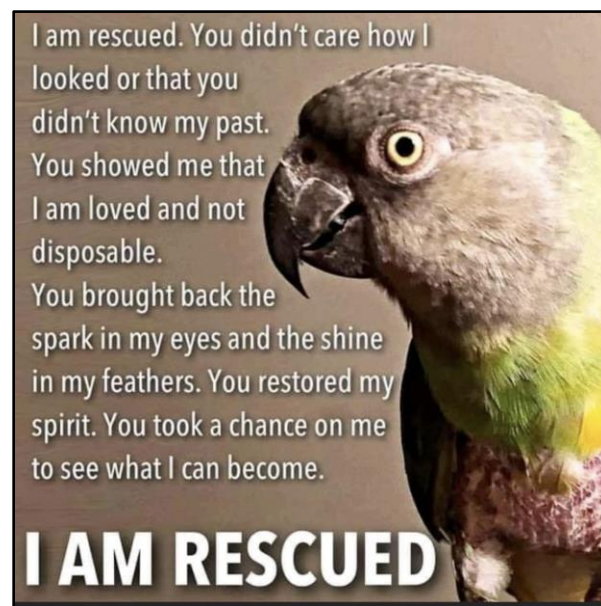
If an adoption is already in progress prior to November 1st, that adoption can continue to completion.

The rescue is at capacity and a waiting list for surrenders is in place for other than emergency situations.

After January 1st, 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.



Friends of HDBC



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