

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

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

Happy New Year – 2024

January 6th – Parrot Pantry Grand Opening
Saturday, Noon – 4:00 PM
2325 San Pedro Drive NE
Albuquerque, NM

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,

Whew, we made it through another year. Year end is always a good time to reflect of where we've been and where we're going.

As a club, we continue to partner with Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM (BOAF). New and returning club members have found a growing fellowship in the pet bird community.

We've participated in BOAF fundraisers and community outreach events. Many people at these events have learned that there are people they can call to learn more about proper care for their birds (at no cost).

One new and exciting event coming up is the grand opening of **Parrot Pantry** (See page 4). It's been quite a while since we've had a local store with a good variety of pet bird food and accessories. The store could also become a place of basic bird grooming services, socializing with our birds, educational workshops, and possibly even a meeting place for the bird club. Imagine the possibilities.

Whatever the future holds, many challenges can be easier when you're part of a supportive community. Find your flock.

May everyone enjoy a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Jennifer Catron



Kirby, Umbrella Cockatoo

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 10/31/23)	\$1,472.27
Revenue	\$0
Expenses	
Tracfone renewal	\$112.01
Ending balance (stmt 11/30/23)	\$1,360.26

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

January 21, 2024

Bird Toy Workshop

At our first meeting of the year we will conduct some administrative business and then assemble bird toys for our birds and rescue birds.

Administrative business for 2024 includes installing our new club officers, selecting a delegate to the American Federation of Aviculture (AFA), and voting to donate our library cart to Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM.

The bird band jewelry samples have arrived. We can discuss and decide how to offer custom bands as a fundraiser.

But wait, there's more. Lafeber's Foraging Fun Pack samples were received and will be made available to club members attending the meeting.

If you haven't been to a bird club meeting in a while or yet, this one will be a really good meeting to attend. There is much going on and it will be a great way to start the New Year.



**Bird Toy Made of
Coffee Filters**

Bird toy parts and foraging items are available and ready for assembly. Everyone is encouraged to bring additional items for making bird toys or to refresh some existing toys you may already have.

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, January 21, 2024
Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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

Meeting Minutes

Our last meeting of 2023 was a potluck dinner of all things pie. Delicious food was enjoyed by everyone. A brief meeting was conducted after our meal.

Bird club officer election was conducted. The following officers were elected by unanimous consent. Thank you for serving as HDBC officers for 2024.

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

Expenses: HDBC Tracfone renewed for one year and 1200 minutes for \$112.01.

The club mailbox rental is up for renewal in December. Carolyn Newell will follow up on renewing.

Bird band jewelry was ordered. Delivery is likely sometime in December.

Dorothy Newbill announced the creation of a new store for pet bird supplies and accessories. The store will be located in Albuquerque and operated in conjunction with Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM. Grand opening date is anticipated to be sometime in January or February of 2024.

Meeting adjourned around 5PM.

HDBC Hotline



Only a few calls were received for late November through December.

We still get a variety of calls regarding wild birds in distress or perceived distress. We refer them to wild bird rescues.

One caller had a Conure-sized cage to donate. Due to lack of storage space it was declined for HDBC and BOAF.

Lafeber's Samples

A representative from Lafeber Company reached out to attendees of the



AFA Conference this year and offered to send some free samples to bird clubs and rescues.

We received 21 Foraging Fun Packs and a special edition tin of banana nutri-berries.

A gracious "Thank you!" to Jadrien Musharbash, E-Commerce Brand Manager for Lafeber Company & EmerAid LLC for these delightful goodies for our birds.

Current HDHC members will have first pick of the goodies. The rest of the samples will be given to any other meeting attendees.



Parrot Pantry is part of Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico. The current bird surrender and adoption process will continue under the rescue.



Dorothy Newbill at Parrot Pantry Work in Progress Gathering Equipment and Inventory

Everyone is invited to check out Parrot Pantry.

Grand Opening

Date: January 6, 2024

Time: Noon – 4:00PM

Location:

**2325 San Pedro Drive NE, Ste 11
Albuquerque, NM 87110
(505) 584-1803 (Store Phone)**

Parrot Pantry

Dorothy Newbill, Director of Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico, had a long-time dream of having a store that offered supplies and accessories exclusively for pet birds.



It's a dream coming true.

Parrot Pantry will have its Grand Opening on January 6, 2024.

A wide variety of parrot food, toys, perches, stands, cages, and accessories will be available for sale. No birds will be sold at the Parrot Pantry.

If you are not already following, check out the Facebook pages for Birds of the Feather Parrot Rescue and Parrot Pantry. Follow these pages for the latest information for both the rescue and store.



[Facebook - Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM](#)

[Facebook - Birds Of A Feather "Parrot Talk"](#)

[Facebook - BOAF Parrot Pantry](#)

See you at the Grand Opening of Parrot Pantry!

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 15th. 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/>.

An adoption questionnaire form is on their website at: <https://www.birdsofafeathernm.org/>

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



Luca
BOAF Birdie Ambassador

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Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house

Not a creature was stirring




Except for me.... I heard an intruder