

Birdy Bytes

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High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

Happy New Year – 2024

January 21st – General Meeting

Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Bird Toy Workshop

Location: Parrot Pantry

2325 San Pedro Drive NE, Ste 11
Albuquerque, NM

Feb 2024 – General Meeting

Date, Time and Place to be Determined

April 6th – Bird Toys and Stands Sale

Saturday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: Inez Park

2027 Wisconsin Street NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

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Bird Words

Happy New Year birdie friends!

I hope the new year has treated you well so far! Now that we are all back in the swing of things and can once again remember what day it is, it's time to get back to business. 2024 is going to be a great year for us, I can feel it. Our club is growing, and it has been wonderful seeing new faces at meetings. I hope we can double our membership by this time next year!

On January 6th, we celebrated the grand opening of the Birds of a Feather Parrot Pantry. It was a great turnout, and it was wonderful meeting new people who may join HDBC in the future. The store has a delightful selection of foods, toys, stands and so much more! If you haven't checked it out yet, I urge you to visit. The store will be a wonderful source of information for bird owners and folks who are thinking of becoming parronts.

Dorothy of BoaF has offered to host the January 21st club meeting at the Parrot Pantry. It will be a great opportunity to check out the store and learn about the different events coming up in 2024. We will be making bird toys, so be ready to get creative! Hope to see you there!

This year will be one of growth and education. I would like to start sharing informational posts on the HDBC Facebook page and would love some feedback from members. Are you struggling with anything that we can help with? What topics would you like to see shared? Please email me any and all suggestions!

Thank you for being part of HDBC! We appreciate you all and hope to see more of you at future meetings and events. If you ever need anything, please reach out!

Sincerely,

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Victoria with Gulliver

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: Sandi Brennan
Secretary: Sparky Newell
Treasurer: Carolyn Newell

Committee Chairpersons

Social Media/Publicity: Victoria Collier
AFA Delegate: Available
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 11/30/23)	\$1,360.26
Revenue	\$0
Expenses	
The Mailbox Store	\$132.00
Ending balance (stmt 12/31/23)	\$1,228.26

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 jrcatron@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 and some other items 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.

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 the Parrot Pantry this time!

Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Location: 2325 San Pedro Dr. NE,
Suite 11
Albuquerque, NM 87110**

Look for the parrot mural on the window.

Meeting Minutes

No December meeting. No minutes.

HDBC Hotline



Only a few calls were received for late December through mid January.

We received two calls for bird surrenders. Both callers were referred to Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM.

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 benefits include:

- Subscription to the Club newsletter *Birdy Bytes*.
- Early notification and the opportunity to adopt birds received through the HDBC rescue.
- Fellowship with others interested in companion birds.

Membership dues begin each calendar year and are prorated on a quarterly basis. Membership classification and annual dues rates at 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.

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.

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



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.

Facebook Fun

It's summer in Australia.



AI Graphic, But Still Creepy

Parrot Pantry

Parrot Pantry is officially open!

The Grand Opening was great fun and a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends and meet new bird families.



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 come true.

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

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.

Everyone is encouraged to check out Parrot Pantry.

Store Hours:

Tuesday – Saturday 10AM – 6PM
Closed Sunday and Monday

Location:

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

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](#)

Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

A variety of birds are available for adoption at Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico (BOAF). HDBC is partnering with BOAF to help with receiving, fostering and rehoming pet birds.



The adoption process is reactivated with the first meet and greet scheduled for January 21, 2024. Meet and greets will continue to be held at the rescue residence. The application process and fee still apply.

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

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.



One of Many African Grey Parrots Available for Adoption

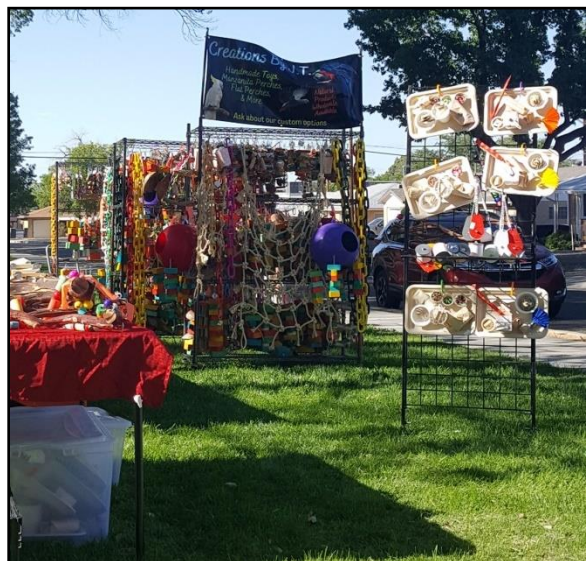
Next Bird Toy Sale

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.

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