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Announcements

1. Congratulations to Harry Bryant for being selected to serve out the remainder of the Calendar Year 2001 2nd Vice President Board position. If you have an email group for the Board, please delete Marc Riva and add Harry. His email address is utuweb@aol.com.

2. NFSS 1st VP Kerri McCoy's e-mail address has changed to:
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3. The e-mail address for the Badger Canary and Finch Club was previously incorrect. The correct address is:
devanornum@aol.com My apologies for any inconvenience.

4. **NFSS Judges Handbook and Official Standards, 2nd edition.** Martha Wigmore recently finished updating many pages and has forwarded sets to NFSS Panel Judges and Annette Howard for Finchshop. The Handbook Update Sets can now be purchased through Finchshop for only \$3.00. In addition to updated address and other information, the set of Updated Pages (2001) for the NFSS Judges Handbook and Official Standards, 2nd edition, now includes Judges' report forms and the Apprentice application and evaluation forms.

It is the intent of NFSS to continue to provide you, the NFSS membership and friends, with valuable information. Whether your particular finch and softbill interest is in breeding quality birds and/or exhibition this resourceful publication should serve as a useful reference book for many years to come. The NFSS Judges Handbook and Official Standards, 2nd edition has just gone through its second printing, and in addition to descriptive standards for several finch and softbill varieties, the NFSS exhibition procedures, and the organization's Bylaws, the Handbook now contains updated address and other information, as well as Judges' report forms and the Apprentice application and evaluation forms. The price is \$13.00, which is up slightly from when it was first offered in 1999 due to increased printing costs. You can order your copy today from FINCHSHOP!

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Plumheaded Finch, Part 2

By Craig Gardner

Breeding. Most literature mentions that Plumheads can be choosy with their mates, so armed with this knowledge, I set off to the Goulburn Valley sale in May 1998. I managed to buy two cocks from one breeder and two hens from another. All the birds I selected were nearly fully-colored juveniles. Later checking my license records, I noticed the breeders addresses were 300 kilometers apart. This pleased me, as it was less likely the birds would be related.

As mentioned earlier, there are nesting areas both inside the roosting shed and along a sheltered wall in the wire-roofed flight. My Gouldians will nest inside or out and the Painteds nest inside 80% of the time. The parrot finches are always inside the shelter, but the Plumheads, Diamonds and Cubans always nest in the brush under the sheltered section of the flight, without exception. The Diamonds in my aviary don't let any species nest within about 1/2 meter of their nest (even other Diamonds), but for some reason, they'll allow Plumheads to nest right next to them, sometimes with entrances only inches apart. On several occasions, I have observed a Diamond chase six assorted birds (including other Diamonds) away from the perch closest to their nest, then allow a Plumhead on the same perch, unmolested. Usually the Plumhead parent waits until the Diamond is chasing another bird away to enter their nest, but occasionally, they enter in full view of the Diamond parent, but invariably they are ignored.

Although I don't look in nests, other literature states that Plumheads take around 12 days to hatch and 21 days to fledge. Unlike a lot of species, young rarely fledge before they are capable of flight, which is one less thing to worry about. They regularly fledge 3-5 young from early spring to late autumn, with the occasional nest in winter. I separate fledglings from their parents 21 days after fledging, but I leave them for an extra week in winter and for "first year" pairs. A lot of literature states they will desert their nest if you look in it. I have believed this and have never looked, so I can't tell you whether

mine are tolerant of this. The nest is fully enclosed and made from the seed grass they feed on and lined with feathers. They usually make a new nest with each clutch. Most of the time, the three pairs in the aviary have young fledge a few weeks apart. On one occasion, they were a lot closer, so knowing there were more due out soon, I put rings [bands] on the first lot so I would know them apart. Soon after, two more nests fledged and after a few days they all looked the same. I thought the parents would know the difference, but all six parents fed all the young who begged completely randomly.

Health. My finches are regularly wormed and liced, but I think good housekeeping, clean water and feed, along with adequate housing will go a long way toward keeping birds healthy. I haven't had any health or injury problems with Plumheads at all. Rarely does a fledgling die, and I still have the same pairs breeding and have formed new pairs with their young combined with new blood.

Cats and Vermin.

Mice. Galvanized iron sheet surrounds the base of the aviary. It is 300 mm (12 inches) above ground and is dug in 600 mm. At the bottom of the trench, I added a concrete buffer which extends away from the aviary 150 mm. The theory is that a mouse will burrow down but when he hits the concrete, he will not tunnel away from the aviary. Another idea I have heard is to place broken glass or charcoal in the bottom of the trench, as I've heard mice cannot burrow through charcoal. Mice can only pass through 11 mm (1/2 inch) wire until around 21 days old and they are independent of their parents at around 12 days. If they manage to get in, I have solid baits inside the storage area at the rear of the aviary, which the birds cannot access.

Cats. I was finding cats on the wire roof at night when a very experienced fellow aviculturist, John Carty, showed my his

electric fence. (He's fond of adding "It'll keep the kids off, too.") Soon I purchased a unit and ran a "hot wire" around the roof and base. I raised the wire by 150 mm (6 inches) on fiberglass posts and earthed both the wire and roof to the mouse-proof sheeting. When cats go through spaces, they feel their way through using their whiskers and tail, making it impossible for them to miss the hot wire. The fence is high in voltage, but low in amps, so it gives a harmless static shock which does not harm the cat (or possum). Cats soon learn and won't return after being shocked. These units are inexpensive (mine was under \$200 complete with wire, poles and clips) and they are easy to set up. You can purchase units that run on one D cell battery, car battery, or, like mine, from the main circuit. After the fence was set up, all the birds that were mentioned earlier that bred in the flight started to raise more young.

Summary. These interesting finches will not harm any other birds and are generally healthy and easy to keep and breed. Their crimson heads are quite stunning when viewed in direct sunlight. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend them to anyone.

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NFSS Election Term 2002-2003

Below you will find a copy of candidate biographies along with three questions asked of the candidates. We hoped that by including the question and answer segment that you the membership would become more familiar with the candidates running for the next term.



NFSS PRESIDENT:

Candidates: Ms. Sally Huntington, San Diego, CA
Mr. Cecil Gunby, Sharpsburg, GA

Biography: Ms. Sally Huntington, NFSS# 2238

I thoroughly enjoy raising and exhibiting finches and softbilled birds! As your next President of the National Finch and Softbill Society (NFSS) I would dedicate myself to introducing others to the fascinating challenges of breeding, studying, and endeavoring to understand the behaviors of these birds.

I will do my best to insure that NFSS does its utmost to increase membership and to meet the needs of ALL of its members whether a member wishes to participate as a hobbyist, as an experienced aviculturist in the Finch/Softbill Save Program, as an exhibitor or as any other defined or undefined enthusiastic spectator in the world of finches and softbills.

As your NFSS president I would achieve these goals through ongoing communication with the members via e-mail, telephone contacts, through writing articles for NFSS (and other) avian journals and by continuing to participate in local, regional and national level avicultural activities.

My goals are to continue to clearly demonstrate that NFSS is for all aviculturists! The NFSS seminar "Hand-Taming Finches" that my husband Vince and I presented at the 2000 AFA convention brought NFSS back into the forefront as an advocate for avian support at all levels. From active hobbyists support to continuing contributions to national and international positioning such as the Convention of International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES), to improvement in US health and transportation standards for birds and other animals, to the impact extremist groups have on our hobby – I will stay in tune to these issues and report how they can impact our lives.

As your NFSS President I will actively promote NFSS at bird events

throughout the country such as bird marts, bird expos and by judging shows, at meetings of avian veterinarian associations and other apicultural organizations.

As you NFSS President I will call upon the experience and active support from other aviculturists to share with you! I have served three terms as President of the Finch Society of San Diego County, with some 220 members, one of the largest all finch societies in the USA. I will continue my close contacts with the Australian Finch Association because of the beneficial hands-on work that association does with Australian and Southeast Asian birds.

My current memberships in avian societies include: NFSS, life member of the Finch Society of san Diego County, the American Federation of Aviculture (AFA), the Society of Parrot Breeders and Exhibitors (SPBE), the model Aviculture Program (MAP), the National Cage Bird Show (NCBS) and the North American Parrot Society (NAPS).

Question and Answer Section for Candidate Sally Huntington:

#1 What would you like to accomplish in the 2002-2003 term if elected to the position?

Refocus NFSS procedures and practices to rejuvenate interest.

#2 Why did you choose to run for the position you are versus running for another?

I am confident I have the energy, diplomacy, support and experience to manage this great opportunity.

#3 What do you think is the most important issue affecting hobbyists in aviculture today?

The limitations of bird availability caused by both US and foreign government policies.

Biography: Mr. Cecil Gunby, NFSS# 137

Not received at time of publication.



NFSS 1ST VICE PRESIDENT (Regional VP's)

Candidates: Mr. Armando Lee, Miami FL

Biography: Mr. Armando Lee, NFSS# 1454

Hello my name is Armando J. Lee; I am your candidate for 1st Vice President. My interest in birds started at a very young age, from my childhood to the present I've kept finches, canaries, cockatiels, lovebirds and parrots.

Currently I have a few hookbills as pets but my main interest remains in my breeding flock of finches and canaries. My NFSS member number is 1454, I am a NFSS Panel Judge and a NCA Canary Judge; during my terms in office as your Southeast Regional Vice President, I met a lot of you and I hope I helped anyone who required my assistance.

As your new 1st Vice President, I expect to work very close with ALL Regional Vice Presidents and to support our new elected President as he/she deems it necessary. Professionally I am in the Real Estate and Construction business. Your vote is greatly appreciated.

Question and Answer Section for Candidate Armando Lee:

#1 What would you like to accomplish in the 2002-2003 term if elected to the position?

I would like to work very close with all Regional V.P.'s. to promote bird keeping, and particularly bird breeding. I would like to see the number of NFSS members increased as well as the number of shows.

#2 Why did you choose to run for the position you are versus running for another?

After my terms as Regional V.P., I feel in this position I can be of the most help.

#3 What do you think is the most important issue affecting hobbyists in aviculture today?

Conservation and the difficulty to import new blood to replenish our breeding programs.



NFSS 2nd VICE PRESIDENT (Publications and Website)

Candidates: Mr. Harry Bryant, Elyria, OH

Biography: Mr. Harry Bryant, NFSS# 1675

It seems like I have been involved with birds for as long as I can remember, starting with pet budgies, finches and cockatiels, which led to a pet parrot and cockatoo, and then about 25 years ago, I finally got serious about raising finches.

I have been a member of the NFSS for the past 12 years, and have served as the NFSS "webmaster" for the last 2 years, completely re-designing and updating the Website, which is a never-ending project.

As the 2nd VP (and as NFSS "webmaster"), I hope to be able to help strengthen the NFSS by making it an organization that both educates and appeals to the beginning and advanced finch and/or softbill breeders, the

"show" enthusiasts, and everyone else who is interested in finches & soft-bills.

Question and Answer Section for Candidate Harry Bryant:

#1 What would you like to accomplish in the 2002-2003 term if elected to the position?

I would like to try to establish the NFSS as the best bird society out there, the one that anyone with softbills and/or finches wants to belong to. A society that attracts everyone, beginners and experienced, who have an interest in finches & softbills, whether it be showing, breeding, or just having the as pets.

#2 Why did you choose to run for the position you are versus running for another?

I happen to be filling the 2nd VP's position by appointment right now I enjoy the job and would like to continue. While serving as the Webmaster is very demanding, the 2nd VP position allows me to handle publications and I am confident I have the energy, diplomacy, support and experience to manage this great opportunity.

#3 What do you think is the most important issue affecting hobbyists in aviculture today?

Without a doubt, it would have to be the animal rights groups. They mostly consist of gullible and naive people who want all animals to be free and not kept in a cage or aviary. So those groups, who greatly outnumber us, have their high-priced lawyers work out things in Washington. Then we have laws that affect us, but we were never consulted by Washington. Hopefully, some time next year we can address that, maybe have Washington team ready to go up to the hill and speak out for us!

NFSS 3rd VICE PRESIDENT (FinchSave Director)

Candidates: Ms. Kerri McCoy, Suwanee, GA

Biography: Ms. Kerri McCoy, NFSS# 3313

As the 2000-2001 term 1st Vice President and former NFSS Bulletin Editor and 2nd Vice President, Kerri is interested in broadening her responsibilities with NFSS with the position of 3rd Vice President for the succeeding term 2002-2003.

With a strong candidate to possibly succeed her in the position of 1st Vice President Kerri is interested in taking on the challenges of 3rd Vice President. She is interested in reevaluating the FINCHSAVE program and our annual census by making some beneficial changes/additions to these programs to better support the membership and supporting the ultimate goal of

conservation of finch species.

She would welcome the opportunity to be elected 3rd Vice President of the National Finch and Softbill Society and continue to devote her efforts to what she views as a worthwhile organization.

Question and Answer Section for Candidate Kerri McCoy:

#1 What would you like to accomplish in the 2002-2003 term if elected to the position?

I would like to revamp the FinchSave program and turn it into the strongest most supported conservation program for finch and softbilled species known in aviculture today.

#2 Why did you choose to run for the position you are versus running for another?

Having been 2nd VP, Bulletin Editor, and 1st VP, I felt that my interests and experiences could best be used in the capacity of FinchSave Director.

#3 What do you think is the most important issue affecting hobbyists in aviculture today?

The limited bloodlines of many species being worked with today in aviculture are reaching a critical point. The WBCA makes it nearly impossible to secure additional bloodlines through importation. It is imperative that hobbyists begin to work together to ensure the captive population of numerous species in the United States today for the next generation of birdkeepers.

 **NFSS 4th VICE PRESIDENT (Judge's Panel Chairman)**
Candidates: Ms. Martha Wigmore, Elk River, MN
Ms. Julie Duimstra, Portland, OR

Biography: Ms. Martha Wigmore, NFSS# 0154

It has been my pleasure to be involved with NFSS almost from its inception, joining as member 154 in January 1985. I am breeder of over a dozen varieties of finches and doves and some of the hookbills, and it has been my pleasure to share my birds with others at clubs and shows since 1983 as an exhibitor, and as president, editor and treasurer of two local cage bird clubs. Some of my most treasured experiences have been as an NFSS Panel Judge since 1987, sharing my love of our birds through one of our hobby's most effective outreaches - our shows. I am a firm believer in the shows, not because of the accolades and awards a few exhibitors receive but because I strongly feel that there is no more effective avenue in our country for supporting and educating one another in aviculture and improving our efforts with the priceless gift we have been given of these birds. Second to the shows - where we can actually SEE and experience the birds - I believe

the Bulletin and other written word are vital to our hobby. I was Editor of The NFSS Bulletin for two years, giving the publication a new design and its present small-magazine format. And I have been privileged to work closely with each past NFSS Judges Panel Director on the editing of The NFSS Judges Handbook and Official Standards, redesigning and keeping the publication updated. I am currently involved with this work of editing and updating the NFSS Handbook.

I have worked with so many fine aviculturists over the years in my many positions on the NFSS Board - most recently as Treasurer, 2nd Vice President and editor of The NFSS Bulletin, Corresponding Secretary, and initially as Region 5 Vice President. I have chaired and participated on several standard committees - I am currently chairing the committee preparing a Pairs standard - and served on the committees to revise the NFSS Bylaws and show classifications. In all, in addition to my 13 years judging NFSS shows as a Panel Judge, I have served NFSS on the Board and in committee-work in over 10 of the last 16 years. I would bring to the position of NFSS 4th Vice President/Judges Panel Director a wealth of experience with NFSS and the cage bird hobby. And it has been shown in all that I have done with NFSS that I work with a high level of professionalism and maturity - and playfulness! I hope that you will allow me to serve NFSS at this time as 4th Vice President. We'll see you at the shows!

Question and Answer Section for Candidate Martha Wigmore:

Thank you for providing us this additional opportunity and space to share with our members our love for NFSS! My responses as candidate for NFSS 4th Vice President, Judges Panel Director and Chair of Standards & Research Committee to Kerri McCoy's questions follow:

#1 What would you like to accomplish in the 2002-2003 term if elected to the position?

As a keeper of cage birds since I was a child, I know the value of our bird clubs and bird shows in our development as knowledgeable and dedicated bird owners. As proven in my past roles with the National Finch and Softbill Society I would certainly be an involved officer of NFSS, assisting the NFSS Board in making clear, carefully researched decisions that will encourage our current and future members to keep active in our hobby with the precious finches and softbills that have been given us to share. My contributions to the NFSS Board and to the position of 4th Vice President/Judges Panel Director will be, because of my active involvement in many positions with NFSS since its start, rooted in the founding visions of NFSS - keeping our group inclusive, outreaching, and supportive. And, as discussed below, focused on our future.

#2 Why did you choose to run for the position you are versus running for another?

My growth as a bird owner and breeder would not have been possible except for the bird shows which local and national clubs have worked so hard to put on. For a good part of my bird-keeping days there was only one show each year within a 10-hour drive! But there each year I could SEE the birds and catch those infectious bird-keeping germs from the other dedicated bird owners who would gather open-heartedly to share their hobby with one another. Because of our relative isolation, we never took a bird show for granted, nor one another! And we learned, and we made tremendous strides toward becoming much better bird keepers and breeders.

But with so many demands on all of us, the volunteer hours available to raise funds for and to pull together shows in many areas of the U.S. are at a low. With creative thinking and especially encouragement we can expect to see renewed demand for cage bird shows - and NFSS judging - which challenge, inspire, educate and support bird breeders beyond what is possible at gatherings such as sales and bird fairs. On behalf of NFSS, as NFSS 4th Vice President I would be a part of the gentle continual push along this path of creatively encouraging our local clubs' shows. Nurturing the community of our NFSS panel judges - the valuable eyes, ears and especially voices for our hobby - will strengthen NFSS' involvement and awareness of ways to reach out to hobbyists. I believe that I am very well suited for this role at this time.

#3 What do you think is the most important issue affecting hobbyists in aviculture today?

I have been involved in the hobby long enough to have had very different experiences in it than we are able to have now. Most significantly, we had in the not so distant past much greater access to finches and softbills. Legislative restrictions have greatly impacted our hobby and are a continuing challenge. But equally important, while we still are and always will be uniquely challenged in our country by the enormous geographical distances that separate our relatively small group of hobbyists, we have now even far less access to one another these days. Where once nearly all bird keepers had birdrooms, which were 'open houses' to visitors, security concerns have built enormous walls of a sort around and between us. Just as we cannot do without the birds themselves, we cannot do without safe, educational and challenging gatherings that push and inspire us to be better aviculturists! It is my heartfelt belief that our continuing ability to gather and see and share **and critically evaluate our birds against tests of quality** (through NFSS judging), as well as meet together in person with other bird keepers is absolutely vital to our hobby. I have seen a show work its magic for bird hobbyists in ways that nothing else does. Support and education - challenge and inspiration - its all **FOR THE BIRDS!! See you at the show!**

Biography: Ms. Julie Duimstra, NFSS# 2233

Hello NFSS members. I am Julie Duimstra, your candidate for the NFSS 4th Vice President position - the Judge's Panel Chairman. I have been successfully raising, keeping and exhibiting many species of finches and, more recently, softbilled birds for the past 15 years. My membership number in NFSS is 2233 having joined the society in 1994. I served NFSS as the Finchshop Manager for 5 years and facilitated bringing the Finchshop items to our membership on the NFSS website.

My interest and enjoyment in aviculture and exhibiting birds combined with my visual abilities to discern fine details took me one step further and I became an NFSS Panel Judge in the year 2000. Last year I had the opportunity to judge the NFSS show with the largest number of entries - held in Roseville, California.

I am a Biologist and have spent most of my professional career working as an Electron Microscopist in research and diagnostic veterinary medicine at universities. I live in the beautiful Pacific Northwest and when not participating in avicultural activities and studying, enjoy travel, theater, hiking and deep sea fishing.

Question and Answer Section for Candidate Julie Duimstra:**#1 What would you like to accomplish in the 2002-2003 term if elected to the position?**

My goal is to initiate an online forum for our NFSS Panel Judges where we can discuss issues that affect us as Judges and also use the platform as a means for continuing education. I would also involve our Judges and members in conducting further research into improving our existing NFSS show classification schedule - making the show classifications more equitable for the exhibitors and for the birds being shown. I would also like to bring to our membership a Q&A column in the NFSS Bulletin so that we can all learn to appreciate what traits our Judges look for when judging birds. In doing that we can all make better informed decisions when purchasing birds or setting up stock for breeding.

#2 Why did you choose to run for the position you are versus running for another?

I felt my skills could best be put to use in the position of Judges Panel Chairman based on my area of interest and experience.

#3 What do you think is the most important issue affecting hobbyists in aviculture today?

Certainly the continued availability of birds through captive breeding efforts and importation to ensure future success for generations of aviculturists to come.

**NFSS MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

Candidates: Ms. Martie Lauster, Walworth, NY

Biography: Ms. Martie Lauster, NFSS# 4263

I would like to introduce myself to the NFSS membership. My name is Martie Lauster. I live in Walworth, New York, which is a suburb of Rochester and upstate.

For the past 20 plus years, I have lived here on a 43-acre farm, which consists of about half open fields and half wooded land. My husband, 14-year old son, and I share our home with my Quarter horse mare, Tippy, a German Shepherd, a Labrador Retriever, a Schnauzer, several barn cats, and, of course, my birds.

I work part time as a Veterinary Receptionist in a small animal hospital. Much of the rest of my time is spent here on the farm involved with family and animal activities. I am an active member of the Greater Rochester Avian Society and along with participation in many GRAS events; I am currently the newsletter editor for this group. The "career" part of my life consisted of 23 years at Eastman Kodak Company. While there, I did lots of computer programming, developed Artificial Intelligence applications for sales and service areas, developed Executive Information Systems for the company's top executives, and through several supervisory experiences, was Manager of the Health Science Division's Information Systems organization.

Ten years ago, a life-altering event inspired me to make some changes and I left Kodak to spend the next four years working on a Biology degree at the University of Rochester. During this time, I was able to re-focus my priorities and it became clear that for me, home and family are most important.

I have only been raising finches for about three years, so am still very new at it. My aviary is in our newly remodeled basement and consists of about 35 cages of Gouldians, Owls, Blue Caps, Goldbreasts, Self Societies, and a smattering of other varieties.

I continue to enjoy working with computers and have a full complement of hardware and software here at home.

I have learned much from the NFSS and so many of you over the past few years, and would be pleased to have the opportunity to reciprocate by serving you as your Membership Director.

Question and Answer Section for Candidate Martie Lauster:**#1 What would you like to accomplish in the 2002-2003 term if elected to the position?**

First and most importantly, if elected, I will strive to maintain the excellent quality of service that NFSS members have enjoyed in previous years. My focus will be on further automation of a membership database in order to ensure fast and efficient processing, and timely communication of this information. Additionally, I would like to increase NFSS membership and participation. According to the Board Meeting Reports available on the NFSS Website, from the fourth quarter 2000 to the second quarter 2001, NFSS membership decreased by over 100 people - approximately 15% of the total membership! I would like to develop a plan to help understand who our members are and how the NFSS might better serve their needs.

#2 Why did you choose to run for the position you are versus running for another?

I actually did not consider myself experienced enough in aviculture to run for any position. I read Dale Laird's plea for someone to run for the position of membership director and it struck a chord in me. I realized that while I am not a seasoned veteran in the world of aviculture, I do have other skills and experiences that might be of benefit to the organization. I have learned so much in the past few years from the NFSS and its members and feel that this is a way for me to give something back.

#3 What do you think is the most important issue affecting hobbyists in aviculture today?

I feel the most important issue is that of tremendous change in the availability of imported birds. We are right now losing so many species that only a few years ago were everywhere. If we are to preserve this wonderful hobby, we must change our focus - and NOW. There are not enough people who are actually specializing in breeding and producing specific species. I wonder if this decrease in availability has been responsible for some of the loss of membership experienced by the NFSS. To move onto the soapbox for just a moment - we desperately need to mobilize our organization in some way that will recognize these "vanishing" species and take steps to preserve them in aviculture.



NFSS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Candidates: Ms. Annette Howard, Salem, OH

Biography: Ms. Annette Howard, NFSS# 2321

Not received at time of publication.

**NFSS TREASURER**

Candidates: Mr. Mark Phelps, Chicago, IL

Biography: Mr. Mark Phelps, NFSS# 3221

Not received at time of publication.

**NFSS LIAISON OFFICER**

Candidates: Ms. Ginny Allen, Opelika, AL

Biography: Ms. Ginny Allen, NFSS# 1831

My involvement with finches began in Florida in 1985 and has remained steady. Through the years I have successfully bred many species in both cages and open flights. My greatest concern is preserving the interest in breeding these "feathers in flight", but I also enjoy exhibiting offspring and the social aspects of bird shows. I served as NFSS Awards Manager for 8 years (1993-2001) and Liaison Officer for five or six years. I am presently fulfilling the un-expired term of Dianna Rubly-Shipman as Liaison Officer.

Question and Answer Section for Candidate Ginny Allen:**#1 What would you like to accomplish in the 2002-2003 term if elected to the position?**

I have noted a decline in the number of affiliated clubs the past few years. Many clubs have lost members or interest in aviculture and have disbanded. However, I am pleased to learn that others are springing up throughout the country and are anxious to affiliate with species organizations. My goal is to continue to solicit new clubs through letters and the Internet. If inquiries are any indication...this is working! We do have several new clubs.

#2 Why did you choose to run for the position you are versus running for another?

Way back in 1993, I was "drafted" into the position and have remained comfortable with its responsibilities.

#3 What do you think is the most important issue affecting hobbyists in aviculture today?

We need to pool our species bloodlines to continue to protect these captive bred birds. A redesigned Finchsavve program should meet these ends. The name "Finchsavve" should be reconsidered as we include the many softbill aviculturists into our fold.

**NFSS BAND SECRETARY**

Candidates: none at time of publication

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NFSS REGIONAL VP - REGION 1 (Northeast)

Candidates: Mr. Jim Felix, Pittsburgh, PA

Biography: Mr. Jim Felix, NFSS# 3510

I live in Pittsburgh, PA. I started raising finches in 1982 – 1985. I had to give up my finches, because my job (at that time) required me to spend long periods out of town. I got back into the raising finches in 1995. I have raised many different species of finches through the years. I joined the NFSS in 1997, and have been a member ever since. I'm also a member of the FinchSave Program, the Greater Pittsburgh Cage Bird Society, and the Erie Cage Bird Club. I am also an active member of the Finchlovers, Aviary Life, NFSS, and Dove & Pigeon lists.

Through the years, while being on these lists, I have tried to help, and educate others with the care, breeding, and showing of finches, while introducing and educating them about the NFSS. My goals are to get more people interested in raising finches and softbills and for them to become active members of the NFSS and its FinchSave program, not only in the Western Pennsylvania area, but also across the country. I have done this since joining the NFSS and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of the election.

I'd like to thank you for considering me as a candidate. All I can say is that I'll try and do the best job that I can if elected.

Question and Answer Section for Candidate Jim Felix

#1 What would you like to accomplish in the 2002-2003 term if elected to the position?

What I'd like to accomplish if elected is try and get new members interested in our great hobby, so future generations will be able to enjoy them. I'd also like to get together with all of the bird clubs in my region and try and put together a finch breeders list so every one in the region will have a source for new bloodlines.

#2 Why did you choose to run for the position you are versus running for another?

The reason that I chose to run for V. P. of my region is : I felt that it would give me an opportunity to try and help educate ,and get more people interested in this great hobby. Plus I'd like to put together a breeders

list so it would be easier for breeders to find new bloodlines.

#3 What do you think is the most important issue affecting hobbyists in aviculture today?

I feel that the most important issues facing aviculture hobbyists today are: (1) Being able to find new bloodlines, and (2) Legal and inexpensive means of shipping birds in the U.S.



NFSS REGIONAL VP - REGION 2 (Southeast)

Candidates: Ms. Margie Lanier, Wetumpka, AL
Mr. Daniel Almaguer, Orlando, FL
Mr. Ron Castaner, West Palm Beach, FL

Biography: Ms. Margie Lanier, NFSS# 3735

I live in Wetumpka, Alabama north of Montgomery. I have always loved birds and have had birds as pets ever since I was a child. I became more interested in raising birds in 1982 when I purchased a pair of zebra finches and from there my interest took off. Since then, I have raised many types of finches, canaries, parakeets, cockatiels and lovebirds. I am now enjoying raising and showing finches and regularly attend most shows in the southeast region, which affords me the ability to meet fellow Region 2 NFSS members.

I am on the Board of Directors for CAAS (Central Alabama Avicultural Society) and am the club delegate for NFSS for CAAS.

I would like the opportunity if elected to Region 2 Vice President to continue my efforts in promoting NFSS to potential new members and continue devoting my time to educating/sharing my knowledge with fellow hobbyists.

Question and Answer Section for Candidate Margie Lanier:

#1 What would you like to accomplish in the 2002-2003 term if elected to the position?

I would like to focus my efforts in making Region 2 the largest region within NFSS. My location affords me the ability to attend many fairs and shows within Region 2 and regularly socialize with fellow NFSS members within our region.

#2 Why did you choose to run for the position you are versus running for another?

I initially considered running for a different position but was more interested in one that would require a lot of one on one contact with fellow NFSS members. The Regional VP position fit the bill.

#3 What do you think is the most important issue affecting hobbyists in aviculture today?

I am very concerned with the current situation regarding shipping finches and softbills in the United States. It is becoming increasingly difficult and the exorbitant expense is curtailing the ability for many of us to purchase new bloodlines that we desperately need. I would like to focus some of my effort in developing ideas to lessen the current restrictions regarding shipping of finches and softbills for the benefit of aviculture as a whole.

Biography: Mr. Ron Castaner, NFSS# 2052

No bio received at the time of publication.

Question and Answer Section for Candidate Ron Castaner:

#1 What would you like to accomplish in the 2002-2003 term if elected to the position?

I hope to increase NFSS membership by setting up educational tables at birds fairs. In the past I have had successful raffles offering birds. These raffles have helped NFSS to raise money and to increase membership.

#2 Why did you choose to run for the position you are versus running for another?

As a former President of the NFSS I wanted to continue to help by focusing on my region membership.

#3 What do you think is the most important issue affecting hobbyists in aviculture today?

The increased difficulty with importing birds. Aviculture as a whole needs to focus on raising the difficult species and those on the CITES list or they will become a thing of the past. I am concerned if effort is not made will only read about these species in books instead of seeing them with our own eyes.

Biography: Mr. Daniel Almaguer, NFSS# 1876

Not received at time of publication.



NFSS REGIONAL VP - REGION 3 (Mid-central)

Candidates: Ms. Darla Dandre, Lisle, IL

Biography: Ms. Darla Dandre, NFSS# 3220

Qualifications Curator of Birds at the Oak Park Conservatory Student of Ornithology at the College of DuPage Full Charge Bookkeeper I also belong to and support the following organizations - ADA, AFA, NCBS and SPBE plus several local organizations. I am an NFSS Champion Exhibitor

for 1998, 1999 and 2000 and have achieved Exhibitor of Excellence in 2000 as well.

Biography Mark and I have been keeping Finches and Softbilled Birds for 8 years and showing since 1997 in shows all over the Midwest. We really enjoy doing this and are very involved. We do our best to encourage and support bird competitions wherever we go and as a byproduct, also entertain and educate the public with our unusual birds.

Campaign Promises As Region 3 VP, I will represent the views of members in the region when voting on issues presented by the board. I will encourage and increase membership to NFSS and act as "information booth" for those who seek more involvement within other areas of the club. I will maintain a communications outlet for members of Region 3 and share with them information that is being voted on by the board as well as present any suggestions that would need to be addressed by the board. I will also do my best to represent and maintain an NFSS relationship with all the local clubs in my region.

I hope that I will be able to serve the membership in this important position for a very long time as I enjoy seeing finch and softbill people come together.



NFSS REGIONAL VP - REGION 4 (Mid-west)

Candidates: Mr. Dan Easter, Hempstead, TX
Mr. Harold McBrayer, League City, TX

Biography: Mr. Dan Easter, NFSS# 4233

Dan Easter is from a small community outside Houston, TX called Hempstead. He and his wife, Susan live on 26 acres where they successfully breed many types of hookbills, which include cockatiels, amazons, cockatoos, macaws, conures, african greys, and Australian parakeets. He has bred and exhibited hookbills, cockatiels, and finches since the early 80's.

Dan and Susan were the top hookbill exhibitor's in 1991 and 1992. Dan and Susan won all three awards at the 1999 National the AFA, the Kellogg and the Scannell.

Dan has been married to Susan for 27 years, and has two daughters, Brandy 23 and Heidi 22. Dan loves the competition and friendships he and his family have made while traveling and attending bird shows and events. He is a member of National Cockatiel Society, has served as Sergeant of Arms, and is a judge for NCS.

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He is also a member of National Cage Bird Society, the National Finch and Softbill Society, cofounder of North American Parrot Society, and is now serving as chairman of the board, and is a member of the Judges panel. Dan has had the opportunity to assist, and chair, many successful bird shows within his hometown and state, West Wings of Houston bird club and Texas Bird Breeders Association, Fort Worth to name a few.

Biography: Mr. Harold McBrayer, NFSS# 1028

I have been breeding and exhibiting finches and softbills for fifteen years, having earned NFSS Championship Exhibitor for many years. My softbills have been named Best Softbill at the National Cage Bird Show three times, exhibiting White Eyes two times, and a Superb Starling.

Currently, I have breed Waterslager Canaries, Shaftails, Zebras, Violet Ears, White Eyes, Leaf Birds, Shama Thrushes and Honeycreepers.

My avicultural memberships include NCBS (National Cage Bird Show), Canary and Finch Society and NFSS.

Question and Answer Section for Candidate Harold McBrayer:

#1 What would you like to accomplish in the 2002-2003 term if elected to the position?

I would like to focus my efforts getting the next generation of birdkeepers involved in the hobby. I have great concern over the decline in involvement with our hobby and believe focusing on bringing the younger generation into the fold is in our best interests.

#2 Why did you choose to run for the position you are versus running for another?

Actually, I was asked to run for this particular position.

#3 What do you think is the most important issue affecting hobbyists in aviculture today?

I believe that the decline in membership national wide with both local and national bird clubs is of great concern. I believe it is imperative that we reach the younger generation of birdkeepers and involve them in our hobby.



NFSS REGIONAL VP - REGION 5 (Mountain)

Candidates: Ms. Anna Sinclair, Colorado Springs, CO

Biography: Ms. Anna Sinclair, NFSS# 519

Not received at time of publication

**NFSS REGIONAL VP - REGION 6 (Pacific Coast)**

Candidates: Mr. Vince Huntington, San Diego, CA

Biography: Mr. Vince Huntington, NFSS# 2237

My position on becoming region 6th V.P. for the NFSS. (By Vince Huntington)

What continues to interest me the most regarding aviculture, is that while most bird breeders and fanciers are busy tending to the myriad of details it takes to properly care for birds, 'others' across this country seem interested in their own venues which slowly impose more and more restrictions on what bird people can do.

The Convention of International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) is truly well intended. However, it has not only limited the number of birds we can study, breed and enjoy here in America, but many of the very birds it intends to 'protect' worldwide continue to be threatened toward extinction in their homelands. If we were permitted to raise and adopt these birds to the detailed aviculture most of us are invested in, WE could, when needed, return birds to native lands, especially if we were encouraged to do so by the energy now put into CITES. Overall, when people worldwide get around to tending to the business of returning and keeping the original wilderness areas intact, wouldn't it be nice if people with our knowledge were asked to provide birds to put back into the wilderness areas?

Further, I worry. The alleged well meaning PETA people appear to take a position whereby all pets should be taken from all people. Their political lobby implies that any pet bird (or animal) owner (including seeing-eye dog user) is extorting 'something' from the bird/animal and is knowingly causing it 'pain and suffering'.

With their eyes seemingly locked on their self-invested goals, extremists seem unwilling to learn the facts before they act. For instance, in the guise of making life better for birds, recent radicals endorsed and lobbied into policy, restrictions on animal/bird air travel. Sadly, they used misquotes and outright lies to describe the numbers of birds/animals injured or killed in transit nationwide as animal lovers and merchandisers move about and take or ship their animals/birds. We in Aviculture know there are a minority of non-caring owners, ruthless zookeepers and sideshow animal exploiters. We uncover them all the time. However, rather than 'go after' the animal injuring jerks, as we do, PETA types wish to 'ban all animals from ownership' and, they follow through their wishes with heavily financed lobbying of extremist poppycock. Blaming injuries to birds on pet owners is like blaming injuries to people on doctors. We are here to care for birds. In that

voice, yes there are 'bad' doctors, and we sort them out. Yes there are animal exploiters, help us sort them out. It seems at times, animal 'rights' people, actually exploit animals in order to obtain their own 'narcissistic identities, as:" 'aren't I special and unselfish?'

Having raised birds in California since the early eighties, initially in support of my (then 9 year old) now 24 year old son, Eric and, currently in support of aviculturist and NFSS judge Sally Huntington, I am cautious that soon, no one will have birds, not Sally, nor an Eric, nor you, nor I, nor another father's 9 year old boy who is 'interested' in them.

I have been an active NFSS rep to the American Federation of Aviculture for some 5 years now. During that time, I have confronted congress, PETA, state senators, federal fish and game, mishandling of facts by local and regional television, and in general, tried my best to keep people from interfering with our rights to raise and breed birds. Pencil me in as the Western Regional Rep to NFSS, and I'll have even a broader brush stroke.

NFSS REGIONAL VP - REGION 7 (Caribbean)

Candidates: Mr. Julio Mateo, Bayamon, Puerto Rico

Biography: Mr. Julio Mateo, NFSS# 1544

Not received at time of publication.

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It is with great reluctance that the Badger Canary & Finch Club makes the following announcement:

Due to a major conflict with the date of TWO other Midwest Club's shows, we have decided that it is in the best interest of the BCF to CANCEL the show and Bird-Fair scheduled for October 27, 2001. With very low response from vendors and exhibitors it is just NOT economically feasible to carry out any further plans for our show. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but for the stability of our club we feel we have made the best possible decision. Signed by Evon Van Ornum, Secretary and Show Director, Badger Canary and Finch Club, 943 Taft Ave., Oshkosh, WI, 54902 (920) 233-4362.

THE JOY OF PET QUALITY BIRDS

By Mary K. Wilson

In my bird room, cages of finches line the walls. The occupants hop and peep, sometimes managing a tune or two. In one cage sits the bird I call Pretty Boy. He's an English Fawn Black Breasted Zebra Finch male – gorgeous. He's in with an English gray hen, and I hope they produce more big, beautiful babies. Next to him, a cage of American zebra finches, mongrels to be sure, and then my other pair of American black-breasted. It doesn't matter if most of my birds are typical, American-type zebra finches, because I love them all just the same. Among the many varieties of zebra finches I own, none draw the eye like Pretty Boy.

Many people scorn the pet-quality zebra finches for their small size. These smaller birds aren't apt to sit on the top bench at a show; they're more likely to enjoy a cage or aviary in somebody's home. They will hop, dance, sing, and make a mess, but have little chance of bringing somebody fame and fortune on the show bench.

The bigger zebra finches, on the other hand, are show quality. They frequently win awards. People pay more money for these birds, instead of the \$5 or less usually paid to the breeder for a pet zebra finch. Combining mutations can create a beautiful bird; one that people will spend hundreds of dollars for. So is it any wonder why people may prefer the show quality zebra to the pet one?

I really can't say that I blame them. For the avid hobbyist the show quality zebra offers much more than the pet. I have introduced a few new mutations to my aviary and intend to enter the finch division for the first time at a local show this fall.

A few feet from Pretty Boy's cage is my flight. I adore these finches. Sure, I have more sentimental reasons to do so, for here are my elderly finches, living out their last years in happiness. I have a few breeding pairs in my flight too, and they produce adorable little baby finches.

These little guys beep and sing all day long, and I'm happy to listen to them. For me, finch keeping is more about the joy these little birds bring into my life than awards or fame. To know that these mutts have found a home and happiness in the world I've created for them means a lot to me. They bless me with baby finches, and I give them the best care possible.

When my friend and I go to our club's thrice-yearly bird fairs, I like to call our table the Rogue's Gallery of zebra finches. She's there with her zebras, mostly different mutations now, and I'm there with my little mongrels, and it usually is a tie to see who sells out first. Most people who buy my birds just want a pair of finches in their living room. My friend, however, sells hers to those more advanced in the hobby. There's room for all of us, including the mutts.

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2001 SHOWS & EVENTS

(See Club listings for contact information)

<p>SEP 29 Show Connecticut Canary & Finch Club Fatima Square Church Kane Street Hartford, CT 06106 Judge: Al Decoteau</p> <p>OCT 6 Fair CSRA Exotic Bird Assoc. Julian Smith Casino Augusta, GA</p>	<p>OCT 6 Show Middle TN Cage Bird Club TN State Fairgrounds Nashville, TN Judge: Armando Lee Also a 2 day sale on the 6th and 7th. Contact Wilma Tnma2@home.com</p> <p>OCT 6-7 Shows Aviary and Cage Bird Society of South Florida War Memorial Auditorium</p>	<p>800 NE 8th Street Ft. Lauderdale, FL Judge: Dale Laird (Day 1), Stephen Hoppin (Day 2)</p> <p>OCT 6-7 Shows—Great American Bird Show Hosted by MidAmerica Cage Bird Society Hotel Ft. Des Moines Des Moines, IA Judge: Paul Williams, Miki Spartzak (Day 2)</p>
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<p>OCT 7 Fair Suncoast Avian Society Minnreg Bldg. Ft. Lauderdale, FL</p>	<p>OCT 20 Show Fort Worth Bird Club Grapevine Conv. Center Grapevine, TX Judge: Tom Rood</p>	<p>OCT 27 Show Motor City Bird Breeders Italian-American Community Cultural Center 28111 Imperial Drive Warren, MI 48092 Judge: Conrad Meinert</p>
<p>OCT 12-13 Shows The Finch Connection Bird Show and Exhibit Oregon St Fairgrounds Salem, OR Judge: Julie Duimstra (Day 1), Clarence Culwell (Day 2)</p>	<p>OCT 20 Show Great Lakes Avicultural Society Rockford North Middle School Rockford, MI Judge: Paul Williams</p>	<p>OCT 27-28 Show Society of Canary and Finch Breeders Livonia, MI Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau</p>
<p>OCT 12-14 Show Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society Fogolar Furlan Sports Complex Gym 1800 E. C. Row North Service Road Windsor, Ontario</p>	<p>OCT 20 Show New York Finch and Type Canary Club St. Judes Church Coyn Hall 9401 Seaview Ave. Brooklyn, NY Judge: Bill Parlee</p>	<p>NOV 3 Show Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club Tinley Park Holiday Inn Tinley Park, IL Judge: Patrick Vance</p>
<p>OCT 13 Show Massachusetts Cage Bird Association Tyngsboro Sportsmans Club (no city listed) Judge: Bill Parlee</p>	<p>OCT 20 Fair West Suburban CB Club DuPage Cnty Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL</p>	<p>NOV 3 Show Greater Pittsburgh Cage Bird Society, Inc. Monroeville, PA Judge: Al Decoteau</p>
<p>OCT 19-21 Show Int'l Canary Society Lockport Best Western Lockport, NY Judge: pending</p>	<p>OCT 20-21 Shows Capitol City Cage Bird Club (Region 6 Show Host) Placer County Fairgrounds Roseville, CA Judge: Charlie Anchor</p>	<p>NOV 3 Show Missouri Cage Bird Assoc. Days Inn Eureka, MO Judge: Martha Wigmore</p>
<p>OCT 20 Show Baltimore Bird Fanciers (Region 1 Show Host) 61st Annual Show Tall Cedars of Lebanon Hall Old Harford Road and Putty Hill Avenue Parkville, Maryland 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Judge: Jackie Civitarese</p>	<p>OCT 27 Show Canary & Finch Society League City Civic Center 400 West Walker League City, TX Judge: Steve Hoppin</p>	<p>NOV 3 Show Texas Bird Breeders (Region 4 Show Host) Mayborn Conv. Center Temple, TX Judge: Armando Lee</p>
	<p>OCT 27 Show Central California Cage Bird Club SOS Club Modesto, CA Judge: pending</p>	<p>NOV 3-4 Show Georgia Caged Bird Society Jim Miller Park Marietta, GA Judge: Dale Laird</p>

<p>NOV 15-17 NCBS Hosted by Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society Holiday Inn—The Center Manchester, NH Judge: Martha Wigmore</p>	<p>NOV 24 Show National Institute of Red Orange Canaries Holiday Inn 1000 Busse Road Elk Grove, IL Judge: Charlie Anchor</p>	<p>DEC 1 Show Cajun Canary Club Quality Hotel and Conference Center Metairie, LA Judge: pending</p>
<p>NOV 23-25 Show Santa Clara Valley Canary & Exotic Bird Club Centennial Hall 22292 Foothill Blvd. Hayward, CA Judge: Bill Parlee</p>	<p>NOV 23-25 Show ACFE Nacional deInvierno ACFE Universidad Metropolitana Cupcy, Puerto Rico Judge: Armando Lee</p>	<p>END</p>

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5. During their last meeting , the board voted to start offering open plastic bands. They are now in stock and will be added to both the website and the bulletin as soon as possible. The open plastic bands come in the following sizes: xf, xcs, xcl, xb, x3. Colors available for all sizes include red, lt green, dk green, white, pink, black, purple, yellow, orange, dk blue and light blue. The bands sell for \$1.50 for a string of ten. Species recommendations are:

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xb—budgies, grass parakeets, Indian shama, diamond dove, Chinese painted quail

x3—New Zealand parakeets, lovebirds, rosellas and kakarikies

6. Many articles have been received for publication but were postponed due to the volume of the election biographies. Never fear. There will be as many of those articles published in the next issue of the bulletin as possible.

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