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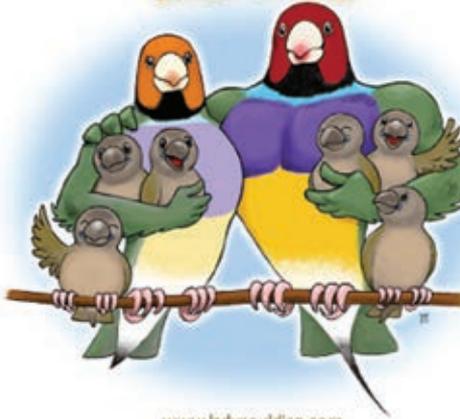
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President's Message

Rebecca Mikel

Think Spring!

Spring is a busy time for everyone and everything – and the NFSS Board is no exception! I want to share a few of those activities with you as some of them are undoubtedly things you'll want to be personally involved in.

Susan Stieve, Region 3 Vice-President, has formed a committee who will be researching electronic voting options for the NFSS. I know we've started this topic before – but THIS time we're actually going to finish it, follow through with it, and implement it. We believe it will increase voter participation in our elections. If this is something you've worked with, feel you have any comments or suggestions to offer which may be of assistance, or if you want to actually serve on this committee – contact Susan immediately.

Roland Cristo, Legislative Liaison for the NFSS Board, has formed a committee to address current legislation surrounding the Java Rice Finch – specifically The Lacy Act. We need breeders and keepers of this lovely Finch involved in this important work. Please contact Roland if you are able to help with these efforts in any way.

A few aviculturalists who work with and keep Pekin Robins and Silver Eared Mesias have approached NFSS about “endorsing” a Breeding Consortium working with one or both of these species. The NFSS Board believes supporting aviculturalists working with rare and hard-to-find species is a perfect place to “plant” their endorsement and falls right in line with the FinchSave Program. Stay tuned for more exciting news about this program. This will work in the same fashion in which support of the Red Siskin Project has developed and is a great way to encourage and buoy up the efforts of those involved in these types of challenging avicultural circumstances.

The Board also discussed and approved a program of bringing members in good standing to the NFSS Board ListServ. As a result, Rancel Borgess has been invited

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Proposed By-Law Change Ballot

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Proposed By-Law Change 1

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES, Paragraph Three

CURRENT BY-LAW: Junior membership will be available at a reduced rate determined by the Board to any applicant under the age of sixteen

PROPOSED CHANGE: Junior membership will be available at a reduced rate determined by the Board to any applicant under the age of eighteen

I agree with this change *I disagree with this change*

Proposed By-Law Change 2

ARTICLE 5: Term of Office, Elections, Officers, Elected Officers, Paragraph 16

CURRENT BY-LAW: FinchShop Director shall be responsible for the inventory and sales of merchandise offered to the general public. He/she must receive and process customer orders, orders from vendors, and work with the NFSS Journal Editor and the Webmaster to update the FinchShop Catalog as needed. New products must also be sought and recommended to the Board of Directors for approval. Said Officer shall be responsible for the forwarding of funds and reports in a timely manner to the Treasurer. Any Society inventory must be maintained in good order and forwarded in a timely manner upon resignation or when a newly appointed director has been appointed.

PROPOSED CHANGE: Eliminate paragraph and close FinchShop

I agree with this change *I disagree with this change*



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to participate in a non-voting appointment on the NFSS Board. We believe this allows those who have not previously served on the BOD an opportunity to get a “feel” for what governing the society may feel like and help them make an educated decision about whether they want to run for an elected position at some point. If this is something YOU may be interested in – contact any Board Member.

We look forward to hearing from you on any – or all – of these projects!

Rebecca Mikel
President



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TREASURY

- 1/1/15 BANK BALANCE: \$36,295.84
- 12/31/15 BANK BALANCE: \$29,165.26
- Transitioned to new Treasurer
- Relocated bank accounts at National Chain
- Moved financial records to Quickbooks Accounting System
- Audits conducted of 2012 and 2013 records
- Authorization for new Treasurer on PayPal accounts

MEMBERSHIP

1/1/15: 404 12/31/15: 355

JUDGE'S PANEL

- 3 new judges added to Judges Panel (Ken Rampersaud, Ricardo Gaskin, KJ Brown)

ADMINISTRATIVE

- General Election
- Quarterly Meetings-4
- Special Meetings – 4
- Revised prices for Lifetime Membership
- NFSS registered as 501 C 3 in Oregon
- Installed 5 new officers – Advertising Director, Journal Editor, FinchSave Director, Membership Director, Regional VP
- New PayPal accounts are listed status as non-profit, provided multiple documents to PayPal to get discount transaction fees

CONSERVATION

- Annual Census
- Red Siskin Project and Red Siskin Initiative involvement and support – donation button installed on website

EXHIBITION

- Sponsored Finch/Softbill show at AFA Convention in Chicago, August 2015
- Participated in Annual National Bird Show in St Charles, IL – December 2015
- National Avicultural Award presented to Nancy Ingram for work with Strawberry Finches
- Best Flighted and Unflighted Birds for the year presented to Lori and Demetrius Irwin
- Revised point schedule for NFSS shows
- Revised Judge's Handbook
- Nomination of 3 judges for 2016 NCBS Finch/Softbill Division at NCBS

EDUCATION

- AOA at NCBS 2015
- Judge's jackets for display /promotion
- Sponsored two speakers at August 2015 AFA Convention
- Sponsored 1 Smithsonian speaker at Chicago's December National Show

TECHNOLOGY

- FinchSave groups opened to non-members in FaceBook
- Paula Hansen takes on responsibility of Website, "Captain Charles" added as Assistant
- Old Journals added to electronic archives
- BOD member profiles added to website
- New Band dept items added to website
- Revisions made to Membership and Band order forms
- Periodic updates made to Red Siskin Initiative
- New website host procured and change over of all NFSS information completed
- Set up new Pay Pal accounts and close old
- International shipping charges implemented for PayPal accounts
- Authorization for Treasurer on Pay Pal accounts

PUBLICATIONS

- Roy Beckham agrees to take responsibility for Journal production
- Added Tanya Logan as Editor

ADVERTISING/SALES

- Added "Ring Collector" to Band Dept sale items
- Added EZ rings to sale items
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- Revision of Ad pricing



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Species Profile: Purple Grenadiers

Lauren Ogburn



Native to eastern Africa, the Purple Grenadier (*Uraeginthus ianthinogaster*) is one of nature's masterpieces. The stunning purple against the rich nutmeg brown is only found in this finch species, and its cousin, the Violet-Eared Waxbill.

I have had Purple Grenadiers for about five years and have seen some success with breeding, leading to parent-raised chicks. It's been a long road, with bumps and heartbreaks on the way, however.

Last year (2015), we had seven chicks hatch, receive closed bands, and fledge, and they are now thriving, healthy adults. Today, those chicks are working on starting their own families—some here, and some are shared with other breeders who are working with them.

I am happy for the opportunity to share what has worked, and what has not worked, in my experience for successful parent-raising.

HOUSING

Here at Sunbay, in northeast Florida, birds are housed in indoor large flights, or aviaries. Fashioned with wood and plexiglass, ventilation is wire mesh on top, and one-quarter of the top walls on two sides. Temperature is kept between 70 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit. In cool weather (under 60 degrees), the aviaries get a heat lamp. Plenty of horizontal flight space is available, at least four feet. Silk plants and natural wooden perches decorate and provide perching and privacy. Orchard grass or clean hay is used for the flooring. Full-spectrum lighting is provided, on a timer corresponding to the natural daytime hours. For "nightlights," LED rope-lights are

arranged on the tops of the aviaries. Also on a timer, these lights provide soft, dim light. They do not interfere with sleep but are bright enough so the birds can see in case of night frights.

The Purple Grenadiers are housed with other species. Currently, there are three 6-day-old chicks in a nest, with the parents doing a fabulous job. In the same aviary are Painted Finches, Blue Dacnis, and a Gloster canary.



FOOD AND SUPPLEMENTS

The most important aspect, in my opinion, is to ensure adequate nutrition and attempt to replicate the wild-state diet as closely as possible. YES, they need live food! They have a never-ending supply of mini and small mealworms, in addition to “Phoenix Worms” (a fancy name for black soldier fly larvae). They receive a good-quality finch mix, into which Higgins Snack Attack Fruit and Veggie mix is mixed in. Also, softbill insectivore diet is constantly available. Fresh fruit and vegetables (organic if possible) are offered daily. Some of the Grenadier favorites are: broccoli, carrots (microwaved for 30 seconds, and chopped), kale, cilantro, banana, papaya, grapes, pears, corn on the cob, and oranges. Sprouted or “chitted” seed is also on the daily plate, and is one of the first things to be polished off.

Egg food is a must. There are as many recipes out there as there are bird fanciers. My particular concoction for five food dishes, and around 40 birds, consists of 4–5 hard-boiled eggs, 1 teaspoon of “TurboBooster,” and 1 teaspoon of Miracle Meal. All ingredients get “pulsed” about 10 times in a mini chopper, for a fluffy, not mushy, consistency. This will last me three days, refrigerated.

Commercial dry egg food, F-Vite, and finely chopped eggshells, cuttlebone, and Herb Salad dishes are always available, free-choice.

Fresh drinking water and fresh bathing water are provided every day. For some reason, the hens enjoy multiple baths per day; the males, on the other hand, do not seem to bathe daily. Supplements in the drinking water include Mega-Mix and Dufoplus, alternating with Avigold Advance, with plain water in between.

COURTSHIP AND NESTING

Purple Grenadiers, given the right conditions, will breed all year long. They are given a “time out” for molting, which usually occurs in October-December. The hens seem to go through a much more drastic molt than the males—sometimes resembling a naked-headed turkey.

Purple Grenadiers prefer to nest up high, in a corner. Given a variety of nest choices, they prefer the large, closed-top wicker nests. The male will build the nest, using hay, feathers, coconut fibers, bits of paper towels, or whatever seems attractive at the time. I have not had good experience letting them completely build and use nests they have constructed themselves. The eggs, and even chicks, have fallen through the bottom of the nest. It is best to dismantle those at the beginning, and place a wicker nest where they have started building. They get the idea quickly.

The male does a wonderful courtship dance. He has a delightful song, and will entice the hen to breed, usually after the nest is completed, holding bits of nesting material in his beak, and jumping up and down, all while singing away. The hen will sing as well. Mating takes place either in the nest or out in the open.

Typically, between four and six white eggs are laid. Both parents will incubate. I try not to disturb, or even candle during incubation. When the hen does not budge off the nest, and the male is closely standing by the entrance, I can tell chicks are hatching. After that—it’s pretty much “LEAVE THEM ALONE.” Check the floor of the cage often for tossed chicks. Parents that are repeating generally practice good parenting and don’t toss, unless the chick has died for some reason. First-time parents may toss. I will put babies back one time—if they re-toss, it’s time to hand-raise. I have not had success with Society-raised Purple Grenadiers—the Societies will sit, but do not feed. I have even tried fostering Purple Grenadiers under my Super-Parent Painted Finches—they would have nothing to do with them, and killed them.

After three days, I will do a super-fast nest check. If there are dead chicks, they must be removed. At that time, it’s obvious if the parents are feeding. The chicks will look plump, and the skin has a shiny look under the sparse white fluff. They do not have large crops, as for example Gouldians do. The Purple Grenadier chicks have more of a “tube crop;” they don’t store as much food, and they require more frequent, higher-protein feedings than grass finches do. The black, odd-looking chicks are very quiet. You cannot depend on hearing peeps from the nest, until they are over 2 weeks old. I used to stick my iPhone camera in the nest entrance, but now I have a great Borescope Inspection Camera -- a tiny lighted camera on a flexible tube, with a color display screen. Not expensive, and I don’t know how I lived without it!



BANDING

It's a risk, but so far it has worked out, and the parents didn't skip a beat. Chicks are big enough to close-band at 11–14 days. Eyes are open, and they are pretty much feathered out. I have tried earlier, and the bands slip off. For the bigger chicks, they get a size "D" band. If there are chicks that are smallish, I will try a size "C" first. I will clamp a sheet as a "curtain" in the aviary, shielding the nest from parent's view. Quickly take the nest down, band chicks, and replace. It's hard to resist the temptation to clean the nest, but it's best to keep things as close to how they were as possible.

FLEDGING

The chicks will fledge at around 21 days. The greyish-green chicks will still have beak nodules for another 10–14 days, and will pick at food right away, but will not be fully independent for another month or so. Both parents will still feed, and they will perch for the night all in a row. The chicks will start to get coloring, enough to determine gender, at about 6–7 weeks of age. The males appear to reach sexual maturity at an earlier age than the hens. In my experience, the hens aren't interested in nesting until they are about a year of age.

Purple Grenadiers are a challenging but fascinating and rewarding species to work with. I would love to work with any other breeders to help preserve these wonderful birds. Currently we depend on wild-caught imports in order to have a viable, diverse breeding population here in the U.S. With a network of serious breeders, we can work together to change this. I would love to hear from you!

Lauren Ogburn
 Sunbay Finches and Softbills
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Species Profile: Goldbreast Waxbill

Rebecca Mikel



One of the smallest finches, the Goldbreast Waxbill is an African bird sometimes called the Zebra Waxbill. Both sexes are a coco brown with a gold stomach, but it's quite easy to distinguish the male from the female as he has red eye stripes and red on his rump. The gold on the male's stomach is also much more intense than that of the female. As with some of the Mannikins, watch the toe nails of the Goldbreasts and they grow rapidly (much more so than with other species of Finches) and can very quickly create a situation in which they get caught on materials in the cage/aviary.

I've had good luck some years with my Goldbreasts, and then have them do absolutely nothing the next! I wouldn't consider them "easy" to breed in captivity – yet when they DO decide to cooperate, I've had no problems with them failing to incubate or raise their young and no occurrences of them tossing babies or eggs. It's as if once they make up their mind to be parents, they are not deterred by much of anything. My pairs use coconut fiber to build a dome shaped nest with a small opening at the front or side, and they line the nest with white feathers. They've used both open cup nests to build these dome shaped nests, but have also woven similar shaped nests into the branches of evergreens in the aviary.

I feed Goldbreasts a similar diet to my other finches – a good quality seed mix, combined with niger, and a dried insect mix. I also feed my home made egg food which is hard boiled eggs mashed and then combined with a commercial dried egg food mix until "crumbly". When incubating eggs or feeding young, the Goldbreasts will consume several meal worms a day. However, when not nesting or incubating,

they seldom eat the live food I've offered them and I discontinue it at that point. They will take a bit of apple, but seem to prefer finely chopped green vegetables to any combination of fruit I've offered.

Both parents share in the incubation of the eggs and feeding of the young. I usually get 3-4 eggs which are very tiny. Incubation is 10-12 days and when hatched the babies are extremely tiny. So small in fact that they will wiggle or fly right through the bars of a standard cage. For this reason, I keep Goldbreasts in flights constructed of 1/4" mesh or one covered with house-type screen. I usually wait until the babies are fledged (and then some) before applying leg bands, and still have no difficulty getting an "A" sized band on them. Applying the bands while the still in the nest has resulted in their slipping the bands and I had to reapply with new bands later. If showing Goldbreasts in exhibition, you need to make sure your show cage is one with the wires with the smallest amount of spread – they will slip through the smallest of openings.

Goldbreasts do have a song, but it's quiet and is more of a cheerful "peeping" back and forth, which is actually quite pleasing – like the tinkling of a little bell. They're another great addition to the bird room but I'm very careful about mixing them with other species – even in large aviaries with places to hide- simply because they are SO tiny and I worry about one of the other, larger species harming them. While they are a species that used to be quite common, I don't see so many of them around these days and would encourage those of you who ARE working with them, to continue to do so.

Rebecca lives in SW Michigan with her husband, Andrew; her dog, Toby; several finches & parakeets, chickens, horses, and 2 cats – Frieda and Freddy The Freeloaders. She serves as President of the NFSS, is a member of the BOD of NBS, a member of the Michigan Society of Canary and Finch Breeders and Michiana Bird Society.



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To Pellet or not to Pellet Do pellets have a place in the finch diet?



Tanya Logan

Processed foods, or “pellet” foods for birds arrived on the scene in the United States in the early 1980s. Breeders instantly embraced them, based partly on claims of the advertising campaigns put out by the manufacturers. Pet bird owners followed suit, and bird rescue outfits highly recommended them as “the best” food on the market, quickly converting the seed-only birds they rescued into pellet eaters. Since then breeders and pet bird owners have had a love-hate relationship with the concept of a pellet-based diet. You’ll find heated debates and valid arguments on both sides.

Are pellets the easy key diet for birds, as touted by the manufacturers? If you’re one of those who always says, “but they don’t do that in the wild,” then you might eschew pellets because there are no pellet trees in Australia. One avian professional likened feeding a dry pellet diet to using “a crushed vitamin and mineral supplement without the fresh foods required for digesting and assimilating it.” On the other hand, it feels familiar to serve your pet a meal-in-a-bag, and they’re labeled nutritionally complete. Plus, we are told that birds live longer if they eat pellets. So who’s right?

A Short History

Early on, we fed “pellets” that were largely based on monkey biscuits, trying to coax our birds into eating them by adding infant cereal or even peanut butter. Those first attempts were colossal failures, overloading our unsuspecting birds on salt, fat and Vitamin D3. Dr. Ted Lafeber Sr. developed his first pellets in 1975 in response to the malnutrition he saw in his veterinary practice.

The extrusion process developed in the 1980s helped to increase both digestibility and shelf life of manufactured food. There was still the issue of

palatability, so sugars were added for taste and colors were added to enhance appeal—probably more for the owners than the birds themselves.

About the same time research showed that malnutrition made up around 90% of avian clinical cases. With all the advancements in education, nutrition and manufacturing, that number has not changed significantly. For all the efforts made by breeders and owners, our birds still lack nutritionally complete diets. This could be due to the birds' habit of selecting what they like from the mix. It could also be due to a lack of scientific studies on the avian diet—and when studies have been conducted, they have primarily focused on the parrot family, which arguably have different requirements than their smaller cousins.

The Animal Medical Center of New York says that a formulated diet must comprise over 75% of the total diet in order to be effective. This is difficult for several reasons:

- We offer extra foods as treats
- We feed supplements, like dry or wet egg food
- Our birds choose certain parts of the diet while ignoring others.

In one Journal of Avian Medicine study, researchers fed 50% produce, 25% pellets and 25% seed, but even that was low in calcium, sodium and iron, and high in fat. Also, not knowing they needed to consume this diet equally, the birds chose the “wrong” foods.

The Argument for Pellets

There's certainly a good argument for the use of pellets in the diet. They offer a nutritionally complete food, if we are to believe the manufacturers. Pellets are a really easy way of feeding; just like cat food, we simply scoop and serve.

Pellets are generally insect-free (I say generally; I bought one recently full of beetles), unlike bags of seed which often contain moths. They're free of pesticides, another bothersome ingredient in our seed bags. They contain added vitamins and iron that our birds need. And pellets do not spoil as fast as fresh foods, which is especially important for breeders in hot, humid areas.

The Argument against Pellets

If you've tried feeding pellets, you already know how difficult it can be to get birds to eat them. I have a parrot who's been fighting me for two years on a high quality brand of all-natural pellets. I finally gave up and bought him not-so-natural colored ones; now he only eats the purple.

Nutritionally, it is difficult to address the needs of the entire flock, i.e., adults, breeding adults, and chicks all need a different balance. Plus, pellets could become boring over time.



The bio-availability of some ingredients may be poor. In particular I am thinking of calcium, which may not survive the extrusion process. It's difficult to know, and worse, nutritional research in general only compares a pellet-based diet to a seed-only diet, which is problematic for owners trying to determine the true advantage.

Manufacturers can change and have changed ingredients mid-stream, which wrecks havoc with our breeding programs since they aren't required to tell us they have made a change.

Pellets are extremely dry – will the bird take in enough liquid to offset that? Do your own experiment by soaking pellets in water and feeling how soft or hard they become – some remain so hard my Gouldians won't touch them even after soaking and chopping.

A Pellet is not a Pellet

Even discussing “pellets” is an over-generalization, as all pellets are not created equal. The percentage of protein can vary from 11% to 18%. The dye could be made from beet juice, or an artificial color derived from coal tar dye. A formula made from bleached flour and by-products pumped full of artificial color is quite different from one with organic ingredients that are free of chemicals and pesticides.

A quick glance shows that Lafeber touts their pellets as being free of artificial dyes, but they've coated them with molasses (sugar). Harrison's points to their USDA organic and non-GMO verified seals, as well as their founder being an avian veterinarian. Mazuri offers a better-than-pellet formula which is said to be

more digestible and produces less waste than others; they also manufacture the most variations aimed at specific bird families and life phases, and work closely with exotic animal researchers. And there are hundreds of smaller companies competing for your business.

A Holistic Approach

Our birds are in a sense our own individual, statistically uncontrolled science experiments. We rely on manufacturers to tell us whether their products are “good enough” to sustain avian health. We trust them to add useful synthetic vitamins, and to use preservatives and colors that won’t harm our birds. It may or may not happen.

At some point, the “what they do in the wild” argument has to be laid to rest. They’re not in the wild; they’re in our aviaries or cages. Even at our best, we can’t provide everything they could find in a typical 24 hours of foraging. However, we have science and the Internet at our fingertips and, at least in theory, can give them something even better than what they’d have in the wild.

Dr. Alex Villareal, who practices veterinary medicine and raises finches in Southwest Florida, sums up the best approach. He says, “Avian diets vary as much as the species itself. To say that all finches’ and canaries’ (or other seed-eating birds’) dietary needs are met by one type of pellet would be foolish. That is not to say that I don’t recommend them, but certainly not as a single source diet. I recommend a varied seed diet along with pellets, fruit, vegetables and dry egg food. During the breeding season, I usually add moistened pellets to my fresh egg food.”

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East Coast Exhibitors						Country		Charlotte, NC	
DATE:		4/11/15		Country		JUDGE:		Kenneth Gunby	
ENTRIES:		23		EXHIBITORS:		4			
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	FAWN	IT	14		133	Van To	14045	4	
2nd	OWL					Duc To		3	
3rd	NG	NFS	14	E	3329	Van To	14045	2	
4th	LB	FCF	15		969	Van To	14045	1	
5th	LB					Van To	14045	0	
6th	NG	NFS	15	E	3833	Duc To		0	
7th	Yellow Wings (?)					Van To	14045	0	
8th	RH-WB-Nor.					Christine Orowitz	14098	0	
9th	CFW	NFS	15	E	3356	Van To	14045	0	
10th	RHPBDIF (?)					Christine Orowitz	14098	0	
1st Unflighted	N/A							0	
1st Novice	N/A							0	
Best Junior	N/A							0	

Apprentice Judge: Hiram Rampersaud
 JUDGE
 COMMENT:

Puerto Rico Zebra Finch Club						Country		Quebradillos	
DATE:		6/27-28/15		Country		JUDGE:		Puerto Rico	
ENTRIES:		289		EXHIBITORS:		26		Hizam Ali	
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	Dominant Silver Hen	NFS	2015	E	526	Gene Perez	14100	22	
2nd	RH-WB Gouldian	NFS	2015	D	39	Gene Perez	14100	23	
3rd	Fawn Society	NFS	2013	C	273	Hector Tosado		21	
4th	Fawn Zebra Male	NFS	2015	E	1551	John Bacz		20	
5th	Penguin Zebra Male	NFSS	2015	E	589	Gene Perez	14100	19	
6th	Normal Zebra Male					Alexander Rivers		18	
7th	Black Brown Euro Society	NFS	2015	C	472	Wagner Pineiro		17	
8th	RH-Nor. Gouldian					Edwin Franki		16	
9th	Light Back Zebra Male	NFS	2015	E	358	Torge Molica		15	
10th	Society Chocolate	NFS	2014	C	1025	Tadiel Colon		14	
1st Unflighted	Dominant Silver Hen	NFS	2015	E	526	Gene Perez	14100	0	
1st Novice	N/A							0	
Best Junior	N/A							0	

Apprentice Judge:
 JUDGE: Congratulations to all the exhibitors Strong group of zebra and society also gouldian finch excellent condition
 COMMENT:

American Federation of Aviculture						Country		Chicago, IL	
DATE:		8/1/15		Country		JUDGE:		Laura Tinker	
ENTRIES:		36		EXHIBITORS:		3			
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	Crimson Pileated					Rebecca Mikel	5510	5	
2nd	Silverbill					Susan Stieve	11047	4	
3rd	Orange Weaver					Susan Stieve	11047	3	
4th	Yellow Bishop Weaver					Susan Stieve	11047	2	
5th	Gouldian					Susan Stieve	11047	1	
6th	Spotted Tanager					Rebecca Mikel	5510	0	
7th	Chestnut Brst Mannikin					Susan Stieve	11047	0	
8th	CFW Zebra					Susan Stieve	11047	0	
9th	Cherry/Plumhead					Susan Stieve	11047	0	
10th	Gouldian					Susan Stieve	11047	0	
1st Unflighted	N/A							0	
1st Novice	N/A							0	
Best Junior	N/A							0	
Judge Special	Spotted Tanager					Rebecca Mikel	5510	0	

Apprentice Judge: Ricardo Gaskin
 JUDGE: Nice variety today. One softbill, one zebra finch, one society, seventeen africans. Beautiful tanager, many weavers in great condition. Nice show!
 COMMENT:

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Birds of a Feather Manchester, NH						Country JUDGE: C L Voronovitch EXHIBITORS: 1		
DATE: 9/12/15								
ENTRIES: 3								
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	BH/WB/YB Gould		15		3911	Tiago Pacho		0
2nd	RH/PB/Pastel Gould		15		3713	Tiago Pacho		0
3rd	RH/PB/YB Gould		15		3710	Tiago Pacho		0
4th	N/A							
5th	N/A							
6th	N/A							
7th	N/A							
8th	N/A							
9th	N/A							
10th	N/A							
1st UnFlighted	N/A							
1st Novice	N/A							
Best Junior	N/A							

Apprentice Judge: Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud
 JUDGE: Nice birds with a few condition faults, spoke to exhibitor and gave advice about conditioning birds prior to show.
 COMMENT:

AEBIC Seguin, TX						Country JUDGE: Clarence Culwell EXHIBITORS: 3		
DATE: 9/12/15								
ENTRIES: 94								
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	Blue Faced Parrot Finch	NFS	15	D	186	Laurie Erwin	7004	11
2nd	Silver Gouldian	NFS	15	D	624	Laurie Erwin	7004	10
3rd	Chestnut Society	NFS	09	D	6275	Cheryl Burns	05607/05608	9
4th	Chocolate Society	NFS	14	D	1733	Cheryl Burns	05607/05608	8
5th	Chestnut Breasted Manakin					Laurie Erwin	7004	7
6th	Blue Faced Parrot Finch					Laurie Erwin	7004	6
7th	OH WB YB Gouldian					Laurie Erwin	7004	5
8th	Chocolate Society	NFS	12	D	00651	Cheryl Burns	05607/05608	4
9th	Silver Whitetail Diamond Dove	NFS	15	L	821	Cheryl Burns	05607/05608	3
10th	Cherry Finch	NFS	15	D	1704	Cheryl Burns	05607/05608	2
1st UnFlighted	Blue Faced Parrot Finch	NFS	15	D	186	Laurie Erwin	7004	0
1st Novice	N/A							0
Best Junior	N/A							0

Apprentice Judge:
 JUDGE:
 COMMENT:

Fort Worth Bird Club Cleburn, TX						Country JUDGE: Clarence Culwell EXHIBITORS: 7		
DATE: 9/19/15								
ENTRIES: 156								
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	Self Chestnut Society	NFS	09	D	6275	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	34
2nd	Blue-Faced Parrot	NFS	15	D	186	Laurie Erwin	7004	32
3rd	Purple Grenadier					Sally Porter	5636	30
4th	Self Chocolate Society	NFS	14	D	1733	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	28
5th	Fawn Owl					Rachelle Trollinger	4043	26
6th	Silver Gouldian	NFS	15	D	624	Laurie Erwin	7004	24
7th	Blue Capped Cordon Bleu					Sally Porter	5636	22
8th	YB-PB Gouldian					Laurie Erwin	7004	20
9th	Self Chestnut Society	NFS	14	D	1738	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	18
10th	Mutation Star	NFS	14	D	2623	Helen Hoffman	9156	16
1st UnFlighted	Blue-Faced Parrot	NFS	15	D	186	Laurie Erwin	7004	0
1st Novice	Fawn Owl					Rachelle Trollinger	4043	0
Best Junior	N/A							0

Apprentice Judge: Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud
 JUDGE: COMMENT:
 COMMENT:

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New York Finch Brooklyn, NY						Country JUDGE: Armando Lee			
DATE:	9/26/15					EXHIBITORS:	19		
ENTRIES:	150								
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	Blue Gouldian	FCC	2015		911	Nizam Ali	2612	16	
2nd	Fawn Zebra	FCC	2014			Christian Mylor		15	
3rd	Peter Twin Spot					Viorel Moise		14	
4th	Shaft Tail		2014		487	Cayo Quinalia		13	
5th	Blue Face Parrot Finch				156	Laurie Erwin	7004	12	
6th	Green Singer	FCC	2015		228	Nizam Ali	2612	11	
7th	Goal Finch Siberian					Viorel Moise		10	
8th	Society Finch	FCC	2015			Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud	5142	9	
9th	Black Head Gould	FCC	2015		916	Nizam Ali	2612	8	
10th	CFW Female	FCC	2015		872	Jose Urrutia	14131	7	
1st Unflighted	N/A							0	
1st Novice	N/A							0	
Best Junior	Shaft Tail					Cayo Quinalia		0	

Apprentice Judge: Ricardo Gaskin
 JUDGE
 COMMENT:

Houston Canary + Finch Soc. Houston, TX						Country JUDGE: Laura Watkins			
DATE:	10/10/15					EXHIBITORS:	7		
ENTRIES:	136								
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	Blue-Faced Parrot					Laurie Erwin	7004	15	
2nd	Dilute Chestnut Society	NFS	2015	D	1726	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	14	
3rd	Purple Grenadier					Sally Porter	5636	13	
4th	Blue-Faced Parrot	NFS	2015	D	186	Laurie Erwin	7004	12	
5th	RH Nor. Gouldian Male					Alicia Baker		11	
6th	Star Finch					Helen Hoffman	9156	10	
7th	Cherry Finch	NFS	2015	D	1706	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	9	
8th	RH-WB Nor. Gouldian					Alicia Baker		8	
9th	Self Chestnut Society	NFS	2015	D	1723	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	7	
10th	Ino Society	NFS	2013	D	00794	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	6	
1st Unflighted	Dilute Chestnut Society	NFS	2015	D	1726	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	0	
1st Novice	RH Nor. Gouldian Male					Alicia Baker		0	
Best Junior	N/A							0	

Apprentice Judge:
 JUDGE: Wonderful selection of birds, several large sections. A number of species rarely seen on a show bench, and in excellent condition. Always a treat to come to Texas - great birds and great people.
 COMMENT:

Kings Co. Canary Club Brooklyn, NY						Country JUDGE: Nizam Ali			
DATE:	10/10/15					EXHIBITORS:	15		
ENTRIES:	53								
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	Redheaded Parrot Finch					Mike Ruiz		7	
2nd	Female Fawn Hen Zebra					Chris Taylor		6	
3rd	Saffron Finch					Joseph Yee		5	
4th	Euro Society (black/brown)					Chris Taylor		4	
5th	Fawn Zebra Cock				925	Jose Urrutia	14131	3	
6th	RH Nor. Gouldian					Chris Taylor		2	
7th	Fawn Zebra Cock				926	Jose Urrutia	14131	1	
8th	Normal Parson Finch					Abe Ogir		0	
9th	Fawn Java					Chris Taylor		0	
10th	Pied Normal Zebra				1327	Jose Urrutia	14131	0	
1st Unflighted	FC Zebra Male					Jose Urrutia	14131	0	
1st Novice	N/A							0	
Best Junior	N/A							0	

Apprentice Judge:
 JUDGE
 COMMENT:

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Suncoast Canary + Finch Club Punta Gorda, FL						Country JUDGE: Armando Lee	Regional Show #2		
DATE: 10/11/15						EXHIBITORS: 13			
ENTRIES: 115									
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	Owl Finch				3416	Van To	14045	26	
2nd	Zebra Finch				1552	Van To	14045	24	
3rd	Purple Grenadier					Lauren Ogburn	13057	22	
4th	Fire Finch					Lauren Ogburn	13057	20	
5th	RH WB Gould					Anita Philips		18	
6th	Blue Gould Pair					Osmani Rodriguez		16	
7th	Parson Finch					Santos Flores	14067	14	
8th	RH Gouldian					Santos Flores	14067	12	
9th	Zebra Finch				3942	Van To	14045	10	
10th	Chestnut Society				644	Alex Villarreal	5556	8	
1st UnFlighted	Owl Finch				3416	Van To	14045	0	
1st Novice	Fire Finch					Lauren Ogburn	13057	0	
Best Junior	N/A							0	

Apprentice Judge: Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud
 JUDGE: Good 2 day show good birds good competition. Had 2 novices with good condition. Judge's choice 1 pr blue gouldian. Osmani Rodriguez
 COMMENT:

Cascade Canary Breeders Assn Munroe, WA						Country JUDGE: Alfredo Brugueras			
DATE: 10/17/15						EXHIBITORS: 8			
ENTRIES: 51									
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	7	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	Society, Black-Brown Euro					Lori Wilkinson	12049	6	
2nd	Java, Grey					Ivan & Claudia Montes		5	
3rd	CFW Zebra Male					Doug White	4483	4	
4th	D-S Zebra					Doug White	4483	3	
5th	BH Nor. Gouldian					Lori Wilkinson		2	
6th	Tri-Color Nun					Ivan & Claudia Montes		1	
7th	Cutthroat F					Ivan & Claudia Montes		0	
8th	Red-billed Firefinch pair					Lori Wilkinson	12049	0	
9th	Society, Black-Brown					Lori Wilkinson	12049	0	
10th	Button Quail					Sandra Fote		0	
1st UnFlighted	Zebra Finch, Dominant Silver					Doug White	4483	0	
1st Novice	Society, Black-Brown					Lori Wilkinson	12049	0	
Best Junior	Society, Fawn&White					Dezirae Lord	9147	0	

Apprentice Judge: K.J. Brown
 JUDGE: Excellent Group of Birds lots of public. Good Club. A Novice had 5 birds in top 10.
 COMMENT:

Mass. Cage Bird Assoc.						Country JUDGE: Laura Tinker			
DATE: 10/17/15						EXHIBITORS: 6			
ENTRIES: 21									
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	Normal Zebra Female	NFS	2015		937	Jose Urrutia	14131	4	
2nd	Normal Zebra Male	NFS	2015		856	Jose Urrutia	14131	3	
3rd	Fawn Zebra Male	NFS	2015		911	Jose Urrutia	14131	2	
4th	Gouldian BH PB YB	SEM	2015		3735	Tiago Pacheco		1	
5th	Green Singer Male	FCC	2015		1155	Katy Secor		0	
6th	Gouldian RH WB YB	RMC	2015		09	Jacinto Calisto		0	
7th	Dom. Silver Zebra Female	NFS	2015		5	Jose Urrutia	14131	0	
8th	Gouldian BH PB BB	SEM	2015		3730	Tiago Pacheco		0	
9th	Fawn cheek Zebra Male	NFS	2015		925	Jose Urrutia	14131	0	
10th	CFW Zebra Male	NFS	2015		926	Jose Urrutia	14131	0	
1st UnFlighted	Normal Zebra Female	NFS	2015		937	Jose Urrutia	14131	0	
1st Novice	Gouldian BH PB YB	SEM	2015		3735	Tiago Pacheco		0	
Best Junior	N/A							0	

Apprentice Judge:
 JUDGE: Judges Special cage 2060 7th Dom. Silver Zebra. A small show, yet the quality of the zebras was impressive.
 COMMENT:

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Baltimore Bird Fanciers Baltimore						Country JUDGE: Nizam Ali EXHIBITORS: 4			Regional Show #1	
DATE: 10/17/15		ENTRIES: 21								
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS		
		Club	Year	Size	#					
1st	Society Finch	JFL	15		633	Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud	5142	8		
2nd	Parson Finch		13		806	Abe Ogin		6		
3rd	Zebra Male	FCL	15		491	Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud	5142	4		
4th	BH Gouldian		14			Steven Funk	10141	2		
5th	Gouldian Finch					Steven Funk	10141	0		
6th	Red Head Star Finch	NFS			99	Steven Funk	10141	0		
7th	Blue Back Gouldian	FCL	15		22	Abe Ogin		0		
8th	Chestnut Society	FCL	15			Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud	5142	0		
9th	Shaft Tail					Steven Funk	10141	0		
10th	BH Gouldian					Steven Funk	10141	0		
1st UnFlighted	Shaft Tail				9	Steven Funk	10141	0		
1st Novice	N/A							0		
Best Junior	N/A							0		

Apprentice Judge:
JUDGE
COMMENT:

Society of Canary + Finch Livonia, MI						Country JUDGE: Bob Peers EXHIBITORS: 9			Regional Show #3	
DATE: 10/24/15		ENTRIES: 84								
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS		
		Club	Year	Size	#					
1st	Redbill Fire	NFSS	2014	A	678	Rebecca Mikel	5510	20		
2nd	Speckled Tanager					Rebecca Mikel	5510	18		
3rd	RH Normal Gould Cock					Susan Stieve	11047	16		
4th	Silverbill (AF.)					Susan Stieve	11047	14		
5th	Crimson Pileated					Rebecca Mikel	5510	12		
6th	OH Dilute Gouldian Cock					Susan Stieve	11047	10		
7th	Orange Cheek					Kristen Reeve	5892	8		
8th	Cut Throat					Susan Stieve	11047	6		
9th	BF Parrot Finch					Rebecca Mikel	5510	4		
10th	Speckled Tanager					Rebecca Mikel	5510	2		
1st UnFlighted	N/A							0		
1st Novice	Normal Shafttail					Roger Rotarius	5485	0		
Best Junior	N/A							0		

Apprentice Judge: Ricardo Gaskin
JUDGE: Awesome African section and some nice gouldians. The club goes above and beyond to make everyone feel welcome. Ricky Gaskin did a good job apprenticing.
COMMENT:

Columbia Canary + Finch Clackamas, OR						Country JUDGE: Sally Huntington EXHIBITORS: 9			Regional Show #3	
DATE: 11/7/15		ENTRIES: 33								
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS		
		Club	Year	Size	#					
1st	Gouldian Silver BP/BH					Kelsey Weyland	14132	5		
2nd	Euro Blk/Grey Society	NFS	2015		4422	Hector Diaz	10140	4		
3rd	Siskin	NFS	2015		4344	Hector Diaz	10140	3		
4th	Pair of Strawberry	NFS	2014	A	0012/18	Chelzie Gitzen		2		
5th	Cream Uno					Hector Diaz	10140	1		
6th	Ring Neck Dove					Beth Murphy		0		
7th	Society Fawn/White	NFS	2014		7232	Dezira Lord	9147	0		
8th	Mousebird					Kelsey Weyland	14132	0		
9th	Strawberry	NFS	2013		0178	Nancy Ingram	4700	0		
10th	OH Nor Gouldian					Nina Rapp	13093	0		
1st UnFlighted	Siskin	NFS	2015		4344	Hector Diaz	10140	0		
1st Novice	Gouldian Silver BP/BH					Kelsey Weyland	14132	0		
Best Junior	Society Tricolor	NFS	2014	D	7128	Dezira Lord	9147	0		

Apprentice Judge: K.J.Brown
JUDGE: Even with a smaller entry there were 9 exhibitors and nine different classes including silkie ringneck doves and a lovely PB/BH silver gouldian. K.J. Brown did well in his last apprenticeship.
COMMENT:

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ACF Winter Show						Country	Puerto Rico	
Caguas						JUDGE:	Laura Tinker	
DATE:		11/6-8/2015		ENTRIES:		329		
						EXHIBITORS:	25	
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	Fawn Hen Zebra	NFSS	15	D	379	Hirram Morales	5060	23
2nd	CFW Cock Zebra	NFSS	15	D	1363	Hirram Morales	5060	22
3rd	Fawn Pair Zebra	ACF	15	D	1570/83	C. Mendez		21
4th	Diluted Gouldian	ACF	15	D	164	C. Rivera		20
5th	YH-PB-Green Gouldian	ACF	15	D	2195	T. Camacho		19
6th	Fawn Cock Zebra	NFSS	15	D	1238	Hirram Morales	5060	18
7th	Diluted Chestnut Society	ACF	15	D	137	Tomy Rviz		17
8th	Diluted Gouldian	ACF	15	D	292	Juan Alicea	8081	16
9th	RH-WB Green Gouldian	ACF	15	D	328	Juan Nieves		15
10th	Gray Hen Zebra	NFSS	15	D	1208	Hirram Morales	5060	14
1st UnFlighted	Fawn Hen Zebra	ACF	15	D	379	Hirram Morales	5060	0
1st Novice	RH-PB-YB Gouldian	ACF	15	D	1521	Urbano Perez		0
Best Junior	Cutthroat	ACF	15	D	116	Eddie Cross Jr		0

Apprentice Judge: Gene Perez
 JUDGE Beautiful birds at the show. Top quality. There were two divisions. The unflighted was used for NFSS show report with 329 birds. There were 58 more birds in the open division also making the total 387 birds! Congratulations to all the exhibitors - some beauties that did not make top

TBBFA						Country	Alfredo Bruguera	
Temple, TX						JUDGE:	6	
DATE:		11/7/15		ENTRIES:		112		
						EXHIBITORS:	6	
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	YB-PB Gouldian					Laurie Erwin	7004	13
2nd	White-Hooded Nun	NFS	2013	E	301	Laurie Erwin	7004	12
3rd	YB-PB Gouldian					Laurie Erwin	7004	11
4th	Blue-Capped Cordon Bleu					Sally Porter	5636	10
5th	Self Chocolate Society	NFS	2012	D	00651	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	9
6th	Purple Grenadier					Sally Porter	5636	8
7th	Cherry	NFS	2015	D	1706	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	7
8th	Star	NFS	2015		455	Hellen Hoffman	9156	6
9th	Blue Faced Parrot					Laurie Erwin	7004	5
10th	European Goldfinch					Laurie Erwin	7004	4
1st UnFlighted	Cherry	NFS	2015	D	1706	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	0
1st Novice	Owl Finch					Jan Cherey		0
Best Junior	N/A							0

Apprentice Judge:
 JUDGE Excellent showing, 112 entries. Very good birds in really good condition. The best Gouldians, I have seen lately. Very good.

Puerto Rico Zebra Finch Club						Country	Puerto Rico	
Arecibo						JUDGE:	Bob Peers	
DATE:		11/21/15		ENTRIES:		207		
						EXHIBITORS:	29	
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	Fawn Zebra Male	ACF	2015	D		Ismael Perez		22
2nd	RH, WB Gouldian	NFS	2015	D		Gene Perez	14100	21
3rd	Black-brown Society	ACF	2015	D		Carlos Mendez	#09132	20
4th	Fawn-cheek Zebra					Edwin Garcia		19
5th	Lightback Zebra Male					Edwin Garcia		18
6th	Penquin Zebra Male					Gene Perez	14100	17
7th	RH, WB Gouldian	NFS	2015	D		Gene Perez	14100	16
8th	Pied Zebra					Ramses Colon		15
9th	Normal Zebra Female					Carlos Mendez	#09132	14
10th	Fawn Zebra Female	ACF	2015	D		Carlos Mendez	#09132	13
1st UnFlighted	Fawn Zebra Male	ACF	2015	D		Ismael Perez		
1st Novice	Fawn Zebra Male	ACF	2015	D		Ismael Perez		
Best Junior	N/A							

Apprentice Judge:
 JUDGE Some very nice birds especially for the weather conditions. A wonderful club and they put on a great show. Exhibitors are a very knowledgeable. And Thanks for treating the judge so well.

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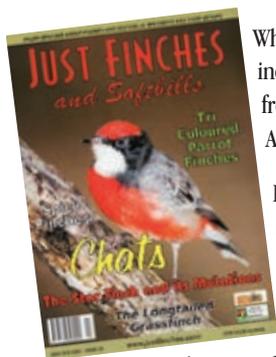
National Bird Show St. Charles, IL						Country JUDGE: Clarence Culwell			
DATE: 12/4/15						EXHIBITORS: 27			
ENTRIES: 207									
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	Parson					Abraham Ogir		22	
2nd	Pekin Robin	NFSS	2011	J	001	Sally/Vince Huntington	2238	21	
3rd	BF Parrot Finch					Rebecca Mikel	5510	20	
4th	Grey Zebra Male	NFSS	2015		100	Sally/Vince Huntington	2238	19	
5th	Yellow PB Gouldian					Laurie Erwin	7004	18	
6th	Euro BL/BR Society					Dennis Burhans	430	17	
7th	Shaftail	NFSS	2015		84	Vince/Kendra Moase	513	16	
8th	PR BLK/BR Society					Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud	5142	15	
9th	RH Parrot Finch	CFS			23	Mike Manley	4029	14	
10th	Grey Zebra Male					Carlos Mendez		13	
1st Unflighted	Grey Zebra Male	NFSS	2015		100	Sally/Vince Huntington	2238	0	
1st Novice	N/A							0	
Best Junior	N/A							0	

Apprentice Judge:
 JUDGE: Birds were excellent. Very pleased with my top bench. Gallery was wonderful.
 COMMENT:

Florida Canary Fanciers Orlando, FL						Country JUDGE: Kenneth Gunby			
DATE: 12/12/15						EXHIBITORS: 4			
ENTRIES: 65									
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	Fawn Zebra					Van To	14045	8	
2nd	Isabelle Shaftail					Anita Phillips		7	
3rd	Normal Zebra					Van To	14045	6	
4th	Blue Daenis					Lauren Ogburn	13057	5	
5th	Chocolate Self Society					Van To	14045	4	
6th	Normal Shaftail					Anita Phillips		3	
7th	CCF Zebra					Van To	14045	2	
8th	Owl					Van To	14045	1	
9th	RH Nor. WB Gouldian					Anita Phillips		0	
10th	Lightback Zebra					Van To	14045	0	
1st Unflighted	Normal Zebra					Van To	14045	0	
1st Novice	Isabelle Shaftail					Anita Phillips		0	
Best Junior	N/A							0	

Apprentice Judge:
 JUDGE: Great show! Very helpful staff.
 COMMENT:

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In Memoriam Ignacio Joaquin Perea

Ignacio Joaquin Perea, 84, passed away on April 26, 2016 surrounded by his family at his home in Miami, Florida. He was born on February 23, 1932 in Havana, Cuba to Gabriel and Mercedes (Frias) Perea.



Ignacio grew up in Cuba and at the age of 24 left the island due to its uncertain political and economic future. With little more than the clothes on his back and the spare change in his pockets, he found a job as a hair stylist. He married his wife of 57 years and fellow hair stylist, Maria Teresa, in 1959. A few years later they opened their very own salon together. Although the salon business was successful, Ignacio yearned for a different career path. An avid bird enthusiast and breeder, Ignacio

took a leap of faith and opened a pet store in 1972 that specialized in pet birds. It was here that he began blending pet bird and small animal foods into a highly successful business that would later leave its pet store roots and create Higgins Premium Pet Foods. Forty four years later, Higgins is still family owned and now one of the nationally recognized premium bird/small animal pet food businesses in the country.

Ignacio enjoyed boating, fishing, shooting, traveling, and bird breeding most of all. After years of competing as a member of the National Bird Show and winning numerous awards, including the Best in Division Award, he became a Director on the show's board and international bird judge. One of his proudest accomplishments was in 2002 when his company, Higgins Premium Pet Foods, took over the sponsorship of the National Bird Show and still remains the sponsor 14 years later.

Ignacio is survived by his spouse Maria Teresa; his daughter Suzanne Perea (and husband Dean Reyes), his son Andres Perea (and wife Jennifer Perea), and his son Ignacio Perea, Jr.; his sister Mercedes Covelli of Victorville, California; his grandchildren Sabrina, Jean, Nicolas, Phoebe, Andres and Alexandra; his nieces and nephews and other relatives.

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West Coast Zebra and Society Finch - NFSS Speciality Club

Meetings: None

Website: www.efinch.com/show

EVENT 1

Show: West Coast Zebra and Society Finch, August 5-6, 2016

Location: La Quinta Inn, 200 Jibboom St, Sacramento, CA- 916-448-8100

Manager: Richard Renshaw

Email: rrenshaw@yahoo.com

Judge: KJ Brown

Division: Standard Zebras, Rare Zebras, Standard Societies, Rare Societies

Finch Society of San Diego County

Meetings: TBA

Location: Poway Elks Lodge, 13219 Poway Road, Poway, CA

Website: www.finchsocietyofsandiego.com

Email: sdfinchsociety@gmail.com

Central California Cage Bird Club

Meetings: 3rd Sunday of month

Location: Stanislaus Ag Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA

Website: www.mycccbc.org

Club Email: terryr@mycccbc.org

EVENT 1

Show—CCCBC 63rd- Annual Show & Fair , October 29, 2016

Location: Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 N. Broadway Bldg. E-2, Turlock, CA

Manager: Darrell Brewer / Terry Ryan

Phone: 209 969-9030

Email: terryr@mycccbc.org

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EVENT 1

Show – Cromwell Plaza/Radisson, Cromwell, CT August 6, 2016

Manager: Julie

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Divisions: ACS, ALBS, NAPS, NCS, NFSS, SPBE

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EVENT 2

Conference – American Federation of Aviculture, 43rd Annual Conference & Bird Expo - August 4 - 6, 2016
Location: Cromwell Plaza/Radisson, Cromwell, CT
Website: www.LoryLeague.org

FLORIDA

Suncoast Canary & Finch Club

Meetings: 1st Wed. Of month, 1419 Collingswood Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33948
Website: www.suncoastcanaryandfinchclub.com
Email: vetagator@yahoo.com

EVENT1

Annual Canary and Finch Show –Saturday & Sunday October 8&9, 2016
Location: Charlotte County Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor St.,
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
Finch Judge: Nizam Ali
Type & Stafford Judge: Regina McCarthy
Lipochrome, Melanin and New Color Judges: TBA

Florida Canary Fanciers, Inc.

Meetings: 3 rd Sunday Every Other Month 2:00pm
Website: www.floridacanaryfanciers.com
Email: RudiTour@aol.com

EVENT 1

Show– Florida Canary Fanciers 20th Annual Show, December 10, 2016
Judge: Kenneth Gunby
Location: Ramada Gateway Hotel, 7470 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy,
Kissimmee, FL 34747
Show Manager: Mike Corbeil
Phone: 407-468-4255
Email: RudiTour@aol.com
Other Divisions: Canary- Colorbred, Song (12/9-11th), & Type

Treasure Coast Exotic Bird Club

Meetings: 4th Sunday of Month, Port Salerno Civic Center, 4710 Anchor Ave.,
Port Salerno FL
Email: jim.dwyer@netzero.net

EVENT 1

Expo–Treasure Coast Exotic Bird Expo, March 20, 2016
Location: Martin Co. Fairground, Stuart, FL, 2612 SE Dixie Hwy
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ILLINOIS

National Bird Show 2016

Phone: 800-474-3272

Website: www.ncbs.org

Show: The 68th National Bird Show December 1-3, 2016

Location: Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 East Main Street, Saint Charles, IL

Judges:

Division 1 Borders: Vlentino Cherobini - England

Division 2 Glosters: Pietro Tellaroli - Italy

Division 3 Type: Keith Ferry - England

Division 4 Old Variety: Kevin McCullum, New York

Division 5 American Type: Bonnie Cain - Ohio

Division 6 Fife Fancy: Hank Snoeren - Holland

Division 7 Staffords: Stephen Berrill - England

Division 8 Lipochorome Colorbred: Anotonio Sanz - Spain

Division 9 Melanin Classic Colorbred: Javier Soriano - Spain

Division 10 Melanin New Color - TBA

Division 11 Finches/Softbills: Laura Watkins - California

Division 12 Parrots - Deb Dollar - Florida

Division 13 Rares and Eye Ring Lovebirds: Edwin Vloeberghen - Belgium

Division 14 Peachface Lovebirds: Panagiotis Vrannas - Greece

Division 15 Cockatiels: Julie Allen - Florida

Division 16 American Singers: Mario Valladares - Illinois

Division 17 Roller Canaries: Steve Billmire - California

Division 18 Spanish Timbrados: Lazaro Perez - Spain

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Society of Canary and Finch Breeders of Michigan

Meetings: 3rd weekend of the month at members homes, Livonia, MI

Website: www.scfbmichigan.com

Email: mtarsitano@gmail.com

EVENT 1

Fair - Fall Bird Fair September 10, 2016

Contact: Mary Tarsitano

Email: mtarsitano@gmail.com

Phone: 586-781-6429

Location: Livonia Elks Lodge #2246, 31117 Plymouth Road

EVENT 2

Show - Annual Bird Show, Saturday, October 22, 2016

Location: Contact: Mary Tarsitano

Email: mtarsitano@gmail.com

Phone: 586-781-6429

Divisions: Colorbred Canary/Hybrid/American Singer/Parrots NAPS/Cockatiels
NCS/Budgerigars-ABS

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NEW YORK

Great Buffalo Bird Fair

Facebook: Great Buffalo Bird Fair

Email: GreatBuffaloBirdFair@gmail.com

EVENT 1

Show & Fair – June 4, 2016

Location: Pvt. Leonard Post, Jr. VFW #6251, 2450 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga, NY

Fair Manager: Dennis Febles

Show Contact: Martie Lauster

Phone: 315-573-6464

Email: mlauster@rochester.rr.com

OREGON

Columbia Canary Club

Meetings: 1st Sunday of each month, 2:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m.,

Website: www.columbiacanaryclub.org

Facebook: Columbia Canary Club

Location: Milwaukie Granger Hall, 12015 S.E. 22nd Avenue, Milwaukie, OR

Contact: Kristine Rigdon

Email: Kristine@pcez.com

EVENT 1

Show – Columbia Canary Club 47th Canary & Finch Show, Nov. 1-2, 2016

Judge: TBD

Location: TBD

Show Manager: Hector Diaz

Email: diaz47@msn.com

Phone: 503-569-6119

Divisions: NFSS and Canary

TEXAS

Fort Worth Bird Club

Website: fortworthbirdclub.com

Club Contact Email: FWBC@fortworthbirdclub.com

EVENT 1

Fair – The Bird Mart, May 7, 2016

Manager: Cheryl Burns

Location: Cleburne Conference Center, 1501 W. Henderson, Cleburne, TX 76033

Phone: 682-231-3099

Email: thebirdmart@fortworthbirdclub.com

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(Fort Worth Bird Club , cont.) EVENT 2

Show – 63rd Fort Worth Bird Club Show, September 17, 2016

Location: Cleburne Conference Center, 1501 W. Henderson, Cleburne, TX 76033

Show Manager: Cheryl Burns

Phone: 682-231-3099

Email: thebirdmart@fortworthbirdclub.com

Other Divisions: Budgies, Cockatiels, Canaries, Finches, Parrots

EVENT 3

Fair – The Bird Mart, October 15, 2016

Manager: Cheryl Burns

Location: Cleburne Conference Center, 1501 W. Henderson, Cleburne, TX 76033

Phone: 682-231-3099

Email: thebirdmart@fortworthbirdclub.com

Texas Bird Breeders and Fanciers Association

Website: texasbirdbreeders.org

Club Contact Email: Cheryl@newworldranch.com

EVENT 1

Fair – April 23, 2016

Fair Manager: Carla Crowe

Location: Mayborn Convention Center, 3303 N. 3rd St., Temple, TX

Phone: 817-337-7492

Email: whatadaffy@aol.com

EVENT 2

Show – Annual Fall Show & Fair November 12, 2016

Location: Mayborn Convention Center, 3303 N. 3rd St., Temple, TX

Show Manager: Barbara Irwin

Phone: 817-572-6262

Judges:

Budgies – Judge TBA

Canaries (Type and Color) – Judge TBA

Cockatiels – Judge TBA

Finches – Judge TBA

Parrots (Includes Lovebirds) – Judge TBA

American Singer Canaries – Judge TBA

Spanish Timbrado Canaries – Judge TBA

Other Divisions: NCS, NCA, BAA, NAPS, NFSS

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Canary and Finch Society

Meetings: 2nd Sunday of Every month, Sheraton Hotel, Houston, TX
Website: <http://canaryfinchsociety.tripod.com/>
Club Contact Email: wingsong.hj41@gmail.com

EVENT 1

Show – 21st Annual Show- October 8, 2016
Manager: Helen Jones
Location: Sheraton Hotel – 15700 John F. Kennedy, Houston, TX 77032
Phone: 281-324-4100

Judges:

Type Canary – Bob Wild Finch
Finch – Ken Rampersaud
Color Canary -Linda Hogan – In Conjunction with CFS Show

WASHINGTON

Lori League, Triangle Bird Club, LPS & NFSS – Specialty Club

Website: <https://www.loryleague.org>
Email: julie@loryleague.org
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EVENT 1

Show – NFSS Bird Show at ASA Conference – April 30th, 2016
Judge: Sally Huntington
Location: Red Lion Inn – Port Angeles, WA
Show Manager: Julie Corwin
Email: julie@loryleague.org
Phone: 206-501-7428
Divisions: ALBS/NAPS/NCS/NFSS

Cascade Canary Breeders Association

Meetings: 4th Sunday of the Month
Woodinville, Washington
Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/cascadecanary/annual-show>
Email: dwhite3511@msn.com

EVENT 1

Show – 48th Annual Finch and Canary Show and Sale TBA
Location: Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Bldg 501, 14405 179 Ave SE,
Monroe, WA 98272
Show Manager: Doug White
Phone: 360-793-0459
Judge: TBA
Divisions: Canary, NFSS

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