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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rebecca Mikel

Promoting Our Hobby

By the time this Journal is in the hands of our membership, another National Bird Show will be behind us. I hope each of you were able to attend and enjoy viewing the birds on display, purchase exactly what you needed from the many vendors, and spend time with bird friends we get so few opportunities to visit with outside of the National show each year.

2019 is a General Election year for the NFSS Board of Directors as well. Results are usually announced at the National Bird Show, but due to scheduling changes, these results will not be available until after that event. Results will be posted on the NFSS Website and in the Journal. I hope each of you voted in this very important election. "Voter turnout" has not been stellar in prior years. You will also note that some of the positions were blank --- 2nd Vice President in charge of Publication; Advertising, and Paula Hansen is always looking for someone to take on the position of Web Master which she is currently covering . If you're interested in any of the open positions, please contact any Board member for more information.

Contact information for all Board members as well as for any persons currently on the NFSS Judge's Panel are included in each issue of the Journal. This should assist you in knowing how to contact judges for your next show, or any Board member should you have questions about the society.

Our hobby is not as popular as it once was, and numbers are declining. We encourage each of you to reach out to those in your circle, or in your area, and have a meaningful discussion about what you may be able to do to promote and support not just the NFSS, but the hobby. Do you have the means to perhaps host a show? What about hosting a "meet and greet" in your community and letting others see some of the beautiful birds you're working with. Just a couple things that provide some exposure to the hobby we all care so much about.

Rebecca Mikel
President

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NFSS Board of Directors Meeting – Third Quarter 2019

MEMBERSHIP: 324

TREASURY: Checking: \$ 7,434
Savings: \$31,478
TOTAL: \$38,912

Some info from Red Siskin Project still pending from Royal Front, Miami Zoo and National Aviary in PA

New Club added - Georgia Youth Aviculturists

Board approves upgraded rosettes for 2019 NBS for NFSS Division as well as donation of set of basic package rosettes for the first show hosted by any new NFSS Affiliated Club.

Judges Panel – 17 judges; one judge did not pay 2019 dues and will be placed on “inactive” status

Judge’s Panel expenses this quarter - \$0.00

Volunteers needed for NFSS Division for 2019 NBS

2019 Show Reports being collected for database entry

Request for NFSS closed bands to be released at earlier date than the normal December 25th – BOD did not approve this change in date; bands will be sent slightly earlier to P Rico and Canada due to lag in USPS mailing times.

Band Dept received request for size “F” bands to accommodate larger Gouldians. NFSS order for 2020 bands already placed and in process; earliest a new size could be added would be 2021. Exhibitors encouraged to use size “G” bands at this time.

Suggestion made we ask the membership for input on their selections for NBS judge for NFSS Division for 2020 event; Board will take this information into consideration when nominating and voting on NFSS Division Judge.

Lauren Ogburn nominated for Level “A” for NARA Award for work with Blue Dacnis.

NFSS General Election Results will not be ready until AFTER the 2019 NBS event due to the change in date of this years’ show.



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Preparing to Ship Your Finches

Paula Hansen

I hope here's where you can learn what to do if you haven't been successful selling your birds intact or never tried before. Everyone has a method. Over the years it has become absolutely necessary to learn about new products, new ways to build cages, aviaries and find new bloodlines and less about shipping. There's not too much information on preparing your shipping box or where to get one. I have shipped over a dozen times myself out of necessity. Amazingly, my birds arrived as expected, alive even after some delays. Today we are really limited on which airline will accept birds through cargo. Cargo is where live animals are placed in the bottom cabin of the plane. We are told the compartment is heated, lighted and safe. When purchasing a Airbill (ticket) for your birds here are good methods that work for me. Let me share with how I prepare my shipping crates that are accepted by Delta Airlines as of 2019.

Here's a few crates used I've come across and used in the past:



This shipping crate contains two perches and bumpers in front. The opening is as large as the box which allows enough light in the crate for the birds to find water which is placed against the wire mesh. The box is divided into three compartments. However, I would still add glow sticks due to how deep the box is.



Inside on the bottom place a few layers of absorbing paper sheets or clean cardboard. This will help avoid birds slipping or water spillage spoiling seed or weaken the bottom of your box. Do not use small animal bedding or pine shavings!

Water dishes: Two (2) should be placed in the box/crate on either side of the opening window. Cups/Dishes should be tall enough to avoid seed spilling and getting covering the water. Glue your dishes down to the cardboard and not to the paper, paper may shift around during travel causing dishes to tip over. Dishes should be placed against the front of the crate/box window. The front of the box/crate should have a wire mesh or heavy gauge screen where light and air can filter in. There also should be a sponge placed in the water dish to resist splashing. Do not cover the water completely with the sponge. If using a small plastic dish. The lid of the dish should be tightly placed to prevent leakage during transport. The lid should have large enough opening at the top so birds can drink from any side while on the perch.

Instinctively birds prefer to be on the perch and not sinking into the seed on the floor. Here's where you can purchase the nice water dishes: <https://www.cpbirds.com/product-page/no-spill-shipping-bird-cup>

Perches: 1 to 2 perches should be anchored to the sides, glue gun does the job, keeping the perch in place at least 1" from the bottom. Your first perch should be anchored up against the two water cups, so pre measure using the cups as a guide. The second perch should be placed a few inches towards the back of the box, allowing enough room so the birds don't get trapped between the back of the box and perch.

Seed: should be placed loose on the bottom of your box or crate, at least 1" worth, birds can feed at any spot in the box. Should there be a delay the birds can access throughout their travel.

Instructions: Indicate with marker where to access birds from the container, this should be noted on the outside of the crate.

Glow sticks: These are the best for providing additional light inside your dark box/crate. I would not suggest using them for any type of small or large hookbilled birds. Keep in mind these instructions are for finch. The local Dollar Store sells for 1.00. I try to get the thickest stick they sell or if you only can find the longer thin ones keep them together with your glue gun. Place them ready to go last minute before placing the birds and sealing your shipping box/crate. Locations of the glow sticks should be along the inside sides or inside the top flaps if using a shipping box. They last 5-10 hours depending on what the manufactures' package says. Make sure you snap and shake the sticks well to activate before gluing them in place. Do not use battery operated lights, batteries are a no no with the airlines.

Fruit or greens: I use Bokchoy. It doesn't wilt as fast as Romaine or Broccoli. If your birds eat other veggies like Zucchini or fruit like Apple or Orange. They will hold up longer during transport and flight time also. I glue gun a clothes pin to the inside of the box and use that to anchor fruit and bokchoy. Since the glow sticks will allow birds to find the treats.

Additional seed: This should be taped on top of the box in a ziplock bag. This is for emergency, as well as to the person receiving your birds to transition to their own seed mix. It will help that person identify what types of mix you have been providing your birds.

Label your box clearly: your name, address, phone number. The buyers name, address, phone number.

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Red-Winged Pytilia

Kurt Faudel

This species is also called Crimson winged Pytilia and Aurora Waxbill.

I had only seen this species a few times the last years, but back in the mid 1970s I had raised a few clutches. So when I saw a decent looking pair in a birdshop in Florida in September, I ended up buying them. In another cage they had about a dozen males, but no females. The store owner told me he got them from California, but didn't have any other info about them. I put them in a 24" quarantine cage, so I could study them and see how healthy they were. This species originates in a wide area of Western and Central Africa.



They were fairly quiet birds and seemed to favor spray millet over finch mix. They also ate some soaked/sprouted seed and picked a little at egg food, both fresh and dry commercial mix. They also liked fresh green millet grass, 3-5" long and fresh grass seed heads.

To my surprise I found an egg in the seed cup a week after I got them. The next 2 days 2 more eggs on the bottom, but cracked. They had a nest, but didn't go in. I put the one whole egg under society finches, but didn't expect it to be fertile.

The next couple of days they seemed to drag things into the birdbath, which was on the bottom. So I emptied it and gave them more nesting material. They continued and build a simple nest. By October 1st I could see a few eggs in the nest and they started sitting. They were very steady on the eggs and only got spooked off, when I gave water and food. I added some Quiko Goldy Egg food for softbills, which has some dried insects. I also started giving some frozen bloodworms in a little water. I had fed bloodworms and frozen mosquito larvae to other birds in the past, but they didn't seem interested. When I had raised Auroras in the 70s, I had a steady supply of fresh live mosquito larvae, Daphnia and other small crustaceans, also called water fleas. They were happy to eat them. I had also fed them live ant larvae and pupae on a regular basis, which they liked. I didn't have access to either of these foods now, nor did I try feeding mealworms.

To my surprise the one egg hatched under the society finches, but they only kept it alive for 5 days, maybe because they had a more familiar zebra finch baby that was a few days older.

On October 14th I saw the parents feeding 2 babies, maybe a few days old. The parents seemed to be more interested in the fresh egg food now. On the 16th I found a day old hatchling dead on the bottom, but I could still see 2 bigger babies and an infertile egg in the nest. On the 18th I found one baby on the bottom, still alive, but cold. Another baby was in the nest in good condition, but I decided to move them both under a pair of societies that were sitting on dummy eggs. On the 24th the smaller one was dead, but they kept the larger one alive for another week, so nearly ready to fledge, before it died.

In the meantime the parents were courting and she laid another egg on 10/27, so I decided it was time to move them to the outdoor aviary. They quickly picked a nest that was half build by zebra finches and laid 4 eggs. A few days after they were due to hatch, I noticed both parents were out, so I did a quick nest check. Only found one infertile egg. The others probably hatched and were tossed for some reason.

A week later they were busy building a nest, in the same birdbath they had used inside in the cage, now partly covered by natural and plastic greenery about 4' up. Both parents were sitting tight and spending a fair amount of time foraging on the bottom of the aviary. With sand, seed and bird poop, there are always different insects and little worms in the mix. I noticed the birds eat little sugar ants several times. When the eggs were due to hatch, I noticed the parents going in and out of the nest more often, so I was hoping they were feeding. On 12/4 I found one dead baby on the bottom, so I checked the nest and found 2 healthy looking babies, about 4 days old.



The parents continued to attend to the babies, so I thought they would be safe. On 12/13 I found the male dead, somehow wedged between a pot and the back wall, that he was unable to get free of. Very unfortunate situation, I was bummed. However, the female continued feeding and on 12/23 the first baby fledged and the next day the second one followed. About 3 weeks old. Mama continued feeding and they made it to independence. I even noticed some juvenile star finch feed them a little a few times. We had a few nights down to 50F, but they didn't seem to be bothered.

The fledglings have a different behavior than the other birds in the aviary (zebra, star, owl and society finches, plus a pair of canaries). They spent most of the first 2 weeks on the bottom or low branches. When I entered to feed them, they would freeze and kind of push down on the bottom. Not like owl or star finch fledglings that flicker about like crazy. In general the Aurora's are less active than the other birds and not very vocal, though the males have a nice little song. From what I have read, one should not have more than one pair of Pytilia per aviary, but they are not aggressive to the other species.

In January I found another male and end February they started breeding. They had several clutches, before I was able to get them out of the breeding aviary. When one clutch fledged, she would start laying eggs again. They did toss hatchlings a few times, but I was lucky to find them and place them back in their nest, so they raised some babies in each clutch.

I wonder if anyone else is breeding this species. I have never seen them at the shows I have attended in the NYC/NJ area nor in Florida. I can certainly recommend them.

Humane Euthanasia: When a Finch Can't Be "Fixed"

Kristen Reeves

Something you rarely hear anyone speak of is the need to "cull" or "euthanize" a finch. However, there may be occasions when you have a bird that is so sick or injured that the only humane thing to do is to put it down. When keeping captive birds, this is something you must be prepared for.

In this brief article, I've described what I consider to be the quickest & most humane way to put a finch down. It should be noted that performing this task is NEVER fun, NEVER easy, and should NEVER be taken lightly. I've outlined the supplies needed and my method for doing this less than desirable deed.

Why Would We Need To Euthanize A Bird?

I don't make this decision lightly. I consider all of my birds to be my babies. They are all carefully and lovingly cared for. They bring me great joy and are the light of my life. When one of them is injured or sick, I do everything in my ability to save them FIRST. But I won't allow them to suffer.

If it has become apparent that even with my considerable skills I cannot fix them, I make the decision to put them to sleep. It's a horrible and difficult decision, and I hate to ever have to make it. Most of my birds have been bred specifically to fit a need in my breeding program and/or have given me years of joy and many chicks. I don't want to lose them if at all possible, but I don't want to see them suffer in any way, shape or form either. It may break my heart to do it, but when one of my babies is beyond repair, the most humane thing to do is to euthanize them and give them peace.

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While I know other breeders use different methods, I won't use any method that will allow the bird to live more than a mere few seconds during the process. I would never want to cause a bird more harm or injury than it has already been through. This is why I consider this to be the most humane way.

Some of the reasons we may need to euthanize a bird may be:

- Sick beyond repair and suffering
- Severely damaged due to injury
- Has a highly contagious disease and will affect the entire flock if left with them
- Is a carrier of a virus, bacterial infection, or aggressive parasite that will be passed on to offspring or other birds in the aviary
- Cannibalizes its young

How Do We Go About It?

I euthanize birds sick or injured beyond repair using Ether. It's essentially an overdose of what used to be an anesthetic for humans. It's quick and painless, and the bird literally just goes to sleep.

What You Will Need:

- Coffee can with a tightly fitting lid (metal or plastic are best – the cardboard cans do not hold the Ether fumes well).
- 5 or 6 cotton balls
- Spray Ether – it can be found at the auto parts or hardware store and is usually called "Starting Fluid". There may be other forms, but this is what I use here.

It is important you perform this task OUTDOORS and NOT inside your home or anywhere near the rest of your birds. The fumes are very strong and can kill the rest of your flock. You should NOT breathe the fumes yourself!

How To Prepare:

- Gather all of your supplies and MOVE TO THE OUTDOORS
- Remove the lid from your coffee can and set aside
- Spray each cotton ball until nearly soaked then place in the coffee can
- Replace the lid on the coffee can and allow to stand for about 10 minutes. This allows the Ether to evaporate into the air in the can and fill it. The fumes will be VERY strong. You may notice the smell even once the lid is replaced.
- Capture your sick/injured bird
- While holding the bird in one hand, crack the lid of the coffee can with your other hand and slip the bird into the can. It is important you only CRACK the lid. You want as much of the Ether to remain in the can as possible
- Snap the lid tightly back on and wait

Waiting is probably the absolute worst part. This is NOT a fun task. You must be prepared. The Ether fumes are strong enough that it takes very little to put the bird to sleep. In fact, you may feel the life go out of the bird as soon as you get it near the coffee can - even before you release it into can. It is NOT a good feeling.

While I know it is for the best, I almost always cry. But better to cry and know the bird is no longer suffering than to allow it to continue to suffer or use a method that is less quick or is actually painful.

In most cases, smaller species (especially Gouldians) will fall asleep as soon as they get a single whiff of the ether (they may still be in your hand at that point). Some hardier species, such as Zebras and Societies, may take a few seconds to succumb. You may wish to walk away from the can for a few moments. The bird will not like being placed in the can and may flop around for a few seconds. It is not pleasant, but is far better than allowing the bird to suffer or spread disease to the rest of your flock.

If the bird didn't immediately succumb, you'll know it has passed when you no longer hear any noise coming from the can. They usually pass VERY quickly, literally within seconds, but to be certain, I leave them the can for 5-10 minutes. When you are certain the bird has succumbed to the fumes, you may remove the bird from the can for internment.

Again, this is not a pleasant task. You must be fully prepared for taking that life. And that NEVER becomes easy. If you do not feel you can perform this task yourself, take the bird to your Avian Veterinarian. They will be able to perform the task for you.



Nominations Sought for the National Aviculturist Recognition Award (NARA)

The National Finch and Softbill Society is currently seeking nominations for the National Aviculturist Recognition Award (NARA). The NARA was established to recognize Finch and Softbill Save (FSS) participants who have developed a program of avian breeding success involving sequential generations of rare, endangered, difficult-to-breed, or CITES-listed birds.

The NARA is a multi-level award program with minimum requirements as follow:

Level B (First Step)

1. The aviculturist must be a member of FSS for 2 years.
2. Detailed genealogical records must be kept.
3. Four generations of birds must be closed-banded and/or documentation must be provided in the form of a pedigree. (This requirement may be eased for long-lived softbill species at the discretion of the NARA Committee).
4. References are preferred but not required.

Level A (Full NARA Award)

1. The aviculturist must have already earned the Level B NARA Award in a previous year.
2. A written protocol on how the success was accomplished with enough detail that another aviculturist could follow the same protocol and replicate it with success must be submitted to the NARA Committee before NARA voting.
3. An article for publication in the NFSS Journal must be submitted to the Committee describing the breeding program protocol submitted above as well as the information garnered about this species.
4. Written references from at least three NFSS members who have seen the nominee's setup and birds must be provided. Ideally, such references should describe the candidate's qualifications, community involvement, and accomplishments. Much weight will be placed on the quality of these references and the information they provide.

Additional Criteria

The requirements listed above are the minimum breeding experience and documentation required to be eligible for the award, but they are not the deciding factor for receiving the award. The NARA is designed to be a very prestigious award that is difficult to achieve. We are seeking candidates who have done exceptional things in the field of aviculture and who have shared that experience with the community to better aviculture. They may do that in many different ways. They may show their birds and share them with the community, teaching others

about them. They may judge bird shows and share their knowledge with exhibitors of all experience levels. They may write for publications. They may speak at events such as expos, conventions, shows, and bird clubs. They may organize bird groups, volunteer for bird organizations, or assist with organized conservation efforts. The possibilities are infinite. In short, candidates should be individuals who (1) have experience and have demonstrated success working with their birds, (2) contribute to aviculture in a relevant way by working with species that are rare or difficult, and (3) share their knowledge with the avicultural community in a way that helps the community to grow and thrive.

How to Nominate a Candidate

1. Any NFSS member may nominate a candidate for the NARA.
2. Verify the candidate's eligibility to ensure they meet the minimum requirements for the award.
3. Explain how the candidate meets the additional criteria described above in a letter or e-mail with the submission.
4. Submit the required documents and references to the Finch and Softbill Save Director before the NFSS Board of Directors 3rd quarter board meeting (candidates for the Full NARA Award need not resubmit Level B documentation).
5. Nominations with incomplete documentation at the time of the 3rd Quarter BOD Meeting will not be considered for the award that year.

Selection Process

1. Candidates will be presented to the Board of Directors at the 3rd Quarter BOD Meeting, along with all the paperwork submitted on their behalf.
2. The Board of Directors will discuss the candidates.
3. The Board of Directors will select 0-3 candidates to receive the Level B award.
4. The Board of Directors will select 1 candidate to receive the Level A Full NARA if there is an outstanding and worthy candidate who is ready for the award.
5. Award recipients will be announced at the Annual Member Meeting.

Send Nominations to:
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West Coast Zebra, Society & Gouldian Finch Show – Specialty Club

Meetings: none

Contact: Richard Renshaw - email: rrenshaw@yahoo.com

Website: www.efinch.com/show

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Club Contact: Jose Urritia

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First Coast Finch & Softbill Society

Meetings: 1st Saturday every 3 months

Club Contact: Lauren Ogburn

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Club email: ariacanaries@gmail.com

Club Website: <https://www.floridacanaryfanciers.club/gallery>

Treasure Coast Exotic Bird Club – Founded in 1989

Meetings: 4940 SE Anchor Ave, Stuart, FL.

Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/TCEBC1989/>

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GEORGIA

Warrention Summer Classic

Hosted by Georgia Youth Aviculturists
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ILLINOIS

National Bird Show, Saint Charles, IL
Location: Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 E. Main St, St Charles, IL 60174
Website: <https://www.ncbs.org>
Phone: (630) 584-6300

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts Cage Bird Association

Meetings: Vary
Website: <http://www.masscagebird.org/>
Email: goshawk@aol.com
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MICHIGAN

Society of Canary and Finch Breeders of Michigan

Web page: <http://www.scfbmichigan.com>
Meetings: Meetings 3rd wkend of the month at members' homes.
Contact: Mary Tarsitano
Club Contact: mtarsitano@gmail.com
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Greater Kansas City Avicultural Society

Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month 2pm - 4pm
Location: Coronation of Our Lady Church, 13000 Bennington Ave. - Grandview, Mo. 64030
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Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society

Meetings: 7:30 pm – 2nd Monday each month

Location: Villa Crest Retirement Ctr, 276 Hanover Street, Manchester, NH 03103

Email: Prismsdad@aol.com

Website: www.BOAF.com

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Garden State Bird Association

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Colorbred Canary Club of New York

Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month (Except July, August & Holidays)

Location: Averill Blvd. Park, Elmont, (Long Island), NY 11001

Club Contact: José Zelada 646-872-6258

Email: nycolorbredcanaryclub@gmail.com

Facebook: Colorbred Canary Club of New York

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Columbia Canary Club

Meetings: 2nd Sunday of most months, Milwaukie Grange

Website: <https://www.columbiacanaryclub.org/>

Facebook: Columbia Canary Club

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

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TEXAS

Texas Bird Breeders and Fanciers Association

Club Email: texasbirdbreeders.org

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Social Media: Texas Bird Breeders and Fanciers Association on Facebook

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Club Meeting: Sheraton North Houston Hotel, Every 2nd Sunday
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Club Contact: Ray Terrazas

WASHINGTON

Lory League

No meetings. We are a paper club
Social Media: yahoo group and a facebook page
Website: www.loryleague.org
Contact: Julie Corwin 206-501-7428

PUERTO RICO

Asociacion de Criadores de Finches del Estec, Inc.

Meetings: Wednesdays 7 to 9pm
Location: Lus Catalina Mall, Food Court, Caguas P.R.
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