

PURPOSE

To join together people who share a common interest in keeping and breeding exotic birds in captivity. To educate our members and the general public in the best care, keeping, maintenance, and breeding of their birds. To support bird conservation. Together we can make a difference.

Message From the President

I missed you all, and hope the meeting went well, with a good turnout. Thank you Joanie for taking over the meeting for me. My knee is much better now, still some swollen and tender if I over do. But on the mend. And thanks to Ann for being the speaker of the month.

I have been very busy feeding baby birds, as I'm sure a lot of you have been doing the same.

And hasn't it been an interesting month for the weather ! Snow at the first of the month making sure your birds in outdoor aviaries are warm enough. And then the middle of the same month making sure you can keep your birds cool enough with the 3 digit temps. What a challenge. Builds character.

I do hope all is well with you, and look forward to seeing you at the June 1st meeting. I lost one of my rescue Quakers this past week. Crackers, you met her when I was speaker. She was a super little bird and touched a lot of lives. I will truly miss her. And so I'd like to share a poem with you. (See next page)

**Helen Miller
President**

Reminder!

We need the help of every member to make this year's bird mart a success.

There are many ways you can help. One way is to get donations for our annual Silent Auction. Start now! It's fun to have bird related items...but, we always have some other great items! We've had plants, stepping stones, gift certificates for local restaurants, carvings, and many other wonderful items! Maybe you have a service you could offer? Bird sitting? Trim nails and wings? A night in your vacation condo? Cookies for a year? Make dinner from someone one night? Photography? Babysitting? Art?

Use your imagination!!!



Feathering the Nest
Question of the month:

Why are my Zebra Finches throwing their babies out of the nest?

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Message from the Editor

I'm hurrying to get the newsletter finished tonight! I was supposed to have another shoulder surgery on June 16th....well, today (June 10th) I found out that it was rescheduled to tomorrow! Yikes! Hopefully I won't make too many mistakes! Sorry, if you find some.

You missed a great speaker last meeting! If you didn't attend, it was your loss! Robert Black gave a wonderful talk on his fruit doves. It was really interesting...they are so different than other birds we normally hear about. He even brought one of his beautiful fruit doves for us to admire. Thanks for the great information!

My baby bourkes and one scarlet chested parakeet are growing bigger and more curious every day. They are so much fun to watch! Matt's favorite is the little scarlet chested guy....he'll sit on his finger or a perch for the longest time...just looking around. Canaries and finches are on eggs and I think more bourkes are on the way too! It's going to be a busy summer, although I won't be much help! Thank goodness for my kids and the great help they are! I think after I'm feeling better I'll just take my pain medicine, go out to the aviary and watch my birds....I can't think of a better way to spend the afternoon!

I never want to have another shoulder surgery! I didn't want to do it more than once, oh well, such is life....one challenge after another.

I hope all is well with all of you and your birds.

Keep me in your thoughts and prayers. Hopefully I'll be at the next meeting.

**Sabra Scotton
Editor**



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Mark Twain once said, "She wasn't refined, yet, she wasn't unrefined...she was the type of woman who had a parrot" (that's me!)

Northwest Bird Club Minutes: June 1, 2008

The June 1st meeting was called to order by club president Helen Miller. She told us that Librarian Donna DeCamp and Secretary Rebecca Piquette were absent from today's meeting.

Treasurer Sharon Holscher reported that we have a bank balance of \$9,401.57. She told us that Donna DeCamp, who has an accounting background, has agreed to audit our 2007 and current books. Joanie Doss said that according to our bylaws we need to have these financial records reviewed yearly.

Helen told us we need someone to assume the ongoing duties for advertising. She suggested that placing an ad in the Nickel could be reduced to a simple graphic with our new website, once a month. Other possible outlets included the Courier and Craig's List.

Helen introduced the topic of allowing poultry in our annual bird mart. (Historically this is how our club started.) Bill Wenzel says he can't remember the inclusion of chickens or emus. Sharon says we have had pigeons and doves before. Sabra Scotton researched this on the internet and concluded that there are two distinct camps: the parrot people who want separate accommodations and the poultry people who think it is fine for vendor booths to be intermixed in a bird mart. Nadine Davis shared the fact that birds raised outside are exposed to most diseases carried by native birds. Joanie pointed out that we need all people interested in birds to stick together in opposition to proposed ignorant legislation. Linda Jephson said we could revisit this decision if it becomes a problem in the future.

Sabra expressed her disappointment that people are not submitting questions for her newsletter column "Feathering the Nest". Ann Valencia said she had trouble getting members to participate when she did the newsletter too.

Joanie passed a report around about PETA and their "kill rate." She said the AFA (American Federation of Aviculture) supported the development of the new test for PDD.

Sabra said the newsletter will be available on the computer for people with a computer. This will save the club a lot of money on postage and copying costs. Nancy Ingram pointed out that there will be some trouble moving from the printed and mailed newsletter to the e-mailed version. (The vendor packet is scheduled to be in the next newsletter.) Website manager Juli Vaughn said she will scan the newsletter onto the website and it will be available next month. Juli reported that it costs \$79 a year for us to host a website and \$14 a year for our domain name. She expressed concern about how we want to price ads for members and non members.

Veena Eddleman told us that Kristin Martin is having health problems and needs some help with cages---kennels for Kristin's 17 large mastiff dogs and outdoor aviaries for parrots. Call Veena if you can help at 582-1121.

Our annual bird club picnic will be August 3rd at Sharon's house. Details in a future newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned to hear a presentation by Robert Black on species of fruit doves from Indonesia.

Nancy Ingram (substitute) Secretary

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Starting next month our club newsletter will be available on line.
The address for our website is: www.northwestbirdclub.org

We will be saving close to \$1000.00 per year not having to print & mail newsletters each month.

If you don't have access to the internet and want to continue to have your newsletter mailed to you, **YOU MUST CONTACT SABRA AND LET HER KNOW.** Her phone number is 541-776-5851

Her e-mail address is: Sabra@northwestbirdclub.org

PLEASE NOTE: In the subject box you must type the words "NWBC newsletter" so that the e-mail isn't deleted in error.

REMEMBER THE CLUB PICNIC

AUGUST 3RD

12:00pm

At

Sharon Holscher's Place

(map and directions will be in the next newsletter)

Northwest Bird Club Classified Ads

Newsletter display advertising rates:

Full page.....1 year \$150.00.....one month \$30.00

Half page.....1 year \$90.00.....one month \$12.00

Quarter page.....1 year \$50.00.....one month \$7.50

Line ads: Free for club members..... \$3.50 per month for non-members

DISCLAIMER: The Northwest Bird Club makes no warrantee as to the health, condition, or availability of any birds advertised in this newsletter.

OR SALE: 'Old English Game' Bantam chickens. Also cages available! 18" round cage (48" high) 0" round (72" high), and 2 cages that are: 32" high(nice decorative type). Contact Harold itzsimmons (541) 779-0115 from 8 am to 7 pm. **

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**OR SALE:** Beautiful Gouldian finches! \$50.00 each. Proven breeders \$100.00 per pair. Will ship. Contact Jay at (541)942-1179 (Cottage Grove, OR) \*\*\*

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OR SALE: 2008 Hatching Button quail...ready now.... blueribn@mcsi.net or call . Contact - Marvin and Davila Papst.. (541)679-8870 **

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**OR SALE:** Raza Espanola Canaries \$75.00 each Bourke Parakeets, Rosey \$75.00 unsexed normals split/Rosey \$50.00 all born during the winter 2007/2008 Both parents have yellow in their background. Orange Cheek Waxbill Finches \$30.00 each or \$175.00 for all seven (sex not sure) Contact Ann Valencia (541) 826-4133 [valenoa@yahoo.com](mailto:valenoa@yahoo.com) \*\*

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OR SALE: 3 healthy, sweet, loveable, hand fed Lilac Crown Amazon babies. Born mid April. Shipping \$700.00 each. Call Cyndie @ 530-459-3601 evenings*

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**OR SALE:** American Singer Canaries (yellow & orange)- \$40.00 & \$50.00 Call: Dave @ (41)227-3755

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Wanted: Macaw and Cockatoo size outside breeder cages. Contact Veena Edelman (541) 582-1121

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~ DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ADS - ETC. Is the 16<sup>th</sup> of each month ~  
(Let me know if items in your ad sold so I can take them out of the classified)

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REMINDER: If you are a member in good standing your ad will be run in the newsletter for 3 months. The * at the end of your ad indicates how many months your ad has been listed in the newsletter.

REMINDER

At our monthly meeting we hold a "Raffle"...this has always been a fun part of the meeting. It seems that every meeting we have fewer items on the table....

This is just a reminder for everyone to bring an item for the raffle table.

(It's fun to have bird related items, but anything is great!)

So....before the next meeting go through your closets and find some "treasure" to bring for the raffle!

Good Luck during the raffle!