

Columbia Canary Club DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

2024

President's Message

Hi Club Members, I hope you will join us for our annual **Christmas Party and Pot Luck on Saturday, December 14**, at the Clackamas Community Club. Details regarding times and what to bring are in another article in this newsletter.

You will also find a ballot for our 2025 club officers included in the newsletter. Please return it by Dec. 14 or vote in person at the Christmas Party. **We still need someone to be the club Treasurer.** Cynthia Nelson would like to step down, she but promises to train the new Treasurer. This is a great way to become active in the club. The Treasurer is also a member of the Board of Directors. Let me know if you are interested in serving in this way.

I want to welcome Lori Wilkinson as our newsletter Editor. **Thank you, Lori, for helping us in this important role. Thank you, Beth Murphy, for having serviced so well as our past editor!**

The CCC Board of Directors has accepted **a new meeting schedule for 2025.** We will still meet at the Clackamas Community Club. There will be a few less meetings and one more Bird Sale added to our schedule. The new schedule is in the newsletter and will be posted on our website. **February 8 will be our first Bird Sale.**

2025 Bird Bands are on sale. Contact Debbie Cordis-Weaver with your order. Information regarding bands is also in the newsletter.

I hope you and your family have a very good Holiday Season.

Dan Pitney



Mountain Bluebird

2024 CCC Christmas Dinner

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be on **Saturday, December 14, 2024, noon**, at the Clackamas Community Club main hall. Everyone is invited. We will celebrate the year and introduce the newly elected officers for 2025.

It will be a pot-luck meal. Bring a main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Table service and drinks will be provided. Come help set up at 11:30 am. We will eat at noon and have a good time of conversation about birds and our mutual hobby. There will be no gift exchange this year. T

his is our December meeting. I hope you can join us!

Debbie Stout

Leg Bands

Hello fellow Columbia Canary Club members,

I have received our club's 2025 leg band order for 1,200 CCC bands.

The cost of the bands are 35 cents each. A minimum of 10 bands must be purchased. Shipping is \$5.00 per order. (If you are paying for orders for two people, please include \$5.00 per person for shipping, since they need to be shipped to different addresses.)

Bands can only be purchased after you have paid your 2025 membership dues.

If you wish, you may pre-order your bands at this time. I will start shipping bands

On Thursday, December 26th .

If you would like to place an order, please email, call or text me at:

picordis@aol.com

phone: 559-285-6709

Checks or money orders should be made out to: Columbia Canary Club.

Zelle payments are also accepted.

Looking forward to working with you. Wishing everyone a great 2025 breeding season!

Kind regards,

Debbie Cordis-Weaver

Greetings from Montana

My name is Lori Wilkinson, and I'm your new Newsletter Editor. I live in a tiny Yellowstone Park Gateway town of 600 residents called Gardiner, Montana. We have more wild animals than we do people in town at times. I am a hobby breeder of Gouldian Finches, Euro Society Finches, Bourkes Parakeets, and Splendid Parakeets. I've attended the CCC Show a couple of times, and know some of you. I hope to make the 2025 show this year. Please send anything you would like to see in the newsletter to me. I have some ideas that I will be trying out after the first of the year. Would like to feature one Member each month if possible. Thanks for having me, I have big shoes to fill! My email address is:

loriwilkinsonmt@gmail.com Happy Holidays! Lori

2025 February Bird Sale

The Columbia Canary Club annual bird sale will be on Saturday, February 8, 2024.

It will be at the Clackamas Community Club, 15711 SE 90 th Ave. Clackamas,

Oregon, 97015. Canaries, Finches, Soft-bills, small Hookbills, and bird related

items will be for sale. The sale hours are 10 am – 2:30 pm. A \$1 admission fee will be charged for the public.

Sales tables are available for CCC club members. A \$25 donation per table is suggested to cover the club's costs. No table reservations are needed. Those

planning to sell birds should arrive at 8:00 am to help set up tables. Birds will be

admitted from 8:30-9:00 am. There will be a short club meeting at 9:00am. The

sale starts at 10 am. All people selling birds need to remain until closing at 2:30

pm and help with take down and clean up.

Questions can be directed to:

Dan Pitney at dspitney@gmail.com.



One of my Montana neighbors.

Columbia Canary Club

October 12, 2024

Meeting Minutes

The September minutes were read and approved.

Treasury: September's balance: : \$12,686.18 Income: \$1552.30

Expenses: Corporation Division: \$50.00

Trophies/Ribbons: 764.48 814.48

Treasury Total: \$12,597.85

\$1,260 requested for the show hall rental: motioned and passed

Expenses for three judges requested for Kris Rigdon and Dan Pitney: motioned and approved

\$300 honorarium requested: motioned and approved

Affiliation fees for the National Finch Club, National Bird Club and the National Fife Club: motioned and approved

Domain Name approved for \$15.00 per year . Cynthia noted the information as printed in the Nation Finch & Society was incorrect. She will mcontact the person responsible and make the correct changes.

Membership: No new members. Mary Ann will print enough applications to be distributed at the Annual Show.

Randi Smith would like an updated membership list for the sales table rentals and show entries.

Debbie has placed advertisements on the club website and facebook regard the upcoming show.

Mary Ann Eierman will now be the Sunshine person in place of Nina Rapp.

Nominations for 2025: President: Dan Pitney

Vice President: Mary Ann Allen

Secretary: Maymelle Wong

Treasurer: ????

Show Chairman: Wayne Smith

Newsletter: Lori Wilkinson

Board Members: Randy Smith, Sharon Mrokowski, Quinn Ward

There were no additional nominations.

There is a need for members to engage conversation to existing members to participate in club activities.

Motion was made to reveal the 2025 Board members at the X-mas party. Approved.

Show Report: Wayne Smith reported no concerns. Kelly Beaty provided the silent auction form to be copied for the show. Discussion regarding a "Buy Now" clause to be included on the form. Approved

An email will be sent out to members to remind them to bring donations for the silent auction and raffle.

Randi Smith: 10-11 sales tables have been sold. The Budgie club will be contacted regarding the sales tables. They have contributed \$500 toward the rental of the show hall.

The Fairfield Inn is the appointed hotel to host the judges.

The time for the show is 10 am to 4 pm.

General Meeting:

It was suggested by President Dan to hold in-person meetings for 2025 meetings only. If it works out, there will be a By-Law change. It is as follows:

January – Organization meeting

February – Bird Sale and meeting

March – No meeting unless necessary.... Board to meet via Zoom

April – Meeting

May – Bird Sale and meeting

June – No meeting unless necessary.....Board to meet via Zoom

July – Picnic and meeting

August – No meeting unless necessary....Board to meet via Zoom

September – Show meeting

October – Show and Sale and meeting

November -No meeting unless necessary...Board to meet via Zoom

December – Xmas party and meeting

The suggestion was seconded and passed.

December's meeting: it will be a straight pot-luck dinner. Everyone should bring a favorite dish.

Volunteers are needed to set up. Dan will provide all the paper products such as table cloths, plates, napkins, etc. There will not be a gift exchange.

The meeting will meet at 11:30 and start eating at 12:00

Sharon Mrokowski: Due to lack of participation, it was suggested the monthly snacks be eliminated.

Instead, anyone can volunteer to bring a snack if they wish. It was agreed.

2025 Ballot Columbia Canary Club Officers

President -

_____ Dan Pitney

_____ Write-in _____

Vice- President -

_____ Mary Ann Allen

_____ Write-in _____

Secretary -

_____ Maymelle Wong

_____ Write-in _____

Treasurer -

_____ Write-in _____

3 Board Members -

_____ Sharon Mrokrowski

_____ Quin Ward

_____ Randi Smith

_____ Write-in _____

Show Chair

_____ Wayne Smith

_____ Write-in _____

Ballots must be returned via mail by December 10, 2024 to

Columbia Canary Club, PO Box 2013 Clackamas, Oregon 97015.

Or, you can return them in person at the CC Club Christmas Party on

Dec. 14 at the Clackamas Community Center at 12 noon.