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IT'S SHOW TIME!!

Our show and sale is mere weeks away, so hopefully everyone has their show and sale birds all picked out and ready.

This month's meeting will be a review of everything as well as the Nominating Committee report on who our 2024 Officer Candidates are going to be. Hopefully some of our newer members have thrown their hats in the ring!

This month's issue has Sandy Foot Gregory's Handy Dandy Show list once again for everyone who might be wondering what is good to bring for their show and sales.

We also have an article directed at members who intend to buy finches, and what kinds you can and cannot safely mix together. Additionally there is an article about the best ways to introduce new birds to your pre-existing flock.

If you are wondering how to tell those popular Halloween ravens and crows apart, you can get some clues on page 5.

Very sadly there is a short tribute to one of our past members and a popular Van-

cover veterinarian, Dr. Mark Stanhope, who has left us at only 52 years of age. For those of us who knew him well it is a great and tragic loss.

Raffle item donations are still needed. If you aren't sure what to bring, page 9 is full of ideas. The proceeds from the raffle helps us cover our costs of renting the facility for the show, so please consider donating and participating in the silent auction.

Remember, if you are new and unsure about showing, please give it a try. You just might surprise yourself!

SPECIAL NOTE: there's an oops in the show catalog – Laura Watkins is judging Small Hookbills and Sally Huntington is judging Finches & Softbills. Sorry for any confusion that has caused!! (Can I blame that on being a senior??)

Good luck to all at the show and have a wonderful Halloween too!!

Caleb & Beth



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THE PREZ SEZ

Our annual show and sale will soon be here. Our one-day show will be Saturday, Oct. 28 at the Oregon State Fair Grounds in Salem. Set-up will begin at 11:00 am on Friday. Any volunteers who can help will be appreciated. Birds can be checked in Friday evening 6:00-8:00pm or Saturday morning 7:00-8:30 am. We will conclude at 4:00 pm on Saturday. The Cascade Budgie Society will be holding their show and sale with us.

Here are some things you may need to know:

- Please bring clean, good donations for our silent auction.
- Sales tables can be reserved through Randi Smith rfsmitt13@gmail.com
- If you want to receive entry forms and cage tags prior to the show, contact Sandra Foote-Gregory sfoote@expressdata.net
- Special rates for the show can be reserved at Shilo Inn Salem (503)581-4001. The deadline is 5pm October 7.
- The show catalog was emailed to all members in September. If you need it sent again, please contact Beth Murphy.

We have excellent judges lined up. Sally Huntington will judge Finches & Softbills. Alan Dean will be Type canary judge. Jerry Zak will judge Colorbreds and Laura Watkins our small hookbills.

If you have questions, you can contact Wayne Smith or Dan Pitney.

Our October meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 14. The Board will meet at 1:30 pm. The Show Committee meets at 2:00 pm, followed by the general meeting at 2:30 pm. At the meeting we will receive the nominating committee report for next year's club officers. The only program will be discussions about the show and finalizing details. You can join us in person or via zoom for any or all of the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the show!

Dan Pitney



*In Memory Of
Dr. Mark W. Stanhope,
DVM*

Dr. Mark Stanhope of St. Francis Animal Hospital in Vancouver, Washington has passed away on August 3rd, 2023 at the age of 52. He was on the staff of St. Francis for 20 years, seeing exotic pets—including birds. Dr. Stanhope was also a master when it came to orthopedic surgery. He enjoyed his time in the operating room and had a passion for fixing anything that was broken.

Mark was a CCC member for several years, wrote for the newsletter, advertised in the show catalog, and was a guest speaker for the club as well. He was very compassionate and understood that a good vet treats the “pet parent” as well as the pet itself. (For example, when Beth Murphy lost her elderly chicken that he had treated for years, he sent her flowers and a sympathy card.)

Dr. Stanhope was also a master when it came to orthopedic surgery. He enjoyed his time in the operating room and had a passion for fixing anything that was broken. He also was known for his special interactions with children when it was time to say goodbye to their pets.

Dr. Stanhope owned ducks, doves, pigeons and other birds throughout his life and could patch up a button quail’s split open scalp as easily and as enthusiastically as he could set a bigger animal’s broken leg.

Mark leaves behind a wife, daughter, his mother, siblings, other extended family and many “pet parents” that loved him very much. He is and will be very greatly missed.



TREASURY REPORTS

AUGUST

Beginning Balances:

\$11,962.61 (Checking account)

\$844.39 (Savings account)

Total: \$12,807.00

Expenses: \$90.00 National Cagebird Show advertisement

\$36.88 CCC Picnic Main Course reimbursement to Cynthia Nelson

Total: \$126.88

Income: None

Ending Balances:

\$11,835.73 (Checking account)

\$844.42 (Savings account)

Total: \$12,680.15

Please Note:

We have closed our PayPal account and now use only Zelle for electronic funds transfers.

SEPTEMBER

BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE:

\$5,653.35

ENDING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE:

\$4,503.15

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT:

\$7,028.77 (Earned interest of \$28.77)

INCOME-\$530.00:

Sales Tables (at show)- \$300.00

Memberships- \$50.00

Ads-\$145.00

Donations- \$35.00

(Sales of cages and waterers)

EXPENSES-\$2,407.20:

Canary Band Order for 2024-\$370.20

Show Catalogs-\$727.00

Cascade Hall Rental for Show (remainder owed)- \$1,260.00

Corporation Division Fee (Requirement with Secretary of State's Office)-\$50.00

**SANDY'S HANDY
SHOW GEAR CHECKLIST!**

After years of showing birds our own Sandy Foote-Gregory has developed a very handy checklist of items to bring to the show/sale. Always willing to share, she has provided The Avian Flyer with this list so other members can take advantage of it! Thank you, Sandy!

SHOW GEAR

- Show cage/s—Clean
- Show Cage Cover/s
- Black Magic Marker
- Seed For The Show Cage Bottom
- Dust Cloth
- Drinker/s
- Water For Drinking
- Container To Drain Dirty Water
- Black Electrical Tape
- Spray Bottle w/water, Listerine, glycerin
- Veggies for Sunday
- Show Tags and Paper Work
- Plastic Band Remover
- Metal Band Remover
- Bird Net
- Bath Bowl
- Soap
- Shaver's Brush
- Witch Hazel
- Eyebrow Comb
- Tweezers
- Antibiotic Cream
- Toenail Clippers
- Quick Stop
- Show Birds

SALES GEAR

- Clean Sale Cage w/ flat top
- Paperwork
- Your list of all sale birds
- Business Cards
- Evening Cage Cover
- Drinkers
- Seed
- Bottom of cage cover:
paper, cob, wood chips, straw
- Extra cage
- Sale Birds
- Cart
- Signs about prices, etc.



August Minutes

Board Meeting

July minutes and Treasury Report approved. Motion passed to reimburse President Dan Pitney \$200.30 for show Rosettes and Ribbons. Motions passed to invest 7k in CD's and to combine checking and savings into one account. Nominating Committee Mary Ann Allen and Debby Cordis Weaver to recruit and report to September meeting. Discussed having an information table at Petco from 1-4 on 9/30 and 10/7. Debbie Stout volunteered to create flyer for club awareness. Wayne Smith (Show Committee) daughter is helping him with his report for catalogue. It was decided to print 75 show catalogs this year (last year 150 was too many). Membership application to be included with catalogues. Wayne reports having sorted through storage trailer and will communicate with Budgie Club. Randi Smith has agreed to be out sale table coordinator. Discussed show entry fee of \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

General Meeting

Minutes and Treasure reports approved. Membership Director Maymell Wong reports 93 current members with 2 new in attendance (welcome Kathy and Colleen). Quin Ward recommended having an information table at the PNW Reptile and Exotic Animal Expos. Sharon Mrokowski and Randi Smith volunteered for September refreshments.

EDITOR'S NOTE: September minutes will appear in the next issue of the Flyer.

How to Tell a Raven From a Crow

These black birds may belong to the same family and look similar in some ways, but several distinctive traits help set them apart.

You're outside, enjoying a sunny day when a shadow at your feet causes you to look up. A large, black bird flies over and lands in a nearby tree. You wonder: is that a crow or a raven?

These two species, Common Ravens and American Crows, overlap widely throughout North America, and they look quite similar. But with a bit of practice, you can tell them apart.

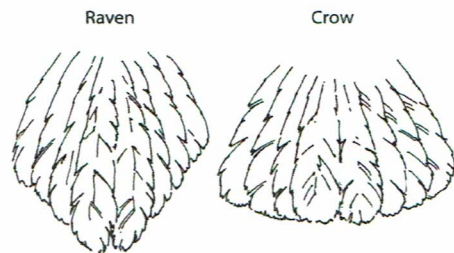
You probably know that ravens are larger, the size of a Red-tailed Hawk. Ravens often travel in pairs, while crows are seen in larger groups. Also, watch the bird's tail as it flies overhead. The crow's tail feathers are basically the same length, so when the bird spreads its tail, it opens like a fan. Ravens, however, have longer middle feathers in their tails, so their tail appears wedge-shaped when open.

Listen closely to the birds' calls. Crows give a cawing sound. But ravens produce a lower croaking sound.

We're back looking up at that tree. Now can you tell? Is this an American Crow or a Common Raven?



A raven weighs about four times that of a crow.
 The wingspan of a crow is ~2.5 ft., ravens about 3.5-4 ft.
 Ravens have pointed wings, while crows have a more blunt wing tip.
 Crows have a fan-shaped tail (squared-off), ravens are long and wedge-shaped.
 A raven's bill is curved with a tuft of hairs on top, while a crow has a more-or-less flat, tuftless bill and ravens have fuller neck feathers.



Housing Mixed Finch Species Together

If you are thinking of buying finches at the show for a mixed aviary, you need to consider the following:

In order to create a peaceful community for different finch species housed together, you must know which species tend to get along and which species tend to squabble. Finches with similar sizes and dispositions are usually suitable companions for each other, with some notable exceptions. Included here is a list of many common finches and who should get along with whom in an aviary (a "compatibility chart" or table). Please keep in mind that the list below is based on a general stereotype for each species, and that within a species, individuals may have their own personalities which differ from the stereotype. Use your own judgment therefore to determine if individuals within your aviary are truly compatible in a mixed flight. Note that overcrowding birds will cause quarrels, so take steps to ensure that your birds are housed together in a large enough enclosure that is properly accessorized to reduce quarreling.

Key

Red Text indicates birds which typically become rather aggressive during the breeding period.

† indicates birds which should be housed alone (each pair in its own enclosure) for successful breeding to take place (this is not a concern if you do not plan to breed).

‡ indicates birds which are aggressive towards each other, and so should be limited to only one pair per mixed aviary.

Tier 1 - Passive

These birds are generally docile and can usually be kept with other birds within this tier. As always, observe the birds to make sure they are getting along.

Avadavats (Red & Green) †
 Black-cheeked Waxbill
 Black-rumped Waxbill (Red-eared Waxbill)
 Blue-breasted Parrot-finch †
 Blue-faced Parrot-finch ‡
 Bronze-winged Mannikin †
 Button Quail
 Chestnut Munia
 Chestnut-breasted Finch/Mannikin/Munia
 Common Waxbill (Saint Helena Waxbill)
 Cordon Bleu Waxbills † ‡ (do not mix with Purple Grenadiers)
 Gold Breasted Waxbill †
 Gray-headed Munia †
 Green Twinspots (do not mix with Star Finches)
 Lady Gouldian Finch
 Mannikins, Munias, Nuns †
 Masked Grass Finch
 Masked Firefinch ‡
 Orange Cheeked Waxbill †
 Owl (Bicheno) Finch
 Painted Finch
 Pearl-headed Silverbill
 Pictorella Finch/Mannikin
 Pin-tailed Parrot-finch
 Quail Finch
 Red-headed Parrot-finch
 Silverbills (African & Indian)
 Society (Bengalese) Finch
 Spice Finch
 Star Finch (do not mix with Melba Finches or Twinspots)
 Swee Waxbill
 White-backed Munia †
 White-headed Munia
 Yellow-rumped Finch
 Yellow-winged Pytilia

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Tier 2 - Pushy

These birds may be housed together in a large enclosure with visual barriers, but watch them to make sure they are not unduly harassing each other. Shaft-tail Finches may be suitable companions for some of the birds from Tier 1 as well.

Aurora Finch

Dark Firefinch ‡

European Goldfinch

Green Singing Finch ‡

Lavender Finch † ‡

Orange-winged Pytilia † ‡

(do not mix with Melba Finches)

Purple Grenadier

(do not mix with Cordon Bleus or Violet Eared Waxbills)

Shaft-tail Finch (Long-tailed or Heck's Grassfinch)

(do not mix with Parsons or Masked Grassfinch)

Zebra Finch

Whydahs

Tier 3 - Aggressive

These birds need a very spacious enclosure with plenty of visual barriers in order to be housed together. Keep a close eye on them and separate birds that quarrel. *Note that the Java Finch is a peaceful bird that may be housed with birds from Tier 2 and possibly Tier 1, but is placed in Tier 3 because of its intimidating size and ability to coexist with the other birds in Tier 3.

Cutthroat Finch

(do not mix with waxbills)

Diamond Firetail Finch

(do not mix with other Australian finches)

Gray Singing Finch ‡

Java Sparrow/Finch

(see *Note above)

Melba Finch ‡

(do not mix with other Pytilias, or finches with red masks [e.g. Star Finches])

Saffron Finch

Weavers

Finches which are generally not suited for a mixed aviary include: Bar-breasted Firefinches, Crimson Finches, Cuban Melodious Finches, Parson Finches, Peter's Twinspots, Red-headed Finches, and Violet Eared Waxbills.

For more detailed information about the species listed above, please refer to individual profiles regarding each species.

After selecting the species you would like to keep in a mixed aviary (and making sure that each bird is healthy), place all of the birds in a proper enclosure simultaneously and monitor them closely, especially for the first couple of weeks until they are settled in. If serious quarreling occurs, remove the aggressors and any injured birds. Because many finches become more aggressive during the breeding period, it may be wise to discourage breeding, especially in smaller enclosures. Never allow different species to interbreed, as hybrids are undesirable at best. They may be mistaken for other species (for example, the society × spice finch hybrid looks very similar to a chocolate self society finch), and if they are fertile, they run the risk of "contaminating" the gene pools of pure species with foreign genes. This may serve to dilute and deteriorate the integrity of the species that the hybrids are bred to.

Finches may be housed with canaries provided that the temperament and body size of the finches and canaries are as similar as possible, and that the requirements of both species (dietary, housing, etc.) are being met. As always, separate the birds if they refuse to coexist peacefully. Never mix finches and canaries with hooked-bills!



HAPPY
Halloween

Introducing New Birds

Always quarantine new birds for at least 6-8 weeks before introducing them to an established group of birds! New birds should be quarantined in a completely separate facility (i.e. with a separate air source, such as a neighbor's house) from the other birds to prevent the possible spread of disease and illness which your new birds may be hiding. A window period of 6-8 weeks is intended to give new arrivals sufficient time to show clinical signs of infectious diseases they may be harboring, so they can be identified & treated. Please note that some avian infectious diseases involve an asymptomatic carrier state (e.g. giardiasis, Paramyxovirus infection⁷), and that subclinically affected birds may not be revealed as carriers simply by quarantining them. Diagnostic testing, therefore, should be sought from an avian veterinarian to search for many of these diseases.⁵ In short, quarantine alone is incapable of ensuring that the new arrivals are free of infectious disease; new birds should also be examined by an avian veterinarian during the quarantine period to search for hidden problems. By quarantining and having a vet evaluate any new finches before introducing them to already-established birds, you help to prevent transmission of disease, need for treatment, and possible deaths due to illness in your established birds. If you notice any signs of illness in the new birds, immediately place them in a "hospital cage" (a small cage with a heat source nearby) and seek veterinary care/treatment for them.

It is a good idea to treat for parasites (mites, coccidia, giardia, worms, etc.) during the quarantine period and take stool samples collected over 48 hours to an avian veterinarian to check for infectious agents. DO NOT try to use antibiotics as a preventative measure against illness at any time--during quarantine or otherwise. Frequent and unnecessary use of an antibiotic can cause the bacteria living in the bird to build up resistance to the antibiotics, so that

once the bird does become sick with that bacteria, there will be no effective cure from the antibiotics.

With that said, new birds should be placed into a cage that has already been prepared for them with all the essentials (food, water, fresh bedding, and spray millet to entice them to eat). Make sure that you leave the lights on for them until you are sure that they have found the food and water, and make sure not to disturb them unnecessarily for a few days after purchase to allow them to settle in with minimal stress. Monitor them daily or several times per day (just by observing behavior) and watch for signs of aggression towards any cagemate(s) or signs of possible illness. Aggressive birds may need to be removed and housed alone, or placed in a larger cage (along with its cagemates) which includes plenty of visual barriers (plants--nontoxic if real, silk if fake), extra perches, and at least two sets of food & water dishes to help combat the aggression.

Once the quarantine period is over, you may introduce the new finches into the cage that houses the already-established birds (provided that the cage is large enough). To prevent any territorial bickering, remove all of the present inhabitants (if possible) and completely rearrange the cage (move perches to new positions, sleeping nests into different areas, etc.) and then return all of the birds, including the new ones, simultaneously. Watch them carefully for the first few days (at least 4 or 5) to make sure that the new birds are accepted and not ostracized. If they are rejected by the already-established birds, you will need to house the new finches separately so that they are not picked on to the point of injury or death. Note: if you have breeding birds with eggs/babies already in a nest, do not introduce any new birds into their cage until all babies are weaned so that the parents do not abandon their young.



SHOW RAFFLE ITEMS— DONATIONS STILL NEEDED

The time is here for all of us to purchase, gather up and hit the streets to drum up suitable donations for our RAFFLE tables. Remember, that this fund raiser is absolutely necessary to offset the costs to put on our show. The items can be bird related but to sell more tickets it is important to have non-bird related items to interest a larger cross-section of people.

Everyone, please plan to personally donate something wonderful and make every effort to solicit donations from friends and businesses where you trade. Simply share with others that we are a non-profit bird club and if they would like, we would be happy to display their name or company name along with their donation. At the same time, invite them to our bird show; we'd love to share our passion for birds with everyone!

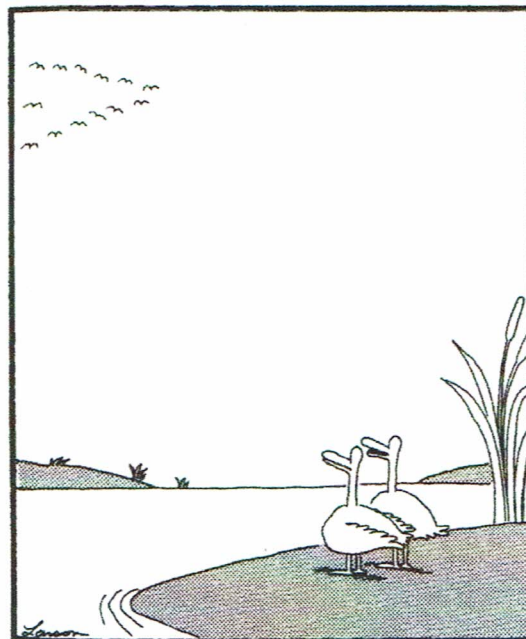
Listed below are suggestions for donations:

- * Bird cages and equipment, new or gently used and VERY clean
- * Themed gift baskets, assorted items such as coffees, teas, candies, crackers and cheeses, dog, cat, garden, sewing, knitting, movie night, candles, spa, music, kitchen, office, golf, etc.
- * Restaurant gift cards, such as fast food chains or local to the area restaurants
- * Coffee gift cards
- * Golf gift cards
- * Gas gift cards
- * Bowling gift cards
- * Car care kits
- * Barber shop gift cards
- * Beauty salon gift cards
- * Store gift cards
- * Movie gift cards
- * Garden center gift cards
- * Office equipment
- * Small appliances
- * Clocks
- * Jewelry

- * Coffee table books
- * Home décor items
- * Wines
- * Knitted or crocheted items
- * Potted plants
- * Gardening supplies
- * Games

The Columbia Canary Club has the responsibility to provide a high quality show and our standards require us to present a raffle whose items are worthy of our standard. With that in mind, ***we ask that you give great thought to making sure the items you have collected and will be donating to our raffle are new or in like-new condition and food items need to be fresh and not close to expiration date or expired.*** It is a disservice to our Club to offer less and it is off-putting to the raffle participants to receive less. Your prudent attention to this will maintain our respected reputation in our community.

Thank you!



"I just can't tell from here. ... That could either be our flock, another flock, or just a bunch of little m's"

OCTOBER MEETINGS
 Saturday, October 14, 2023
 at the Clackamas Community Center

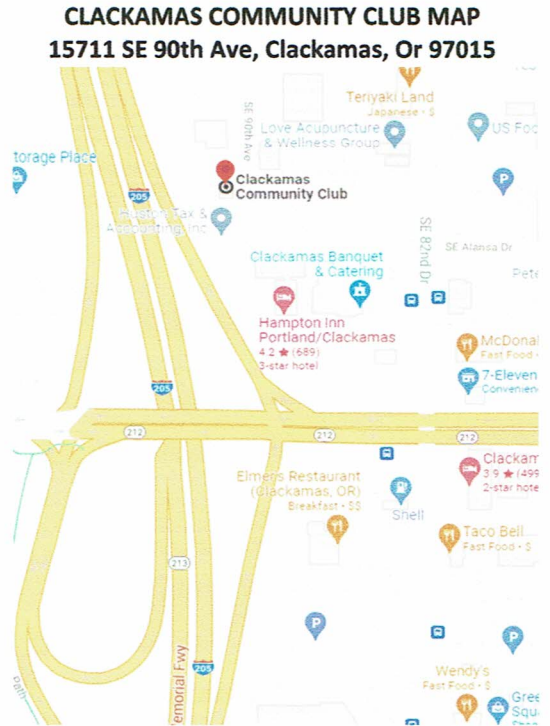
1:30 Board - 2:00 Show Committee
General Meeting - 2:30-3:30

Program: Nominating Committee & Show Discussion
Refreshments to Follow

DIRECTIONS TO CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY CLUB

FROM THE SOUTH: I-205 North to Exit 12 for OR-212 E toward OR-224 E/Damascus/Estacada. Use middle lane to turn right onto OR-212 E. Turn left at the 1st cross street onto SE 82nd Drive. Turn left onto SE St. Helens Street. Turn left onto SE 90th Avenue. Destination will be on the left after a right hand curve. Smaller of the two buildings. (Was once a residence.)

FROM THE NORTH: I-205 South. Take exit 12A to merge onto OR-212 E toward Damascus. Merge onto OR-212 E. Turn left on 82nd Drive. Turn left onto SE St. Helens Street. Turn left onto SE 90th Avenue. Destination will be on the left after a right hand curve. Smaller of the two buildings. (Was once a residence.)



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