



Northwest Bird Club Newsletter



November 2022

PURPOSE

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

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President's Message

Thank you everyone who came to the bird mart. So many people helped to make our bird mart a success! The building was packed and the day flew by. Those members who were at the mart got their annual bird mart book from Ann, other members will get theirs on line or sent in the mail. The raffle table was awesome and the prizes were the best!

We will be in our new meeting place, new building for our meeting in November. We will have the club elections so please come to vote. Please see the newsletter for the address time and date of our meeting. At the time of this newsletter being published, it still feels like summer but soon we will have cold and rainy days. I have been working hard to get my birds ready for fall and winter and breaking down gardens. See you all in a few weeks at the November meeting. Take care of yourselves.
Your president. Sharon Holscher.

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Editor:

I want to thank everyone that helped at the **Membership Booth:** Rheanna Bowsman, Debbie Jarrett and Jeanie Johnson. Thank you Roland **Timario** for **putting up and taking down our wood signs around town directing visitors to our Bird Mart!!** **Collecting money at the door:** Iris Marcella and Dan Holscher, Sam Gomberg **took credit card payments.** **The door greeters** Bridget Wehde, Corey Butler, Terry Harris and Sydney's Mother-in-Law. **Raffle Table:** Terry Harris. **Street sign holders:** Isaiah and Jeremiah Gomberg, Michelle and Annabell Langston. **Pre set up and take down:** Hayley and Jody Hulin, Mark Ludwiczak, Steve & Sindy Harris, Michelle and Annabell Langston, Sharon Holscher, Sam and Heather Gomberg, Roland Timario. **Publicity:** Stephanie Straus. We had lots of members helping vendors loading their items before and after the Bird Mart,

Annette and David Fransworth, Oliver Valencia, Mark Ludwiczak, Hayley Hulin and Jeff Lisac I am sure there are others that helped that I don't know about.... Thank You...

Ann Valencia

Special thanks for help with Bird Mart Publicity: Tanya Franklin, Heather Gomberg, Nancy Ingram, Vicki Jones, Lonelle Stephens, Linda Stewart, Ann Valencia and Linda White. Also thanks to everyone who put up flyers... Stephanie Straus

Coming up this month:

Annual Elections for the Club Office & Board Member Positions

Please read the following campaign information for each position. Each member is allowed 1 vote per position. Your vote matters!



President

Sharon Holscher: *Running for President (Re-election)*

-how long have you been a club member & how long have you held this position: *I have been a club member for 22 years and the club's president since 2020*

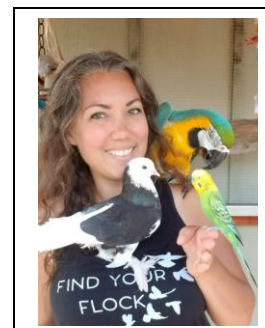
-what do you like about the club: *I like people, especially people who like birds. Over the years, as a club member I have learned many valuable things from other members on how to raise the birds that I have. It is always exciting to learn things about birds! It seems like every meeting I go to I learn something new about birds and their care.*

-what do you have to offer in this position or how are you currently contributing if re-running: *As president it is my job to keep order, to direct the meetings and to appoint committees and the chair people with the board's approval. I also need to make sure that the appointed officers and the board members are all performing their duties to the best of their abilities. As president I run the board meetings and when needed, get board approval when we need to make a quick decision for the club members. I only vote if needed to break a tie. It is important for me to know and keep the club bylaws and standing rules.*

-any additional comments: *I was president in 2020 and 2021. These were difficult years because of covid. We have seen many changes and many of them have simplified the way we do things. Because of our great members we made it and have come out stronger as a club!*

Vice President

Heather Gomberg: *Running for Vice President (Re-election)*

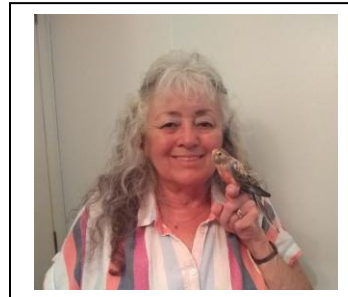


-how long have you been a club member & how long have you held this position: *I have been a club member for 4 years and was voted into office at the end of 2020. I have been VP for the last 2 years.*

-what do you like about the club: *I like that bird lovers can have a community to glean from and can find advice/experiences from real people rather than just the internet.*

-what do you have to offer in this position or how are you currently contributing if re-running: *I plan our monthly meeting topics and schedule the guest speakers. I manage the club's FB page, collect mail from the PO Box, field phone calls and connect people needing help with those that can help them. I have helped run our annual Bird Mart for 2 years and complete a variety of miscellaneous tasks on the club's behalf.*

-any additional comments: *I love being a part of this club and look forward to another great year!*



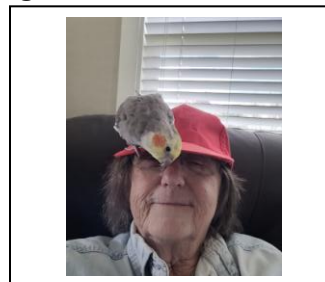
Treasurer

Ann Valencia: *Running for Club Treasurer (Re-election)*

-how long have you been a club member & how long have you held this position: *I joined the Bird Club about 26 years ago. I have been Treasurer for a long time. I have had all the positions throughout the years except President... currently I am Treasurer, Membership Chairperson, Newsletter editor, and Web-site editor.*

-what do you like about the club: *I enjoy meeting new bird friends and helping out people that have questions about birds. The guest speakers are so informative there is always something new to learn. I love just having fun 😊*

-what do you have to offer in this position or how are you currently contributing if re-running: *I will be in charge to make sure all monies are recorded and deposited in the bank, pay bills that are due. There are always two signatures on the checks who is registered at the bank.*



Secretary

Lonelle: *Running for Club Secretary (Re-election)*

-how long have you been a club member & how long have you held this position: *I have been with this club for over a decade but was only recently elected to the Secretary position.*

-what do you like about the club: *It is exciting to use some of the skills I learn about in the meetings. Meeting a variety of people is always interesting and being able to help each other with information is useful in avoiding unnecessary mistakes when caring for our feathered companions.*

-what do you have to offer in this position or how are you currently contributing if re-running: *I attend every meeting and take the meeting notes. With the aid of a tape recorder, I make sure that everything is properly documented so that our members who aren't able to attend the meetings don't miss anything. I field incoming calls, advertise for the club and bird mart and compile resource literature to help people access the information they need. I thoroughly enjoy this job and keeping our notes accurate.*

-any additional comments: *I talk about the club and having pet birds every chance I get. It's exciting to help people take care of their birds and connect them with resources they need.*



Board Members - 4 positions available

Tanya Franklin: *Running for Board Member (Re-Election)*

-how long have you been a club member & how long have you held this position: *I have been a member of NWBC for approximately 25 years and have held the position of board member and other positions for several years*

-what do you like about the club: *My favorite reason for belonging to the club is that I get so much helpful information both from the speakers at our monthly meetings and from talking to other club members.*

-what do you have to offer in this position or how are you currently contributing if re-running: *Being a board member is a way of helping the club when needed, but not having to spend too much time doing it.*



Vickie Jones: *Running for Board Member (Re-Election)*

-how long have you been a club member & how long have you held this position: *I have been a part of the club for about 8 years and have been a board member for about 3 years*

-what do you like about the club: *I really like the interaction with other people and all the information you can learn about birds. I also like that you can bring your birds with you to the meetings!*

-what do you have to offer in this position or how are you currently contributing if re-running: *I am the current Raffle Chairman. Each meeting my husband Ron and I sell raffle tickets during the break, and then draw tickets at the end, yelling out the numbers so people can win great prizes.*



David Farnsworth: *Running for Board Member (Re-Election)*

-how long have you been a club member & how long have you held this position: *My wife Annette and I have been with the club for almost 5 years. Last year was my first year as a board member.*

-what do you like about the club: *There are so many friendly people and a lot of knowledge to be gained by attending the meetings. You get to make a lot of connections and have so many resources available to you.*

-what do you have to offer in this position or how are you currently contributing if re-running: *We get to help a lot of people through the bird club. We partner with local rescues to help foster and rehab birds. We have helped transport many birds throughout the rogue valley and help out with the bird mart each year.*



Sindy Harris: *Running for Board Member*

-how long you have been a club member: *Since fall of 2021 when Steve and I moved to Jacksonville, OR*

-what do you like about the club: *I like the camaraderie and fun of the club the most. In my prior life in the Bay Area, I volunteered extensively with a domesticated, pigeon rescue group, called Palomacy. Steve and I rescued many domesticated pigeons: (1) ones that had been “dumped” by pigeon clubs (e.g., Oakland Roller Pigeon Club); (2) king pigeons let go by well-intentioned people who thought they were “saving” them from the dinner plate, as they are sold at various China town “meat markets”; (3) lost or injured racers; and (4) starving “dove” release pigeons from weddings, funerals and other religious ceremonies. We fostered the birds we rescued, hoping to find them “forever homes.” But those homes never materialized, even with the help of Palomacy. So, I started building aviaries. Initially, it was for the birds we had rescued, which were living in temporary aviaries in my backyard in Benicia, California. I built my first aviary at a farm sanctuary in Martinez, California, called One Living Sanctuary. In November 2022, I will be building my seventh aviary for domesticated pigeons that need homes. Also, I started an online store for pigeons and their people (Sindyspigeonservice.com), in part, to continue to fund much-needed aviaries for these misunderstood and often maligned birds. The point of this history is to relay why I enjoy the friendships and fun the club has to offer. In the past, it was almost entirely work for the pigeons and a lot of stress in rescuing them, setting up foster aviaries and problem solving a new home. The Bird Club is a welcome place to simply enjoy fellow bird lovers. And, there is the added bonus that blind birds, Jake and Rosie, enjoy the club too.*

-what do you have to offer in this position: *I have a lot of energy and enthusiasm for the bird club and its mission. Proof can be found in my attendance at every bird club meeting, my willingness to speak to the club about pigeons, to rescue a hawk-struck racing pigeon brought to a club meeting, and in my volunteering to be the raffle basket chairperson at the Bird Mart.*

I have very good problem-solving skills, from which any organization would benefit. Before retirement, I was a lawyer for five civil judges at the Contra Costa County Superior Court in Martinez, California. I worked for judges for twenty years, researching and writing their preliminary rulings regarding any law and motion matters that came before them. These preliminary rulings most often became the judges’ final opinions. The point being, that in this work, I employed critical thinking skills on a daily basis. I also wrote and reasoned through problems clearly and concisely. These skills would be an asset to the bird club.

-any additional comments: *I have a passion for animals and the environment. Steve and I were both Board Members for a tree foundation in the Bay Area. In the time we volunteered for Benicia Tree Foundation (“BTF”), we*

personally paid for, and planted, over a hundred trees in the City of Benicia. More broadly, BTF planted over a thousand trees. This may not seem significant in this area, where trees are abundant, but many of the Bay Area's communities are largely devoid of trees. Steve and I were also Adopt-A-Highway volunteers for litter pick up for the I-780, a freeway that runs through our former town of Benicia. We were dedicated litter pickers for over 3 years. Since moving to Jacksonville, Steve and I have restored a portion of Daisy Creek running through my property and the City's property. With the help of Plant Oregon, we removed decades of blackberry growth and replanted native, riparian shrubs and trees. I continue to volunteer my time to improve the environment and my community with the Jacksonville Boosters and the Jacksonville Garden Club

Bird Club Meeting

New Location... Sunday November 6th, 2022, @ 2pm

Roxy Ann Grange Fellowship Hall

1850 Spring St.

Medford, Oregon 97504

(map is on website) www.nwbirdclub.org

Guest Speakers 2022

November: Meeting Topics: Club Business & (TBD)_we have a brief educational presentation

December: Annual Christmas Party

January 2023: Sindy's Pigeon Service- Pigeon Education/ Aviary Essentials

***Happy Day to all us lucky people/bird/pets born in
November!!!***



BIRD CLUB CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified Ad Pricing

(Your Ad will be in the monthly newsletter and on our club webs (Line Ads are free for members)

Line Ads for non-members: \$5.00 per month ~ \$27.00 for 6 months ~ \$55.00 for 1 yr

BOX AD - Includes a box outline to make your ad stand out from the rest – \$7.00 per month

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ADS for newsletter: 14th of each month.

****TO PLACE AN AD FOR THE NEWSLETTER OR WEB-SITE***

**E-MAIL: ANN: ann.nwbirdclub.org (In subject line put
“ ad NWBC”) or call (541) 826-4133 please leave a message.**

**PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOUR ITEM SELLS
SO I CAN REMOVE IT FROM THE NEWSLETTER
(after three* your ad will be removed unless you renew it)**

DISCLAIMER:

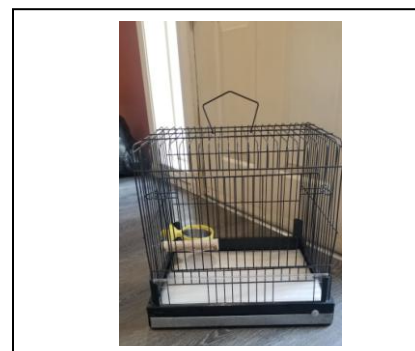
The Northwest Bird Club makes no warrantee as to the health, condition, or availability of any birds advertised in this newsletter or on our webs

Me & My Birdy will longer be making handmade parrot toys for the Rogue Valley. We are so sad to see a beloved club member close up shop and know that her skills will be missed by many- human and parrot a-like! 🦜

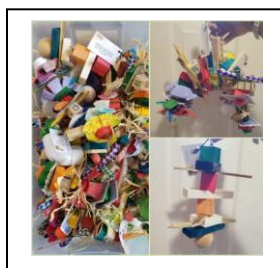
However, a closed chapter for one person means the start of a new adventure for another! Have you ever wanted to make your own parrot toys? Sabra has a lot of supplies available for anyone interested.

These pictures only feature a fraction of what she has.

- Completely assembled toys
- Partially assembled toys
- Prepared pieces for stringing
- Safely dyed wood
- Natural wood
- Blocks, balls, beads...the list goes on!
- Travel carriers/cages
- Perches



Contact Sabra Scott for quotes or to make offers on the materials. 541-941-7844



Descriptions

1. Big White Cage.
53" tall, 24" wide, 22" deep.
Perches included and cleanable floor pad. No pooped anything. \$200.
2. Gold Cage.
48" tall, 19" wide, 19" deep.
Perches included and dishes. Has stand. No pooped anything. \$40.00
3. Black Cage.
47" tall, 22" wide, 17" deep.
Perches included and dishes. Has stand. No pooped anything. \$25.00
It has a break on the bottom plastic pan, but still useful cage.
4. Travel Cage.
26" tall, 14" wide, 14" deep.
Home made for taking in a car. Perches included and cleanable
Floor pad. Removable bottom for cleaning. NO STAND. No poop. \$20.00
5. Cockatiel Stand
Homemade, plastic base, easy to clean. Black neck keeps bird from
Chewing! Table top usage. Carry bird where you wish to go. \$10.00
10" tall, 17" wide, 11" deep.
6. Parrot Stand for Gold or Black cages.
7.5" tall, 21" wide, 7" deep. Homemade. Fits on top of cages securely.
\$10.00
7. Carry Basket
20" tall, 21" wide, 7" deep. Will give to the right person. My parrot used
This all the time! Easy to keep clean.
8. Tree Stand
Homemade. Buying a tree stand was too expensive. This is Manzanita
Wood, Pealed bark for safety. Will not tip over! Easy to keep clean. Red.
46" tall, 22" wide, 14" deep. \$40.00
9. Tree Stand
Homemade. 52" tall, 26.5" wide, 16" deep. Manzanita wood, pealed.
Easy to keep clean. Blue. \$40.00
10. Moveable (on wheels) play stand. Homemade. Easy to keep clean.
50" tall, 27" wide, 19" deep. \$50.00

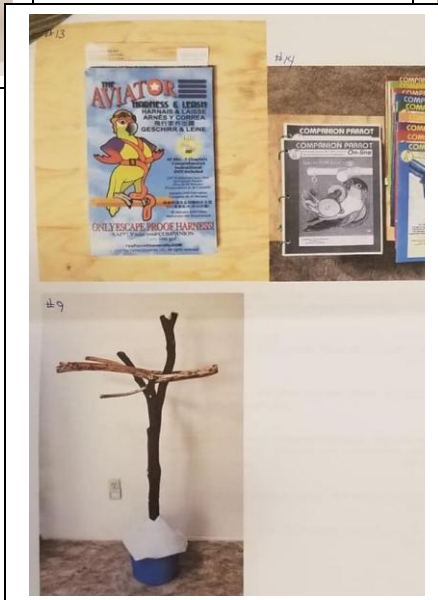
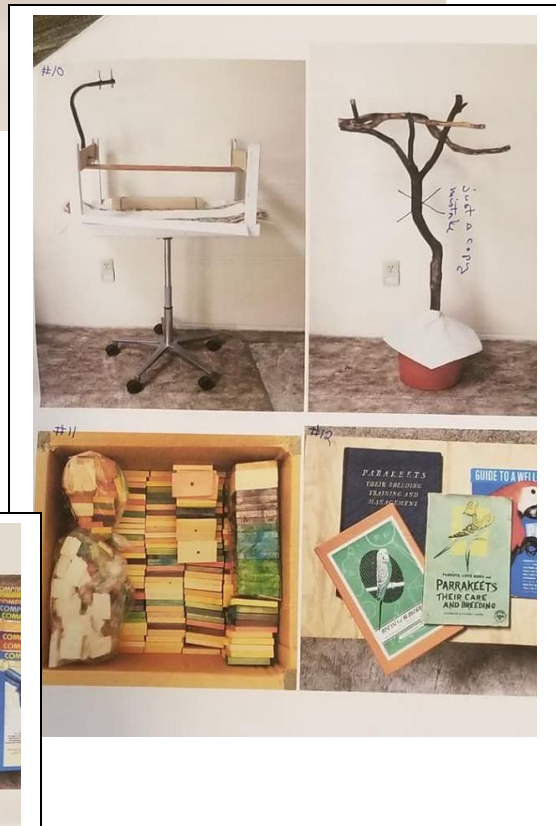
Descriptions

11. Big Box of 'chew' sticks. Soft wood. Parrots like to chew! There are center Holes so they can be strung and hung in cage. Colored for mental Stimulation. Color safe vegetable dies. Also, smaller sack for the smaller Cockatiels and chewers. \$20.00
12. Bird Books For education. \$1.00 each
13. Aviator harness for Amazon size bird. Has CD instruction included. NEVER USED. \$40.00
14. Companion Parrot magazines. For education. Plus there is some free things in education also. \$1.00 each.

Rope covered bird swing....hang from ceiling. No photo
18.5 "circle.

Large box of TOYS and sundry bird stuff, to the right person. No photo

There are DISHES for food. Water holders and dispensers, and a lot of 'bird' things to given to the right person.



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Olympia, Washington

It's almost time to "fall back" the clocks as Daylight saving time comes to an end on Sunday, November 6, 2022. You'll set your clocks back an hour at 2 a.m., to local standard time, meaning you get an extra hour of sleep that night!

However, this also means sunsets will be earlier in the afternoon. Sunrise times will also change.

We will continue to lose roughly two minutes of sunlight until the first day of Winter, on Monday, December 21.

The first day of Winter will be the shortest day of the year, with only 9 hours and 21 minutes of sunlight.



**51st ANNUAL
Canary, Finch, Softbill & Small Hookbill
SHOW & SALE**

**November 6 & 7, 2021
at
Cascade Hall
Oregon State Fairgrounds
2330 17th Street NE
Salem, Oregon**

**Contact Show Manager Dan Pitney at
dspitney@gmail.com
or (503) 866-9524
for more information**

If you love birds, don't miss this event!