



MADELEINE FRANCO WILL BE SPEAKING ON FEATHER PLUCKING

BRING YOUR BIRDS AND QUESTIONS

NEXT MEETING: April 17, 2011 The OAS meeting begins with a social time and set up time at **1:30 pm** The **business portion of the meeting begins at 2p.m.** Our meetings are held in the Hardesty South Regional Library which is located off memorial behind the car dealership at 8316 East 93rd Street

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- B. To monitor legislative activity that might threaten, endanger, or otherwise affect the Avicultural community.
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Jennifer's Veggie Bread

One package unsweetened cornbread mix
3 eggs (with shells)
1/3 cup seltzer water
1/3 cup unsweetened fruit juice
2 tbsp ground flaxseed
2 tbsp wheat germ
1 tbsp poppy seeds
1 tbsp sesame seeds
1 tbsp dried Italian herb mix (parsley, rosemary, basil)
1/4 cup dry rolled oats (slow cook oatmeal)
1 jar squash baby food
1 jar mixed veggie baby food
Small handful raw, unsalted nuts
Large handful fresh, freeze-dried, and/or frozen mixed veggies (peas, carrots, lima beans, green beans, spinach, broccoli, etc.)
Small handful pellet food (for added vitamins)
Small handful seed mix
1 tsp hot pepper flakes (more if your birds like very spicy food)

Put whole eggs (with shells), nuts, liquid, and babyfood into blender and puree. Add vegetables and blend until chunks are very small. Pour into a bowl with remaining ingredients and mix well. Bake according to directions on cornbread package (if mixture is extremely wet, you might need to leave it in the oven for 5 extra minutes).

This is a very flexible recipe. Use anything you like, in almost any quantity. Adjust it to your personal preferences or your birds' individual tastes. Just have fun with it!

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NOTES TO MEMBERS:

- OAS BY-LAWS:** Included in the March newsletter was a copy of our By-Laws with suggested amendments. They were present for your approval either by a paper ballot or by Survey Monkey. The votes must be in by the April meeting.
- SEPTEMBER BIRD FAIR:** It is not too early to begin collecting items for the raffle table.
- OAS will be taking Ms. Franco to dinner after the Apr. meeting.** We will eat at the **OLIVETO ITALIAN BISTRO AT 8922 S. MEMEMORIAL (91 & Mem.)** Anyone who would like to join us plan on meeting us there. They have good food at a reasonable cost. This would be a good time to visit Ms. Franco and just enjoy being together.
- Kathleen Jones, our refreshment Chairman, will be calling members to help provide **refreshment** at each meeting. We plan to have **pot luck** dinners at the **June, Aug. & Nov.** meeting. In the past we have taken our **out of town guest** for either a **brunch or dinner**. This will be done for the speakers of the **May, July, & Oct.** meetings. At these meetings a **snacks** will provided at the Library for those who could not attend the dinner.

2011 OSA EVENT CALENDAR

- April 17 (3rd Sun.)** Madelyn Franco will present a program on feather picking
May 22 Greg & Cindy Poulain of the S. Dakota rescue organization will present a program on rescue of parrots
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July 24 Wings of Love: Yvonne Patterson will present this program
August 28 Dr. Welch Latest AVA information
September 10 Indian Summer Bird Fair
September 25 AFA Report
October 23 Rick Jordan – National acclaimed speaker
November 20 (3rd Sun) Holiday Party ***Don't miss the party, it's lots of fun***
December No Program-See you next year



Minutes of General Meeting – March 27, 2011

At 2:00 p.m., President Jim Geurin brought the March General Membership meeting to order at the Hardesty Regional Library and requested all cell phones be silenced. The sign-in sheet indicated 13 members and 4 guests were present. Officers in addition to President Geurin included: 1st Vice President Alena Jo Gleason, 2nd Vice President Debra Rivers, Treasurer Debbie Davis, Member-at-Large Robert Morgan, Secretary Karen O'Brien and Committee Chairs Mary Hill (Bird Fair), Donna Dozier (Library), and Kathleen Jones (Refreshment). Guests, including a young lady who was introduced by Robert, were acknowledged and welcomed. Cindy Dietrich, a new member, requested information on a potential bird sitter, and was given information by other members.

The minutes from the February General and Board Meetings, which were published in the newsletter, were approved.

Debbie Davis, Treasurer, presented the current finances, which were approved.

Mary Hill, Bird Fair Chairperson, wrapped up the March Bird Fair, and offered to help with what she can complete before the time she will be out-of-town during the September 2011 fair. She was complimented on the hard work and organization she has provided for the last few bird fairs. Comments were made regarding signage and disclaimers for returned checks, whether a second guard should be hired for the "back" door during the fair, and the procedure to obtain toys for bigger birds from the vendors.

Debra Rivers, 2nd V.P., said that the calendar for this year has been filled. She reminded us that Madelyn Franco will be traveling to Tulsa to discuss why birds pluck their feathers and what to do about it at the April meeting. REMINDER: The April meeting is a week early, on 4/17, due to Easter.

Under new business, the membership was reminded that this September the election committee will begin the search for candidates for the President, Secretary, Treasurer and 1st Vice President. The present Board has worked hard to build on the previous Boards' successes, and several members have served in several positions. If you have ever considered the direction you would like to see the organization go, now is the time to look into which position your talents can best be used.

At 2:30 p.m., the business meeting was adjourned and club members presented their own birds, giving a little background on the species, such as where they originated, and how the birds fit in their households. A couple members brought birds which are looking for new homes. It was another good time to get to know each other better.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen O'Brien, Secretary

Minutes of OAS Board Meeting – April 5, 2011

Held at Hardesty Library, Board members present included: President Jim Geurin, 1st VP Alena Jo Gleason, Treasurer Debbie Davis, BML Robert Morgan by electronic voting system, Librarian Donna Dozier, Refreshment Chair Kathleen Jones, and Retiring Publicity/Fair Chair Mary Hill.

The meeting was called to order. There were no announcements. The minutes published in the March newsletter were approved.

Reports on the program committee were given by Debbie Davis for Debra Rivers. The following has been confirmed as listed below

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It was recommended Ms. Franco, the Poulain and Mr Jordan be taken to a local restaurant for a brunch prior to the meeting as has been our habit in the past. We will provide a brunch for Ms. Patterson at the home of Debra Rivers because the birds she brings will need to stay in a safe environment during her stay.

It was recommend to our Refreshment Chairman we provide the following refreshments:

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Kathleen asked we provide her with a update membership roster as the contact information she has is not adequate. She had no futher information to present.

Mary Hill gave her final report on what has been done for the September bird fair. She has given Jim all of the past data concerning the fairs. She will be available for question but is no longer able to continue her work on the fairs.

Alena Jo Gleason presented a list of the copies that need to be made for the Sept fair. A motion was offered, seconded and passed that she obtain necessary copies.

Since we are not using all the extra newsletter,a motion was made, seconded and passed that we decrease the number of extra copies of the newsletter from 25 to 10.

Donna Dozier has present an update list of the available videos. This information will be posted in the newsletter each month.

Karen O'Brien will let us know when the survey monkey is available.

Plans are pending for an audit to be scheduled.

Robert Morgan motioned that we contact all returned check writer ASAP and advised the person there will be an added fee for returned checks of \$25.00. That we obtain signage stating this and have it posted at any of our events. Motioned was seconded and passed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that we adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Alena Jo Gleason,
For Karen O'Brien, Secretary

OUR SPEAKER AT THE APRIL MEETING IS

MADELEINE FRANCO

Madeleine Franco, founder of Premium Pine Cones, Ltd. and designer of the Natty Newfeather's™ product line, is a professional, award-winning business writer and a work-from-home "bird mom" to a mixed--non-breeding but highly interactive and platonic--pet flock. Her 500 square-foot aviary of approximately 30 pet birds is a place where a Derbyan parakeet is housed with an Amazon parrot of the same sex, a conure preens a cockatoo nearly twice his size, a hawk-headed parrot visits with a red-tailed black cockatoo, and the buddy system is alive and remarkably well.

Ever since the age of four, when her mother used to tell her that the way to catch a robin was to pour salt on its tail, Madeleine has had an interest in and respect for birds. Her first pet bird, many years ago, was a rather handsome English budgie named P.T. From 1985 to 1989, as the mother of two young boys, she held a U.S. Fish and Wildlife permit for the rehabilitation of migratory waterfowl. Following a trip to Australia, she became hooked on hookbills.

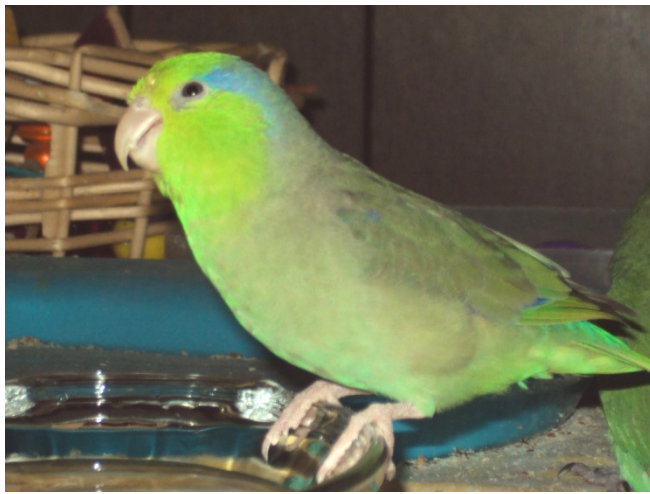
Owners of cockatiels, cockatoos, African greys, macaws and other species of pet parrots often visit "Natty Newfeather" because, sadly, their birds have begun to pull out, barber or snap their own feathers. Such feather destructive behaviors, often referred to collectively as feather plucking, are relatively common problems. Notwithstanding, they can also be some of the most difficult behavioral problems to solve and may, if not checked, lead to life-threatening mutilation.

Almost without exception, birds that engage in feather destructive behavior have undergone one form of stress or another. Assuming no abnormal pathology, the "secret" to normalizing these birds is to identify the stressors, eliminate or minimize those stressors, and then try to break the birds' often deep-seated feather-destructive habits. The more emotional and sensitive a bird is, the more susceptible it can be to plucking its own feathers and the more ingrained its habit may be. African grey parrots and cockatoos are over-represented among feather-destructive pet birds because, perhaps more than any other psittacines, they seem to fit the sensitivity profile.

Madeleine is the founding president of the Southern Nevada Parrot Education, Rescue & Rehoming Society (www.snperres.org). Her interest in providing products specifically designed for pluckers and birds that just wanna have fun is the outgrowth of her many years of rehabilitation and rehoming of pet parrots. She has been an American Federation of Aviculture featured speaker and makes presentations available to bird clubs, rehoming groups and other organizations. Additionally, a number of her pet parrots, known as The Parrot Troupers™, visit schools, hospitals and community groups as avian good-will and educational ambassadors. Speaker and guest appearance fees are donated to SNPERRS. To schedule a presentation or a landing of The Parrot Troupers™, contact Madeleine at 801-463-0300.

"Every good bird deserves feather."

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BEFORE



AFTER

Does this look familiar? Our little Pacific became frustrated by his mate when she began to set. So he showed her. He chewed his feather off because she wasn't giving him enough attention and was cranky .too. The next time he chewed his and hers. He said he just wasn't ready for a family.

Bring your birds and questions to the April meeting. We have guest speaker who will be presenting a program on feather picking.

Species Profile: **Zebra Finch**



Zebra Finch
Family: *Estrildidae*
Genus: *Taeniopygia guttata*
Range: Australia

Zebra Finches are a favorite among avian keepers and breeders because they are extremely colorful, easy to care for, and relatively easy to breed. Zebra Finches are very social with birds of the same species and the males love to sing. Their soft chirping sound is similar to a beep and can erupt into intricate song that

many humans find soothing and pleasant. This is in stark contrast to other varieties of birds that tend to do more loud squawking. The females do not sing.

Zebra Finches have been the subject of much study relative to how songbirds learn to sing. Females judge a male's song when determining with whom to mate - the more robust the song, the more likely to be chosen...a kind of natural selection process ensuring the best singers produce more progeny.

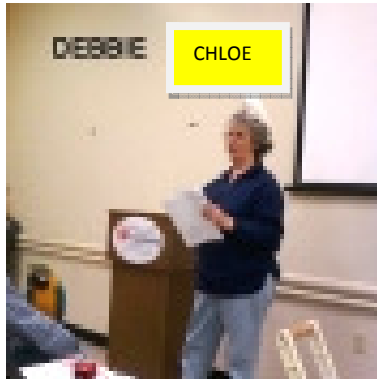
Although Zebra Finches are considered seed eating birds, that does not mean that seed should be the only item in their diet. Finches are found all over the world from barren desert regions to areas of thick vegetation. Because of this they enjoy a variety of foods other than seed. Fresh vegetables, greens, and fruit are readily accepted and should be offered to all types of finches. This gives them a healthy diverse diet and keeps them from getting bored with the same old seed.

Zebra Finches love to fly and need a minimum of 20 inches of horizontal space to accommodate this natural behavior. They appreciate as big a flight zone as you can give them. Although very social with their own species, in fact, needing this social interaction, finches do not like to interact very much with humans. They should be kept in pairs, at least, and thrive in larger groups.

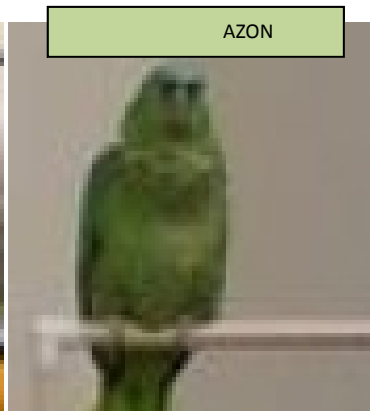
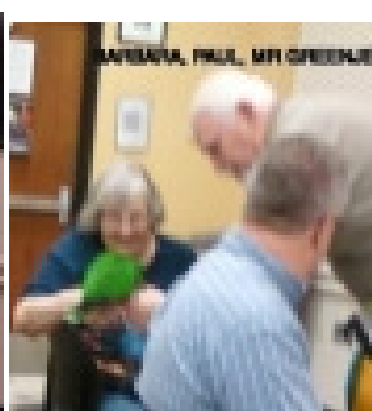
Interesting Facts:

Family:	<i>Estrildidae</i>
Genus:	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>
Size:	4" to 4-1/2" and weighs less than 1/2 ounce, depending on the color and origin.
Habitat:	The Zebra Finch is considered to be an adaptive species, but is most commonly found in dry and arid areas of Australia. This species is generally found in open country with grass and some scattered trees and bushes.
Behavior:	Very personable, incredibly intelligent, outgoing, playful, social, and vocal; they can also be quite sassy, stubborn, and self-confident.
Diet:	Feed a seed based diet, but be sure to offer fresh vegetables, greens and small amounts of fruit as well.
Life Span:	The Zebra Finch's life span generally ranges from 3 to 8 years.
Average Cost:	\$20-\$100, depending on coloration.

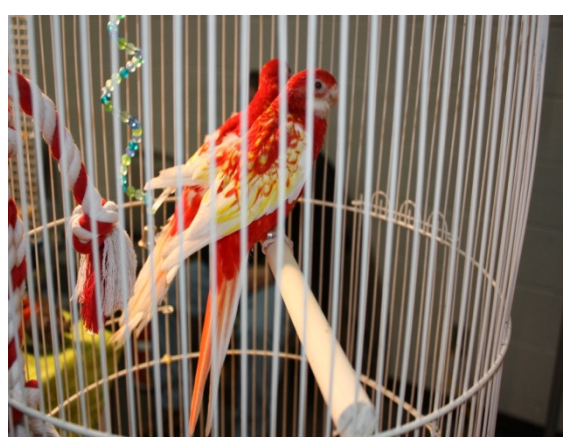
APRIL'S OAS MEETING "SHOW AND TELL"



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2011 SPRING FLING



BALLOT

Copies of suggested Amendments to the OAS By-Laws were posted in the mailed OAS March Newsletter and on the OAS web site. Copies were email to those who have access to a CPU. Copies were also made available at our March meeting. As was communicated, a vote on these changes would be held no later than the April meeting. If you have not voted by Survey Monkey. Please mail your vote in or bring it with you to the April meeting.

DON'T FORGET .. Our April meeting is being held one week early due to the holiday.

Please mail completed ballot no later than April **17TH, 2011** to:
OKLAHOMA AVICULTURAL SOCIETY
P.O. BOX 580155
TULSA. OK 74158-0155

I have read the suggested amendments to OAS By-Laws

Please check either Yes or No to indicate your vote.

YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE _____