



BIRD LINE NEWS



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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 12, 2007-
Arlene Boles from
the Tri State Bird
Rescue,
[http://www.tristate
bird.org/index.htm](http://www.tristatebird.org/index.htm)

April 15, 2007 9AM
– 4PM Thrifty Birds
Mart , Sheraton
Reading Hotel,
Papermill Road
Wyomissing, PA
610-376-3811

May 10, 2007-Toy
Making with the
Foxwells! Jim and
Candy from
Birdsnest Specialty
bring supplies to
purchase and share
their knowledge on
making toys for our
birds!
[www.birdsnestonline.
com](http://www.birdsnestonline.com)

June 14, 2007-
Summer Kick off
Party!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOW The Bird Mart was great - if you were not able to attend you missed out. I want to thank every one who helped!! Without you guys and girls this would not be possible. SPECIAL thanks to Connie Metz and Debbie Parks for a Great Raffle table and to Esther Scholz for the most organized outreach area. This will only get bigger and better every year. One little foot note - as I was talking to all the venders, 80% of them asked if we were planning a Fall Mart and if it was going to be a two day event. This is something to think about in the future.

See every one April 12th and please remember to bring something for the snack table

Thomas J Neill Jr

Treasurer's Report:

**The preliminary figures for our profit on this year's Mart is \$1,229.27
WOW!!! Great work to everyone who helped out at the Mart - we greatly
appreciate your help.**

Christine Phelps, Treasurer for Delco Bird Club

MESSAGE FROM THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Hello to everyone and thank you for Electing me in to the Office as your 1st VP. Well The Mart is over and it is time to start a new year in making a new Mart planning for 2008. The Mart was a Great Success and I would like to thank everyone for helping out with it.

We are going to have the Tri-State Bird Rescue come to the club on the 12th of April. So come out and see what Arlene Boles is going to chat to the club about.

Please bring a snack for all to share...See you at the Meeting...

Margaret Ouali
1st VP and The Director for the Adoptions and Rescues for the Delco Bird Club

Message from the 2nd VP

Well, we did it again! As we all know Delco Bird Club's 2nd Annual Mart & Extravaganza was a huge success. Thanks to **all** our club members who volunteered and helped out in every way. Barry and Linda Tothoro again did a wonderful job with me at the raffle table! My hats off to them for standing their ground all day and to Member Representative Debbie Park for helping to set up and fill in when needed.

The raffle table was overwhelming with donations! Thanks to **everyone's** hard work and efforts who solicited companies, morning, noon and night. It's not an easy task but the end result showed it all.

I would like to give special thanks to some last minute donations to the raffle table, who did not make our show catalog. **Tanya Johnson from Wranglersroost** for \$50 gift certificate towards toys www.wranglersroost.com phone 623-869-0049

Jim and Candy Foxwell from Birds Nest Specialty for baskets full of toys www.birdsnestonline.com phone 757-442-3521

Henry and Lori Castle from Birdie Bits N Bites for food and misc items for hand feeding. www.birdiebitsnbites.com phone 717-957-4241

We also had a last minute vendor who did not make our show catalog. **Welcome to Barry Jones, of Barry's Bird Farm, Wilmington Delaware 302-668-8771** who I might add joined as a member!

We had some new vendors join us this year, thanks to all of them, who contributed to our success. Fun was had with Michael Hayes from Port Ritchie, Florida so expect to see him back for our 3rd Annual Bird Mart. He has already claimed the same spaces!

Thanks again everyone! Remember the raffle table needs and welcomes your donations.

Connie Metz
2nd Vice Pres
610-604-3316
Conniecmm1@aol.com

Board Meeting 3/20/2007 @ 7:30pm

Attendance: Tom N, Margaret O, Connie M, Colleen R, Christine P, Esther S, Linda M, Debbie P, and Erika S

Treasurer's Report: Will be talked about at the Club meeting. Our Insurance for the club has been renewed for the year.

Outreach: See Esther's Blog for all of the upcoming Outreach's. And as for the Mart Esther has reported that we have a list of volunteers for the Mart.

Fundraiser: We have gotting over \$2000.00 in donations for the Mart.

Vendors: Vender for the Mart at this time we have 21 paid Vendors. The hall was paid for by the Vendors at this time.

By-Law's: The Board Member's will be working on the by-laws at the next board meeting look forward to seeing the changes in the upcoming newsletters.

Meeting Ended 9:30pm
Colleen Robinson
Secretary

Bird Mart: Wow!! The mart is finally past us all of the hard work and dedication received from everyone really made this mart a huge success. The board members would like to thank everyone who had volunteer at the mart and also with the planning. Your time was greatly appreciated.

OUTREACH UPDATE

"THANK YOU" is not near enough.....Thank you to all our GREAT MEMBER VOLUNTEERS!!
Due to the following Members and their birds, we had a fantastic "Hands On" "Outreach Area" at our March 31, 2007 Bird Mart!

Flo Clupp with her Parrotlet, Peanut
Keith, Kelly and Baby Eddie Flury with Bailey, the Indian Ringneck
Tom Neill with his Umbrella Cockatoo, Danny
Gail Gallagher with her dancing Goffin Cockatoo
Mark and Gwyn Vernon with their Cockatoo, Sun Conure and of course Pary the Parrotlet.
Colleen Robinson with her sweet baby Plum head.
Cowboy Bill Wasson with Tiki his Cockatoo.
Sybil Vernon and her son with their Conure, Bob.
Mary Ellen Cavanagh with her adorable bright yellow Lutino Parrotlet.
Joey Ceccola with his colorful Plumhead and very relaxed Cockatiel.
Many thanks to Linda Martin for corralling/directing the public in our Outreach Area and getting them to wash their hands before handling our birds!
Many thanks also go out to Francis Hilario for taking care of all our A/V equipment needs and getting our Dr. Bob all set up for his talks!
Many Thanks also go out to Erika Scarborough for helping me personally with all aspects of running the Outreach Area all day and for staying to help me pack up all the Outreach equipment into my van!

Future Outreaches:

1)Friday, April 13th, 1 to 2 PM.
Roosevelt School
464 Old Middletown Rd., Media, Pa. 19063

Please let me know if you could possibly make this Outreach!
610-446-6427 or e-mail me: Luvnbrds@msn.com

2) Media-Upper Providence Free Library
1 East Front St., Media, Pa. 19063
These fine folks would like us to come out to visit some afternoon (1PM to 2PM)
in July or August. Let me know if you could make any of these dates and we'll settle on a date that is the best for the most. These are Mondays and Thursdays:
July 2 or 9 or 26
August 2 or 9 or 13

Please e-mail me if you can make any of these dates: Luvnbrds@msn.com

Thank You All for your continued support of this worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,
Esther Scholz, Outreach Coordinator
Luvnbrds@msn.com, 610 446-6427

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Melvin Rubin & David Veit
 Richard Elijah
 Jeff & Pat Levine
 Roger Reilly
 Lin Hammerschmidt
 Seamus Gallagher
 Judith DeGeorge
 Barry's Bird Barn

REMINDER!

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Birds Eye View : Delco Bird Club Events for 2006/2007

Delco Bird Club Recycles

Starting in March, the Delco Bird Club will start recycling all aluminum cans, plastic bottles, cardboard, and paper. New Member Representative Erika Scarborough will collect the items and recycle them for the club. The program can also include any computer printer ink and toner cartridges in addition to any discarded cell phones.

A box will be located near the food table during each meeting.

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DELCO BIRD CLUB ADOPTIONS AND RESCUES

THE FOLLOWING BIRDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION.

Sun Conure, Male, 3 yrs. old
Cockatiel, Male, 10 yrs old
Hahns Macaw, 15 yrs old (sex ?)
Nanday Conure, Female, 9 yrs old

For more info Please call Margaret at 610-713-0331

Margaret Ouali, 1st VP and The Director for the Adoptions and Rescues for the Delco Bird Club.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

At the Veterinarian's office....

A man holding a parrot came running and screaming into a veterinarian's office. The vet immediately brought him into an examining room. The vet carefully examined the parrot, and then said to the man, "I'm sorry, but this bird is dead." The man began to cry, "No! No! That can't be true! I want another opinion." The vet thought a second, then said, "okay," and left for the back office.

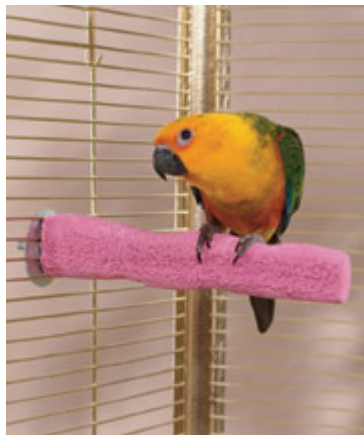
He returned with a Black Labrador retriever. The Black Lab sniffed and sniffed the bird, finally letting out a low "woof" sound and looking up at the vet. The vet said to the man, "The dog thinks that the bird is dead too." The man said, "I don't believe it! I want another opinion!" The vet then left with the Black Lab and came back with a cat. He placed the cat on the examination table. The cat walked over to the bird and sniffed and nudged it again and again. Finally, the cat shrugged its shoulders and walked away from the bird. The vet said, "The cat thinks it's dead too."

The man sighed and said, "I guess you're right. How much do I owe you?" The vet said, "That will be \$600.00." The horrified man said, "Six hundred bucks! Just to tell me my bird is dead? That's ridiculous! That's outrageous!

The vet then said, "Well, I was going to charge you \$50.00, but then I had to include the Lab fees and CAT scan.

Perches: Variety is Critical to Your Bird's Health

Drs. Foster & Smith Educational Staff



A bird's entire life is spent either standing or flying - most of the time perched in trees on branches...standing all day...sleeping all night...always in the same position. Yet, as wild birds move about, they encounter perches in a virtually endless variation of size, shape, texture, and flexibility, requiring them to constantly adjust their grip. As a result, they exercise all of the muscles in their legs and feet, keeping them fit. The limited perch options usually afforded captive birds, however, place their comfort and fitness at risk.

Consider the wooden dowel, the most common perch found in new cages. There is nothing inherently wrong with this style of perch. However, the feet of birds can become sore, stiff, and even arthritic, from clutching it around the clock. The pain is the result of constant, unvarying muscle and skeletal pressure.

Provide a variety of perches to prevent problems

It is difficult, if not impossible, for you to determine whether your bird is in pain due to its perch. But you can remove all doubt by placing perches of different styles, sizes, and irregular shapes in the cage - ideally two or more at the same time.

Perch options

Providing the variety of perches your bird needs is easy and inexpensive. A wide range of perches is available commercially, and you can also fashion a number of suitable perches from natural materials. Whichever you choose, make sure they are proportionately sized for your bird. The perch should not be so small that its toes wrap all the way around and touch each other, nor should it be so large that its feet are flat against it. To evaluate your bird's perch needs, observe its movement, and while it is at rest. Then, include some or all of the following options in your perch rotation:

- **Natural...** If you choose to make natural perches, do not use branches from any tree that has been sprayed. Select branches from unsprayed trees in your own yard. Check a list of toxic trees to be sure you are using safe wood. Avoid, for example, oak, pine, and cherry. To prepare the branches, scrub them in hot, soapy water, rinse and dry thoroughly, and then put them in the oven for half an hour at 200-250° F. Allow to cool before use. Most birds love natural branches, especially because they enjoy stripping their bark. A number of natural materials are also available commercially. For example, some manufacturers now include natural [Manzanita](#) perches in their new cages. Replacements are readily available.

...and Artificial. Many new birdcages come with dowels made of hard wood. Replacement dowels are easy to obtain. But do not assume dowels are your only option. Styles of artificial [perches](#) are available in virtually every shape, color, texture, size, and material imaginable. They arrive sterile and can be used right out of the package.

- **Regular...** Your bird needs a mix of regular shapes - round, oval, rectangular, or flat - and irregular shapes - those with varying tapers, knobs, branches, and so on. Because some birds occasionally prefer to sit with their toes extended on a flat, you might provide a wide perch such as a board or wire platform. However, these flat surfaces should never be the bird's only option.

...and Irregular. The list of irregular perches is endless.

Manzanita, Manu Mineral, Healthy Cal, and the [Pedi-Perch](#) for example, are all good choices. Each will provide healthy exercise for your bird and add character to its cage.

- **Smooth...** Surfaces can be too smooth for comfort. Standard PVC pipe, for example, is very hard to grip. Most commercial perches made of artificial materials are machine-textured to improve grip.

Ace our perch quiz

- Can the perch be natural or artificial?
- Can the shape of the perch be regular or irregular?
- Can the surface of the perch be smooth or coarse?
- Can the perch be flexible or rigid?
- Can the perch be hard or soft?

The answer to all of the above questions is "yes." You need to provide each for a healthy environment. And, just as importantly, to assure that your bird's feet get the proper exercise, you need to routinely change the mix of styles and their location.



...and Coarse. [Sand perches](#), and [nail and beak conditioning perches](#) made of concrete, clay, and other materials do a good job of trimming nails. However, they are not comfortable for the bottom of the bird's feet for long periods of time. Always provide an alternate perch.

- **Flexible...** In observations of aviary birds where both rigid and non-rigid perches were used, the birds equally divided their time between the two. Both types should be provided for your bird's use. When not flying, your bird may walk, but generally jumps from place to place. It needs places for both firm and soft landings. A soft rubber or plastic hose stretched

across the cage, for example, makes an ideal flexible perch. [Rope perches](#) come in a range of thicknesses to afford your bird a different feel, but be sure that you cut off any frayed pieces of rope so that the bird doesn't get its nails caught. Rigid perches mounted with a spring end also provide a cushioned stop, as do [swings](#).

...and Rigid. All birds need at least one rigid perch available at all times. This will afford them a solid grip and a comfortable place to sleep.

- **Hard...** Most plastic and hardwood perches are easy to clean and durable.

...and Soft. Lovebirds, conures, parrots, parakeets, and cockatiels all prefer perches made of softwoods. [Latex perches](#) are a good commercial choice. You can create your own soft perches with soft plastic hose, or by wrapping wooden perches with padded-cotton, cork, carpeting, or soft material such as flannel or felt.

Materials to avoid

It is normal if your bird chews and ingests wood from its perches. But if your bird mouths the hardware on perches, replace it immediately with stainless steel. Avoid zinc hardware which can rust and create toxicity problems. Plastic perches provide many fun and interesting options, but be careful that your pet doesn't ingest the plastic.

Placement and cleaning tips

- Perches should be placed in front of food and water dishes so the bird can reach the dishes easily.
- To avoid droppings contaminating the food or water, do not place perches directly above the dishes.
- Always place a perch so that the bird's tail will not touch the side of the cage when seated on it.
- Place perches at various levels within the cage.
- Avoid using too many perches, which could prevent the bird from flying. A bigger cage might be the better choice, not fewer perches.
- Scrub perches regularly.

Perches provide more than "standing room only"

In addition to providing standing room, perches serve other important roles - physical, practical, and social. Your bird will also use a perch as a tool, a place to rub its beaks to remove pieces of food, and a place of play. Perches are places of socialization for pairs or groups. And height is used to signify status. [Out-of-cage perches](#) and stands enable you to integrate your pet into your surroundings, while providing it a place of security.

Providing your bird a variety of perches is fun, easy-to-do, and will help assure its comfort and fitness. It's a change-in-the-cage your bird will appreciate.

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