

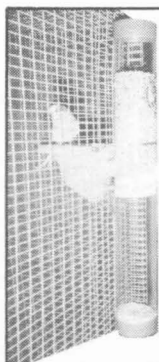
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Avy Awards 1979

**AFA Convention,
Hollywood, Florida**

by Roland G. Dubuc
Committee Chairperson

The Avy Awards this year were more competitive and in turn more complicated than those in years past. Ballots were sent out early to all clubs, all state coordinators and all other interested parties. Ballots were compiled under categories of types of birds. These categories were examined by experts in the individual field before a final vote was taken by the committee.

These committees were made up as follows:

For Finches:

Peggy Cochran, Georgia

For Canaries:

Harold Sodamann, Kansas

Charlotte Nierenberg, California

For Budgerigars:

Wes Tegtmeir, California

For Parrot Type:

Francis Billie, California

For the Gallinaceous:

Craig Hendee, Illinois

Dick Mattice, California

For Shows:

Nancy Reed, Connecticut

Also the respective members of the

Canary and Budgerigar sections

already listed.

The final vote was left to the committee, which was made up of one member from each of the six regions of A.F.A.:

Western:

Roland Dubuc, Chairman,
California

South-Eastern:

Dr. Thomas Angel, Kentucky

North-Central:

Jim Fouts, Kansas

North-Eastern:

Nancy Reed, Connecticut

South-Central:

Dr. Phil Ryan, Texas

Mid-Western:

Craig Hendee, Illinois

Under the Gold Category, "for an aviculturist who has made an outstanding contribution to aviculture or to a breeder who has bred a new species for the first time in the world." All nominees were accepted by the committee. Winners were as follows:

Posthumous presentations to the following,

Herman Curtis, Juneau, Wisconsin
Dr. Irving Goulard, Arcadia,
California

Outstanding Avicultural Achievement,
Elmer Heft, Green Lakes, Wisconsin
Dr. Margaret Petrak, Medway,
Massachusetts
Bernard Roer, Phoenix, Arizona

Under the Silver Category, category I
"First breeding of a new species in North
America"

Nominees were:

Walter Crawford, Fenton, Missouri
Jeanne and Belden Crist, Palm
Springs, California

Melvin and Gay Fischer, Mt. Ver-
non, Washington

The Houston Zoo, Houston, Texas
Jerry Jennings, Los Angeles,
California

Ralph and Betty Woodbridge, Water-
ford, California

The Winners were:

Jeanne and Belden Crist

Melvin and Gay Fischer

Jerry Jennings

Under the Silver Category, category V
"For domesticated birds for which there
are show standards, breeders who have
won in three or more shows under three or
more different judges in the same year.
Birds must have been bred by the
exhibitor."

Nominees were:

Captain Jim Albury, Miami, Florida
Ralph Bowman, Des Moines, Iowa
Ermafern Collins, Dallas Center,
Iowa

Gerald Collins, Dallas Center, Iowa
Patricia Demko, Pittsburg,

Pennsylvania

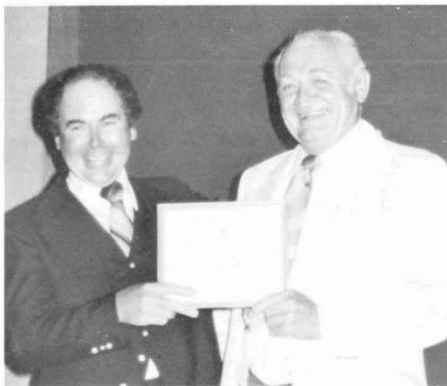
Ray and Faye Ricketts, Modesto,
California

Mark Whiteaker, Trenton, Missouri
Bonita Williams, Columbus, Ohio
Cliff Williams, Hammond, Indiana
Hugh Wilson, San Jose, California

Lee Horton, left, presents a Lifetime Membership to Frank Kozeluh, and wife Mary, for outstanding contributions to AFA as its first financial officer.



Bernard Roer, left, received a gold award for outstanding avicultural achievement.



Craig Hendee, left, chairman of State Coordinators, accepts the President's Award from Dr. R.E. Baer.

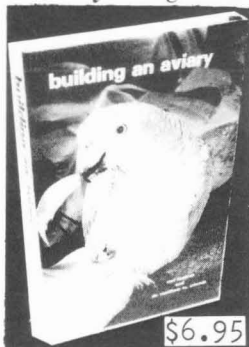


Dr. Margaret L. Petrak, another gold award winner, for outstanding avicultural achievement.

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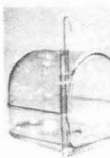
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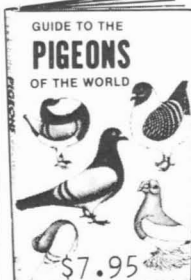
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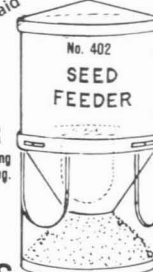


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The Winners were:
 Capt. Jim Albury
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Under the Silver Category, category VI
 "Most progress with an individual
 species."

Nominees were:

George Allen, Salt Lake City, Utah
 Rae Anderson, Sierra Madre,
 California
 Joe Beter, Gretna, Louisiana
 Ray Brode, Torrance, California
 Al Decoteau, Dunstable,
 Massachusetts
 Patricia Demko, Pittsburg,
 Pennsylvania
 Guy Hughes, Colton, California
 John Knipp, Cincinnati, Ohio
 Ramon Noegel, Seffner, Florida
 Charles Sivelle, Dix Hills, New York
 Frank Strange, Torrance, California
 The Bill Vokoun Family, Downers
 Grove, Illinois

The Winners were:

George Allen
 Guy Hughes
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Under the Bronze Category both
 nominations and voting were done dif-
 ferently. Nominations were received for
 this In-House Service Award from each of
 the officially elected officers of A.F.A.
 and THE WATCHBIRD staff. For the
 General Service Award:

Nominees were:

A.F.A. East, the Washington Mini
 Convention
 Tim Dahle, Glen Burnie, Maryland
 Roland Dubuc, Vista, California
 Craig Hendee, Glenview, Illinois
 Lee Horton, Vista, California
 Ray Jerome, Dallas, Texas
 Joe McLaughlin, Dundee, Oregon
 Janice Pritchard, El Cajon,
 California

The Winners were:

Lee Horton
 Ray Jerome
 Janice Pritchard

Under the Bronze Category, Best Pro-
 fessional and Best Non-Professional Ar-
 ticles in this year's WATCHBIRD, winners
 were selected by the editor.

Best Professional Article:

Robert Seibels, Columbia, South
 Carolina, "Breeding the Toco
 Toucans" Feb-March 1979 Issue

Best Non-Professional Article:

Tanner Chrisler, St. Louis, Missouri
 "Fun With Pigeons, You Say?"
 Apr-May 1978 Issue ●

1979 AFA Convention

AFA Convention, Hollywood, Florida



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Ramon Noegel received a silver award for the most progress within individual species.



Melvin and Gay Fischer receive a 1st Breeding Award.

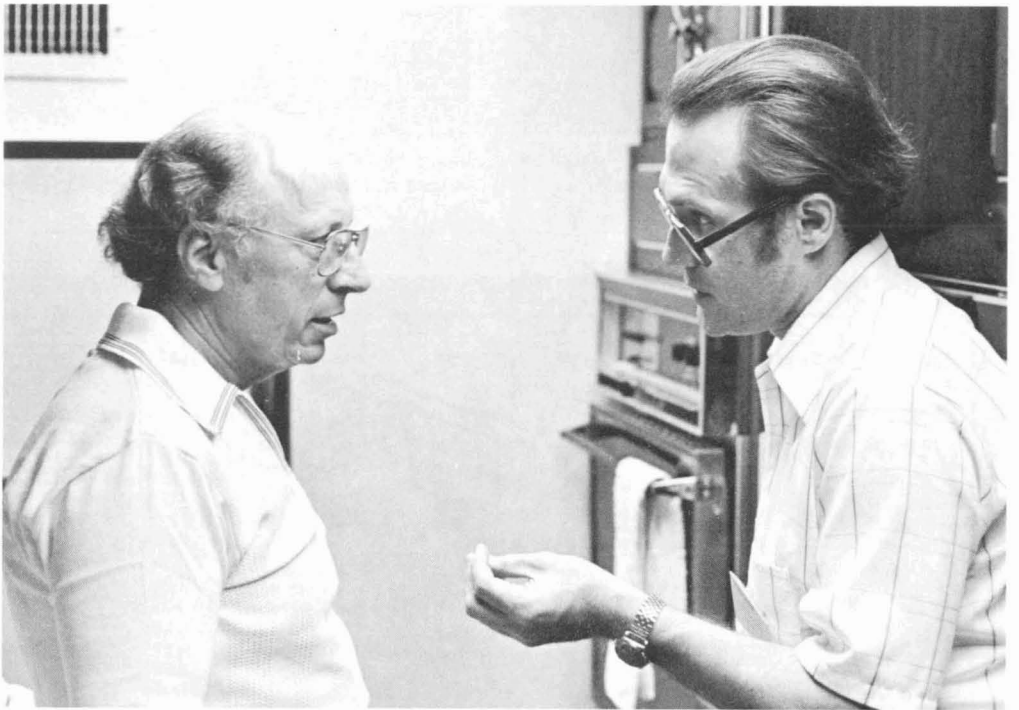


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Dr. Richard E. Baer, left, president of AFA, found a quiet corner to discuss some good ideas with Dr. Robert G. Travnick, AFA Nebraska State Coordinator.

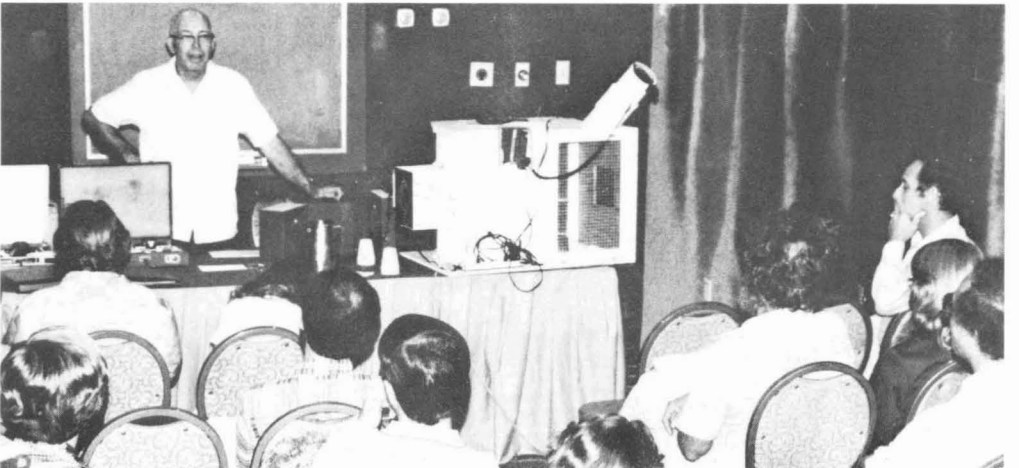
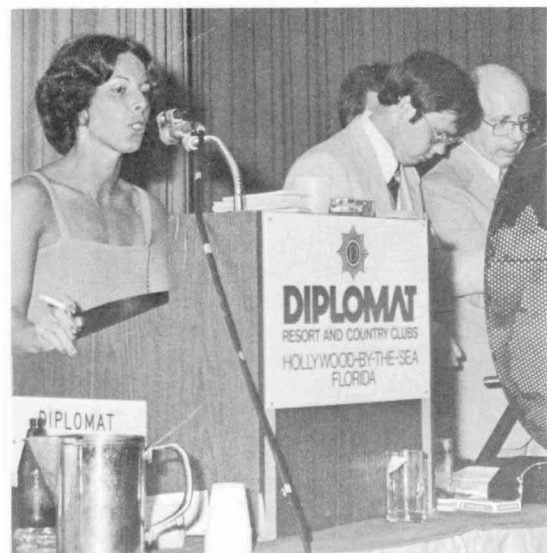


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Dan Martin conducted a photo workshop, showing folks just how he has produced some beautiful bird photos that have appeared in the Watchbird.



Tom Ireland, convention chairman and newly elected AFA 2nd Vice President, addresses the assembly.



Judy Hofferma, National Raffle Chairwoman, inspires some last minute ticket sales.



Tony Bucci, canary breeder and author, enjoyed a cocktail with Kai Juhl, background, Illinois State Coordinator.



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