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Aviculture—Branching Out! ***August 5–8, 2009***

When Horace Greeley coined that phrase, West was the only direction anyone, young or old could go. While there are those of us who will indeed go West to get to the 2009 AFA Convention, others will have to travel East, North and even South. Whatever the direction, we will all be flocking to Houston, Texas. WOW!

Houston is a place where your other car is a truck. Where men are gentlemen and treat their womenfolk like ladies. Where

you can find food representative of any cuisine from anywhere. Where fun abounds whether it is structured or a good ole Texas hoedown.

Most importantly, come August 5–8, Houston is where the bird people will be flocking. People will be coming from far and wide to hear renowned speakers on the topic of birds. They will reunite with people of the same interest, people who have become once-a-year friends.

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August 5–8, 2009

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Registration

House of Delegates registration includes lectures, exhibits, specialty meetings, and a banquet ticket. One copy of Convention Proceedings is included if HOD meeting is attended. **Full registration includes** lectures, exhibits, specialty meetings, and a banquet ticket. **Daily registration includes** lectures, exhibits, and specialty meetings for a specific day only.

Refunds

Full refund if postmarked on or before June 19, 2009. 50 percent refund if postmarked on or before July 3, 2009. All refund requests must be in writing and mailed or e-mailed to the address below. **Early Bird registration MUST be postmarked by June 19, 2009.**

Hotel information

The Convention will be held at the Hilton Houston North. Hotel accommodations are NOT included in registration fees. Call (281) 875.2222 for reservations. Mention AFA when making reservations to secure convention rates of \$109.00 per night for single/double occupancy.

All minors attending the Convention must be accompanied at all times by a registered adult participant. AFA is not responsible for minors who attend the Convention without proper adult supervision.	Early Bird Rates		Normal Rates	
	AFA Member	Non-member	AFA Member	Non-member
Special registration fee for House of Delegates	\$180.00		\$200.00	
Full registration	\$205.00	\$235.00	\$245.00	\$275.00
Daily registration (per day)			\$75.00	\$100.00
Wednesday off-site zoo trip to the Houston Zoo			\$45.00	
Extra banquet ticket (each), indicate (V)vegetarian or (N)on vegetarian			\$50.00	
Convention Proceedings CD Pre-Convention: \$10 / At Convention: \$12				
T-shirts / Polo shirts, sizes M–XXL, to be picked up at the Convention: T-shirts: \$25 / Polo shirts: \$35				
If you are not yet a member, join now for full privileges! Individual: \$40 Family: \$45 Supporting: \$75 Commercial: \$125				

SEND COMPLETED FORM & PAYMENT TO: AFA • P.O. Box 159 • Rossville, TN 38066

e-mail: conventioncentral@idealbirds.com Phone: 901.853.6079 / Fax: 901.853.8452



Super 8 Raffle Prizes

Support the AFA and win one of these great prizes!

Drawing donations: \$2 per ticket, \$20 for 12 tickets. **Deadline:** Mail-in tickets must be received by the AFA by July 18, 2009, to be entered in the drawing. Onsite purchases and hand-carried tickets may be deposited at the Convention any time up to moment of drawing. AFA is a 501(c)3 educational organization. **For additional tickets, contact:** AFA, P.O. Box 91717 • Austin, TX 78709 • Tel: (512) 585-9800 • Fax: (512) 858-7029 • afaoffice@earthlink.net or visit us online at www.afabirds.org. Additional tickets may also be printed from the Web site.



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Please indicate payment preferences and return to AFA with completed raffle tickets to the AFA Office or to our convention coordinator, Wanda Elder, PO Box 159 • Rossville, TN 38066. • Winners will be drawn on August 8, 2009

Ticket Donations: Check or Money Order Credit Card only accepted on charges
 12 Tickets for \$20 made payable to AFA or \$10 or more
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25 THINGS TO DO IN HOUSTON

1. The Downtown Aquarium—A six-acre dining and entertainment complex with a 500,000-gallon aquarium, and a rainforest complete with exotic birds.
2. Kemah Boardwalk—The fun never stops with great restaurants and the Boardwalk Bullet roller coaster.
3. Moody Gardens—The rainforest pyramid, the Imax theater and the penguin encounter, Moody Gardens is packed with fun learning experiences.
4. Jesse Jones Nature Park and Arboretum—300 acres of natural parkland with a variety of micro habitats.
5. Smith Point—A popular place for birders year round.
6. Bolivar Flats Bird Sanctuary—Maintained by the Houston Audubon Society, popular with birders year round.
7. San Jacinto Battleground and State Park—The historic site of the battle that won Texas independence from Mexico.
8. Houston Zoo—This large bird collection boasts 800 birds from 250 species.
9. Houston Museum District—One of the top cultural districts in the country, with 18 institutions comprising the museum district. Eleven of these are free all the time.
10. Space Center Houston—Intelligent fun describes the experience at the Space Center. See a space shuttle, touch a moon rock, learn about the space program.
11. Golfing—There are 50 golf courses in the Houston area, one will fit you to a tee.
12. Downtown Tunnels—Escape the summer heat in the world's largest indoor pedestrian tunnel system featuring seven miles of shopping and dining possibilities.
13. Buffalo Bayou—Canoe or kayak down historic Buffalo Bayou.
14. Sam Houston Race Park (horse racing).
15. Gulf Greyhound Park (greyhound racing).
16. Shop at the Galleria—The Galleria is the largest mall in Texas and the seventh-largest in the United States, with more than 375 stores.
17. The George Ranch Historical Park—Visit this 480-acre living history park located in a 23,000-acre working ranch.
18. Houston Arboretum and Nature Center—155-acre non-profit urban nature sanctuary with five miles of nature trails.
19. Wall of Water—This 64-foot landmark is one of the most popular photo backgrounds in Houston.
20. National Museum of Funeral History—The history of funerals with exhibits of caskets, coffins, hearses and much more. Educational, interesting and different.
21. Burke Baker Planetarium—An out-of-this-world experience inside the Museum of Natural Science.
22. Art Car Museum—Cars are transformed into works of art intended to encourage awareness of art.
23. Miller Outdoor Theatre—A picnic on the grounds and a concert or play are a great way to spend a summer evening under the stars.
24. Galveston Seawall—Built after the great storm of 1900, the seawall has protected Galveston for more than a century.
25. The Bishops Palace Galveston—Built before the great storm of 1900, it is recognized as one of the best examples of Victorian-era architecture and Gilded age extravagance in America.

AFA 2009 Convention Speakers

Keynote Address: Ian Tizard, BVMS, Ph.D., ACVM

Disease, Death and Extinction: the Significance of Infectious Diseases in the Life of Wild and Captive Birds

Sharman Hoppes, DVM, Ph.D.—Sponsored by Texas A & M University, Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center

Update on Proventricular Dilatation Disease
Allergic Alveolitis

Darrel Styles, DVM, Ph.D.

Socialization of the Parrot from Hatch Through Maturity
The Physics of Feather Color Generation in Parrots and Basic Avian Genetics of Psittacine Color Mutations

Mark Sargent—Sponsored by the Pionus Breeders Association
The Blue-headed Pionus Parrot—An Avicultural Perspective

Matt Baird, The Galah in Aviculture
Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos

Kashmir Csaky—Sponsored by NPPRF

Easing the Transitions in Life of Captive Birds
A Comparative Observation of Hyacinth Macaws in Captivity and in the Wild

Roger G. Sweeney, Considering Avian Social Systems in Aviculture
Behavioral Solutions in Aviculture Management

David Waugh, Ph.D.—Sponsored by Loro Parque Fundacion
Nest Boxes in the Wild: Conservation of the Cuban Parakeet
Avicultural Challenges and Successes: Highlights of the LPF Psittacine Collection

Natalie Antinoff, DVM, Diplomate ABVP (Avian)
Avian Reproduction: Breeding and Egg Development

Jason Crean, White-backed Mousebirds

Francine Andersen (co-presented with Jason Crean)—Sponsored by Lineolated Parakeet Society
Lineolated Parakeets

Rick Jordan—Sponsored by International Conure Association
Conures: World's Greatest Pet Bird and Breeder Bird

Dick Schroeder—Sponsored by ASA
The Hornbills

Bonnie Zimmerman, Stewart Metz—Sponsored by Indonesian Parrot Project
Project Abbotti—Conserving the World's Rarest Cockatoo

Chris Biro—Sponsored by International Conure Association
Importance of Flight and the Free Flying Lifestyle

Marshall Liger, Practicing Safe Avian Restraint and Proper Grooming

Donald Brightsmith, Ph.D.—Sponsored by Texas A & M University, Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center and by NPPRF

Psittacine Nutrition Research: Tambopata to Texas and Beyond
Ecology and Conservation of the Blue-headed Pionus Parrot

Caroline Efstathion, Structure and Function of the Avian Respiratory System

Tony Pittman, The Slender-billed Conure in the Wild and in the Aviary

Robert R. Gabel

Chief, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Update on Federal Wildlife Regulations of Interest to Aviculturists

Juan Cornejo—Sponsored by Texas A & M University, Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center

Captive Breeding and Husbandry of the Horned Guan

Michael Dalton, Passive Speech Research, Language and the Animal Mind

Ron Mazzoni, A Practical Guide to Feeding Softbills

Bill Van Patten, On Walkabout With Mike Fidler—the Gouldian Finch

Robin Shewokis—Sponsored by The Bird Endowment
Do Breeder Birds Benefit from Enrichment?

Jean Dubach, Ph.D.—Sponsored by The Avicultural Society of Chicagoland
Who's My Daddy? How Genetic Analysis Can Answer Basic Questions

Cheryl Burns—Sponsored by International Conure Association
Bird Folk Basics—Websites

Adrienne Mock,

Branching Out—Birds in the Classroom, at the Fair and at the Park

Greg E. Poulain, Adoption Protocol for the Rehoming of Companion Birds

Laurie Baker, No Bad Birds: Birds Instincts vs. Human Interpretation

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Width: 20"
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to Macaws



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