

# Lory League Hookbill Shows at the 2013 AFA Convention Were a Huge Success

By Julie Corwin

The bird shows this year at AFA had an amazing variety of species and mutations, including several rare species. The exciting number of 318 entries provided a beautiful backdrop of sounds, a splash of color and a wonderful education to those who attended.

Shows were hosted by Lory League and Co-Sponsored by Triangle Bird Club of Beaumont, Texas and Kaytee. The local supporting club, Mid Atlantic Cooperative of Breeders & Exhibitors whose members include Josh Maple, Leslie Huegerich, and Wendy Edwards did a fantastic job of reaching out to exhibitors for all the different divisions, provided a wonderful team of volunteers, show benches, secretary books and more.

This year's shows boasted 4 different divisions: ALBS—African Love Bird Society, NAPS—North American Parrot Society, NCS—National Cockatiel Society, and SPBE—Society of Parrot Breeders & Exhibitors. There was also a Junior Class for kids age 16 and under to enter their birds for free.

Judges did an amazing job of educating the gallery and pointing out specifics for the exhibitors. Exhibition judges are trained to look for the best representation of the species on the bench. They also help to educate the attendees of the shows. The exhibitions hosted by Lory League at the AFA conventions follow the mission statement and purpose of AFA, and bring the love of birds, and the best conditioned birds to the shows. They also give novice exhibitors a chance to have their birds compared and evaluated by the judge.

The Judges came from far and wide this year, Jeff Robinson from Texas judged the Junior Class and the NCS Division (Cockatiels). Jim Heffernan from Michigan judged the NAPS Division (Parrots), Joe DeLuca from Ohio judged the SPBE Division (Parrots), and Mike Miller from North Carolina judged the ALBS Division (Lovebirds). I am proud to say that each one of our judges is a current member of AFA. Exhibitors and attendees came from all across the country.

Many of the exhibitors are also members of AFA and eligible for the AFA show awards.

The number of entries into the show this year was exciting, but also because Raleigh, NC is in the middle of show country. The Junior Class had 6 entries with Exhibitors ages ranging from ages 10 to 16. The ALBS Lovebird Division had 87 entries, NAPS Parrot Division had 92 entries, NCS Cockatiel Division had 84 entries and SPBE Parrot Division had 87 entries. There were several rare species entered in the show this year including a Blue Throated Macaw, Rose Crown Conure, Hoffman's Conure, Yellow Face Cockatiel and a Slaty Black Face Lovebird. The color mutations of the different divisions created a fascinating backdrop on the show bench.

Colorful Rosettes, Medallions, Plaques and more were awarded to the top exhibitors.

## Junior Class— Judged by Jeff Robinson of Texas Ribbons sponsored by AFA4Kidz and Lory League

- 1st Place—Mosaic Green-cheeked Conure -- Ariana Mignella
- 2nd Place—Umbrella Cockatoo -- Mackenzie Cameron
- 3rd Place—Female Red-sided Eclectus -- Mackenzie Cameron
- 4th Place—Rose-crown Conure -- Ariana Mignella
- 5th Place—Yellow American Budgie -- Brandon Huegerich
- 6th Place—Blue American Budgie—Patrick Huegerich

## Special Rosettes for the Junior Class were sponsored by Blue Jungle Parrot

- Talkative—Umbrella Cockatoo exhibited by Mackenzie Cameron
- Animated—Mosaic Green-cheeked Conure exhibited by Ariana Mignella
- Cutest—Rose-crown Conure exhibited by Ariana Mignella
- Youngest Exhibitor Plaque was awarded to Arianna Mignella—age 10
- **Ariana Mignella** stole the show in the Junior Class being awarded the Youngest Exhibitor Award, created and sponsored by GEM Custom Laser-Gary Morgan and Lory League, along with 1st place Ribbon for best in show in the Junior Class, and the special Rosette for the Most Animated in the show, and 4th place for the Rose-crown Conure which also won the Cutest Award.

All birds were checked in by Dr. Greg Burkett Greg, DVM AVPB and benched in their

appropriate sections, for the Junior Class at 8:30am and the main show divisions to start at 9:00am.

## NAPS—North American Parrot Society Judged by Jim Heffernan of Michigan -92 entries-15 Exhibitors Awards sponsored by North American Parrot Society, Gary Morgan of GEM Custom Laser, and Award for Best Lory in Show sponsored by Lory League.

1. African Ringneck exhibited by Mike Miller, NC
  2. Moluccan Cockatoo exhibited by Fran Andersen, MI
  3. Lutino Cockatiel exhibited by Josh Maple, NC
  4. Violet Indian Ringneck Parakeet exhibited by Mike Miller, NC
  5. Turquoise Pied/Pastel Parrotlet exhibited by Rick Skaggs, NC
  6. Crimson Rosella exhibited by Josh Maple, NC
  7. Baraband Parakeet exhibited by Mike Miller, NC
  8. Gray Cockatiel exhibited by Josh Maple, NC
  9. Clear Gray Indian Ringneck exhibited by Mike Miller, NC
  10. Normal Gray Cockatiel exhibited by Josh Maple, NC
- Best Novice—Turquoise Pied Pastel Parrotlet—Rick Skaggs, NC
- Best Lory –Duyvenbode's Lory exhibited by Marie Crowley, MI
- AFA Award—Best Bird in Show-Bred, Banded & Exhibited by a Member of AFA—Josh Maple, NC
- AFA Award—Best Bird in Show, Exhibited by a Member of AFA-Mike Miller, NC

## NCS Division—National Cockatiel Society Judged by Jeff Robinson of Texas 53 Entries- 8 Exhibitors

1. Lutino Hen exhibited by Josh Maple, NC
  2. Cinnamon Hen exhibited by Karl & Leslie Huegerich, NC
  3. Cinnamon Pied Cock exhibited by Josh Maple, NC
  4. Normal Cock (AOV) exhibited by Josh Maple, NC
  5. Normal Cock exhibited by Peggy Armstrong, GA
  6. Pearl Hen exhibited by Peggy Armstrong, GA
  7. WF Cinn/Pearl Cock (AOV) exhibited by Josh Maple, NC
  8. Cinnamon Hen exhibited by Josh Maple, NC
  9. Cinnamon Cock exhibited by Peggy Armstrong, NC
  10. Cinnamon Hen exhibited by Josh Maple, NC
- Best Novice—Normal Cock—Amber Penniston—PA
- AFA Award—Best Bird in Show-Bred, Banded & Exhibited by a Member of AFA—Josh Maple-NC
- AFA Award—Best Bird in Show, Exhibited by a Member of AFA—Josh Maple--NC

## A LBS—African Love Bird Society Judged by Mike Miller of North Carolina - 88 Entries-8 Exhibitors Awards sponsored by African Love Bird Society, Gary Morgan of GEM Custom Laser, and Lory League

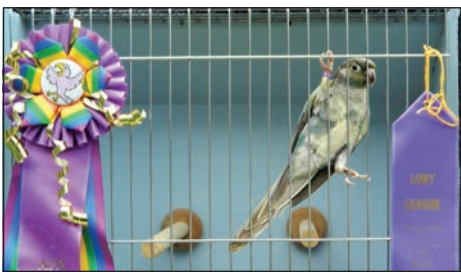
1. Par Blue exhibited by JD Ferrigno, Washingtonville, NY
2. Dilute Blue exhibited by Wendy Edwards, Youngsville, NC
3. Green Peach Face exhibited by Josh Maple, Garner, NC
4. Medium Par Blue exhibited by Carolyn Chamberlain, Summersville, SC
5. Green Fischer exhibited by Wendy Edwards, Youngsville, NC
6. Black Cheek exhibited by Susan Saylor, Charleston, SC
7. Medium Green Opaline exhibited by JD Ferrigno, Washingtonville, NY
8. Black Cheek exhibited by Linna Reusmann, Catalua, GA
9. Lutino Opaline exhibited by JD Ferrigno, Washingtonville, NY
10. Green Dilute exhibited by Linna Reusmann, Catalua, GA



A rare Hoffman's Conure.



Ariana Mignella, Youngest Exhibitor, 1st in Best of Show, and many more awards.



Mosaic Green-cheeked Conure, Animated Award, 1st place exhibited by Ariana Mignella.



Best Overall in Show Award, Moluccan Cockatoo, exhibited by Fran Andersen.

- Best Novice—Medium Par Blue—Carolyn Chamberlain-SC  
 Best Unflighted—Green Fischer's—Wendy Edwards— NC  
 AFA Award—Best Bird in Show—Bred, Banded & Exhibited by a Member of AFA—JD Ferrigno—NY  
 AFA Award—Best Bird in Show—Exhibited by a Member of AFA—JD Ferrigno--NY

**Champion Class—ALBS  
 Judge Mike Miller, NC**

1. White Face Pied exhibited by JD Ferrigno, Washingtonville, NY
2. Black Cheek exhibited by Susan Saylor, Charleston, SC
3. White Face Violet exhibited by JD Ferrigno, Washingtonville, NY
4. Dark Factor Lutino Opaline exhibited by Susan Saylor, Charleston, SC
5. Seagreen Dilute exhibited by Linna Reusmann, Catalua, GA
6. Dark Factor Australian Cinnamon exhibited by Alvaro Lopez, Washingtonville, NY

**SPBE Divison  
 (Society of Parrot Breeders & Exhibitors)  
 Judge—Joe DeLuca of Ohio  
 86 entries-14 exhibitors  
 Awards sponsored by Dr. Al Decoteau,  
 Janet Brubaker, and Mary Wilson. Best Lory  
 in Show Rosette sponsored by Lory League**

1. Moluccan Cockatoo exhibited by Fran Andersen, MI
  2. African Brown Head exhibited by Katy Secor, MA
  3. Clear Gray IRN exhibited by Mike Miller, NC
  4. Duyvenbode Lory exhibited by Marie Crowley, MI
  5. Rosella exhibited by Susan Stevie, OH
  6. Alexandrine exhibited by Mike Miller, NC
  7. Lutino IRN exhibited by Susan Stevie, OH
  8. Quaker exhibited by Rick Skaggs, NC
  9. Mitred Conure exhibited by Fran Andersen, MI
  10. Red Rump Parakeet exhibited by Stephanie Lopez, VA
- Best Novice—Duyvenbode Lory—Marie Crowley—MI  
 Best Lory—Duyvenbode Lory—Marie Crowley—MI  
 AFA Award—Best Bird in Show -Bred, Banded & Exhibited by a Member of AFA—Mike Miller-NC  
 AFA Award—Best Bird in Show—Exhibited by a Member of AFA—Fran Andersen-MI

Most Rare in Show Award—Rose Crowned Conure—Ariana Mignella, NC (Junior)  
**Award sponsored by Lory League –  
 created by Gary Morgan, GEM Custom Laser**

**One bird was selected from each Division:**

- JUNIOR—Rose Crowned Conure—Ariana Mignella, NC
- ALBS—Slaty Blue Black Cheek Lovebird – Linna Ruesmann, SC
- NAPS—Blue Throat Macaw—Susan Stevie, OH
- NCS—Yellow Face Cockatiel—Phil Feret, NC
- SPBE—Hoffman Conure—Phil Mignella, NC

**Best Overall in Show Award  
 Created by Gary Morgan of GEM Custom  
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Moluccan Cockatoo—Exhibited by Fran Andersen, MI

**Most Rare –Award created by Gary  
 Morgan—GEM Custom Laser  
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Rose-crown Conure—Exhibited by Phil Mignella

*We look forward to a wonderful show at the 40th Annual AFA Convention in Portland, Oregon In 2014. Contact Julie for more information at blconnection@hotmail.com*



**Show Awards presented at AFA Banquet**

AFA Show Awards and Judges and Co-Sponsor Recognition Saturday night at the AFA Banquet:

Top—at Podium—**Nancy Speed, MS**—AFA President

Left to Right—**Andy Sanford, TX**—Triangle Bird Club—Co-Sponsor of Bird Show

**Josh Maple, NC**-AFA Award for Best Bird in Show, Exhibited by a Member of AFA and AFA Award for Best Bird in Show- Bred, Banded and Exhibited by a Member of AFA. (NCS Cockatiel Division)and AFA Award for Best Bird in Show-Bred, Banded & Exhibited by a Member of AFA (NAPS Division)

**JD Ferrigo, NY** AFA Award for Best Bird in Show, Exhibited by a Member of AFA and AFA Award for Best Bird, Bred, Banded and Exhibited by a Member of AFA

**Jeff Robinson, TX** –Judge's Award for Junior Class and NCS Division (National Cockatiel Society)

**Jim Heffernan, MI** – Judge's Award for NAPS Division (North American Parrot Society)

**Mike Miller, NC** – Judge's Award for ALBS Division (African Love Bird Society) AFA Award for Best, Bird in Show, Bred, Banded and Exhibited by a Member of AFA in the SPBE Division and Best in Show Award

**Fran Andersen, MI**- Best Bird in Show, Exhibited by a Member of AFA in NAPS Division

**Joe DeLuca, OH** – Judge's Award for SPBE Division (Society of Parrot Breeders & Exhibitors)

**Julie Corwin, WA** – Leader of Lory League—Host of the Bird Shows at AFA

Not Pictured—**Michelle Goodman**—Kaytee—Co-Sponsor of Bird Show

Julie is proud to say that every person in this picture is a Member of AFA, including all the Judges.

Judges were presented with a certificate and a special ceramic tile as a gift from Lory League

Co-Sponsors were also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Lory League.

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