

Avy Award Winners

by Dale Thompson
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A new committee for determining Avy awards recipients was formed at the 1981 AFA convention in San Diego. The seven members that were nominated for this committee are Robert Berry, Francis Billie, Gene Hall, H. Richard Mattice, Nancy Reed, Larry Shelton, and Dale Thompson. This committee voted for new rules to be used. The basic guidelines were followed, but the rules were simplified. One important rule will be that each award nomination will be checked out carefully through one or more of the committee members. All rules will be published in the *Watchbird* at a future date.

All rules that were voted on will be first used with 1982 award nominations. There will be a certificate award for a First Breeding in the U.S. Avy awards will fall into two categories. The Gold award will be an honor award for those persons who have contributed significantly to the aviculture world. The Silver award will be an achievement award and there are several categories.

The Avy awards is one of the few ways to give honor to our fellow aviculturists.

Probably the largest group of aviculturists ever assembled in the U.S. was present at the San Diego banquet when the Avy awards were given. There were several unusual first breedings given in 1981 and the award recipients were widely spread throughout the U.S.

(Additional photos of Avy Award winners to be shown in future *Watchbird* issues.)

The following are the recipients of the 1981 Avy awards:

CATEGORY I, SILVER AWARD

- 1st U.S. captive breeding award
- James Duroy, undulated tinamou (*Crypturellus undulatus*)
- Smith & Wells/Blue Sky Aviaries, tinamou (*Crypturellus parvirostris*)
- Ramon Noegel & Greg Moss, Cayman Brac Amazon (*A. leucocephala hesternana*)
- Tony Silva, slender bill conure
- Gerald L. Schulman & John Vanderhoof, New Guinea bloodfinch



Dr. Baer presents a silver Avy Award to Rose Herman for her work with lorries. The magnificent floral arrangement on the head table in the background is made up of various species of African protea and pin-cushions that were grown in Southern California. This unique arrangement was created by floral designer Tim Forrester of San Diego. Behind the flowers stands Dale Thompson, Avy Awards Committee chairman.



Ramon Noegel (center) and Gregg Moss receive from Dr. Baer a silver award for their work with the hawkheaded parrot.

CATEGORY III

progress in establishing a new mutation in U.S.

Dr. Rainer Erhart, rose mutation of the Bourke parakeet

CATEGORY IV

constant breeding of a difficult species

Penny Luczak, blue naped parrot

CATEGORY V

outstanding show achievement in English budgies

Wilfred E. Lumb

CATEGORY VI

most progress with an individual species

John Biggs, Sr. lovebirds

Ramon Noegel & Greg Moss, hawk headed parrot

Rose Herman, lorries

Roland Dubuc, lovebirds

Louise Dietz, conures

ZOO CATEGORY

U.S. first breeding

Philadelphia Zoo, Larry Shelton, Emerald starling

San Diego Zoo, Kerry Muller/ Art Risser, Blue faced honeyeater

GOLD AWARD

for outstanding contribution to aviculture

Ramon Noegel, outstanding work with Caribbean Island Amazons and other psittacines

Tom and DeeDee Squyres, for their work in originating and developing the American Cockatiel Society

James Gunderson, for furthering the field of aviculture through breeding many species, and his assistance to others

Rosemary Low, many years of outstanding contributions to aviculture as breeder and writer.

BRONZE

A.F.A. service awards

Clifton Witt, continuous legislative work
Helen Hanson, executive secretary

Sharon Claues, 1st commercial, public oriented "Pet Fair"

Jim Reid, 1980 convention chairman, Las Vegas

Marguerite & John Agrella, CITES—endangered species alert

Robert J. Berry, curator of birds, Houston Zoo, best Watchbird article, "Breeding Cockatoos and Macaws in Captivity," Feb/March 1981 issue

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