

he or she has gained some knowledge about Aviculture during the formative years, this will be remembered forever. If more people in politics today had some knowledge about Aviculture, we probably would not be faced with the type of legislation we are encountering. Every effort we can make in this direction will provide a better future for the hobby. Anyone interested, is invited to join the American Federation of Aviculture in our efforts to provide better information to the general public. United we succeed, divided we fall. ■

## Nu-Color Canary Club ANNUAL BIRD SHOW TO EMPHASIZE EDUCATION

*by Charlotte Bartke*

A special effort will be made this year by the Nu-Color Canary Association in their Annual Open Canary and Foreign Bird Show, to invite the general public to observe the judging, view the labelled exhibits, and to ask the "experts" present any questions they may have about birds. Typically, bird shows are given for the benefit of the fancier — the visitor sometimes cannot even tell what kind of bird is being displayed.

The club intends to use notices in the newspapers and on certain radio stations, signs in local pet stores, and announcements at other bird club meetings to attract non-members to exhibit or visit the show. These services are usually free to clubs.

Thinking of the yellow canaries imported in large numbers in years past, many people are amazed to see the many colors, sizes, and shapes that are now available. Similarly, in foreign birds, people are most familiar with the large, colorful birds seen in zoo collections or shown on television, with the popular budgerigar or "parakeet", and less often with the cockatiel and a few of the small finches such as zebras that are sold in pet stores. However, they are not often aware of the wide variety of colorful finches, softbills, and parrotlike birds that can be maintained and bred in captivity. The NuColor club hopes that by having information about the exhibits available, visitors interested in making a start in birdkeeping will be better able to make decisions regarding their first choices of birds and equipment, and in properly caring for them.

Both trophies and cash prizes will be awarded in the main categories. Cash prizes will also be given in many sections. The club has found that cash prizes are preferred over trophies by most exhibitors. Judge Don Foster of Justamere Bird Ranch, Monrovia, is donating \$35.00 for Best Non-Type Canary (this includes Red Factors and the New Colors) and Judge Joe

Griffith of Orn Imports, Inc., Monrovia, is donating \$50.00 for the Best Foreign Bird, and \$25.00 for Best Hybrid. Breeders of foreign birds tend to be reluctant to show their birds, because the birds are seldom trained to a cage. However, with the emphasis on education and the generous awards, Judge Griffith hopes to attract large Foreign Bird and Hybrid Sections. The show is open to non-members, and since the clubs specializing in foreign birds are not planning shows this year, the NuColor Association hopes to attract a sizeable number of exhibitors from these groups.

Bud Ricks will judge the Type Canaries. This category includes the Border Fancy, the huge Norwich and tall Yorkshire, the tiny Gloster and Fife Fancies, the Lizard with its clear cap and unusual spangles, and the Frills. These canaries are rarely seen in pet stores, and visitors are fascinated by them.

The show will be held November 29 through December 1, 1974 in the Masonic Temple, 204 W. Foothill Blvd., Monrovia, Calif. For further information about entering or showing your birds, or to request a copy of the show catalog, write to the Corresponding Secretary, Charlene Massey, 11143½ Elliott Ave., El Monte, Calif. 91733. Ship-ins are not being accepted, but the location is accessible to much of Southern California. ■

## A.F.A. President Named to State Wildlife Importation Advisory Committee

Avicultural interests have been recognized by the Department of Fish and Game, with the September appointment of AFA President, Jerry Jennings, to the Wildlife Importation Advisory Committee. An official department organization, the Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the Department of Fish and Game regarding decisions to allow or restrict importation and possession of any non-native wild animal in the state of California. Areas of concern include whether an animal could be injurious and whether it is domesticated. All recommendations are based upon a majority vote of committee members after careful examination of scientific data and other information.

Fish and Game policy, as indicated by Deputy Director Charles Fellerton, will be to implement committee recommendations and to allow unrestricted importation and possession of domesticated forms of non-native animals. Domestication is considered to be the successful breeding of a species in captivity.

For the first time, aviculturists will be represented at the decision-making level of state government. The recent appointment to the Wildlife Importation Advisory Committee is a milestone in the effort to perpetuate aviculture. ■