

# Don't miss the Super Raffle for the Seattle Convention



Dick Dickinson, AFA Raffle Chairman

The grand raffle of the year is about to commence. There have been scores of fantastic prizes coming in steadily. Many of these wonderful items have been donated by AFA members and supporters. Due to the exciting volume and variety of prizes accrued, several drawings will occur during the convention proceedings.

AFA greatly appreciates contributions to the prize list, and participation in purchase of the raffle tickets! All donations of money or items are welcomed and gratefully received. Remember, donations to AFA are tax deductible. Send in your ticket stubs immediately (to arrive in chairman's hands by August 10th, 1987). Winner need not be present.

This annual raffle is one of the major fund raising events for AFA. It is open to

AFA members and non-members alike. Extra tickets are available from raffle chairman. Donations — 30 tickets for \$25, or 1 ticket for \$1. Please make your check payable to AFA, and mail it and ticket stubs to: Dick Dickinson, AFA raffle chairman, 1216 Greenbriar Ave., San Jose, CA 95128. Phone (408) 248-1641.

The following is a partial listing of the raffle prizes and generous donors. **Eric Peake**, the famous British artist, came forth with the first donation to this year's raffle back in January of '87, a beautiful framed print. **Erect Easy Wire Co., Inc.** has also been especially generous with a donation of one of their great products, a large, round aviary, 8 feet in diameter, 7 feet high, 12 gauge 3 1/2" mesh. **AFA THANKS YOU** one and all for your quality gifts!

## Prize Item

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Crimson wing, male . . . . .	Walnut Acres Aviary
Two tickets — Wild Waves . . . . .	Enchanted Parks, Inc.
Two tickets — Enchanted Village . . . . .	Enchanted Parks, Inc.
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Nekton, 2 - .750 gr. containers . . . . .	Nekton U.S.A., Inc.
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Cash, \$100 . . . . .	The Bird Shop
Lutino peach faced lovebirds, pair . . . . .	Al Howard
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Gouldian finches, pair . . . . .	Herschel Frey
Book, Parrot Production, by Stoodley . . . . .	Englebrook Forges
Choice of one: crimson wing or Princess of Wales . . . . .	Lona Schmalz
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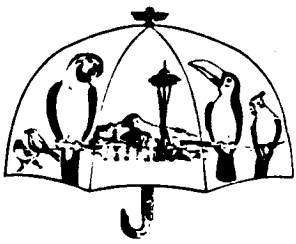
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# Don't Miss AFA 1987 Seattle Convention

by Robbie Harris  
Sunland, California

I have made a couple of trips to Seattle, Washington — and all I can say is that it's just beautiful and all the people are extremely friendly and very hospitable. Seattle, also known as the emerald city, is green with much flora, simply beautiful! The air is clean and fresh, unlike my home town near Los Angeles, California. I've made so many good, close friends there that it has now become my home away from home.

On my last short 3-day trip to Seattle I did lots of sightseeing. I spent a great deal of time with Jeri Wright. Jeri is chairman of the Seattle convention committee for the upcoming 1987 AFA convention. For any information on the Seattle convention call Jeri at (206) 937-0234. She took me to Mac McGinnis' breeding facility. What a wonderful, productive setup he has. The breeding birds are set up outdoors in suspended cages for easy maintenance. While I was there he had numerous conure chicks which he and his wife were hand rearing as well as many still in the nest with the parents. He also had other psittacines set up for breeding and nesting such as Amazons, pionus, cockatoos, dwarf macaws and others. I found him delightful, full of valuable information, and ready and willing to talk.

After Jeri and I left Mack's, we continued my tour and drove all over Seattle to sightsee. She drove by Pike Place Market and Seattle Aquarium and right by the Westin International Hotel, where the AFA convention is going to be held in August 12-16, 1987. It's within walking distance to many tourist attractions, shopping, restaurants, and the waterfront.

On my last trip to Seattle, my friends took me to the Seattle Aquarium which is also walking distance from the hotel. If you like sea life at all it is definitely a must to see. I love the dome aquarium; as you walk into this very large room you are surrounded with water and various sea life all around you and even over your head — it's a sight to see and enter. There are benches inside, to sit and watch all around you.

Also on a 1987 trip, I spent an entire day with Joe and Margie Longo. These two wonderful people own a large collection of birds and breed a large assortment of soft bills, curassows, touracos, macaws, cocka-

toos, eclectus parrots, conures and much more. To write on the Longos will take up an article on its own.

Getting back to my most recent trip to Seattle: on Sunday, Jeri Wright gave her house to Dr. Scott E. McDonald, from Westchester, IL, to conduct a one-day surgical sexing clinic for anyone interested in having their birds sexed. A nominal fee per bird was paid to Dr. McDonald. I sat in for the whole ordeal (which started at 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.). Over 100 birds were sexed that day.

I met quite a few Seattle people that Sunday and every one of them was enthusiastically looking forward to the '87 Seattle AFA convention. The Seattle people are working hard and giving their all to make this convention special. Local shops have been notified of the upcoming bird convention so any bird related items can be placed in store windows for bird people to see and buy. These people are determined to make this convention the very best ever; I think they just may accomplish their goal!

The next day, Craig Snodgrass (hospitality chairman for the '87 AFA convention) and Rico Walder (also hospitality board member) took me to Victoria, Canada, B.C. by ship on the Princess Marguerite. The cruise took about four hours (each way). The weather was clear and beautiful in Seattle so the trip was just gorgeous. It did rain a little in Victoria but it was still beautiful and the light rain did not hamper my visit there at all. There is a large, beautiful restaurant on board ship along with a serve-yourself cafeteria and a snack bar on deck, gift shops, a lounge and a casino with slot machines. Rico and I were finally on a winning streak when the casino was shut down — I had started with four quarters and when the machines were shut off we already had 14 quarters. Oh well, maybe I'll make my fortune on the next trip.

One day was not enough time in Victoria. The ship leaves Seattle at 8:00 a.m. and docks in Victoria at about noon. The captain announced that the ship will leave the port at 5:30 p.m., bound for Seattle. The captain said no need to return too early, just be on board no later than 5:30 p.m. In that 5-1/2 hours we went to Miniature World which has over 60 great little

attractions to delight all visitors, and the Royal London Wax Museum featuring more than 180 life size wax figures brought from London, England. We also went to a shopping and tropical paradise, Crystal Garden, a must for the "bird person." The Crystal Garden's glass roof has witnessed lots of history, was saved from extinction and restored by the government of B.C. It's now home to glorious flamingos, parrots and numerous other exotic birds and animals with hundreds of tropical plants and a waterfall all under one roof. What a beautiful sight to see!

The three of us did lots of shop hopping, the city is just full of a variety of shops selling all kinds of different things. I was using U.S. currency so when I changed my money, it was worth a little more than Canadian currency.

There were many other sights I could have seen but ran out of time.

Some other big attractions to visit in Victoria are Sealand of the Pacific, Fable Cottage Estate, Classic Car Museum, Undersea Gardens, B.C.'s Provincial Museum, Beacon Hill Park (a park like no other), The Butchart Gardens (just 14 miles from Victoria), and so much more. Some are no charge and others have a very nominal fee to enter.

I have grown to love Seattle, the city and, most of all, the people. It has a very friendly, warm atmosphere. I can hardly wait to return in August for the '87 AFA Seattle convention. If you haven't planned your vacation, you still have time to do so. Come to Seattle. Have a wonderful trip and make a great vacation out of the '87 AFA convention. It will be educational as well as fun! See you all in August! ●

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