

2012 Call for Papers

The American Federation of Aviculture, Inc.
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“Aviculture—Under One Wing”
Omni Colonnades
San Antonio, Texas

The American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. is a national, nonprofit educational organization established in 1974 whose purpose is to represent all aspects of aviculture and to educate the public about keeping and breeding birds in captivity.

We invite you to submit a proposal to present a paper at our annual convention. Proposals should be submitted in the form of an abstract, accompanied by a brief biographical sketch identifying the author's experience with the topic to be presented and other relevant information. Please consider submitting multiple abstracts as you have the opportunity to give more than one presentation.

- Abstracts will be accepted through Feb. 1, 2012. Receipt of abstracts will be acknowledged and applicants will receive timely updates from the speaker committee.
- If the abstract is accepted, you will be required to sign a speaker's contract and return the contract promptly. A short bio and a current, high resolution photograph is also required. Speakers will not be officially confirmed without receipt of a signed contract. Speakers are required to submit a paper to be published in the convention proceedings and in the *Watchbird*, the official journal of the AFA. Final Papers for the proceedings must be received no later than April 15, 2011 to be included in the convention proceedings.

- AFA will provide a complimentary convention registration package and one banquet ticket to each confirmed speaker. All other arrangements, including guests, transportation and hotel accommodations are the responsibility of the speaker or the speaker's sponsor.

Abstracts are short summaries of the paper you wish to present and should be no more than 250 words. They must include the name of the author(s), mailing address(es), email and all phone contact information for the author(s). Please include the name of your company, organization, aviary or other affiliation. If there is more than one author, please indicate if one or both will present.

Presentations will be allotted 50 minutes and may include a brief question and answer period. Audiovisual equipment will be made available and will be specified in the contract.

Abstracts, biographies and final papers may be submitted by mail, as an email, or as an MS Word email attachment to the speaker chair, or faxed to the AFA office. Please identify it as “AFA 2012 Convention Abstract.”

AFA requires non-exclusive publication rights to the accepted papers to be included in the Convention Proceedings and the *Watchbird*, the official journal of AFA.

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you have already rescued the birds and need a place to take them, AFA will help you locate places to house the birds.

Have as many carriers as your vehicle will hold, or look for carriers on the premises. You may need a chainsaw, wire cutters and other tools. Look for a disaster plan on the premises. If carriers are not available, crates, plastic storage boxes with

ventilation holes and cardboard boxes can be used. Even paper bags may be used for the small birds.

Have bird nets and towels that may be needed for catching the birds. In your disaster planning meetings prior to the emergency, learn how to catch a wild bird. You may be able to get this training from members of local AFA bird clubs.

Try to identify pairs so they can be repaired after they are relocated. Use markers

to annotate crates or carriers with locations etc. Do not remove any leg bands.

If you are unable to locate food and supplies for the birds, contact AFA for assistance. After evacuation, try to locate the birds' owners and tell them where each of the birds has been relocated.

The American Federation of Aviculture, on behalf of the bird owners, appreciates any help you can give to successfully rescue birds and return them to their owners.

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