

Visit to SeaWorld San Antonio



Top left, an Emperor Penguin chick at SeaWorld San Antonio. Above, AFA President Nancy Speed and friends are greeted by the chick. At left, a puffin greets visitors.



Story and photographs by Concetta Ferragamo

AFA is about birds. We love them all and recently enjoyed a wonderful behind the scenes tour at SeaWorld in San Antonio, Texas, on the last day of the 2012 AFA Convention. This tour was arranged by AFA Second Vice President, Brent Gattis. Seeing adorable penguins was a treat; hearing their calls, or should I say “bray” of the “jack ass” penguins, African Penguin; *Spheniscus demersus*, was even better. Penguin habitats are usually set up within glass enclosures so most people never actually get to hear their natural calls. Much to my surprise—the braying of a jack ass penguin was surreal and literally sounded like a donkey.

AFA President Nancy Speed engaged the penguin handler with good questions while the rest of us remained a captive audience. Many attendees did not realize that penguins can be aggressive or that their beaks are quite powerful and sharp—after all, they are flesh eaters (Nancy pointed out). The next special guest who

waddled into our area reminded me of Cousin It from the show the Addam’s Family. This adorable two foot tall bundle of cuteness toddled into the room and put us in awe. The Emperor Penguin (*Aptenodytes forsteri*) chick was covered in baby down similar to soft fleece. He was quite social and simply delightful even when he gifted Naomi Neiman, Nancy Speed and a few others with a little souvenir—a souvenir that filled the room with light-hearted laughter. Being aviculturists we didn’t allow a little birdie poop to faze any of us in the least.

The day at SeaWorld was enchanting and AFA members thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We saw whales, dolphins, free-flighted macaws and so much more. Life is always more enjoyable when you get to spend the day with friends, new and old, human and avian. AFA historically has initiated lifelong friendships amongst peers. Our conventions include arrangements for offsite family-friendly tours. Check pre-convention announcements for our 2013 AFA convention in North Carolina to see where we will end up next.



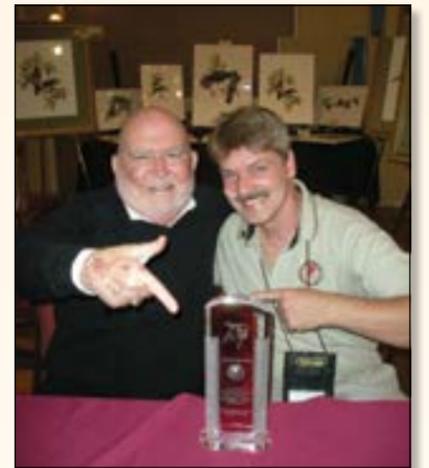
Initiation of the *Wayne E. Smyth Award*

By Dr. Benny J. Gallaway

Wayne has been AFA’s official artist/illustrator/fundraiser for nearly 20 years. Wayne was already well known for his avian and wildlife art when AFA tentatively approached him for a recommendation of some young, talented, up-and-coming artist that AFA might be able to afford to do commercial art. His response: “Well, what about me?” That began a long and wonderful relationship.

When you think of Wayne E. Smyth, what words come to mind? Artist of excellence, of course, but what else? Here are a few of the words that came to my mind.

- Honesty
- Integrity
- Ethical
- Unselfish
- Humanitarian
- Conservationist
- Friend
- Loyal
- Apolitical
- Considerate
- Compassionate
- Giving
- Hard-working
- Patient
- Unpretentious/approachable



Wayne has become a foundation or cornerstone of our organization. He elevates AFA to a higher level simply by his presence. We are blessed to have such a special friend and member.

Thinking about this and wanting to show how much we appreciate Wayne, AFA has instituted a special award...the Wayne E. Smyth Award.

This award will be given only on special occasions when someone goes above and beyond for this organization—exhibiting the special qualities that Wayne himself exhibits. Few will measure up, but from time to time, someone will emerge as worthy. In fact, there is someone in our organization who does measure up in all regards. That person is going to receive the inaugural Wayne E. Smyth Award, presented by Wayne himself. *Drum roll please...*

That person, and I think you will all agree is worthy of receiving this award is Mark E. Moore!



4-H Members Fly High at Avian Workshops in San Antonio

By Paul Schattenberg

Dozens of 4-H club members from throughout Bexar County recently attended two Junior Avian Workshops in San Antonio to learn more about exotic and other birds. The workshops were presented by the American Federation of Aviculture in cooperation with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in San Antonio.

"The AFA is all about education and we are concentrating many of our educational efforts about birds toward young people," said Dr. Benny J. Gallaway at the two-day event.

Gallaway is a past president of the American Federation of Aviculture and is currently the organization's education committee chairman.

Gallaway said the federation is a nonprofit national organization whose purpose is to represent all aspects of aviculture and to educate the public about keeping and breeding birds in captivity.

"The organization's educational efforts, including these youth avian workshops, which are part of the AFA4Kidz program, focus on the conservation, health and breeding of all birds. While most of the birds displayed in public are members of the parrot family, which includes macaws, cockatoos, cockatiels and budgies, we don't limit our educational efforts to those birds alone," he said.

Gallaway said other educational efforts are presented through conferences, the organization's *Watchbird*

journal and online courses that have been developed by the organization.

Among the 4-H club members who came to see the exotic birds on display and learn more about them was Tifani Shuler, 17, of the Southwest Roughriders 4-H Club in Bexar County.

"It was fun holding the exotic birds and learning from people who knew so much about them," Shuler said. "The birds there were so different from the birds we see in the country, and it was interesting to see them and to be able to hold them."

The 4-H'ers were also among the first individuals to see the "golden macaw"—the rarest macaw in the world. Several of the golden macaws were brought to San Antonio by their owners, Gary and Lynn Redden, owners of Gary's Game. The Reddens bred the original golden macaws from a pair of Blue and Gold Macaws they had purchased in the 1990s.

"There were two unusually colored hatchlings in this clutch of eggs, which was the last of that season," said Gary Redden, who has been breeding golden macaws for about a decade now. "At first we thought there was something wrong with them—a vitamin deficiency or maybe some type of albinism—but it turned out to be a spontaneous color mutation. The macaws were just as healthy as the others and didn't appear to have any light sensitivity."

Redden said he was excited to bring the rare birds to their first-ever public appearance and



At top, visiting 4-H members gather in front of Golden Macaw display with Dr. Benny J. Gallaway during the 2012 Convention. Above from left are Gallaway, Concetta Ferragamo and Greg Myles.

expose them to new people, especially young people.

"We wanted to let people see them and to let the macaws get used to people since they've only been around the family up until now," he said. "We were excited for the young people to have a look at them since the macaws are so rare and we knew they'd be interested in them and their unusual color."

Before being allowed to interact with the exotic birds, 4-H'ers were given instruction about their biology and behavior from Concetta Ferragamo, the federation's northeastern

regional director, who traveled to San Antonio from Binghamton, N.Y.

"There's a lot of misinformation out there about birds in the wild and in captivity," Ferragamo said. "We want kids to get correct information about birds and to take an interest in them, and to know what makes them so special."

She said a few of the birds at this event were rescued or adopted by their owners after previous owners had to find them a new home. For

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American Federation of Aviculture Inc. Presents AVY Awards at 38th National Convention

By Linda S. Rubin

The American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. AVY Award Committee presented the most highly esteemed, industry awards in American aviculture—the prestigious AFA AVY's—during the August 18, 2012 banquet festivities at the 38th national convention. The Gold Award is merited for individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to aviculture and is a once in a lifetime award.

The Gold AVY Award—AFA's highest honor—was presented to Dr. Al E. Decoteau of Hollis, N.H., for "Outstanding Lifetime Achievement," spanning 55 years. The Gold AVY had been nominated by AFA affiliate, the Society of Parrot Breeders & Exhibitors Inc., for both Dr. Decoteau's professional service to aviculture within USDA, and his unique impact in the world of exhibition parrots since the 1970s.

The award was presented by AFA AVY Awards Chair Linda S. Rubin, to SPBE Director Janet Brubaker, who accepted on Decoteau's behalf. The award was re-presented on Sept. 15 by Rubin directly to Decoteau, at the AFA affiliated Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society annual show in Manchester, N.H.

In the silver category, Steven J. Sarro of the National Aviary in Pittsburgh, Penn., received a Silver AVY Award in Zoo Category 2, "Breeding a Significant or Highly Difficult Species," for the Green-naped Pheasant Pigeon, *Otidiphaps n. nobilis*. The Green-naped Pheasant Pigeon is one of the larger terrestrial pigeon species seen in captive collections and was successfully bred in 2009. The National Aviary is well known for its avian collection and accomplishments over the years with a variety of bird species.

Established in 1977, the AFA AVY Awards Committee provides various categories of Bronze, Silver and Gold awards to AFA members, and in some instances, other aviculturists or institutions who have uniquely distinguished themselves in challenging and difficult areas of aviculture. The original, founding committee named the AVY awards from the first three letters, "avi," in the word, "aviculture," which was modified to "AVY," which is still in use today.

Recent Award Categories

During 2011, at the San Francisco AFA convention, several other categories of awards were bestowed in various facets of aviculture. Two U.S. First Breeding Awards were presented to Jerry Jennings of Emerald Forest Bird Gardens for his successful breeding of the Black-masked Emerald Toucanet bred on May 23, 2010, and the Lettered Aracari on May 26, 2010. The awards marked another success for private aviculture contributing to the existence



Wendy LaBanca / Dr. Al Decoteau accepts his Gold AVY, re-presented by AFA AVY Awards Chair Linda S. Rubin during the AFA affiliate, Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society bird show Sept. 15.

and preservation of species in captivity.

A Silver AVY Award was presented to AFA President Nancy Speed of The P Patch, in Category 1: "Most Progress for the Establishment of an Individual Species or Group of Related Birds" for the Golden Conure, *Guaruba guarouba*, that spanned twelve years of work. This award demonstrates continued dedication in the conservation of a species and growing a gene pool for the future.

An AVY Appreciation Award was presented to Mary Rose, nominated by the Arizona Seed Crackers Society Inc. for the outstanding work and contributions given to an AFA Affiliated Club. The AVY Appreciation award is presented for distinguished service to an AFA organization that is above and beyond, and the nomination is unanimously signed by every member of the nominating organization's board of directors.

The AVY Awards committee is composed of distinguished members of diverse avicultural backgrounds who have achieved or demonstrated avicultural expertise and knowledge, collectively spanning a wide spectrum of aviculture, including zoo species. Committee members are involved in researching, investigating and verifying claims, and in discussion, balloting and voting the results of nominations received.

The 2011-12 AFA AVY Awards Committee members include Josef H. Lindholm III, Jason Crean, Jerry Jennings, Philip J. Ryan, Ph.D., and Linda S. Rubin. A sincere thank you to the committee

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AFA Presents Highest Industry Award to Dr. Al E. Decoteau

By Janet L. Brubaker

It is not often that AFA awards its highest AVY honor—reserved for distinguished, exceptional performance in the field of aviculture—and indeed a decade and more has passed since the awarding of a Gold. However, during the Aug. 18 AFA convention banquet in San Antonio, Texas, a Gold AVY Award was presented to Dr. Al E. Decoteau, honoring more than 55 years of avicultural service both in the professional and the private sectors.

The Gold Award is a once in a lifetime honor, awarded to qualified individuals who have made outstanding contributions to aviculture. The Gold is not solely an achievement award, although achievement may be part of the overall contribution. Qualifications for a Gold AVY require that nominations must be for an individual rather than an institution, they must be submitted by an AFA affiliated organization, and nominations must be as detailed as possible in allow proper consideration by the committee.

Dr. Al Decoteau

Dr. A. E. Decoteau has had an impressive career spanning over 55 years in aviculture with invaluable contributions that have touched countless lives of aviculturists. The Society of Parrot Breeders and Exhibitors, Inc. would therefore like to nominate Dr. Decoteau for the prestigious AFA Gold Avy Award.

Dr. Decoteau graduated from North Dakota State University in 1958 with a major in Parasitology, and minors in both Animal Science and English. He then attended Iowa State University

and graduated in 1962 earning a DVM as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Beginning his practice in small animal and zoo medicine, Dr. Decoteau later joined the USDA where he worked for 30 years. In 1970 he was appointed Head Veterinarian for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Puerto Rico was experiencing an outbreak of screwworms which eat living flesh. Animals, birds, and even humans were affected. As head of the program Dr. Decoteau coordinated efforts with the U.S. Air Force which dropped irradiated flies in the affected areas to slow down and eventually halt all breeding of the screw worm fly. In addition, much groundwork was done to destroy the actual screwworms on the affected animals. As a result of Dr. Decoteau's work Puerto Rico was declared free of screwworms the following year.

Following Dr. Decoteau's assignment in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, he was appointed Head Veterinarian for the New England region. Dr. Decoteau was responsible for training USDA veterinarians on the proper identification, including scientific nomenclature, of avian species imported and under quarantine in the United States. Additionally, Dr. Decoteau conducted bird identification training sessions for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel.

During this time the Newcastle Disease outbreak occurred. Dr. Decoteau's responsibility was to conduct appraisals throughout the United States for owners with affected birds for the purpose of financial reimbursement by the government. During Dr. Decoteau's tenure in this position he and his team eradicated Hog Cholera in New England, the last stronghold in the United States.

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example, Sprocket, a Green-winged Macaw, was brought to the workshops by Bob Fruth of Bob's Birds and Rescue. Fruth adopted Sprocket when his previous owner, a member of the U.S. military, was deployed and could no longer care for him.

Getting youth groups like 4-H involved in aviculture is an amazing opportunity to teach and bring about awareness that holds such a powerful influence on the future of bird keeping,

Ferragamo said.

"Young people are the future of our organization and we want to bring workshops like this to as many youth groups as we can," she said. "Birds, especially exotic birds, are really interesting and intelligent creatures and can be a great source of humor and companionship. We know people who take an active interest in birds at a young age tend to continue to have that interest into adulthood."

The AFA made a special effort to reach out to the 4-H clubs in Bexar County, which

are administered through the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Bexar County, said Greg Myles, 4-H and youth development agent for Bexar County.

"Thanks to their initiative, dozens of 4-H'ers were able to learn about and get a close-up look at exotic birds most kids would only be able to see from afar at a zoo or exclusive pet shop—if at all," Myles said.

Myles said the youth avian workshops dovetailed with 4-H efforts to teach young people personal responsibility, introduce them to new subjects and

activities, and interest them in topics such as animal science, biology and zoology.

"This is another example of how 4-H has grown and expanded to include an ever-widening variety of youth interests and activities," Myles said. "It's appropriate that they were involved in these youth avian workshops because we keep telling our 4-H kids the purpose of our program is to help give them wings so they can fly."

For more information on Texas 4-H, go to: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>.

Following his work of 30 years with the USDA, Dr. Decoteau focused on the exhibition of birds. At this point in time the existing classifications were only offered for small, medium, and large hook-bills. It was due to Dr. Decoteau's efforts creating a new classification system that utilized geographic distribution inclusive of popular and known species names, which educated exhibitors on the origins of psittacine species in their distribution groups. This system successfully taught exhibitors over the decades the correct names as well as scientific nomenclature of the psittacines exhibited. Further to these efforts, Dr. Decoteau participated in creating the classification nomenclature for the National Finch & Softbill Society.

It was Dr. Decoteau who started the trend among all foreign bird judging panels of requiring judges to explain their bird placement to the viewing gallery at bird shows in order to educate exhibitors and viewers which was of primary importance to him.

Dr. Decoteau was a major contributor to avicultural societies on the local and national levels. As President of the New Hampshire Avicultural Society Dr. Decoteau earned his first AFA Avy Award for outstanding contributions for running the Society.

Dr. Decoteau was the Founder of the Society of Parrot Breeders and Exhibitors, Inc. serving as the Chairman of the Board and President since its inception. He has worked in this position for the twenty-six year existence of the Society. Dr. Decoteau was awarded his second AFA Avy Award for his excellence in running SPBE.

On the local level Dr. Decoteau made his mark in aviculture by founding the Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society and remains an active director today.

On the national level Dr. Decoteau's contributions have been numerous. He developed the Judge's Panel for the African Love Bird Society, serving as the Judge's Panel Chair and as a Panel Judge for many years. He was on the ground planning level for the

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members for their diligence, dedication, and time working to thoroughly investigate and confirm these awards.

The AVY Awards are presented annually during the AFA national convention's August banquet, although it is not mandatory to award all categories every year. Announcements are distributed to all AFA affiliated organizations—in the AFA *Watchbird* and other media—announcing that nominations are open.

Nominees for the present year are encouraged to apply to the AVY awards Chair to request an application for a specific category in which they qualify. Nominations for the calendar year(s) are evaluated by the AVY Awards Committee and decisions are finalized and nominees notified prior to the national AFA convention the following year.

For complete information on the AVY Award Categories and a list of all U.S. First Breedings to date, refer to AFA *Watchbird*

development of the National Finch and Softbill Society and continues to serve on the Judge's Panel.

Dr. Decoteau was initially a Panel Judge for the American Cockatiel Society and then became a Panel Judge for the National Cockatiel Society since its inception.

At 80-plus years old, Dr. Decoteau is still active as a Panel Judge for SPBE, NCS, and NFS with a judging career spanning close to four decades.

Dr. Decoteau has been a member of AFA for the first 25 years and attended many of the conventions. At that time he began to focus more on the exhibition of birds.

Dr. Decoteau was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Cage Bird Show, Inc. serving as Chairman of Affiliated Clubs for 20 years. In 1986 when the Great American Bird Show Inc. was organized, Dr. Decoteau was elected to the Board of Directors serving as President for several years. He maintained his Board position until it was dissolved in 2008.

Dr. Decoteau has contributed extensively to the avicultural literature writing for numerous avicultural journals and has written four books and produced three videos during his impressive career.

- Books—*Handbook of Amazon Parrots, Handbook of Cockatoos, Handbook of Macaws, Bird Exhibiting*
- Videos—*Popular Amazons, Cockatoos* (filmed at Disney World), *Macaws*

In view of all of Dr. Decoteau's numerous contributions including his work in government and private aviculture—and especially for his unique contributions to the area of exhibition that is responsible for so many individuals becoming interested in birds as a gateway into aviculture—the Society of Parrot Breeders and Exhibitors, Inc. wishes to honor Dr. Decoteau by nominating him for the AFA Gold Avy Award.

(Vol. XXXVIII, No. 3, 2011) for part I of AVY Award coverage. Recipients' articles for First Breedings and Most Progress awards will appear in future issues of AFA *Watchbird*.

The committee is now actively inviting nominations for the year 2012. Deadline for all applications is Dec. 31, 2012. Awards merited by the committee will be presented at the August 2013 AFA convention in Raleigh, N.C. Award recipients need not be members of AFA, however nominations may only be made by AFA members. Nominations must be for an individual rather than an institution, submitted by an AFA member or affiliated organization, and must be as detailed as possible.

Information on all AFA AVY Award categories may be found on the AFA website, www.afabirds.org under "Awards," located on the "Press" tab or at www.afabirds.org/awards.shtml. All nominations and requests for applications should be sent to AFA AVY Awards Chair Linda S. Rubin at lsr@cockatielplusparrots.com.

Raffle Winners

Silent Auction

ITEM	WINNER	ITEM	WINNER
Basket of jewelry.....	DeeAnna Andrus	Golden Macaw necklace original.....	Rockie Mooney
Bijorca Parrot, set of four.....	Kathi Schmitz-Pistole	Golden Macaw wall hanging.....	Lynn Redden
Bonsai Tree (18 yrs old).....	Mark Moore	Harmony Kingdom—Great Escape.....	Diane Starnes
C.I.T.E.S. pins.....	Janet Hilton	Hummingbird book (signed), skirt and Gamini print.....	Cheryl Burns
Earrings—two pair Renee Landin.....	Jean Jordan	Indianrug.....	Benny Gallaway
Easy Care Playtop Cage.....	Georgia Fletcher	Jardinia Eden's Mimes.....	Jan Cheney
EZ Care Floor Activity Center.....	Verlene Henry	Jardinia tail feathers.....	Susan Stiene
Featherbrite lamp.....	Jan Cheney	Laptop bag w/AFA 2012 artwork signed.....	Janet Hilton
Framed "oldman" picture.....	C Kazen	Macaw cufflinks.....	Audrey Hollish
Framed African Grey.....	Janet Hilton	Macaw necklace.....	Linda Christain
Framed Eclectus picture.....	Cindy Holub	MP3 player.....	BetyhDudley
Framed Indian artwork.....	Rockie Mooney	Pave bracelet and ring.....	Amy Baker
Framed Major Mitchell.....		Porceline figurine bird.....	Janice Lang
Framed Military Macaw.....	Cindy Holub	Porceline figurine lady w/bird.....	Carole Grommet
Framed Rose-Breasted & Taubenarten.....	Lee Gibson	Prevue 18x18 Tiel cage.....	Lenora McKenzie
Framed set—Blue & Gold and Scarlet Macaw.....	Linda Nichel	Red-fronted Macaw poster.....	C. Kazen
Framed Stella's lories (Oil).....	Andy Sanford	Tea cup set (9).....	Bobbi Ryder
Gamini Scarlet print & hand towels.....	Laura Barwick	U.S. flag with holder.....	Amy Baker
Gamini Too Print & Quilt.....	Georgia Fletcher	Victorian African Grey Lady card—framed.....	Rockie Mooney
Gilcee Toocan print, signed.....	Andy Sanford		

Three-day Raffle

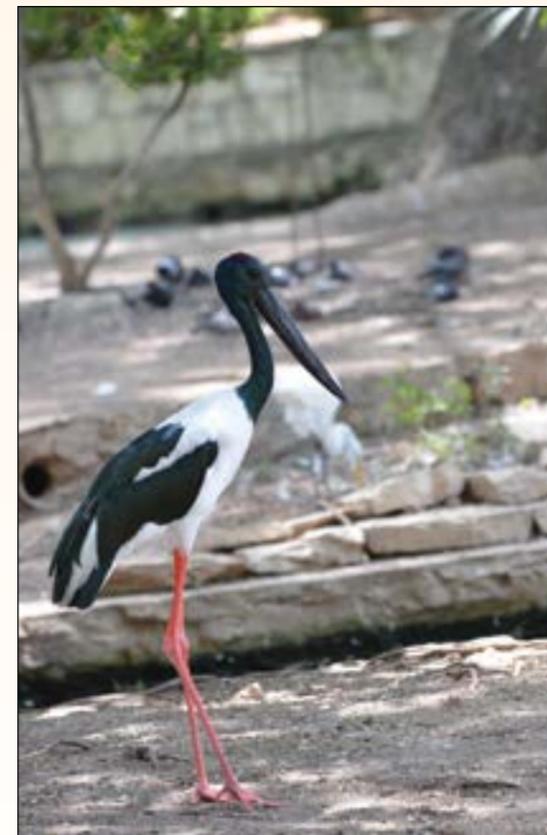
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Crystal glasses & \$100 gift card.....	Wade Plouvier	Robbie Garrity print—pirate parrots.....	Mary Rose
Digital camera, memory card, case.....	Nick Mooney	Robbie Garrity print—party birds.....	Vick S
Digital picture frame.....	Nick Mooney	Smoker and picnic set.....	Andy Sanford
EZ Care T-stand.....	Verleen Henry	Southern Season, RDCBS, Sylvan.....	B & D Andrus
Feather scarf & \$100 gift card.....	Linda Christain	Tabletop playstand & clipboard.....	Dr. Hoppis
Leather Elves toy.....	Linda Christain	Wine, stopper, glasses, shirt, placemats.....	Cheryl Burns
Macaw stroller—Celltei.....	Cheryl Rose	Wine, stopper, shirt, candles, placemats.....	Cheryl Burns
Mink vest & necklace.....	Dee Andrus	Zoo Med Lamp Assortment.....	Sally Porter

Live Auction

ITEM	WINNER
Wayne E. Smyth's Victoria Crowned Pigeons gicleé on canvas.....	Genny Wall, Esq.
Reception artwork.....	Dr. Benny Gallaway
Silver coins.....	Dr. Benny Gallaway & Alycia Antheunisse

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ITEM	WINNER
\$1,000 of AviTech products.....	Amy Baker
\$1,000 cash card.....	Miel Niemann
Brinsea Incubator.....	Michele Michalek
Chocolate pearl & diamond ring.....	Linda Christian
Flat-screen TV.....	Jane Cole
Painting—Long-tailed Parakeets.....	Dr. Walt Frey
Surround sound system.....	Ginny Heptig
Surveillance system & monitor.....	Janet Hilton



AFA visits the San Antonio Zoo

AFA members also got a chance to visit the San Antonio Zoo during the annual convention. There was much to see, including, clockwise from top, a pair of Hammerkopf, an Indian Ringneck Parakeet and a Saddle-billed Stork. *Photographs by Carol Stanley*

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With the help of Mark Moore and Brent W. Gattis, this flag was flown over the United States Capitol on Aug. 18, 2012, during AFA's annual convention. It was one of the many fine items offered in the silent auction, and was shipped to the lucky winner, Amy Baker.



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Green-winged Macaws

History and Aviculture in the United States

By Rick Jordan

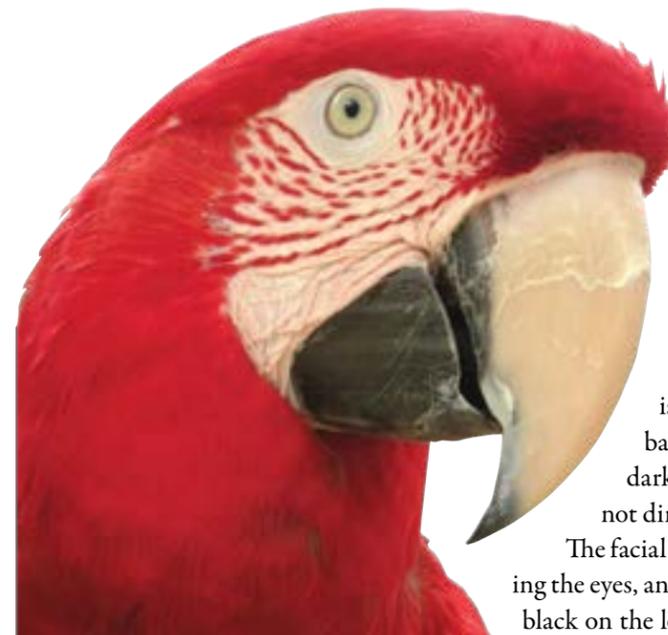


Photo by Mark Moore

Second only to the Hyacinth macaw and the occasional Buffon's macaw in size and weight, the Green-winged macaw (*Ara chloroptera*) is a large parrot, often exceeding two pounds. The name "Green-winged macaw" is somewhat of a misnomer as there are several species of macaws that have green plumage on the wings. Even though there is a broad patch of green on the secondary wing coverts, the same can be said of many of the variations of the scarlet macaws. In Green-wings the overall plumage color is dark red (darker than Scarlet macaws) with a band of green on the back of the wings overlapping a band of light blue. The flight feathers are dark, cobalt blue. The feet are dark grey and nails are black. This species is not dimorphic, therefore the males and females are identical in appearance.

The facial patch of skin is white with five or more lines of red feathers surrounding the eyes, and the beak is predominantly horn colored on the upper mandible and black on the lower. This is one area where differentiation between Scarlet macaws