

34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
AFA CONVENTION  
JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> - AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>

2008  
ST. LOUIS,  
MISSOURI

# MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS

As the song says, "Meet me in St. Louis, Louis, Meet me at the fair, Don't tell me the lights are shining any place but there." We may not do the Hoochee Koochee and you may not find your tootsie wootsie but we will certainly be having fun. The American Federation of Aviculture is going to light up the lights in St. Louis, Missouri with their 34th annual convention.

St. Louis is a city of many nicknames, among them is The Gateway City, and is steeped in history. It was the first leg of the Oregon Trail when people started moving west; hence it was called The Gateway City. It was named for a French King, King Louis IX and part of the Louisiana Purchase. It was the site of the first U.S. World's Fair as well as the Olympic games in 1904. The list goes on and on.

We are going to the zoo. The zoo is located in Forrest Park, the site of the 1904 World's Fair and one of the largest urban parks in the world, out sizing Central Park in New York City by 500 acres. The St. Louis Zoological Park is one of the oldest and largest in the country, ranking as one of the top five most visited zoos across America.

Another must see for tourists is the Gateway Arch, one of the world's most recognizable landmarks. For those brave souls who would like a real bird's eye view of St. Louis, there is an internal observation platform at the top of the arch. For a small fee you can enjoy a spectacular view and/or be scared out of your wits. I did it once and being claustrophobic did not help. It is definitely one of the things you may want to add to your list of things to do. Other points of interest include Union Station, Grants Farm, Six Flags and for you baseball fans there is Busch Stadium and the St. Louis Cardinals. Unfortunately, they will be playing out of town while we are there but you can still see their home field.

There are so many things to see and do in St. Louis you will need at least an extra week to capture them all. In light of this, arrangements have been made with the hotel to extend our special rate to include three days prior to the convention and three days after the convention. Check our web site, [www.AFABirds.org](http://www.AFABirds.org) for updates and highlights. First, we give you detailed information on the zoo but if you can't wait, Google St. Louis and be prepared to sit back, relax and read. 🐦

Convention will be held at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel.

**BE SURE TO REGISTER EARLY!**



Gateway Arch

Eastern Bluebird,  
state bird of Missouri

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## THINGS TO DO IN ST. LOUIS

There's so much to see and do in St. Louis, we thought we'd start you out with a few "must-see options."

- 1. Of course, the number one reason: Attend the 34th Annual AFA Convention! July 30 - Aug. 2.**
- 2. Ride to the top of the Gateway Arch, towering 630-feet over the Mississippi River.**
- 3. Follow the footsteps of explorers Lewis & Clark at various historic attractions.**
- 4. Explore Forest Park's 1,300 acres of lakes, walking paths and attractions.**
- 5. Drive Old Route 66 and visit some of the "Mother Road's" most fascinating stops.**
- 6. Enjoy world-class free attractions, including the Art Museum, Zoo, Science Center, Anheuser-Busch Brewery, Grant's Farm, and the Missouri History Museum.**
- 7. Marvel at the Missouri Botanical Garden, one of the world's top public gardens.**
- 8. Free your inner child at the Magic House, City Museum and other kid-friendly attractions.**
- 9. Visit an ancient Indian civilization at Cahokia Mounds.**
- 10. Cheer for the MLB's Cardinals, NFL's Rams and NHL's Blues.**
- 11. Count the mosaics at the breathtakingly beautiful Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis.**
- 12. Flirt with Lady Luck at one of the area's six casinos.**
- 13. Experience live blues music in one of the dozens of area clubs and taverns.**
- 14. Get your motor running at the Museum of Transportation or Gateway International Raceway.**
- 15. Take in the art at Laumeier Sculpture Park, the Contemporary Art Museum and the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts.**
- 16. Re-discover your heritage at the Old Courthouse, Black World History Museum and Faust Historic Village.**
- 17. Visit the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery.**
- 18. Satisfy your taste buds at any of our hundreds of one-of-a-kind restaurants.**
- 19. Fill an extra suitcase during a shopping trip through major malls and antique and collectible stores.**
- 20. Attend one of the area's unique fairs or festivals.**
- 21. Explore the final frontier at the Science Center's Space Sciences Center or the Challenger Learning Center.**
- 22. Get an adrenaline rush on the world-class roller coasters and thrill rides at Six Flags St. Louis.**
- 23. Play Scott Joplin's ragtime tunes at the composer's historic home.**
- 24. Talk to the animals at Purina Farms, the Wild Canid Survival Center, the World Bird Sanctuary and the St. Louis Zoo.**
- 25. Cruise the mighty Mississippi River on the Tom Sawyer or Becky Thatcher paddle wheeler.**



## AFA 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel • 9801 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63134  
July 30-August 2, 2008

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<p><b>Refunds</b>                  Full refund if postmarked on or before June 16, 2008. 50% refund if postmarked by June 30, 2008.                  All refund requests must be in writing and mailed or emailed to the address below.  <b>Early Bird Registration MUST be postmarked by June 16, 2008.</b></p>				
<p><b>Hotel Information</b>                  The Convention will be held at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel. Hotel accommodations are <u>not</u> included in registration fees. Call (800) 468-3571 for reservations. Mention AFA when making reservations to secure convention rates of \$99.00 per night for single/double occupancy.</p>				
<p>All minors attending the convention must be accompanied at all times by a registered adult participant. AFA is not responsible for minors who attend the convention without proper adult supervision.</p>	<b>EARLY BIRD RATES</b>		<b>NORMAL RATES</b>	
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<b>SPECIAL REGISTRATION FEE FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>	<b>\$235.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$275.00</b>
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# The Celebration of Birds



Don't miss an exceptional group of speakers at this year's American Federation of Aviculture 2008 Convention! Speakers and topics are subject to change. This partial list of speakers will be updated monthly on the AFA website at [www.AFABirds.org](http://www.AFABirds.org).

**Ian Tizard, BVMS, Ph.D., DACVM**

Texas A & M University  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
*Status of the Schubot Exotic  
Bird Health Center and Its  
Role in Aviculture*

**Sharman Hoppes, DVM,  
Diplomate ABVP-Avian**

Texas A & M University  
*Update on Proventricular  
Dilatation Disease*

**Bennett Hennessey**

(sponsored by the Bird Endowment)  
*Conservations Actions with  
Local Communities to Protect  
the Bolivian Red-fronted  
Macaw*

*Protecting a Subspecies  
before it becomes an Extinct  
Species: The Palkachupa  
Cotinga in Bolivia*

*Conservation Actions for the  
Wattled Curassow and the  
Peruvian Southern Horned-  
Curassow*

*Saving the Critically  
Endangered, Bolivian  
Endemic Blue-throated  
Macaw*

**Ricardo Valentin**

*History of the Puerto  
Rican Parrot Captive  
Propogation Program  
based on Experience  
at Rio Abaja Aviary*

*Successful Breeding of the  
Puerto Rican Parrot at the  
Rio Abajo Aviary*

**Linda S. Rubin**

*Linebreeding Practices in  
Psittacine Husbandry*

*Linebreeding Small Hookbills  
for Health, Fertility and  
Longevity*

**Bonnie Zimmerman**

*Kembali Bebas Avian  
Rehabilitation Center-  
Evolution of a Dream*

**Genny Wall, ESQ.**

*Introduction to the Politics  
of Animal Legislation*

**Jason Crean**

*The Beak Speaks: The Green  
Aracari in Aviculture*

**Nancy Speed**

*Inside the Nestbox of the  
Cuban Amazon*

**Carol Frischmann**

(sponsored by International  
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*Preparing Companion  
Bird Owners for a Lifetime  
Commitment*

**Jamie Whittaker**

*Retailing Birds – How  
Retailers Earn Their Money*

*The Aviculture Puzzle*

**Jean Pattison**

*Dos and Don'ts of Breeding  
and Raising Greys and  
other African Parrots*

**Darrel Styles, DVM, Ph.D.**

*Avian Influenza*

**Walter Frey, Ph.D.**

*Flocking Birds From a  
Breeder's Perspective*

*Breeding Cockatoos (Parrots)  
for the Long Term*

**Thomas Edling, DVM, MSpVM**

*Aviculture and the retail  
pet industry*

**Mattie Sue Athan**

*Retired Breeder Cockatoos  
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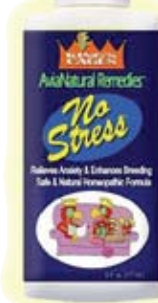
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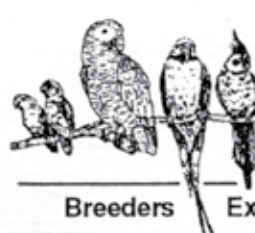


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