

# 35TH ANNUAL AFA CONVENTION

# Meet Me in Houston

*Aviculture –  
Branching Out*

August 5-8, 2009  
Houston, Texas

## **“Go West, young man, go West”**

When Horace Greeley coined that phrase, West was the only direction anyone, young or old could go. While there are those of us who will indeed go West to get to the 2009 AFA Convention, others will have to travel East, North and even South. Whatever the direction, we will all be flocking to Houston, Texas. WOW!

Houston is a place where your other car is a truck. Where men are gentlemen and treat their womenfolk like ladies. Where you can find food representative of any cuisine from anywhere. Where fun abounds whether it is structured or a good ole Texas hoedown.

Most importantly, come August 5–8, Houston is where the bird people will be flocking. People will be coming from far and wide to hear renowned speakers on the topic of birds. They will reunite with people of the same interest, people who have become once-a-year friends.



Mockingbird  
state bird of Texas



Texas Longhorn

# AFA 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

August 5–8, 2009

Hilton Houston North • 12400 Greenspoint Drive • Houston, TX 77060 • 281.875.2222

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Delegate or name of AFA office held: \_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you have special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Qty	Description	Amount	TOTAL
	Special registration for House of Delegates Includes Banquet: _____ Vegetarian _____ Nonvegetarian		
	Full registration (AFA Member) Includes Banquet: _____ Vegetarian _____ Nonvegetarian		
	Full registration (Nonmember) Includes Banquet: _____ Vegetarian _____ Nonvegetarian		
	Daily registration: _____ Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday		
	Wednesday off-site zoo trip		
	Extra banquet ticket _____ (enter quantity) _____ Vegetarian _____ Nonvegetarian		
	Conventions proceedings CD		
	T-shirt Enter quantity: _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL		
	Polo shirt Enter quantity: _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL		
	AFA Membership Membership level: _____		

Include check payable to AFA or provide credit card information below.

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card #: \_\_\_\_\_ MC Visa AmEx (circle one) V-code: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Registration

**House of Delegates registration includes** lectures, exhibits, specialty meetings, and a banquet ticket. One copy of Convention Proceedings is included if HOD meeting is attended. **Full registration includes** lectures, exhibits, specialty meetings, and a banquet ticket. **Daily registration includes** lectures, exhibits, and specialty meetings for a specific day only.

### Refunds

Full refund if postmarked on or before June 19, 2009. 50 percent refund if postmarked on or before July 3, 2009. All refund requests must be in writing and mailed or e-mailed to the address below. **Early Bird** registration **MUST** be postmarked by **June 19, 2009**.

### Hotel information

The Convention will be held at the Hilton Houston North. Hotel accommodations are NOT included in registration fees. Call (281) 875.2222 for reservations. Mention AFA when making reservations to secure convention rates of \$109.00 per night for single/double occupancy.

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.	Early Bird Rates		Normal Rates	
	AFA Member	Non-member	AFA Member	Non-member
Special registration fee for House of Delegates	\$180.00		\$200.00	
Full registration	\$205.00	\$235.00	\$245.00	\$275.00
Daily registration (per day)			\$75.00	\$100.00
Wednesday off-site zoo trip to the Houston Zoo				\$45.00
Extra banquet ticket (each), indicate (V)egitarian or (N)onvegetarian				\$50.00
<b>Convention Proceedings CD</b> Pre-Convention: \$10 / At Convention: \$12				
<b>T-shirts / Polo shirts</b> , sizes M–XXL, to be picked up at the Convention: T-shirts: \$25 / Polo shirts: \$35				
<b>If you are not yet a member, join now for full privileges!</b> Individual: \$40 Family: \$45 Supporting: \$75 Commercial: \$125				

SEND COMPLETED FORM & PAYMENT TO: **AFA • P.O. Box 159 • Rossville, TN 38066**

e-mail: conventioncentral@idealbirds.com Phone: 901.853.6079 / Fax: 901.853.8452

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### Amazon Framed Print

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*Gamini Ratnavira*  
Beautiful, framed  
20" x 30" fine art print  
of Blue-cheeked Amazon.

### Belize Retreat

donated by *Carolyn and John Carr*



Three days in beautiful  
Belize:

- Day 1—Arrival Transfer to Banana Bank (River Boat or River Tubing)
- Day 2—Xunantunich/ Jungle Horseback Adventure, Jungle Night Walk
- Day 3—Departure Transfer (optional stop at Belize Zoo or Old Belize—entry fee not included)

Winners are responsible for transportation and day trips. Includes lodging for two people. Go to [www.bananabank.com](http://www.bananabank.com) for a complete description of the lodge.



### \$1,000 Cash

donated by *Dr. Christopher Chinnici and Charlie the African Grey*

Drawing is subject to any rules and regulations that may apply from state to state. Winners are responsible for payment of federal income tax on prizes won. Winners are responsible for payment of shipping charges related to claiming their prize unless otherwise stated. The American Federation of Aviculture reserves the right to add or remove any prize from this list. AFA assumes no responsibility for any statement about prizes by anyone other than the drawing chairman.

# Super 8 Raffle Prizes

## Support the AFA and win one of these great prizes!

**Drawing donations:** \$2 per ticket, \$20 for 12 tickets. **Deadline:** Mail-in tickets must be received by the AFA by July 18, 2009, to be entered in the drawing. Onsite purchases and hand-carried tickets may be deposited at the Convention any time up to moment of drawing. AFA is a 501(c)3 educational organization. **For additional tickets, contact:** AFA, P.O. Box 91717 • Austin, TX 78709 • Tel: (512) 585-9800 • Fax: (512) 858-7029 • [afaoffice@earthlink.net](mailto:afaoffice@earthlink.net) or visit us online at [www.afabirds.org](http://www.afabirds.org). Additional tickets may also be printed from the Web site.

### San Francisco Getaway

donated by *Mary Ellen LePage*



Three nights in a spacious room at the 4-star Club Donatello, in the heart of San Francisco's Union Square. You will be within walking distance to fine dining, shopping at Union Square, the Best of Broadway, Chinatown, and a cable car to take you to Fisherman's Wharf and Pier 39. \$750 value. Nights may be taken singly or together, before Aug. 1, 2010. [www.clubdonatello.org/](http://www.clubdonatello.org/)



### Parrot Bed Quilt

donated by  
*Ardith Raine*  
This one-of-a-kind full/queen 88" x 90"

quilt features Macaws, Cockatoos, African Greys, Finches and more! Machine pieced and quilted by AFA member Sharon Garsee. Quilt detail shown.



### Opal and Diamond Ring

donated by  
*Pat Chinnici*  
Twelve

marquise-cut opals along with seven brilliant-cut diamonds mounted in a 14K gold cluster setting. Appraised value \$ 995.

### Nursery Hospital 2A Solid State Brooder

donated by *Joe Freed—jfreed@petiatric.com*



By far our most popular model, improved with state of the art temperature control is an unbeatable combination. All the convenient features of our most popular Nursery Hospital Brooder model plus the more sophisticated, accurate and user-friendly temperature control of solid state. This controller has a large easy to read dial, custom set to meet your temperature range requirements in 1-degree increments from 70 to 105 degrees Fahrenheit.

The Nursery Hospital Brooder 2A and 2B are identical except for size, by adding the solid state controller your combining the best of convenient features with higher tech temperature control. Shipping included.



### Small Bow Front Cage

donated by *Super Pet*  
EZ Care Bow Front  
Cage Size out side  
25" x 25" x 70-1/4."  
Shipping is NOT  
included. Cage will be  
shipped to the hotel;  
winner must get the

cage shipped home from the hotel.  
EZ Care's phone number is (847) 956-1130.  
Fax is (847) 956-8513

**2008 AFA Super 8 Raffle Ticket Payment Stub - American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. • PO Box 91717 • Austin, TX 78709 • (512) 585-9800 • www.AFABirds.org**

Please indicate payment preferences and return to AFA with completed raffle tickets to the AFA Office or to our convention coordinator, Wanda Elder, PO Box 159 • Rossville, TN 38066. • Winners will be drawn on August 8, 2009

**Ticket Donations:**  Check or Money Order  Credit Card only accepted on charges  
 12 Tickets for \$20 made payable to AFA  Mastercard  Visa  American Express  
 1 Ticket for \$2 or \$10 or more

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2009 Call For Papers

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The American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. (AFA) is a nonprofit national 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 during the 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 may be asked to give more than one presentation.

Abstracts will be accepted through February 15, 2009. 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 *Watchbird*, the official publication of the AFA. Final papers for the proceedings must be received no later than April 15, 2009 to be included in the convention proceedings.

The AFA will provide a complimentary convention registration package that includes one

banquet ticket. All other arrangements, including transportation and hotel accommodations, are the responsibility of the speaker.

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 addresses, Email and all phone contact information for the author(s). It is also helpful to know the name of your company, organization, aviary or other affiliation. If there is more than one author, please indicate which one will present.

Presentations will typically be 40 minutes in length plus a brief period for questions. Audio-visual equipment will be provided and will be specified in the contract.

Abstracts, biographies and final papers may be submitted in electronic format to [nancyspeed@att.net](mailto:nancyspeed@att.net). Please send as an e-mail or as an attachment in Word and identify it as "AFA Convention Abstract." Abstracts may also be faxed to 662-673-2226 or mailed to Nancy Speed, P. O. Box 369, Benton, MS 39039.

The convention requires non-exclusive publication rights to submitted papers including the publication of Proceedings and publication in *Watchbird*, the official publication of AFA.

For questions specifically regarding speaker topics and issues, contact Speaker Chairwoman Nancy Speed at (662) 673-8100 or by e-mail at [nancyspeed@att.net](mailto:nancyspeed@att.net). For general information regarding the Convention please visit our Web site at [www.afabirds.org](http://www.afabirds.org).