

AFA Presents the 2015 AVY Awards

AT THE CHICAGO CONVENTION

By Julie Corwin

It is the tradition of the American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. to present the AFA AVY Awards during the banquet dinner on Saturday night at the conclusion of the annual convention. The AFA AVY Awards are highly prized and considered the most prestigious awards in Aviculture. Find more information about these awards at www.afabirds.org/avy_award_categories_rules.shtml.

This year AVY Awards included the AFA Bronze AVY Affiliate Awards and The AFA Bronze AVY Watchbird Article Award.

AFA Bronze AVY Affiliate Award is an award in which an AFA affiliated organization can nominate a member of their organization who has made outstanding contributions to their specific organization.

Three people were presented with the AFA Bronze AVY Affiliate Awards this year.

Jason Crean was nominated by The Avicultural Society of Chicagoland (TASC) and presented with a Bronze AFA AVY Award AFA Affiliate Appreciation Award.

Diane Hyde was nominated by Long Island Parrot Society (LIPS) and presented with a Bronze AFA AVY Award AFA Affiliate Appreciation Award.

Julie Corwin was nominated by Lory League and presented with a Bronze AFA AVY Award AFA Affiliate Appreciation Award.

The other AFA AVY award that was presented this year was for an outstanding article contributed to the AFA Watchbird Journal. Janice Boyd, PHD was presented with the Bronze AFA AVY Award Watchbird Journal Article for her article on the Great Green (Buffon's) Macaw.

If you would like to nominate someone for an AVY Award in 2016, check out the rules and guidelines at www.afabirds.org/avy_award_categories_rules.shtml.



2015 AFA AWARDS

The AFA4Kidz Essay Contest winner receives a plaque at the awards banquet. The winner this year was 11 year old

Ella Villacreses. Ella also was presented with a Gold Ribbon "I am a winner" to show attendees she had won a special award.



2015 Presidential Awards from outgoing President Nancy Speed were announced and presented to the following recipients at the banquet dinner: Rick Jordan, Mark Moore, Jamie Whittaker, Genny Wall, Jason Crean, Janice Boyd, PhD and Janelle Crandell of Avitech Bird Supplies.

Additional Winners: Everyone is considered a winner at the AFA Convention, but some people got to take home prizes with them.

The Super 8 Raffle winner announcements always cause a stir of excitement in the room as the winning raffle tickets are drawn and announced. The winners this year are as follows:

Full Size Quilt donated by Sharon Garsee—won by Jamie Whittaker

\$500.00 Cash Card donated by ABC Birds—won by Carol Stanley

48" Flat Screen TV donated by Mark Moore—won by Millie Michalek

Ladies Ruby & Diamond Ring donated by Georgia Hayes—won by Carol Woodson

Eight Cage Breeder Set Up donated by Charlie Gonder—won by Georgia Fletcher

2016 Registration and 4 nights hotel donated by AFA—won by Sharon Garsee

15" Laptop with Windows 8.1 donated by Julie Corwin—won by Fred Neff

\$500 Gift Certificate from A&E Cage Co. donated by A&E—won by Sandra Rogers

2015 Silent Auction Quilt created and donated by Diane McKinney—top bid by LaDonna Sheetz, who graciously donated the quilt to Parrot Festival (NPRPF).

Conservation 50/50 Blue Throat Raffle: LaDonna Sheetz won the beautiful Blue Throat Macaw Jewelry donated by Bird Jewelry by Dawn and by Parrot Safari Toy Factory, LLC. Ticket sale proceeds were donated to The Bird Endowment and AFA.

AFA 50/50 Cash Raffle: Won by Lanette Ray-mond. Lanette graciously donated her cash winnings back to AFA.

Special gifts to outgoing President Nancy Speed included a gallery style frame of the note cards featuring the convention artwork for each year she served as President. Also a gift from Jamie Whittaker (incoming President) of a beach blanket with beautiful pictures of Nancy's Golden Conures.

Be sure to join us for the next AFA convention in Hartford, CT August 4-6, 2016.




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