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OCTOBER 1992

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1992 Avy Awards

presented at the AFA National Convention
in Miami Beach, Florida

by Dale R. Thompson
Chairperson of the Avy Awards Committee

1991 Gold Avy Award

Dale R. Thompson
for
outstanding service and achievement
given to A.F.A. and aviculture

1991 Silver Avy Awards

Ed Bish
for
Psittacines at Busch Gardens
Establishment of a group
of related birds

Jack Graves
for
1991 Show Standards in Cockatiels

Robert and Veta Hollaway
for
1991 Show Standards
in Exotic Parrots

1991 Avy Appreciation Awards

Lorene Clubb
for
outstanding service given to
the National Cockatiel Society

Sandy Baxter-Slozak
for
outstanding service given to the
West Valley Bird Society

1991 Watchbird Avy Awards

Ubaldo Leli, M.D.
for
"Aviculture of the Honeycreepers"

George Smith
for
"Parrot Eggs"

1991 U.S. First Breeding Awards

Carol Anne Calvin and
Stash Buckley
for
Kulikoro Firefinch
Lagonosticta virata
Hatched February 27, 1991

Michael Atkinson
for
Desmarest Fig Parrot
Psittaculirostris d. desmarestii
Hatched January 2, 1989

Carol Anne Calvin and
Stash Buckley
for
Spectabiled (New Britain) Mannikin
Lonchura spectabilis
Hatched July 15, 1990

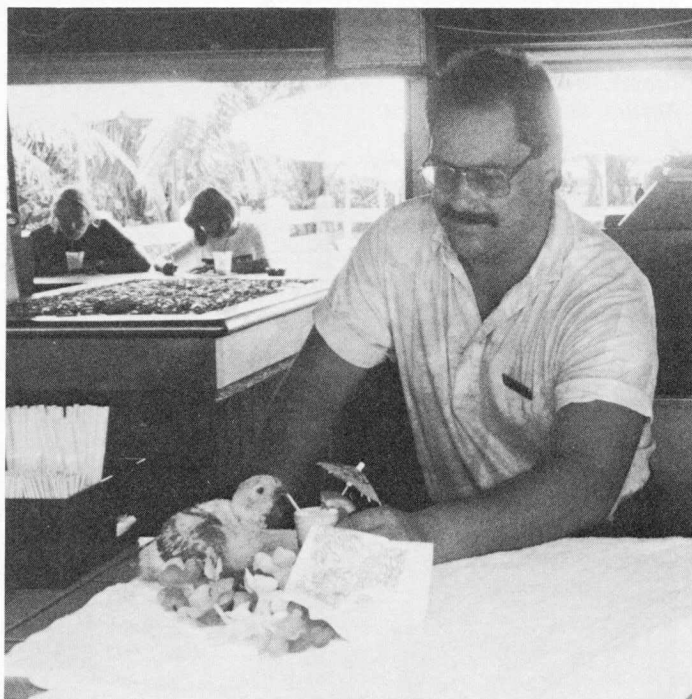
Sid Milne
for
Fischer's Touraco
Tauraco fischeri
Hatched April 23, 1991

Robbie Harris
for
White-eyed Conure
Aratinga leucophthalmus callogenyis
Hatched January 30, 1991

Photo by Jerry Jennings



Avy Award recipients, Robert and Veta Hollaway of Lexington, S.C., with AFA president Jack Clinton-Eitnlear at right. The Hollaways won the "1991 Show Standards in Exotic Parrots."



Of course, birds attended the AFA convention, too. Bob and Veta Hollaway brought their baby African Grey "Loki" who made such a hit at the hotel poolside bar that he was presented his own non-alcoholic piña colada specially made for him, complete with fresh fruit and umbrella trimmings, by bartender Carlos.

Photo by Bob and Veta Hollaway

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A financial success is only assured if the commercial exhibit room is full. While we could have fit a few more in, it was certainly a quality demonstration with such strong AFA supporters as D & M Bird Farm, Kaytee, L & M Animal Farms, Lakes Minnesota Macaws, Fancy Publications, Zoogen and Swan Creek to name just a few. Some new faces were in the crowd including Avia-tat, Animal/tag-a-long and Bird Brains. Let it be known that we had over 30 *quality* exhibits. A complete thank you is given elsewhere in this issue but we can never be too grateful to our commercial supporters.

Conventions are always a good place to meet old friends and "network" with the Who's Who of aviculture. Some premiere aviculturists I noted in the crowd included Richard Baer, Bob Berry, Gail Worth, Susan and Kevin Clubb, Kathleen Harring, Dale Thompson, Jerry Jennings and Rick Jordan.

While most convention food is "uneventful," this proved the exception to the rule. Especially the banquet where white glove service provided thin sliced prime rib with a variety of fresh vegetables topped off with a tasty pastry. All on a candlelit table, it made for a real dining experience.

We saluted a handful of the multitude of hard working AFA volunteers as well as aviculturists who should serve as role models for us all. These included Ed Bisch, Davis Koffron, Gary Lilienthal and Dale Thompson. The banquet entertainment was a both humorous and thought provoking talk by Micky Ollson. Micky took us into the future, painting both best and worst case scenarios of American aviculture. We all hope the best case comes true! The evening was topped off by a check presentation by Sun Seed of \$10,000.00 as part of their commitment to AFA and a \$500.00 bid for the hummingbird convention logo painting by Kathleen Harring.

A new event for AFA was the Thursday hands-on demonstrations including avian anatomy by the University of Florida staff, hand feeding by Cheryl Benedict and first aid by Bill Sager. We certainly will see more of this type of activity at future conventions due to its popularity. Readers, you missed an all important avicultural experience. But "fear not," we're going to provide you with a second chance. See you in Salt Lake City, Utah in August 1993! ●

Sun Seed Gives the AFA "Sunthing Special" at Miami Convention

Bird breeders from across America recently met at the beautiful Fontainebleau Hilton Hotel in Miami for the 18th annual convention of the American Federation of Aviculture.

The AFA is usually on the "giving" end at the convention, with seminars, guest speakers, and the exchange of information on the latest in avian research, propagation techniques and products, making these annual meetings a very important week on every breeder's schedule.

This year, however, AFA president Jack Clinton-Eitnrear found himself on the "receiving" end at convention time.

Sun Seed's national sales manager, Jeff Clark, presented Mr. Eitnrear with a check for \$10,000 to help fund the AFA's ongoing projects.

"We know the need is great," Clark said at the convention. "That's why Sun Seed has made this contribution to the AFA's efforts. The commitment we've made towards donating a portion of our profits to the AFA is one we fully intend on continuing."

From Sun Seed's headquarters in Ohio, company president Les Gonda echoed these sentiments:

"We look at this check to the AFA as something that hopefully represents the first of many. We know that AFA research benefits the birds, but it also helps Sun Seed continue to develop the finest, freshest products available for those birds. Everybody wins in a situation like this."

Sun Seed, well-known as a company founded by bird owners for bird owners, is an official national sponsor of the AFA. All of Sun Seed's bird products carry the official AFA seal prominently and proudly on its packaging.

For more information contact Brent Weinmann, sales manager, Sun Seed Company, Box 33, Bowling Green, OH 43402. ●

Avian Research Fund

August 1, 1992

To: Joanne Abramson, Chairperson
AFA Avian Research Committee
P.O. Box 1271
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Dear Joanne,

We are happy to report that we have forwarded a check in the amount of \$3,000 to the AFA Home Office in Phoenix which is earmarked for research grants. This money was raised at our 1992 Avian Research Fund Seminar. As you know, speakers, organizations and workers donate their time and all profits derived from the seminar and sales of the proceedings are donated to avian research.

The following speakers, avian veterinarians and aviculturists helped to make this year's seminar a successful event: Joanne Abramson; James M. Harris, D.V.M.; Rick Jordan; Larry Ring; Brian L. Speer, D.V.M.; Isabel Taylor; John Vanderhoof; Amy Beth Worrell, D.V.M.; and Jeri Wright. Also, other avian veterinarians and aviculturists provided papers for the proceedings.

The January 23 and 24, 1993 seminar topic is *Parrot Incubation, Handrearing, and Viral Disease Update*. Speakers are as follows: Denna Ferris; Susan Healy; Cyndi Kuehler; Scott McDonald, D.V.M.; Branson Ritchie, D.V.M. and Dale Thompson. We look forward to an exciting and informative seminar in 1993.

Sincerely,

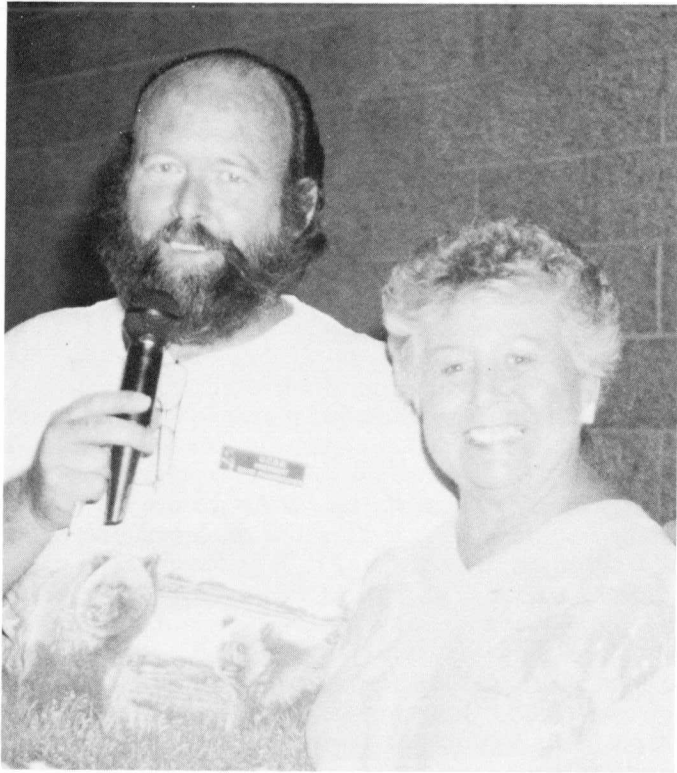
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Judy Kiefer-Meyer ●

Photo courtesy of Sun Seed Co.



One of the highlights of our 18th annual convention . . . AFA received a \$10,000 donation from Sun Seed Company! Sun Seed's national sales manager, Jeff Clark, right, made the presentation to AFA President Jack Clinton-Eitnrear at the convention banquet, Wednesday, August 5, 1992.



August 8th, Dave Baumgardner, president of Orange County Bird Breeders, presented AFA southern California Regional Vice President Aletta M. Long with an \$1800 check, a donation to AFA's conservation and legislative funds.

OCBB Raises Funds for AFA

Orange County Bird Breeders, a very active club in southern California and a staunch AFA supporter, has done it again. For a number of years now, this club has held an annual raffle for the purpose of raising money to support AFA. They started on their project early in the spring of '92 and hustled raffle tickets at every bird mart and public place to which they had access. Magnolia Bird Farm graciously allowed floor space in their busy retail store in Anaheim every Tuesday and Saturday.

This year's grand prize was a young African Grey Parrot hand raised by Helen Fore. Raffle chairman John Cairns and his wife Cindy were caretakers of the young grey until the day he got a new home. That day, drawing day, was May 9th. The drawing was held on the club's regular meeting night. The lucky winner had been coming to the OCBB as a guest for several meetings. He debated with himself as to what to drive to the meeting that night . . . his truck or a motorcycle. He said to himself, "What if I win? I can't carry the beautiful prize home on the bike!" So he drove the truck. The man's a prophet! . . . and also a new member of OCBB.

The OCBB members who worked so hard to generate the much needed funds for AFA are: Garry Stocks, Patsy Delaney, Gary Golson, Helen Fore, Marcia Bock, Mary Trottier, Chris Christman, John and Cindy Cairns, Felice Bahner and Bob Bramer.

The club specified that their donation be split —\$900 to conservation and \$900 to legislation. ●

Endangered Species Act Amendments HR 4045

The Endangered Species Coalition "representing over 5 million citizens dedicated to a strong Endangered Species Act," is calling on participants to contact their representatives in support of HR 4045. This bill would reauthorize the ESA for 5 years, double the authorized fund ceiling to \$100 million by FY97, promote habitat planning for candidate as well as listed species, and establish deadlines for agencies to issue approved recovery plans. It also promotes multi-species recovery plans, improves citizen lawsuit provisions, and authorizes federal agencies to promulgate CITES regulations. The bill now has over 90 co-sponsors, but is competing with several pieces of legislation designed to weaken the Act. According to the National Audubon Society, contrary to what critics say, the Act has had little economic impact, is far from inflexible, and already includes provisions to take into account social and economic factors. The Act is up for reauthorization in September.

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Brazilian Amazon Parrot Project Needs Funds

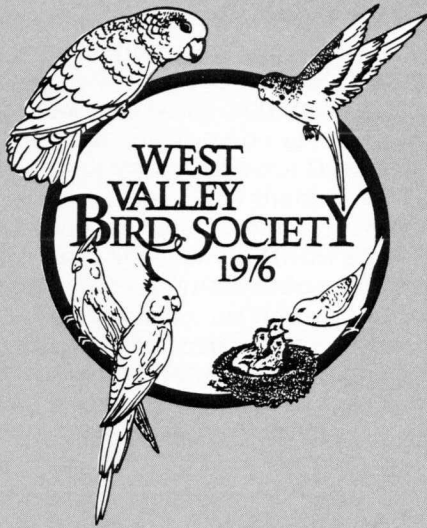
The Red-spectacled Parrot *Amazona pretrei* and the Vineaous Parrot *Amazona vinacea* are almost entirely restricted to the rapidly diminishing area of Atlantic Forest of southeast Brazil. Indeed, *Amazona pretrei* now appears to occur only in the forests of Brazil's southern-most state, Rio Grande do Sul. Both *A. pretrei* and *A. vinacea* are considered to be threatened with extinction and there have been a number of calls for their protection. However, the information on their distribution, population sizes, life histories and causes for their declines has been insufficient to formulate effective management policies for their conservation. As a consequence, in November 1991, ICBP (International Council for Bird Preservation), in collaboration with CNPq and PUC-RS, began a three-year field project to collect such data and to develop and execute a conservation action plan for each species.

The first phase of the project, a preliminary three-month study conducted between December 1991 and March 1992, detected a further decline in the populations of both species in southern Brazil and highlighted the need for field action to begin as soon as possible, in particular the need for conservation education and anti-hunting campaigns.

The current project addresses the second phase which aims to complete the field surveys in Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catarina, commence detailed ecological studies of *A. pretrei* and *A. vinacea*, develop strategies, field programs and project proposals to achieve the conservation of these two species in the region and help strengthen the recently formed Associação de Conservação dos Psitacideos.

\$10,000 has been pledged by the San Diego Zoo but an additional \$20,000 is needed to complete this study. Any club interested in further information on this project is encouraged to contact CSTB at 218 Conway Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78209, Fax (512) 828-5911. ●

**AFA Convention 1993 — August 3rd (Tuesday) thru August 8th (Sunday)
Salt Lake City, Utah • Little America Hotel**



The Club Connection West Valley Bird Society

by Nancy L. Vigran

Meeting Location: Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Community Center, 5040 Van Nuys Boulevard, Van Nuys, CA

Meeting Date: Third Friday of every month, 7:15 p.m.

Contact for more information: Meg Fisher, president, (310) 397-1090; Veronica Brice, secretary, (818) 789-4065; or Charlotte Nierenberg, honorary life member, (818) 703-0790.

Club Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5210, No. Hollywood, CA 91616-5210

General Information: The West Valley Bird Society was formed in 1976 by a group of bird breeders in the San Fernando Valley. Many past presidents and board members remain part of the club today and have watched it evolve and grow. The WVBS is currently a mix of single pet bird owners, multiple pet bird owners, small collection breeders and large collection breeders. Speakers reflect the varied interests within the club and include veterinarians, trainers, zoo keepers and bird breeders.

Activities and Special Events: Through the years, the WVBS has had a variety of outside activities including clinics and workshops on sexing birds, hand feeding and photography. Field trips have gone to zoos, private collections, sanctuaries and two-day trips to see aviaries in other areas such as central California and Arizona.

The WVBS has been active in its affiliation with AFA, having donated annually to the AFA Research and Conservation funds. The WVBS has participated in the AFA Avy Awards program including nominations of Club Appreciation Awards and two Gold Avy recipients, Dale R. Thompson and the late Eleanor Cooley.

Last year, WVBS members put together a fund-raising auction in which proceeds exceeded \$3,000. Funds were donated to the TRAFFIC U.S. Captive Bird Breeding Survey and the U.C. Davis Psittacine Research Project - Guatemala.

Editorial Note: The Club Connection is designed to let members of A.F.A. know what regional clubs are available to them, and to give clubs ideas and a chance to learn from what other clubs do. If your club is a member club of A.F.A. and would like to be highlighted in the Club Connection, please send information with a contact person's name and phone number to: Nancy Vigran, c/o A.F.A., P.O. Box 56218, Phoenix, AZ 85017. ●



New Award to be Presented:

A Tribute to AFA Members Who Show Their Birds

The 1st
American Federation of Aviculture/
National Show Award

Best of Show
Bred and Exhibited
by an AFA member

To be awarded by the president of AFA at the Kaytee Great American Bird Show October 3 and 4, 1992, in Metairie, Louisiana. ●

WANTED

AFA Membership Promotion Chairperson

AFA is looking for a volunteer to fill the position of Membership Promotion. A creative mind and familiarity with the avicultural community helpful. If you have time, talent and resources to devote to increasing AFA membership, please let us know of your interest! Contact:

Diana Skalsky (McNabb)
Co-chair Nominations & Elections
2801 Absher Drive, Narcoossee, FL 34771
(407) 892-0643

Or contact the AFA Business Office at P.O. Box 56218, Phoenix, AZ 85079-6218. Phone (602) 484-0931.