

In Memory of Richard M. Schubot

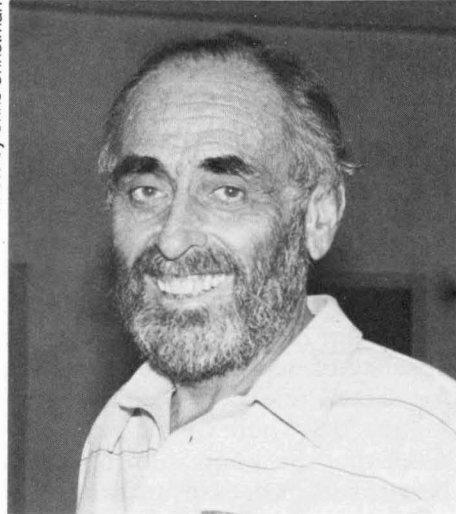
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Richard M. Schubot, 66, an internationally known aviculturist, owner of Avicultural Breeding & Research Center and co-owner of Parrot Jungle and Gardens, died Saturday, May 15, 1993 at his home in Loxahatchee, Florida after a long illness.

He is survived by his son, Scott Schubot and daughter, Shari Schubot.

Richard was a late comer to the field of aviculture but during the past 12 years he was able to take giant strides toward the advancement of avian research and conservation. In 1981, Richard created the Avicultural Breeding and Research Center (ABRC) in Loxahatchee, Florida where he and his staff did a tremendous job of captive breeding management of many exotic birds including some highly threatened and endangered species. Under the direction of Richard, ABRC actively participated in the captive management and release of the Thick-billed Parrots here in the U.S. and took part in the reintroduction program of the Military Macaw Release Project,

Photo by Chris Christman



Richard M. Schubot

Santa Maria-Zunil, Volcanos National Park, Quezaltenango, Guatemala.

Through his tireless work, many times under adverse conditions, Richard continued to lead the way toward the betterment of avian life in captivity. He devoted endless hours lecturing to bird clubs across the

country, sharing his experiences and knowledge about his one love, birds.

In 1986, Richard funded the Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center at Texas A&M University to benefit avian research. He was an active member of many bird organizations including AAZPA, a life member of the American Federation of Aviculture (AFA), a founder and board member of the International Aviculturists Society (IAS).

Richard's dream was to continue to make life better for exotic birds and he has shown through his actions that this is possible, especially if all aviculturists join together through common goals — education, captive breeding, research and conservation.

Scott Schubot will continue with the great work started by his father at ABRC. In memory of Richard, contributions may be made to the International Aviculturists Society or the Avicultural Breeding & Research Center. For address information, please call (407) 793-5135. ●

In Memory of Marcia L. Bernard

MARCH 14, 1947 - MAY 2, 1993

Through the course of our lives we cultivate different friendships. Some stay acquaintances, some become "a nice person" but rarely are we blessed with a friend with whom we can truly be what we are, and still feel loved. That was the kind of friend Marcia Bernard was. Honest, sincere, and caring.

In every circle of aviculture, those who knew her held her in the highest regard. They knew her gifts, her talents. Her masters degree in animal husbandry gave her the scientific background she needed to manage and maintain her flock but her true successes were brought to life from within her somewhere. Marcia was able to combine these two sources to reach that level of perfection experienced by very few in her field. She pored over every journal, every symposium transcript, every bird-related piece of material possible. She spent hours on the phone with people from every corner of the world, she shared her knowledge freely to most anyone

who asked. Marcia developed the handfeeding formula for Hyacinths that many breeders are using today, although they may not know its origin. Very few knew of her accomplishments and contributions to aviculture because Marcia wanted it that way. She was happy with what she had accomplished and that was enough for her.

Marcia's birds, husband and personal life were just that. She didn't want people to intrude and she didn't want to be taken advantage of. Although each and every baby she raised was special to her, her heart and soul were with those that were the most difficult to breed and raise. The most endangered species captivated her attention and brought her her greatest successes.

Marcia was a very unique person not only with her gifts but with her standards. She set them high for herself and expected no less than the best from any person. She lived her life

with purpose, tenderness, love and respect for herself, her family and for those who were her friends.

We can all continue to learn from Marcia and what she believed in and loved. Those of us who knew her will miss her so much, but when we see or touch a Hyacinth, a Major Mitchell, or just our pet birds we'll know she still lives in our hearts and souls. As more rare and endangered species are propagated, we will know that her spirit lives on and that the world will be a better place because she was here.

Our deepest sympathies to Marcia's husband Frank, her family, and the world of aviculture. We will always remember and love you, Marcia.

Your Friends, Jacquie, Charlie, Keith, Nancye, Karl, Tina, Joe, Tim, John, Greg, John, Mitzie, Tim, Joe, Janet and your friends from around the world.

Donations can be made in Marcia's memory to: The World Parrot Trust — PBFD. ●