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you need to bring.*



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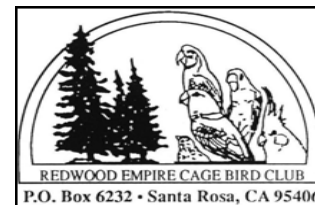
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We often need help with various functions for the club (i.e. bird mart/expo/fair, toy making party, silent auction, outreach program, picnic, etc.) Would you be interested and willing to get involved and participate on occasion? Do you have any specialized talents that you might like to volunteer? Please let us know!

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## Calendar of Events

**May: Annual RECBC Toy Making Party**

**June: Shannon Murphy ~ Guest Speaker**

**Avian Science Graduate UC Davis**

**“Bird Bathing Behavior”**

**July: Safari West**

**August: Bonnie Zimmerman ~ Guest Speaker**

**September: Pride Night**

**October: RECBC Bird Mart**

**November: Pot Luck Holiday Dinner**

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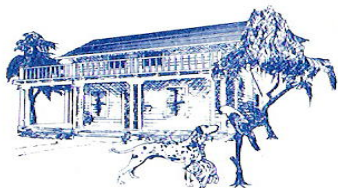
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go to sleep just after dusk. What I prefer doing is having my pet *on me* when I am cleaning dishes, raking and weeding, gathering produce, or cleaning out the van. A small parrot has a distinct advantage in this realm; it can remain on my shoulder, hanging from a jacket, or tucked in my shirt peering out while I go about my daily routines. There is nothing quite like a warm, fuzzy conure perched inside your neckline. Kiwani, my beloved sun conure used to bolt down a collar whenever he wanted safety in strange situations. Try doing that with an amazon or a grey sometime!

Even lovebirds can be such fun as companion birds. I have seen owners at bird clubs, conventions, or around town walking with their lovebird buddy on the shoulder. They are a great genus to keep free-flighted and may form rather tight bonds to their humans. They also can befriend other small pet hookbills in the home. We have observed them buddy up with quakers, cockatiels, *Pyrrhura* conures, even hen eclectus.

But once again, the champion of most small cage bird lovers is the wee budgerigar. Coming in innumerable colors and sizes, budgies have personalities far greater than their bulk. Cheerful and chatty, they can fill a room with their soft, muttering vocalizations, not to mention hundreds of human words learned from their keepers.

Being around one or more budgerigars may only be described as pleasant. They are curious and intelligent, amiable to owners and calm strangers alike, do not require a lot of space or food, and can be let out regularly for flying exercise. Finding a delightful pet psittacine that will live into its teens, yet costs less than twenty dollars to acquire is a real bargain. It is a shame so many adults think of "parakeets" as many incorrectly term them, as pet birds for children. I once knew a man in New Mexico who kept a whole flock of budgies—and let them fly around outside periodically! Not being a big mutations fan, I have a soft spot for the electric green ones akin to the wild budgerigar in Australia's rugged outback. Like the difficult-to-find-in-captivity pure normal grey cockatiel, they are in my eyes the *perfect* combination of plumage hues.

So the next time you find yourself in an exotic bird shoppe with a hankering to take another feathered friend home with you, do not be overly quick to dismiss the small psittacines you see. Better yet, if you get a chance, adopt one that is in need of a good home. Don't let size be your only criterion—small birds can be just as much fun...

Aloha nui loa, EB

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Witness the many full-sized macaws and cockatoos that are given up and re-homed several times in their lifetimes...

Understandably big parrots take big cages. They also need a greater amount of more expensive foods like nuts, pellets, fruits, grains. They tend to make greater mess, be louder, more destructive, scratch arms harsher, and nip stronger whenever that might happen. They live much longer, often bond with humans tighter, and cost more to groom, board, and care for by a veterinarian.

Is it any wonder that the diminutive budgerigar is the most common household avian pet in the world?

I once knew a traveling "writer in the window" who would go from place to place with her typewriter and answer passersby' questions, compose and post mottos and slogans and wisdoms and philosophies on the glass in front of her.

Georgelle always traveled with her Grey Cheeked Parrot "Pocket" in a small, spotless, greenery-stuffed cage by her side. This was one of the most loving bird human couples I have ever known—parrot on the shoulder, fingers humming out words in the window on the streetway. It made us proud at the parrot shoppe to know we had united these two troopers for a lifetime of camaraderie!

Ahhh, those were the days for *Brotogeris* lovers. You could readily find domestic handfed or docile imported Grey Cheeked, Cobalt Winged, Canary Winged, even the occasional Tui Parakeet to be your pet. Unfortunately these same were not large, dramatic, colorful, profit-making birds, and were often difficult to breed in captivity. So today it can be tough to locate even *one* of the lovely little 'pocket parrots.'

I remember well the first time I got to experience the joys of raising and living with a Goldie's Lorikeet. "Zippy" was one of two or three *Lorinae* I was keeping at the time. And though his size was tiny compared to the rainbow and the black, he was every bit as intelligent and fun. Lorikeets in small-feathered packages always seem bent on finding adventure—they explore new things and try to manipulate plastic toys in some of the oddest play ways. In addition they can be examples of the friendliest psittacines I have ever encountered!

Out here in Hawaii, most of my days are spent active and busy with projects or chores in the house or out on the farm. I do not have a lot of time to just sit down and spend it one-on-one with a feathered companion, especially when we keep species that like to

## Treasurer's Report March and April

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
Membership	\$ 76.00
Raffle/Meetings	\$ 48.00
Advertising in Newsletter	\$ 250.00
<b>Income Total:</b>	<b>\$ 374.00</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Newsletter Printing	\$ 143.87
Hospitality	\$ 79.85
Speakers	\$ 75.00
<b>Expense Total:</b>	<b>\$ 298.72</b>
<b>Grand Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 75.28</b>
<b>Beginning Bank Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 7,118.89</b>
<b>Ending Bank Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 6,770.46</b>

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>APRIL</u>
Membership	\$ 174.00
Raffle/Meetings	\$ 63.00
Misc. Income (T-shirts)	\$ 30.00
<b>Income Total:</b>	<b>\$ 267.00</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Newsletter Printing	\$ 115.34
PO Box Rental	\$ 62.00
Hospitality	\$ 68.28
Speakers	\$ 75.00
<b>Expense Total:</b>	<b>\$ 321.62</b>
<b>Grand Totals:</b>	<b>\$ (54.62)</b>
<b>Beginning Bank Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 6,770.46</b>

## Birdkeeping Naturally EB Cravens April '11 "Small Birds Can Be Just as Much Fun"

While working at Feathered Friends of Santa Fe in the Eighties and Nineties, I noticed that many prospective parrot buyers were continually drawn to the large and striking psittacine species—macaws, pink cockatoos, talking amazons, king parrots, etc. This is to be expected I suppose.

Yet, at the same time, many of the most devoted long-term parrot owners who came in monthly for grooming or left their pets each holiday season, were keepers of small hookbills—cockatiels, conures, parrotlets, lorikeets, and the like. These two truths are intricately related: small parrots can be just as endearing and oft-times less time and labor-intensive as the larger birds.

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## President's Message

I guess I'm it. When Bonnie and the board asked me to be president I was excited until the next day. What have I got myself into? We have had two great Presidents that have brought us to where we are today with the help of dedicated Board Members and each of our general club members. My goal is to continue in their foot steps and for me that is a challenge.

First, I want to thank everyone who brought refreshments to the April general meeting. That was great! So many snacks to choose from. It was impressive!

Cheryl our Raffle expert was sick and so I thought that we would have to postpone the event until the following month. I was wrong, Linda covered for Cheryl and we had a great raffle, especially since I won the bird cage.

I also want to mention that the attendance at the April meeting was fantastic. Everyone was able to pet the live flamingo that our guest speaker Carol Stanley brought to the meeting. Her presentation was quite interesting.

To all of our new club members WELCOME!! I want to take a minute and share with you some of the many benefits of joining our club:

- Meeting other members who share the same goals.
- Keeping our feather friends healthy and happy.
- Making toys to share with our feathered friends. Toys are very expensive as we all know, so be sure to attend this month's Toy Making Party.
- Meeting Great speakers that have lots to share.
- Having the opportunity to attend Scott McDonald's Bird Grooming/Sexing Clinic. He will be here on June 7th. Check with me (George) for details.
- And enjoying other events i.e. our Bird Expo, Safari West, and visiting the Lyon's Ranch.

O.K. here we go.

George Lentini

## "A STORY"

I started to think to myself what am I going to write.

I started writing this message on May 2nd at 6:15 p.m. with a bottle of white wine by my side. Two glasses of wine later, probably more like three, here goes.

The day had been beautiful and I had just brought in from outside my two macaws (Elmo and Rio) and my African Greys (George and Fred). They spent pretty much the whole day outside and they loved it. They are in a covered area; Macaws on their stands and the Greys in their big cages getting their baths. Of course their wings are clipped. It's important if you're taking your birds outside to make sure they can't fly off! This is why I like having our visiting avian vet, Scott McDonald, DVM groom my birds.

I've been a member of the club for about 7 years and probably on the board that long thanks to Barbara French. Barbara approached Mary Grist and myself letting us know that the Board was looking for new members. Alas, I agreed Thanks to Barbara's arm-twisting.

Before I joined the club I was at that time looking for an African Grey. A friend of mine at work told me that "if I wanted a Grey, I need to meet Bonnie Scheffler (whom we all know) who raises the best Greys." I had to meet Bonnie. In order to meet Bonnie I had to join the club.

O.K. that's it. I promise my next message won't be this long. I'm new at this.

George

p.s. I finished the bottle of Wine.

## Toy Making Party Night May 6, 2011



*This is our second largest fundraiser of the year, next to our Bird Expo in October. Join us as we create fun and useful toys for your birds! It's a GREAT way for you to make beautiful bird toys at a reasonable dent to your pocket-book. Toy parts start at .25 cents each. This is a fun night for everybody. For this meeting, we ask that you please leave your birds at home as we need the space for making the toys. Your birds can play with their toys when you get home. Please bring pliers, scissors and wire cutters if you have them. The club only has a few tools to go around. We look forward to seeing you there!*

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## Minutes of the Board April 21st 2011

**Present:** Bonnie Scheffler; George Lentini; Linda Karnstedt;  
Earl McEnaney, Donna Shore and Heather Frawley

Bonnie called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Minutes:** There was no meeting in March.

**President's Report:** Bonnie congratulated the new board members. The Board agreed to have the committees continue with their responsibilities.

The Board also acknowledges Jackie Turner as our Website Manager. Jackie will dedicate her time to keeping the RECBC website updated with current newsletter information. Heather Frawley offered to be available to help Jackie if needed.

**Treasurer's Report:** See page 5.

**Outreach Program:** No specific outings are yet planned.

**Secretary:** Our Secretary Karyn Paulson is on vacation.

**New Business:** Linda Karnstedt talked about evaluating the budget. It was decided that the budget will be reviewed and will hopefully be approved at our May Board Meeting.

In preparation for our May Toy Making party, Earl and Bonnie will inventory our toy supplies. If additional parts are needed they will contact the Board Members for help.

The Board established a tentative slate of officers pending acceptance of missing Board Members.

**Old Business:** Our calendar of events were confirmed for the remainder of the year, ending in November.

Minutes submitted by George & Bonnie

General Meeting Place

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**ATTENTION MEMBERS!!!**

The majority of our Members dues were up for renewal last month (April). Your mailing address label has your renewal date. If you have already paid you dues, please ignore this message.

For those members that did not renew in April, this month (May 2011) you will be receiving your last newsletter. Please renew now to keep abreast as to what your club has in store for you for the rest of the year.

Address labels will be updated with new renewal dates in June.

**REFRESHMENTS**

If your last name begins with M-R please bring a refreshment to this month's general meeting!

This is working so well that we will continue to assign refreshment contribution by alphabetical last name.

**THANK YOU For Your Tasty Treats!!!**

# RECBC - Notice Club Meeting Rules

## Bringing birds to meetings

Your bird is welcome. provided you follow the club rules.

If you are unable to follow these rules, please leave your bird (s) at home or you will be asked to leave the meeting.

1. All birds must be in good health, not on any medication, or have wounds or sores of any kind.
2. Owner is responsible for bringing newspaper or a clean large towel for each bird brought to the meeting. A bird stand is helpful but not mandatory.
3. Chairs must not be used as perches.
4. All stands, carriers, cups, & cages must be free of bird droppings, dirt, or stains.
5. Owner must clean up after their bird and ensure that the room, carpet and furniture are kept clean.
6. No birds are to be left unattended.
7. Bird owners accept full responsibility and liability for the actions of their birds - i.e. bites, damage, droppings, damage to property and / and or members.
8. All members will hold their own birds at meetings. Birds are not to be passed around. This will reduce the risk of possible bites and injuries.

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