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Final Announcement for June 12 Aviary Tour

Our meeting date for June is on the 12th and will actually be an aviary tour. The tour will be of Darrell Brewer's aviary collection which is set up at his business located in Albany. The trip might be a bit of a drive but we are sure to have a very informational trip.

We are trying to arrange car pools. For those who are planning to attend and can drive others please let me or Terese know so we can try to match riders with drivers and conversely if you are hoping to catch a ride with someone who may have room let us know also.

It looks to be about a 1.5 hour drive and we are coordinating arrivals to be at 1pm. We will enjoy the tour and make arrangements for lunch afterwards which also depends on group size. Lunch will be purchased by individuals and we will either eat as a group if time permits otherwise individuals can catch it on the drive home if preferred.

If you are planning to attend, please contact me for:

Darrell's address

If you can drive others

If you want to try to ride with others

If necessary, I can e-mail you a MapQuest set of directions to Darrell's.

Jennifer Hayes

480-9269 and email Xandysmom@aol.com

Terese Davis, 869-5066 or tmacd869@sbcglobal.net

CCCBC Established in 1933

GET READY for the first annual August FunRaiser Bazaar. Instead of the usual auction, we're having a bazaar! Bring your donations and we'll have tables set up. Each member will price their own donation. Baked goods are always welcome, plants, birds of course, and other items that you like.

The August fundraiser is part of our year-long project to put on a fabulous Bird Show.. Be creative!

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CCCBC May 15th Speaker Mary Kate Cook

For the May 15th meeting, CCCBC was fortunate to have a speaker from the Stanislaus County Environmental Health Department. Mary Kate Cook volunteered her time to meet and speak with the club regarding West Nile Virus (WNV) disease prevention, transmission, the procedures for handling dead birds, and to try to alleviate the fears of bird owners about the role the county plays in disease control. Those in attendance were treated to a wealth of information shared and a productive question and answer session ensued. If you were unable to attend the meeting, you missed a good discussion. The following is a general interpretation of the discussion and questions that followed. Mary Kate did bring a few informational handouts for members. There were more than enough so if you were unable to attend, the remaining pamphlets were placed on the rack at Mancini Hall.

Mary Kate introduced herself as a bird fancier with several pet birds of her own. She understands the worries that bird owners, fanciers, and breeders have regarding the role that the county plays with disease control and how that role, as perceived by owners, affects the owners. She ensured those in attendance that the county has no interest or intent to confiscate any flocks in the case of a positive diagnosis of a diseased bird nor is it interested in knowing what individuals own birds or flocks.

The county is divided into two districts. She explained that locations south of the Tuolumne River are covered by the Turlock district, whereas; the areas north of the Tuolumne River are covered by the Eastside. The districts are made up of Mosquito Abatement, Public Health Department, and Wildlife Care among others. Their goal is education not confiscation.

Mary Kate shared the background of WNV in the United States. The disease started on the East Coast in the year 1999 and spread to the West Coast over a period of 6 years. The disease is transmitted by the bite of mosquitoes and affects only warm blooded animals including squirrels, bats, horses, and birds; most notably the Scrub Jay, Raven, Crow and Magpie. Mary Kate stressed that the Western Magpies were the hardest hit and the department is hoping they can make a comeback stating the disease is considered endemic and that it is here to stay; unfortunately it has already affected 326 species of birds, noting pet birds are included in that count. But it was also noted that the disease has not been found to commonly affect dogs or cats. Horses are the only species at this time to have a vaccine against WNV.

Prevention is the key to trying to stave off the WNV disease. Mary Kate gave the Five D's rules of prevention.

1&2) Dusk/Dawn: is when mosquitoes are most active and for persons to try to stay indoors. If that is not possible, follow rule 3.

3) Dress: dress to cover up as much skin as possible. Wear long sleeves, long pants, shoes, gloves.

4) Deet: use protection. Deet is the most recommended for its ability to repel mosquitoes but care must be taken with its use as it is toxic to birds. Don't spray on, near or by your birds or handle birds after applying.

5) Drain: avoid standing water on your property and be proactive to rinsing out water bowls. Ponds with circulating water and maintained pools are safe because the mosquito will not lay eggs in moving or treated water.

If in the case a dead bird is found (wild or pet) and disease is a possibility the public is urged to call the hotline: 1-877-WNV-BIRD. However, in the case a representative does not arrive by 5:00 pm on the day reported; take personal care to wrap the bird in a plastic bag and dispose of in trash. Also, if a "green"

swimming pool is found the public is urged to call the hotline. These pools are perfect breeding grounds for WNV mosquitoes.

Members with outdoor aviaries are urged to secure the aviaries with mosquito screens to help prevent any infection of an aviary bird.

When asked as to why horses were the only recipient of a vaccine whether money was a factor, Mary Kate said she was not sure but that the vaccine was created on the East Coast and the possibility that there is such a large equine community could be a factor. However, the first vaccines were not always safe and could cause seizures in horses. Federal regulations and testing slows any process for a human vaccine.

In response to what symptoms to look for, Mary Kate said that symptoms can vary. Humans can show flu and head cold type symptoms. In comparison, birds may show the inability to fly, loss of balance on perch, maybe an overall appearance of being drunk.

When asked how long it would take to see symptoms in birds, Mary Kate said the smaller the bird the faster the death. She explained that one of the initial birds used in the WNV testing was the Sentinel Chicken; where they showed symptoms and death between 7-14 days after exposure.

Bite marks on birds' bodies are usually not noticeable because of the feather coverage. The birds exposed skin areas are the most susceptible to bites: eyes, feet.

Members looking for something safe to spray around birds would need to contact Mosquito Abatement who also supplies mosquito fish for ponds. These fish eat the larvae laid by the mosquito. Goldfish may also be of some help in this area.

Mary Kate was also asked whether Sevin dust that breeders use on nests for mites would also work against mosquitoes because it is a broad spectrum treatment. Happily, she felt this would be a good defense for the breeder.

A member asked if the department wants to know about every bird death; her response was "yes, if it cannot be contributed to any other cause; please call the hotline".

The information gained from the discussion was enlightening when Mary Kate explained to our members that WNV cannot be transmitted from one infected bird to another bird; as it cannot be transmitted human to human; or bird to human. Transmission factor is strictly through mosquito bite.

It was also noted at the end of the discussion that the mosquito is also the transmitter of canary pox, for which, a vaccine is available.



Jennifer Hayes
CCCBC Vice President



MAY 15, 2011 Minutes

The meeting was opened at 1:12 by President Ted Brandvold with 28 people in attendance.

The Treasurer's report was read and explained by Janna Place and approved by the membership by vote.

The Secretary's report was approved as written in the newsletter by vote of the members.

Jennifer reminded members that the next meeting will be held at the aviary of Darrell Brewer in Albany. Members will carpool and June newsletter will include details.

October Bird Show: plans are moving along thanks to Darrell, Ted, and others. Judges are being lined up.

Speaker: Mary Kate Cook from the Stanislaus County Environmental Health Dept. spoke on the West Nile virus and how to protect ourselves and our birds from contracting it. If you find a dead bird (wild or caged) that has no obvious reason for dying, you should call 1-877-WNVBIRD. Mary Kate reminded all the West Nile cannot be passed from animal to animal or person to person. It can only be contracted from a mosquito. Thank you Mary Kate for an interesting and informative presentation.

Submitted by acting secretary, **Sharon Byrne.**

To all members and contacts:

I am looking for the use (buy-sell-borrow) of a working reel-to-reel tape player to use to play an OLD recording in hopes of converting to CD somehow

The tape is of my brother when he was in Viet Nam. I think I was 5-6 when he was there. I remember the family would gather around the tape player and listen to his voice telling us stories of how he and his guys were doing and how the fighting was going and hearing the mortars exploding in the background. I just hate to lose that lasting memory of him from then.

Please contact me if you have or know of one.

Jennifer Hayes (209) 480-9269



Janna Place

Treasurer's Report

MAY, 2011

Full Report Will be delivered at the **JUN 12th, 2011** Tour,
for **MAY** *Janna*

Personal Ads MEMBERS

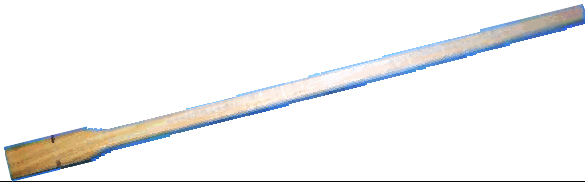


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2011 Event Calendar—Bird Mart and Bird Show Events

<p>JUN 12 NOV 20</p>	<p>San Jose Bird Mart Many Prizes ! Pay & Free (10th St.) Parking - ATM - Food info@sanjosebirdmart.com http://www.sanjosebirdmart.com</p> 	<p>Santa Clara County Fairgrounds 344 Tully Road, San Jose Gateway Hall for NOV Sunday 9 AM to 3 PM June Mart will be at Pavilion Hall</p>
<p>JULY 29</p>	<p>6th Annual West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show 1st. Day Speaker and bird sales after 5:00 PM www.efinch.com/show</p>	<p>Meet the top breeders on the west coast La Quinta Downtown Sacramento</p>
<p>JULY 30</p>	<p>5th Annual West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show, and Raffle judge: Bob Peers</p>	
<p>AUG 14</p>	<p>Northern California Exotic Bird & Supply Exposition Birds, Reptiles and Supplies for sale at Great prices Admission: \$7.00, (10 and under, Free) Limited Free Parking Web: www.ncabird.com Contact: Laurene or Jim 510 785-6647</p>	<p>Alameda County Fairgrounds 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Pleasanton, CA. Sunday 9 AM to 4 PM</p> 
<p>OCT 9</p>	<p>RECBC Redwood Empire Caged Bird Club Bird Expo Admission: \$7.00 (12 and under free)</p> 	<p>Sonoma Fairgrounds Kraft Hall 1350 Bennett Valley Road. Santa Rosa, Ca. Sunday 9AM to 4PM Contact: Bonnie at: (707) 546-1776</p>
<p>OCT 23</p>	<p>CCBS Bird Mart & Pet Expo & Mart www.capitolbird.org Capitol City Bird Society P.O. Box 41221, Sacramento, CA. 95841-0221</p> 	<p>Placer County Fairground Roseville, CA. info/Contact: Rosiebird at (916) 363-6777 Sunday, 9am—4pm</p>
<p>OCT 28 Setup OCT 29 Show</p>	<p>Central California Cage Bird Club Canary/Finch 58th Bird show and 5th Bird Mart Adults: \$2; kids 15 and under: Free. Free Parking—Food WEB: www.mycccbc.org</p> 	<p>SOS Club, 819 Sunset Ave., Modesto Saturday, 9am—4pm Contact: Terese Davis: (209) 247-3206 Bird Mart info. Contact: Darrell Brewer: (510) 527-1788 for Show info. Contact: Darrell Horst: (530) 661-7460 American Singer Show Ron Moy will be the judge at the American Singer Show. Ron's Contact info: yomnor2001@yahoo.com</p>
<p>Nov 4 Entries Nov 5 Show Sales NOV 6 sales</p>	<p>Columbia Canary Club 42nd Annual Canary and Finch Show & Sale Judges: Rado Pagac - Colorbred Canaries Ralph Tepedino - Type Canaries Laura Bewley - Finches & Softbills Adults: \$2; children 12 and under: Free. Raffle, Silent Auction and Door Prizes</p> 	<p>Gresham National Guard Amory 500 NE Division Street Gresham, Oregon 97030 Contact: Sandra Foote - Gregory (503) 792-3582 Canaries sfoote@xpressdata.net KJ and Linda Brown (503) 266-7606 Finches & Softbills jeeperspeepers55@aol.com</p>
<p>Nov ? Setup NOV ? Show</p>	<p>ACFA American Canary Fanciers Association 31st. Annual judged show</p> 	<p>Boys and Girls Club 100 W. 5th. St. San Pedro, Ca. 90731 Start time 9:00am to Contact:</p>
<p>NOV 12 & 13</p>	<p>Larry Waugh Memorial Quad Pacific American Singers http://www.pacificamericansingers.org Annual song contest for American Singer Canaries Free Parking, Free Public Viewing canaries for sale Contact: pacificamericansingers@yahoo.com</p> 	<p>Laurel Inn 801 W. Laurel Dr., Salinas, CA. Saturday and Sunday 9am to 2pm</p>
<p>DEC 3</p>	<p>Santa Clara Valley Canary & Exotic Bird Club 50th Annual Cage Bird Show http://www.santaclarabirdclub.org Free Parking, \$3 /cage entry fee Birds for sale Public admission \$5/adult, children free</p> 	<p>Clarion San Jose Airport 1355 N. 4th St., San Jose, CA</p>

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2011 Meeting Schedule

JAN-16	Meeting	Mancini Hall 718 Tuolumne Blvd. Modesto Ca. 95351 1:PM
FEB-20	Meeting BS&T	
MAR-20	Meeting	
APR-17	Meeting	
MAY-15	Meeting	
JUN-12	Darrell Brewer Aviary Tour	Albany, CA 94706 Car Pool
JUL-17	Tour of Rita Clark's Rescue Organization	12243 Orange Blossom Road Oakdale, CA
AUG-21	Annual August. FUN Raiser Bake sale, plants, crafts, auction items including birds.	Mancini Hall
SEP-18	Meeting	Mancini Hall
OCT-29	58th Bird Show & 5th Bird Mart	SOS CLUB 819 Sunset Blvd. Modesto Ca. 95351 9am-4pm
NOV-20	Meeting, Election	Mancini Hall
DEC-18	Meeting/Party	Mancini Hall
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