



CCCBC May 2005 NEWSLETTER

MAY MEETING AGENDA

We are thrilled and delighted to have Donna Gary returning to give us a presentation on breeding and raising Lady Gouldians. This should be an interesting topic for all of us. Her presentation will be followed by a mini auction.

Bring another member, bring a friend, bring a family member and let's have a good May meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: We are trying something new this month. Although there will not be a pot luck luncheon please bring cookies or other finger foods (not the chili type found at Wendy's).

MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	PLACE	EVENT
May 15	Mancini Hall	Donna Gary
Jul 18	Mancini Hall	Picnic & Auction

Start your dieting now to make room for our annual picnic in July..

Mancini Hall is located at 718 Tuolumne Blvd., Modesto.

Remember to bring items for the raffle table. It can be anything i.e. bird supplies, goodies, wine, cookies, plants, etc. Tickets are 3 for \$1.00. This helps pay for the meeting hall.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

All of us are either in the middle or wrapping up our breeding season. I hope that all of you had a successful one.

Be aware the abbreviated meeting schedule (every other month) requires changes to what we have done in the past. Read the newsletter and if you have any questions or suggestions call me at 209-957-3117.

Naomi Cisper
President

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President, Naomi Cisper. 10 people were present.

The secretary's report was not presented because of no formal meeting.

The treasurer reported the club has \$2,969.14 as of 3-7-05.

It was discussed and decided we would have snacks instead of a pot luck luncheon. We will try this for a while starting next meeting in May.

We also talked about bringing back the Finches to the bird show.

The dues for yearly membership are now due.

Naomi brought to our attention Janalee Murphy discussed a fund raiser to sell burlap to pet stores. We will check into it for more information.

Bennie Jones was the guest speaker and talked about conditioning birds for breeding. He also talked about some of his travels to different countries. We all enjoyed the presentation and Bennie sharing his adventures with us.

Sherry Fisher
Secretary

HOOKBILL FIELD TRIP

Sherry Fisher has arranged a field trip for June 12. We will meet at the Mancini Hall parking lot. Plan on leaving there at 12:30 PM and arriving the home of Morris and Alza Blocker. Their address is 3443 Roberts Road, Ceres.

Take SR-99 south about 8 miles to Keyes Road (J-16). Turn left (south) on Faith Home Road for 1.8 miles. Turn right (west) onto Roberts Road for approximately 0.6 miles.

JULY MEETING AGENDA

The July meeting will be our annual picnic and auction. Mark your calendar and vow to attend this meeting to help make it a success.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our membership numbers have declined over the past few years. We don't believe there is a general decline in the interest of birds. We just haven't asked interested persons to join us.

Our club is about sharing what we know and what we have learned through the years of breeding birds as our hobby. In order to continue sharing, we have to increase our membership roll. Think of all the people you meet from time to time who have a similar interest and invite them to come to our meetings. If they like what they see, they will join our ranks.

Member dues are used to cover the cost of the newsletter and the meeting hall.

We have provided an application below if you find someone wishing to join us.

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Please give a warm welcome to **Angel Rodriguez** and **Alex Orzkehouskiy**.

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FOR SALE

10 White Breast Gouldian Finches hatched September 2004. Male and Female. Call Pam at 209-529-2552.

TIPS TO PREVENT DISASTER

1. Double check that all cages have water.
2. Double check and make sure to put the nest back in the same cage and location.
3. Double check all doors are down.
4. Tie short cotton strings in cages to help prevent plucking.
5. Make sure there is no place young birds leaving the nest can get out.

SAFE HOUSE & OUTDOOR PLANTS

Nothing is safe if toxic chemicals or insecticides have been sprayed on them. Before installing them in any cage, scrub all branches with a non-toxic disinfectant (such as diluted chlorine bleach) then rinse and dry well.

HOUSE & OUTDOOR

Acacia Aloe	African Violet
Baby's Tears	Bamboo
Begonia	Bougainvillea
Chickweed	Christmas Cactus
Cissus/Kangaroo Vine	Coffee
Coleus	Corn Plant
Crabapple	Dandelion
Dogwood	Donkey Tail
Dracena Varuetaes	Ferns (asparagus, birdnest, boston, maidenhair)
Figs (creeping, rubber, fiddle leaf)	Figs (laurel leaf)
Gardenia	Grape Ivy
Hen's & chickens	Herbs (e.g. oregano, rosemary, thyme)
Jade Plant	Kalanchoe
Marigold	Monkey Plant
Mother-in-Law;s	Nasturtium
Tongue	
Natal Plum	Pepperomia
Petunia	Pittosporum
Prayer Plant	Purple Passoin/Velvet Nettle
Schefflera (Umbrella)	Sensitive Plant
Spider Plant	Swedish Ivy
Thistle	Wandering Jew
White Clover	Zebra Plant

TREES & BUSHES

Apple	Arbutus
Ash	Aspen
Beech	Birch
Citrus (any)	Cottonwood
Crabapple	Dogwood
Elm	Eucalyptus
Fir	Guava
Hawthorn	Larch
Madrona	Manzanita
Norfolk Island Pine	Nuts (except Chestnut & Oak)
Palms (areca, date, fan, lady, parlour)	Palms (howeia, kentia, phoneix, safo)
Pear	Pine
Poplar	Sequoia (Redwood)
Willow	

THE MAGICIAN

After much competition, a very talented magician had just obtained a job performing on a luxury cruise ship. Each night his pet parrot interrupted and spoiled his performance by saying "It's up his sleeve", "It's in his pocket" "It's in his shoe", etc, etc. One night while performing the act, the ship's boiler blew up and the ship sank. The fortunate magician was able to grab onto one of the ship's planks, and along with his parrot, floated on the sea. The first few days that the wood drifted, the parrot just starred at the magician looking puzzled. On the 4th day the bewildered parrot looked at his master and said "I give up, what did you do with the ship?"

THE IMPOLITE PARROT

Two college students purchased a parrot to keep in their apartment. The parrot was highly intelligent, but all it ever did was swear. The bird's vocabulary was extensive, however, it would swear for five minutes straight without repeating a single profanity. At first the two young men thought that this was the coolest bird. After days and nights of constant verbal abuse, the student's couldn't tolerate it anymore. They decided to isolate the bird so they couldn't hear the words. They put the bird in the kitchen where they had just finished eating a bucket of fried chicken. For the first few seconds, the parrot went crazy, squawking and thrashing around the room. The students began to worry that the bird might have hurt itself, so they opened the kitchen door. The parrot calmly walked onto the one student's arm and politely said, "Awfully sorry about all of the trouble I have given you. I'll do my best to improve my vocabulary from now on." The students were amazed and bewildered by the transformation that had come over the parrot. After a few minutes the parrot asked, "By the way, what did that chicken do?"

THE SENIOR AND THE TEEN

An elderly, gray haired man was standing at a bus stop. He noticed the spiked, red, blue, yellow, and green hair of a teenager dressed in punk clothing. The brazen young punk snapped at the man, "What are ya staring at ya ol geezer? Haven't ya ever done anything wild and outrageous during your own life?" The man looked the teen in the eyes and replied, "As a matter of fact, yes I did. I was once married to a parrot and I was just wondering if you might be my long lost son."