



# South Bay Bird Society

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## SBBS Members Discuss Dusty, Dander and More Dander "The Saga of Our Dusty Birds"

We're celebrating dusty birds at the June meeting. Below, we share with you a bevy of beautiful head shots of the stars of our discussion. Be sure to see the flyer on page 6.



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# Notes from Janet

## June 2017

I certainly enjoyed our meeting with Bob Shanman from Wild Birds Unlimited and I hope you did, too! Bob's presentations are always full of great ideas to attract birds into our back yards.

## AMERICA'S FAMILY PET EXPO - APRIL 28th - 30th

I take my hat off to Donna Crossley, Diane Bock, Sylvia Skidmore, and Phyllis Levine. Their booths at the Expo were spectacular, with birds and more birds! The three-day event brought thousands of people to the Orange County Fairgrounds. I helped in their booth on Sunday. I am not kidding when I say that hundreds of people were lined up to see the birds. They asked questions, took pictures, and their children made fantastic feather design art! Marie, Charlie, and Courtney, myself, Yolanda Keh, friends and family helped at their booths. Marie attended all three days! Education, with an emphasis on "responsible pet ownership", rescue, rehab, and adoption were the focus of the Expo. There were plenty of vendors and food - what a weekend! The preparation involved in planning for this Expo, not to mention the time commitment for such a worthwhile event each year, is remarkable! Again, I take my hat off to all of you!

## TECHICAL SUPPORT NEEDED

We are looking for several members to help out as back-up for our Technical Support with Gala Burkholder. If you have any technical experience, we need your help in setting up the audio-visual equipment for the meetings.

## ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP THE FOOD TABLE WITH DEBRA PETERSON

Food donations are always welcome and Debra would appreciate a back-up person to help with the set-up of the food, dessert and beverage tables.

## IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS

SBBS is a volunteer organization and the club is only as good as its membership. There are many ways that you can help your bird club. If you have any ideas for monthly speakers, and/or topics that you're interested in, we are open to suggestions. Please attend your bird club meetings, or volunteer at our community outreach events. There is always something to learn

and share with other members and the public. Is there an article you would like to submit to the newsletter or content/topics that you would like to have included in the newsletter? What is your daily routine with your birds? You might have ideas we have not thought about. Please bring your ideas up at a meeting or write about your experiences! We would love to hear from you!

## DUSTY, DANDER AND MORE DANDER

Many of us have Cockatiels, Cockatoos and African Grey parrots. Our June 5th meeting is titled "DUSTY, DANDER AND MORE DANDER". The meeting will include a member's discussion on these fantastic parrots. All birds are welcome at this meeting, especially the Cockatiels, Cockatoos, and African Greys. This will be a fun, must-attend evening!

During meetings please turn off your cell phones!

As always, please support our sponsors!

If you still need to renew your membership, please mail your payment to SBBS - P.O. Box 3863, Redondo Beach 90277, along with the renewal form included in the newsletter. You may also download the form from our website at [www.sobaybirdsoc.com](http://www.sobaybirdsoc.com) and bring to the next meeting along with your dues.

If you are having difficulty viewing the newsletter online, please let us know! We can walk you through the process.

YOUR HELP IS WELCOMED! SBBS IS A PUBLIC BENEFIT ORGANIZATION. PLEASE VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND HELP US CONTINUE TO PROVIDE OUR SBBS MEMBERS WITH THE MOST POSITIVE MEETING EXPERIENCE! IT IS ALL ABOUT THE BIRDS!

## AN SBBS MEMBER RECOGNITION

We will be recognizing an SBBS member at our June meeting. One of our members works quietly and diligently at each monthly meeting and we would like to show our appreciation on behalf of SBBS. Please plan to attend the June meeting and join us in saying "thank you" to a special someone.

Cheers, Janet



## SBBS Meeting Minutes

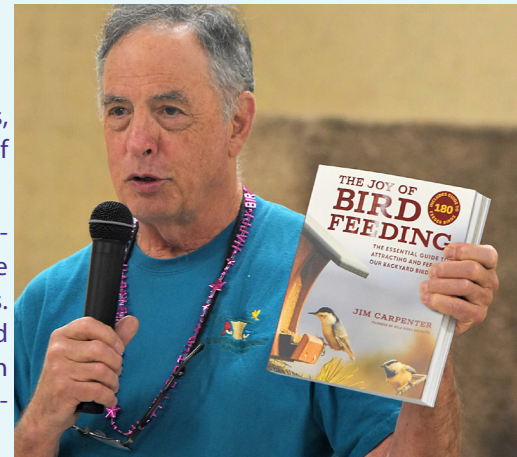
### BOB SHANMAN

# How to Build a Thoughtful Backyard Bird Feeding Station (and Why Feeding the Birds is Beneficial for Them)

May 2, 2017 • by Diane Sivas

SBBS celebrated Cinco De Mayo a little early this year and, with the help of members, put on a great spread of Mexican food at the May 1st meeting. But the highlight of the evening was our guest speaker, Bob Shanman, of Wild Birds Unlimited fame.

Before the main event, however, Janet got things started with board member introductions and a welcome to guest Gary Rihel, who saw an advertisement for the meeting in the local paper and joined us because of his interest in backyard birds. Janet gave a glowing review of the past weekend's Pet Expo and praised Donna and Sylvia's work there. (Both were recovering from their long weekend and were not in attendance.) Myrna Frame got us up to speed on the birds she currently has available for adoption.

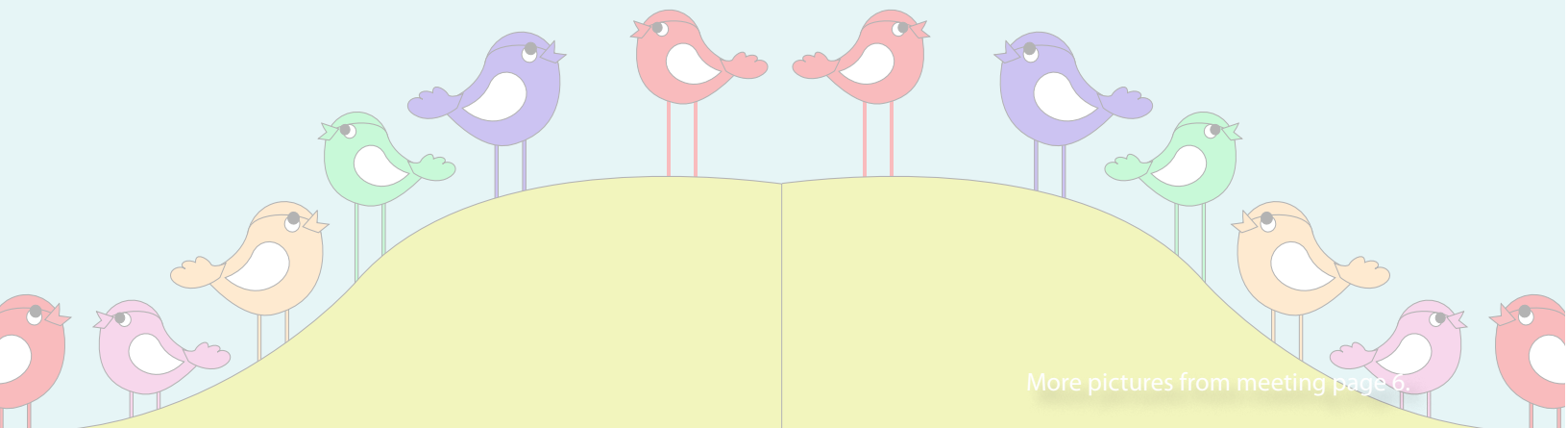


Bob's first question was: Is it OK to feed wild birds? Or is it best to let them forage for their own food? My gut reaction would be to not feed them and let them find it themselves. Best, right? Not so fast. Using two control groups over a three-year period, research concluded that the group being fed was better off, and a year after the feeding stations were taken away, the birds' stress level had gone back to what it was prior to the feeding. Referring to a book written by Wild Birds Unlimited founder, Jim Carpenter, titled "The Joy of Bird Feeding," --

and with input from other store owners -- Bob devised a plan for backyard feeding stations.

For a variety of reasons, Bob concluded that tray feeders are the best. As a starting point, he suggested putting out a variety of foods to see what is being eaten most. Once that is done, the next step is to begin offering preferred foods.

Next, he examined the "12 Elements of Thoughtful Bird Feeding" taken from Carpenter's book. We learned that there are several different types of feeders. Foundational feeders do not need to be continually refilled, and tray feeders tend to attract the greatest variety of birds. Fat Feeders provide the necessary fat that birds need to survive rain and cold. (Rainy conditions *Continued Next Page.*)



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can zap up to 30% of a bird’s fat reserves.) Finch feeders can consist of Nyler and sunflower seeds, whereas Hummingbird feeders consist of nectar, fruit and jelly. Side note here: Bob advised that ease of cleaning should be considered when choosing Hummingbird feeders.

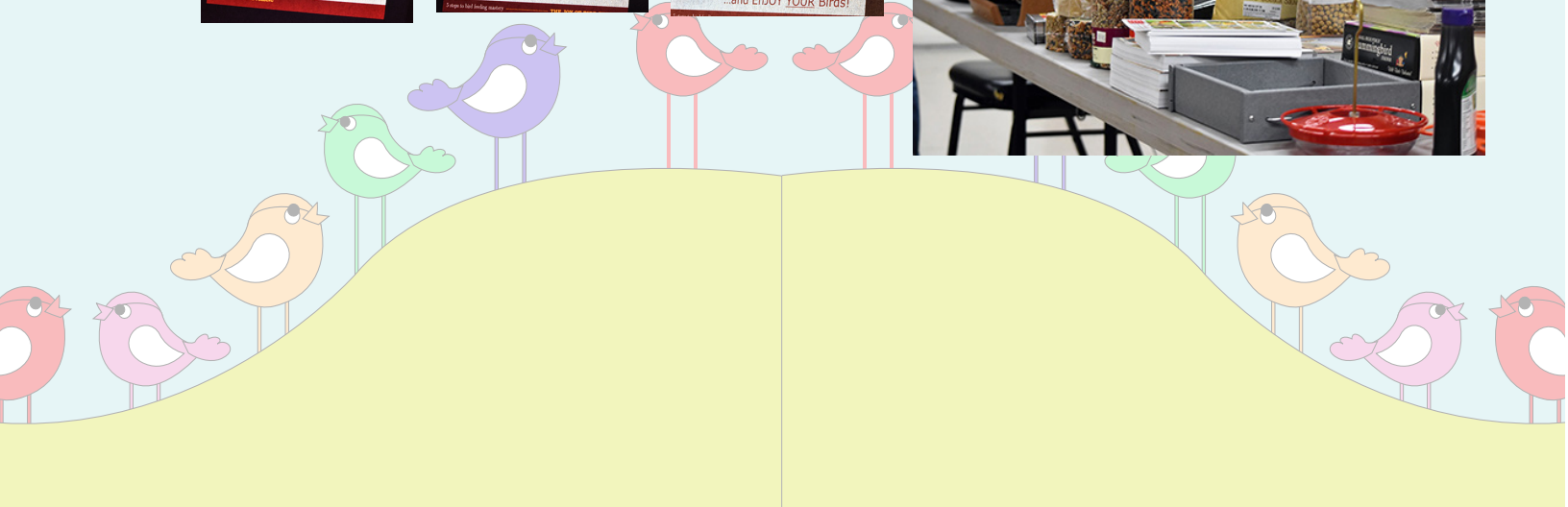
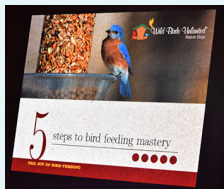
Water is important, both for drinking and bathing. Moving water is better than stagnant water, and can be accomplished by use of a fountain or dripping water. Also, be mindful that birds need a place to perch while drinking or bathing. And speaking of perches, both horizontal and vertical should be offered – although, as Bob noted, there are not a lot of woodpeckers in the South Bay. Placement of feeders for ease of viewing and protection from predators should be carefully considered. Bob recommended that perches be at least 10 feet from the house since squirrels can jump from the side of the house to the perch if it is too close.

You can have multiple feeding stations in the yard. Again, when placing stations, care should be taken to protect these locations from other animals.

To get fully informed on backyard feeding stations, Bob recommended Jim Carpenter’s book, which is available at his store. It is the premier book on this subject, and Bob was generous enough to donate one copy to the raffle table. He also had copies available for sale at a reduced price of \$22.00 (regularly \$28).

Bob was great, as usual! So much information and never enough time, but he is more than happy to help anyone with questions about getting set up. He handed out coupons for store discounts, so there’s no reason not to visit his store (located near Airport Drive and Crenshaw Blvd. in Torrance).

The subject of next month’s meeting will be “Dusty, Dander, and More Dander” or how to survive life with Cockatiels, Cockatoos and African Greys. So, bring along your dusty critters, and share your secrets of success. See you Monday, June 5th, 7 p.m. sharp!





Monday, June 5, 2017 • 7 p.m. • Monthly Drawing • Outstanding Food

## Dusty, Dander and More Dander ~ Cockatoos, Cockatiels & African Greys



Our meeting will feature some of our dusty birds - Cockatiels, Cockatoos, African Greys, etc.

Get ready to be 'dusted' by our feathery friends, as we enjoy an entertaining evening with our pet birds.

We encourage our members to share their stories on living with these wonderful birds, as well as strategies for dealing with the extra dust and dander that these birds generate.

**Location: Kiwanis Club of Hermosa Beach**

2515 Valley Drive • Hermosa Beach • [www.sobaybirdsoc.com](http://www.sobaybirdsoc.com)  
Cross streets are Gould and Valley Drive • For more info, phone 310-376-5954



## SOUTH BAY BIRD SOCIETY POOL PARTY

Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> 11:00 A.M. to 3 P.M.

62 Crest Road East, Rolling Hills

Limited to 25 people, so please R.S.V.P. to Myrna Frame at

**(310) 541-2468 by July 1<sup>st</sup>**

This is a Pot Luck, so bring your favorite party food, desserts.

We will supply the burgers, fixings and sodas.