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Monday, July 6, 2020, 7 P.M.

Josefina (Pepy) Madunich will share her experiences of "The Galapagos and the Rain Cloud Forest of Ecuador"



Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the Galapagos Islands from Josefina (Pepy) Madunich, a naturalist guide, who lived and worked there for 17 years!

The Galapagos is a group of 13 main islands and some smaller islets, located 600 miles west of **Ecuador**. This unique geographical situation allowed for the establishment of some remarkable species, giving the Galapagos its reputation as a laboratory of evolution. Her talk will address isolation and endemic species on the islands. The Galapagos is also a Natural Park and Patrimony of Humanity. As one of the smallest countries in South America, Ecuador is notable for its diversity of climates and vegetation zones, which also makes it a paradise for birding.

Though Josefina now lives in California, she maintains strong connections with the islands, and the people who live and work there. She regularly brings groups of visitors to see this amazing place. Join us for an intimate and personal view of one of the world's great wildlife destinations.



For information about Josefina's (Pepy's) next private charter, contact her via email at: pepygalapagos@gmail.com or call at (909) 532-0850.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE PAGE 6

For more information visit: www.sobaybirdsoc.com

Or contact: Janet at (310) 376-5954

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ZOOMING with Jamie McLeod of the “Santa Barbara Bird Sanctuary”

Monday, June 1, 2020

By Diane Sivas

South Bay Bird Society was delighted to have Jamie McLeod as the guest speaker at our June 1, 2020 ZOOM meeting. Jamie, as usual, presented a very entertaining, but somewhat different program than she has in the past.

As we gathered on ZOOM, and David Benjamin helped smooth out some of the kinks, Karen Allen encouraged each of us to introduce ourselves to others in attendance (36 in all!). We not only had attendees from other local clubs, but also one guest from as far away as New Jersey and another from Florida. Thanks to Gala Burkholder and Jamie McLeod for doing a great job of getting the word out! Janet announced that the Newcastle threat is gone, and the quarantine has been lifted. Now the birds can go outside but we still cannot! Marie Calleja has been caring for the birds from the Fine Feathered Friends Foundation and got us up-to-date on what is going on with that.



Diane Sivas kisses her
Blue and Gold Macaw, Cheeto



Jamie McLeod from the
Santa Barbara Bird Sanctuary

Next, wired in and ready to go, Jamie introduced herself to everyone. She is the founder and director of the Santa Barbara Bird Sanctuary in Summerland, California, and has been involved with exotic birds for the past 20+ years. She is a graduate of Moorpark College where she earned a degree in Exotic Animal Training & Management. She has also been involved with several zoos and humane societies throughout California. She has dedicated her life to the rescue, rehabilitation and care of companion birds.

The current pandemic has shut down the sanctuary to visitors--and Jamie herself falls into the “at risk” category--so things have been hunkered down there. Because of this, the only income they have now is through donations. She spends of much her time these days writing grants and trying to drum up enough funds to care for the birds and pay her staff.



(“Jamie McLeod” continued on Page 3)

SBBS MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of SBBS is to study all avian species (native and foreign) and their habitats; to disseminate among the general public and supporting members, information on all aspects of avian care and breeding and the preservation of endangered species and their habitats through written publications, educational lectures, seminars, activities; and to support and promote the propagation and preservation of species that are threatened with extinction.

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(“Jamie McLeod” continued from page 2)

And the COVID outbreak was not the beginning of Jamie’s problems. Prior to that, they had to deal with the devastation of the Thomas fire that “raged from Ventura to Santa Barbara” from December 2017 through January 2018. Smoke and ash kept the birds cooped up inside while the fire continued to spread. Then, one night at 2:30 a.m., Jamie received a mandatory evacuation order. Not knowing what to do, and upon learning that the fire had also spread to Camarillo, they packed everyone up, and transported the birds to various locations where volunteers and staff pitched in to make sure the birds were safe. Eventually, the flock was taken to The Smart Garden in Ventura, where everything had already burned. Jamie’s was forced to flee her home in Montecito and move herself and her “critters” into a pet friendly hotel, where she would spend many weeks. The home was eventually saved (she had major praise for fire department first responders!) and she was happy and relieved the day she was allowed to move back in. But with Edison power poles burned, the loss of electricity, and failure of the water pumps, it would be more than a month before she once again had running water.



The Santa Barbara Bird Sanctuary

When the mandatory evacuation orders were lifted many weeks later, she was finally allowed to return the birds to the Summerland facility, where enormous effort had to be made to rid the area of soot and ash before the birds could return. The video of the birds’ homecoming was humorous and heartwarming. Everybody was happy to be home at last! Finally, two weeks later, evacuation orders were lifted at her Montecito home and she was able to return.

The story does not end here. A week later, the rains came, and the Sanctuary and the Montecito home were turned into islands. Unable to get down the mountain in her own car, a neighbor with a huge 6x6 Raptor truck came to the rescue and got Jamie down the hill to the Sanctuary so she could personally feed the birds. Her friend, the Senior Sheriff (her “knight in shining armor”), who has since been promoted to Lieutenant, contacted her and put her in touch with the communications manager, who sent letters to her Carpinteria staff announcing that they could finally return to the facility to care for the Summerland flock. It would be several days before Jamie was able to get down the mountain again, this time in her own vehicle.

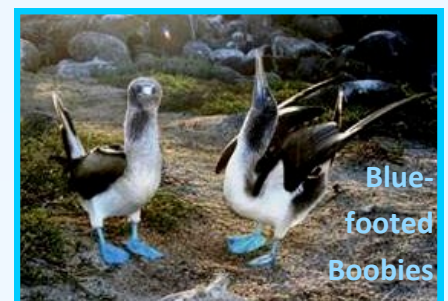
Even though they were finally all together, there was still the problem of being cut off from Santa Barbara, and not being able to procure supplies. But one day folks from the local food bank knocked on the door and walked in with a hefty supply of food and water!

As most Californians know, wildfires are oftentimes followed by rain and flooding, and the Sanctuary was stricken with both. Jamie’s resilience and positive attitude helped her weather these catastrophes with perseverance and humor, despite her own health problems. Many of us who watched the evening’s presentation were moved by Jamie’s story and wanted to donate to the Sanctuary. Big thanks to everyone who did.

Jamie is always a joy to have as a speaker, even when her story is a tough one. We hope she will stay in touch by joining our future ZOOM meetings.



Our next meeting will be on July 6 at 7 PM, when the speaker will be Josefina Madunich who will be speaking about the Galapagos Islands and the Rain Cloud Forest of Ecuador. Check out the newsletter and remember our Monday night ZOOM “socials.” You will be receiving reminders the day before each ZOOM. See you soon!





The President's Notes By Janet Ragonesi

GREETINGS SBBS MEMBERS, SPONSORS AND FRIENDS

SUMMER IS HERE

As our California summer warms up like fireflies in the early evening, many of us are walking our pets, strolling with family, going to the beach or making repairs in our homes. The warm weather is a reminder to hydrate ourselves and pets for our well-being. Plenty of water is necessary if we are working in our flower and vegetable gardens, exercising or playing outside. Store cool water in your car out of the sun, and never ever leave a child or pet in a car! Our companion pets, the birds and bees, farm animals and stray critters all need fresh, clean water to survive. On occasions, I add ice cubes to my bird's water to provide them a cool drink on a hot summer day.



Due to the continued challenges and changes in these United States and around the world, I urge you to stay safe and use your common sense. Listen to your inner voice and intuition as part of your guiding light during these times. Our success is our collective and individual actions as citizens living on this earth. If you can work at home, do so. If you cannot work at home, ask yourself what you can do to stay safe. Children are adaptable as families create new games, follow clues in a treasure hunt or start a new tradition. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other while spending so much time at home.

For my family, we will continue to social distance and wear a mask while walking outside, shopping for groceries and going to the beach! My flock depends on me to take these precautions to stay safe for them.

GOOD NEWS!

On June 1, 2020, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) have announced an end to the Virulent Newcastle Disease Quarantine in Southern California! So, when we can meet again in person, we will be able to bring our birds to the meetings. For now, bring them to the SBBS ZOOM meetings. It is great to be able to see everyone with their birds. At one of our meetings, one parrot was so chatty, the owner had to mute her sound so we could hear others on the ZOOM speak! Another fully-flighted bird, Aero, flew around the room in celebration of his hatch-day. You never know how your bird will react when she sees and hears another bird of the same species. It is great to see the friendly faces of everyone with their birds during these times of isolation. **We will continue to send you links before each ZOOM meeting as a reminder and to make it easy for you to join us.**



WHEN WILL WE RETURN TO THE HERMOSA BEACH KIWANIS CLUB BUILDING?

We cannot give anyone a date when we might return to our meetings at the Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Club building. Our health and safety are in the forefront of us considering getting back together in person. We will keep you informed when we can meet in person together again.

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SBBS SOCIAL ZOOM MEETINGS:



SBBS ZOOM SOCIALS ON THE 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7 PM

Our website, ZOOM and meetup coordinator, David Benjamin, has set up ZOOM for our club meetings and socials!



We have been having monthly ZOOM social conversation with each other the third Monday of the month beginning in April. This has been so much fun and informative, we plan to continue this social. It helps to keep us connected with one another, and relieve some of the social isolation many of us are feeling. Each ZOOM social has a topic to serve as a framework to begin our conversations. But there is always time for each of us to share, or ask questions about what is on our minds, and what we have been doing while spending so much time at home. SBBS will send out the link a day or so ahead of time to each of our members as a reminder. I do believe you and your birds will enjoy the interaction!

LAST MONTH'S SOCIAL ZOOM WAS LIVELY AND BENEFICIAL!

At the June 15th Social ZOOM, over 20 people linked-in to discuss **"How to Survive Avian Breeding Season."** There were people from all over the country including Florida, Arizona, Oregon, San Diego, as well as from the Los Angeles area. **As a result to having over 40 people participate in the last 2 Social ZOOMS, SBBS donated \$200 to the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank.** SBBS had agreed to donate \$5.00 per person up to \$200 to this local food bank for each person who linked-in. So, those ZOOMERS who benefited from linking-in to the ZOOM Social, also helped to provide food in the Los Angeles region to our most vulnerable. Good Job!



Have you ever seen that look?

Santa Barbara Bird Sanctuary director, Jamie McLeod, was a part of the conversation and had many funny and interesting stories to share which kept the discussions quite lively. She explained how "Old World" parrots, such as Senegals, African Greys and Cockatoos, come into season in the November, especially after a good rain, whereas, "New World" parrots, such as Amazons, Macaws and Conures, come into their breeding season in the late Spring-Summer. Social Zoomers shared thoughts on the pros and cons of using hormone implants for those birds with extreme hormonal behavior such as feather plucking, attacking and biting. Others suggested methods to discourage negative hormonal behavior by making sure that their bird gets twelve hours of uninterrupted of sleep and keeping possible nesting sites, like dark closets, and possible shedding material such as cardboard, inaccessible to their birds. "Chan, the Birdman," who free-flies his macaws, recommended distracting the bird from adverse behavior and exercising them.

Be sure to link-in to the July 20th Social ZOOM with "Donna Crossley" who will lead a discussion on "Helpful Tips on Bird-Care and Basic Avian First-Aid." You are invited to submit questions to Donna by July 15 to djcrossley@hotmail.com. Everyone will have time to ask questions and share bird-care tips for an hour or so of lively and fun conversation! *(See more information about the ZOOM social on the flyer on page 16).* SBBS members will receive a reminder of the ZOOM—link. *("President's Notes" continued on Pg. 6)*

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SBBS ZOOM MEETINGS WITH SPEAKERS:

JUNE 1ST SBBS ZOOM MEETING WAS WITH

JAMIE MCLEOD FROM THE SANTA BARBARA BIRD SANCTUARY

The ZOOM presentation was outstanding with Jamie and her flock. Jamie explained how the mandated shut down of the Sanctuary due to Covid-19, has decreased their income that is vital to provide food and medical care for the birds at the Sanctuary. **Jamie is soliciting for donations to be made through their website: sbbird.org.** The Santa Barbara Bird Sanctuary is also selling a book titled "Avian Ambassadors" for \$50.00 which can still be purchased on their website, which showcases colorful photos of their birds. Ms. McLeod reported later, that the Sanctuary collected \$1,000 in fundraising efforts as a result of our ZOOM presentation. They are continuing to accept any donations to help support the care of the birds at the sanctuary. *(Check out Diane's secretary report on pages 2-3).*



COMING UP ON JULY 6TH WITH JOSEFINA MADUNICH (PEPY) ON



"THE GALAPAGOS AND THE RAIN CLOUD FOREST OF ECUADOR"

Pepy has served as a naturalist guide in the Galapagos for 17 years and used to call that place her home. Now, she lives in California and teaches for the P.V. School District and is a frequent speaker for the South Bay/Palos Verdes Audubon Society. This talk and slide show will address the isolation of the Galapagos Islands which are located 600 miles east of Ecuador; thus, creating its endemic species. Josephina Madunich (Pepy) will share some amazing slides of the unique animals in the Galapagos and the many tropical birds found in the Rain Cloud Forest of Ecuador. After seeing her presentation, you may want to accompany her on one of her annual July excursions. But, right now, Pepy's tours of the Galapagos are on hold until 2022, when hopefully it will be safe again from Covid-19 to visit this amazing place. *(See the flyer on page 1 for more information about Pepy and her presentation. A reminder for this ZOOM meeting will be sent out to all SBBS members the day before the presentation. Please know, SBBS cannot be held responsible for user's or presenter's comments made during the ZOOM or for any recordings made.*

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LOOKING AHEAD TO MONDAY, AUGUST 3RD WITH JULIE SCARDINA

Julie was named concurrently, the Animal Ambassador of Sea World and Busch Gardens and has been a frequent guest on various TV shows! In addition, she has been recognized in multiple fields with a variety of awards. Working hand-on with animals was Julie's first passion, and Julie still enjoys sharing **positive training techniques**. Ms. Scardina has been concerned with how some birds end up with bad behaviors. She will discuss, **"Useful and Fun Ways to Avoid Problem Avian Behaviors!"** We are delighted to have Julie back again to speak to us via ZOOM. Her presentations are always delightful. *(See the flyer on page 9 and bottom of page 11 for more information).*



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LISTED BELOW ARE SOME OF OUR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2020

(Members will receive updates on meeting changes, ZOOM meetings or cancellations through e-mails)

Monday, July 6, 7 PM, Josefina (Pepy) Madunich, 17-Year Galapagos Naturalist ZOOM
 "The Galapagos Islands & the Rain Cloud Forest of Ecuador"

Monday, August 3, 7PM, Julie Scardina of Sea World ZOOM
 "Useful and Fun Ways to Avoid Problem Avian Behaviors"

Sunday, September 13, 12 Noon-3 PM, Annual Picnic (Tentative)
 Columbia Park. This year's theme: Mardi Gras!

Monday, October 5, 7 PM TBA

Sunday, November 8, 2 PM TBA

Sunday, December 6, 1-3:30 PM Annual Fundraiser and Silent Auction



The board will monitor the current health situation in our community and we will keep you informed of any updates via e-mails and the monthly newsletter. The health of you and your family is our top priority.



OTHER BIRD CLUBS TO JOIN US AT OUR ZOOM MONTHLY MEETINGS!

Starting with our June 1st SBBS meeting, several other bird clubs have been invited to participate in our monthly meetings via ZOOM to enjoy the expertise of the speakers. So far, bird clubs from West L.A., Long Beach, Orange County, Colorado and New Jersey have been invited to link-up with us during this time. We welcome everyone with our common interest in our love of birds to our meetings!

OPTIONAL MEET-UP RSVP FOR SBBS MEETINGS

In an attempt to reach out to the community, SBBS is listed as an pet/animal activity on the "Meet-up" website that is available to the public. Our meetings and activities, including our socials and meetings via ZOOM, are listed. Each of you who plan to participate in any one of these activities may consider an RSVP on this site. *(This is not necessary to participate, but is optional)*. The more members who say they are participating, the more attractive our group looks to the public and hopefully will draw new members to our club. Each month, David Benjamin will send out a RSVP under Meet-up. The following is the link to access this site: <https://www.meetup.com/Redondo-Beach-Birds-Meetup/events/> Thank you for your help in spreading the word about SBBS to other companion bird owners.



SHOP OUR SPONSORS

Also, please utilize the services and shop **our sponsors!** Many of them have made special accommodations for curbside pick-up, delivery or shipping. See page 18 with the list of our sponsors for more details, or contact them directly to find out more.

NEED ASSISTANCE?

If any of our members need assistance with their birds during this time, please contact Janet, the SBBS President at (310) 376-5954, or Karen, SBBS "The Parrot Lady" at (310) 371-9967. We will do our best to help. **Everyone, please reach out to someone and show them you care!**



Cheers,
Janet Ragonesi
SBBS President

Palos Verdes/South Bay

AUDUBON SOCIETY

NOW ON ZOOM!

3rd Tue./mo. (7/21) , 7 PM,

Phil Barnes will present,
"How Flies the Albatross"

At this time, BIRD WALKS are
CANCELED due to Covid-19

(Check the website to confirm
cancellations and re-start dates)

***BIRD WALKS:**

4th Sat. each mo., 8:30-10:30 am:
Madrona Marsh with Audubon leaders

1st & 3rd Sun., 8-11 am:
Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park
with Audubon leaders. 1st Sun. meet
in the parking lot, 3rd Sun meet in the
parking lot closest to Anaheim &
Vermont for Regional Park 2.



3rd Sun., 8-11 am:

South Coast Botanic Garden with
Audubon leader David
Quaadhamer



For Info: www.pvsb-audubon.org
or call David at (310) 833-3095.

2020 July Butterfly Count

The 40th annual Palos Verdes/South Bay
Butterfly Count is scheduled for **Saturday,
July 11th.** The aim is to count all of the
butterflies that are seen on this day within
an area which includes the South Bay. This
count is one of about 450 "Fourth of July"
Butterfly Counts in North America.
**If you would like to participate in this
year's count, contact Vincent Lloyd at
Stephen-vincentlloyd@gmail.com.**

Volunteers are needed to survey parks or
you can just count the butterflies in your
yard on July 11th.



(See pages 12-13
for butterflies seen
in the South Bay.)

**The Orange County Bird Breeders
Meetings Are Canceled Due to Covid-19**

Balearic Center, 1975 Balearic Center Ave, Costa Mesa
www.ocbirdbreeders.org



When disposing of your masks,
CUT the EAR STRAPS so animals
don't get tangled up in them!

**YOU KNOW YOU ARE A
BIRD OWNER IF:**

1. People ask you why you have green
blobs on your clothes and in your
hair.
2. You always buy "Cage Free" eggs.
3. You are constantly scanning the sky
looking for hawks & eagles.
4. You include styptic powder or Quik
-Stop® in your first aid kit.

(Created by G.B.)

BIRDING coordinated with the PV Ballona Wetlands and more
led by Bob Shanman from Peninsula Land Conservancy,
Madrona Marsh, Wild Birds Unlimited

CHECK WEBSITE TO CONFIRM CANCELED BOB BIRD WALKS

BIRD WATCHING WITH BOB SHANMAN

When: (4th Wednesday), 8:30 am

Where: **GEORGE F. CANYON**
27305 Palos Verdes Dr. East, Rolling Hills Estates, CA

When: (2nd Wednesday), 8:00 am

Where: **MADRONA MARSH**

When: (3rd Sunday), 8:00 am

Where: **BALLONA WETLANDS**

When: (3rd Wednesday), 8:30 am

Where: **WHITE POINT NATURE PRESERVE**
1600 Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro, CA



Other BIRDING Locations:

Where: BALLONA WETLANDS, KEN MALLOY HARBOR REGIONAL PARK
(see PV/SB Audubon Society in the top, left, yellow box), BIXBY MARSH

(See "Events" on Wild Birds Unlimited web site:
redondobeach.wbu.com or call (310) 543-2473 to know more)

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy
RSVP: at pvplc.org, select "Events & Activities"

STAY SAFE!

Karen Allen reminds us:

- To wash our hands
often and vigorously
for 20 seconds.
Singing the "Happy
Bird Day" song
TWICE is
perfect timing.



- Avoid people that are
sneezing and coughing.
- Wear a mask in
public.
- Keep a distance of at
least 6 feet away
from other people.



Presented on
ZOOM

7:00 P.M.
Monday, August 3rd

**Former Sea World & Busch Gardens
Animal Ambassador**

Julie Scardina

Julie was Jay Leno's most frequent guest on the "Tonight Show." She appeared more than 100 times with animals on NBC's "Today," and traveled with wildlife expert Jack Hanna, and appeared in his weekly "Animal Adventures" TV show.

With Julie's extensive, hands-on experience with animals, she will share Positive Training Techniques to help people develop the best relationships with their own pets at home.

Learn "Useful and Fun Ways to Avoid Problem Avian Behaviors!"

(See more about Julie's background on page 6 and 11)



For more information visit: www.sobaybirdsoc.com

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Zoom link will be e-mailed to
all SBBS Members



Q & A *By Karen, The Parrot Lady*



The answers to your questions are MY opinion based on nearly 50 years experience. I donated my time to Avian and Exotic Animal Hospital, working with Doctors Rosskopf and Woerpel. I have hands-on experience owning my own Exotic bird shops, raising and breeding, grooming and caring for parrots of all kinds.

Ask me your questions and I will answer to the best of my knowledge. If I don't have an answer I will make every effort to find one for you and tell you my source.

Here we go!!!!

Q My bird loves corn on the cob. Is it okay for him to eat?

A Sure, corn on the cob, canned corn, corn bread with corn baked into it, are acceptable and most birds love all of those. You can be creative and make a corn salad with carrots, raisins, apple, celery, green beans and peas... Imagination! Imagination! Imagination!



Q I want a baby Amazon or African Grey. Where can I get one that I can hand feed and bond with?

A



First of all, in the state of California it is against the law to sell an unweaned baby. A parrot must be eating on it's own for two weeks before it can go home with you. Too many awful things can happen to the baby if you are not a trained and qualified hand feeder.

- a. Food too hot -- crop burn
- b. Food too cold -- crop rot
- c. Food going into the lungs instead of the crop -- almost instant death
- d. Not getting enough food -- starving
- e. Getting too much food -- aspirating

That's enough! Are you getting the picture? Please don't do it. Let a qualified hand feeder do their stuff. You can bond with them where they are being hand fed, then you go home with a happy healthy bird.

Q My bird likes to play outside in the grass and climb trees. Is this OK?

A Not really. The wild birds outside carry diseases that your parrot has not (and should not) be exposed to. Playing in the grass, or climbing trees where wild birds have pooped does not make for a healthy playground. Get creative and set up play gyms, hanging toys, ropes and play stands. With a little initiative you can set up a grand and safe place for your feathery children to play.



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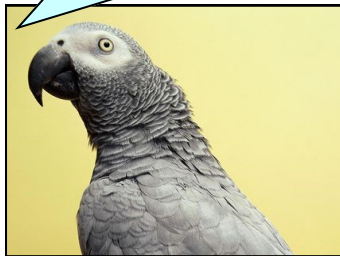
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Q My parrot throws up in the car. What is wrong with him?

A It is just motion sickness, like when you are on a boat. The trees go by, the trucks go by, birds and planes fly by and OOOOPS, here comes breakfast. Keep the bird in a carrier, covered completely, and don't have anything hanging in the carrier that swings or moves. It helps to seat belt the carrier so there is less movement, and hold a good thought (not your breath). Sometimes it works, sometimes not. Be prepared for cleanup duty!



You are the one who wanted a talking bird!

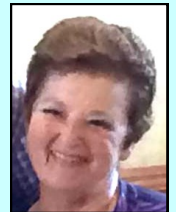


Q What do I do when my bird uses bad words?

A Let's start at home. A Potty Mouth is a Potty Mouth. Someone had to teach that feathery child those words. You are too big to get your mouth washed out with soap so.... let's put a dollar in a jar every time you use an inappropriate word, (and \$2.00 if the bird says one). You could take the bird out to a great patio lunch in no time at all! (“Ignore” is the magic word).

Stay happy, stay healthy and be grateful that your bird and you are safe.

**HUGS FROM,
Karen, Your Parrot Lady**



Karen Allen has been involved with birds and a SBBS member for over 35 years. She is a lifetime member of SBBS. Karen owns her own bird shop, “**Birds & More**” located at **4301 Redondo Beach Blvd., Lawndale, CA.** The phone number is: **(310) 370-7550.** She counsels and trains new bird owners and is a published writer.

Send your questions for “**The Parrot Lady**” to:

Karen Allen, P. O. Box 3863 Redondo Beach, CA 90277-3863

Email: Birdsnmor@aol.com



★ **My Friend, JULIE SCARDINA, Is Our August 3rd ZOOM Speaker!** ★

Julie has had a lifelong love of all animals and has called dogs, a chicken, a fox and birds her kids since she was 17 years old. After attending the **Exotic Animal Training program at Moorpark College**, she began her career working as a trainer of animals as diverse as killer whales, sea lions and birds. Always striving to grow and learn, she eventually rose to the position of **Director of Animal Training at SeaWorld San Diego.**

Julie has been recognized for her work in multiple fields with a variety of awards: an Emmy for “Saving A Species” educational programming, the “International Marine Mammal Trainer’s Association Lifetime Achievement Award,” “US Fish & Wildlife Service Award” for Conservation, and a collegiate “Hall of Fame” induction to name a few. She co-authored the book “**Wildlife Heroes**” highlighting 40 conservationists and their work to save imperiled species. (See more on bottom of pg. 6 and flyer on pg. 9)

Butterfly Gardening

By Robin Sweetser

Letting all that milkweed grow around my yard has paid off and we have some monarch butterfly caterpillars in there chomping away! Here's how to provide a garden that though we don't recall seeing any adult monarchs flitting through the garden, they must have visited long enough to deposit some eggs. We have seen plenty of tiger swallowtails and always grow extra dill for the larvae of the black swallowtails to eat.



Pale Swallowtail Butterfly



These big black and green striped caterpillars are actually quite pretty!

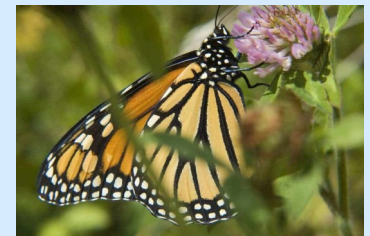
Butterflies Need Caterpillar Food

Adult butterflies live for only a few weeks and most of that time is spent mating and laying eggs. To encourage them to carry out their whole life cycle in your yard you need to provide not only nectar plants for the adults but also host plants on which to lay their eggs and larval food for the emerging caterpillars.

Butterflies like an untidy, natural environment and many of the best plants for feeding larvae are wild. Milkweed, thistle, willow, stinging nettle, violets, mustard, white clover, blueberries and wild cherry all provide food for the ravenous, newly-hatched caterpillars. **A good butterfly book is essential for identifying the butterflies in your yard** and it will tell you the **preferred larval food** for each one. (*Amazon has a pamphlet, "Butterflies of Southern Calif." for \$8*). If the neighbors give you a hard time about letting thistle grow, just let them know that it is the preferred food of the beautiful painted lady butterfly's larvae.



Painted Lady Butterfly



Monarch Butterfly eating Milkweed

A Word on Milkweed and Monarchs

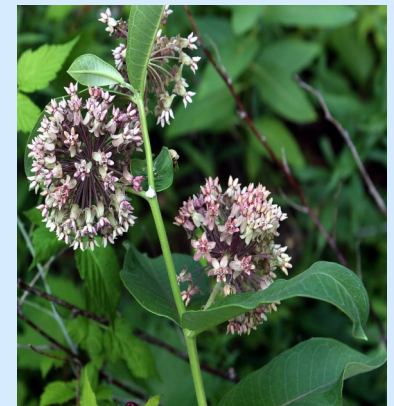
The leaves of all milkweed species are the **ONLY** food that the caterpillars of beautiful American monarch butterflies can eat. However, because of widespread pesticide use, wild-growing milkweeds are disappearing and there has been a **90% decline in monarch populations** over the last 2 decades!

The good news is that you can plant milkweed for monarch butterflies! The best time to plant milkweed is in the fall, which is aligned with Mother Nature. In the wild, milkweed plants scatter their seeds quite late in the season. Scratch your milkweed seed and plant directly into the soil in the fall. Then, next year in early summer, keep a sharp lookout for those newly emerging seedlings and water them regularly until they are well established.

The nectar in all milkweed flowers provides valuable food for butterflies, bees, and other pollinators, too.

Milkweed

****Note: The photos of the butterflies shown, are some of those you might find in the South Bay Area. Last year, 30 different species of butterflies were found!***



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Butterflies Need Nectar Flowers

The best flowers are those made of multiple tiny blossoms such as yarrow, lilacs, phlox, buddleia, goldenrod or Queen Anne’s lace. Also good are composite flowers like daisies, zinnias, coneflowers, and asters. Butterflies gather nectar with their tube-like proboscis, which is coiled when not in use, so flowers with a tubular shape, like bee balm, honeysuckle or columbine also attract them.

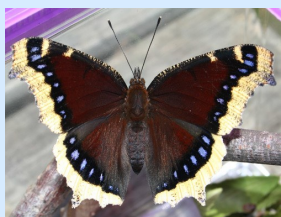


Pipevine Swallow Tail



Painted Lady Butterfly

They have an acute sense of “smell” using chemical receptors in their tongues, antennae, and feet. Heavy perfume is appealing to them so plant strong-scented, old-fashioned flowers rather than modern hybrids which may lack the fragrance of their heirloom parents.



Mourning Cloak Butterfly



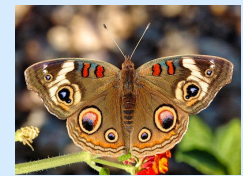
Cabbage White Butterfly

A mud puddle is a butterfly’s ideal watering hole but a dish of water or a shallow pool with a basking spot made from a flat rock would be adequate for drinking and sunning. You could even just put a sponge in your birdbath to give them a moist place to perch. It may sound disgusting to us but they love manure tea and will drink from barnyard puddles to get the minerals they need to supplement a diet of nectar.

Enemies abound! Spiders, rodents, birds, and snakes along with viruses and other diseases can take a toll on butterfly populations but man is the butterfly’s number one enemy. Destruction of habitat has led to the decline and even extinction of certain species and the widespread use of herbicides and pesticides has been lethal to butterfly populations worldwide.



Clouded Yellow Butterfly

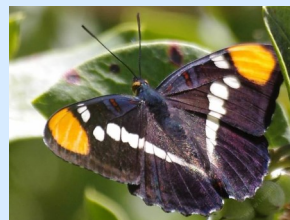


Common Buckeye Butterfly

To prevent inadvertently killing off the butterflies that visit your garden, avoid using chemical pesticides or even bacterial controls like Bacillus Thuringiensis (Bt). I’m willing to share a little more of my produce with other caterpillars in return for watching the butterflies frolic around my yard.

California Sister Butterfly

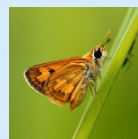
Great Southern White Butterfly



Skipper Butterfly



West Coast Lady Butterfly



Join the 2020 Butterfly Count on Sat., July 11

The 40th annual Palos Verdes/South Bay Butterfly Count is on Saturday, July 11th. The aim is to count all of the butterflies that are seen on this day within the South Bay. This count is one of about 450 “Fourth of July” Butterfly Counts in North America. Volunteers are needed to survey butterflies in parks or in your yard. **If you would like to participate in this year’s count, contact Vincent Lloyd at Stephen-vincentlloyd@gmail.com.** Madrona Marsh has a **guide** to identify their butterflies & Amazon has Butterflies of So. Cal. for purchase.





SBBS Welcomes New & Returning Members

RENEWALS: Jon & Irene Templeton

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Dr. Roskopf, Jack Ford, Janet Ragonesi, Don Hand,

Bree & Deven Brozey

MEMORIAL LIFETIME MEMBERS:

Lorrie Mitchell, Diane Bock, Ron Ellwood

Number of Current Members: 64

Don't fly off the membership list! Please pay your dues.

Your dues help support your club by providing newsletters, educational programs, the website, beverages and more.

To join SBBS, please print page 18 of the newsletter or go to www.sobaybirdsoc.com and click on "Membership" to find a membership application. Fill the form out, include a check and send it to SBBS, P.O. Box 3863, Redondo Beach, CA 90277-3863. If you have received a hard copy or found the



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membership application on the back of the newsletter, fill it out and send it to the above address. If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Membership Director, Patte Fisher at pattefisher@verizon.net.

The West L.A. Bird Club

All Meetings are currently

CANCELED due to COVID-19

We will post updates when the club can resume their monthly meetings

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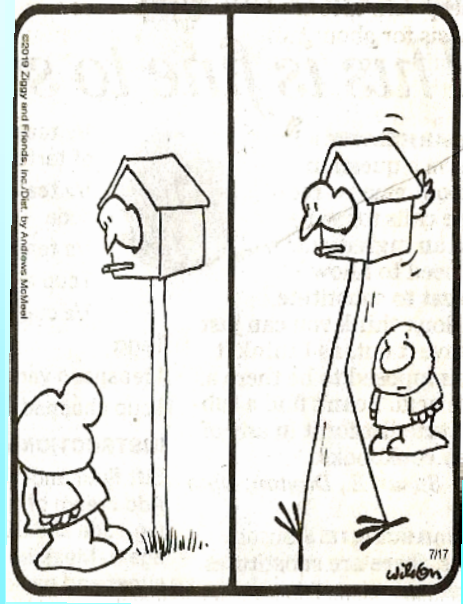
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ZIGGY: By Tom Wilson



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Long Beach Bird Breeders

ALL MEETINGS ARE CURRENTLY CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19 Meetings are normally held on the 4th

Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the American

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For info call: (562) 881-9847
Longbeachbirdbreeders.com

PARROT EDUCATION & ADOPTION CENTER

PEAC is not taking in any parrots right now, but they do have a lot of nice birds ready to be adopted. There are classes going throughout the month. The San Diego location has classes the last weekend of the month. Classes in Orange County are on the third Saturday of the month. There is a new class now being offered in Hemet on the first Sunday of the month. Please check the website for topics, times, and directions. Please contact PEAC at parroted@cox.net or visit their website www.peac.org for information.

All members are invited to submit bird-related items for a future SBBS newsletter in any of the following segments:



Gala & Kahlia

- ☀ In "Wing Tips," share a tip that could improve the lives of both you and your bird(s).
- ☀ In "Laugh Kookaburra," send a bird-related cartoon, joke or humorous photo.
- ☀ In "Creative Corner" send photos of your **bird-related drawings**, ceramic pieces, needle point, paintings, etc. or texts of poems or photos with a unique point of view.



E-mail your ideas of what you would like to see, along with your SUBMISSIONS to: gidgetscal@aol.com.

The deadline for the next newsletter is Tuesday, July 14th

Adoptions

There are so many birds needing homes out there.

If you are considering another bird, please think about adopting one.

Call one of these rescue/adoption groups.

They all have many wonderful birds just waiting for someone to come and take them home.

Many of these groups have websites—take a look!

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Parrots First	(866) 248-7670, ext. 5937	www.parrotsfirst.org
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Santa Barbara Bird Sanctuary	(805) 565-1807	www.sbbird.org
Fine Feathered Friends Foundation	(310) 529-1408	finefeatheredfriendsfoundation@gmail.com

TUNDRA By Chad Carpenter

It's nesting time! Why not a stork delivery?



Laugh Kookaburra



Social ZOOM on Monday, July 20th at 7PM

Our first three **SBBS Social ZOOMS** have been so much fun, we have decided to **continue our get-togethers** on the **3rd Monday of each month for an hour or so beginning at 7 PM!**

With many of us spending so much time at home, it is great to see each other, along with our feathered and furry friends. You never know who will show up to our socials, and what a bird or other pet might do or say! There is always time to socialize with each other and see how everyone is doing.

(Please be aware of background images and activities that will be in view. Understand, meetings may be recorded and used for promotional purposes. Opinions voiced by the speaker or others do not necessarily represent the views of SBBS, its board or its sponsors.)



On Monday, July 20th, on ZOOM, Donna Crossley, with the assistance of Marie Calleja, will share **“Tips on How to Make Bird-Care Easier for You and Not So Stressful for Your Bird.”** Donna will demonstrate practical ways to introduce basic avian-care to your parrot so it is not so scary for them; safe and easy ways to transport your bird using a pet carrier; how to towel your parrots to inspect them for injuries, provide care and basic avian first aid.

Donna is known for giving helpful, straight-forward tips to care for your bird while making it fun for them. **You are invited to e-mail Donna at djcrossley@hotmail.com by July 15 with your questions** regarding bird-care. She will do her best to provide useful ways to care for your bird.



If you are new to ZOOM, don't worry; it is easy! ZOOM works on most smart devices: PC, Mac, iPad, Android or iPhone.
SBBS members will have the link e-mailed to them before this social.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, July 20th at 7 PM!

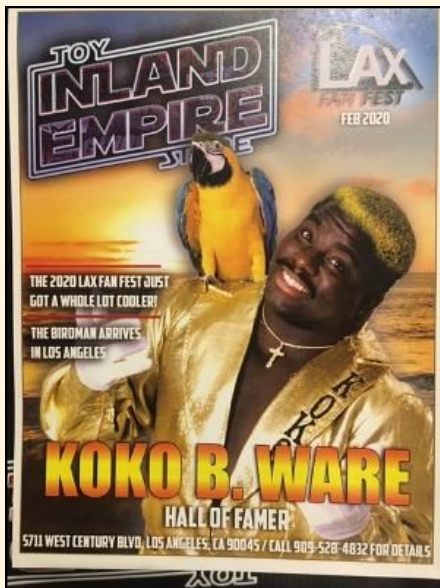
For more information, call Janet Ragonesi at (310) 376-5954

“FRANKIE (a.k.a. INDIE BLUE) FOR THE DAY”

By Marie Calleja

Earlier this year, I was asked by a friend of mine, who was approached by a friend of his, who owns the very unique “Inland Empire Toy Store,” about the possibility of finding a Blue and Gold Macaw to stand-in for a photo opportunity with WWF (World Wrestling Federation) Hall of Famer “KoKo B. Ware” and his Blue and Gold Macaw, “Frankie.” KoKo was invited to attend the WWF “Fanfest” in February, 2020, at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton, but could not bring Frankie with him from his home in Tennessee due to VND (Virulent Newcastle Disease), not to mention the high cost of air travel to bring Frankie here for an afternoon to “meet and greet” with the fans.

Coming to the rescue, Indie Blue, my Blue and Gold Macaw, was called into action and he was a real trooper! No one in the crowd seemed to realize that Indie wasn’t Frankie, and many people called out “Frankie!” when they saw him in the booth. Indie and I had a wonderful afternoon visiting with KoKo’s many fans and posing for endless photos. After the event, I had the wonderful opportunity to sit quietly with Indie and visit with KoKo, sharing some “bird talk” and a multitude of special memories together!



KoKo B. Ware, Frankie (a.k.a. Indie Blue) & Marie Calleja



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2515 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90245 (near the corner of Gould and Valley Drive)

Our meetings are NOW being held via ZOOM. MOST MEETINGS are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 pm., with an added ZOOM SOCIAL on the 3rd Monday of the month AT 7 PM. *Join in the fun and lively conversations!*

* Sometimes, special meetings are held on Sunday afternoons, but verify the meeting date by checking the website at www.sobaybirdsoc.com.

You don't have to own a bird to participate!

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If so, contact the President Janet Ragonese at (310) 376-5954 or ragonesi@att.net

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To help us plan programs and activities, please tell us what kind of birds you own: _____

_____ How long have you been keeping birds? _____

During the meetings when you are invited to bring your bird, we sometimes take pictures of the birds for our newsletter. We like to identify them by name. If you want, please list your bird species and the names of those you might be bringing so we can label the photos: _____

Mark ways you will volunteer: Hold a Board Office ___ Help with Pot Lucks ___ Help with Community Outreach Events ___ Help with the Silent Auction/Fundraiser ___ Take Photos of Meetings ___ Foster Birds ___ List Other ways _____

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