



Volume 50 Issue 9 September 2023 SBBS Newsletter Established 1974

Join us for our Annual Picnic Celebration!



Jasper,
The Party Parrot!



Birds, family & friends are invited!



PARROT PARTY
SUNDAY, SEPT. 10
12-2:30 PM

(Volunteers are needed to help decorate & set-up at 11:30 am)

Columbia Park at the Gazebo

4050 190th Street at Prairie Avenue
Torrance, CA



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There will be a Raffle!



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Notes from the SBBS President

Greetings

BIRD LOVERS,



*SBBS President,
Janet Ragonesi*

It has been a strange summer weather-wise in the Southern California beach areas this year. For the first portion of this time, it was pleasantly cool while much of the rest of the country baked with intense heat. Most of us were thankful for choosing to live in this location.

By the time we got through the typical "May-Gray" and "June-Gloom" season of clouds, we were wondering if we would ever see the sun again. The sun gradually began to peek out during the afternoon hours in July.

We even experienced our first tropical storm warning with the South Bay receiving 2.25 inches of rain in a short amount of time! This event motivated many of us to review our emergency preparedness kits, making sure we had adequate water and battery-operated candles and flashlights. Some of us purchased extra food for our birds and ourselves in case we had to sustain our family needs for a period of time, if we lost power. Those SBBS emergency preparedness meetings with Donna Crossley and Marie Calleja gave me a sense of calmness, knowing I learned how to be ready for an earthquake or other natural disaster.



The summer heat arrived in So. Cal. in the middle part of August. Our parrot's water in their dishes were chilled with ice cubes and the birds took baths to stay cool. Many of our birds suddenly started to molt, with loose feathers found scattered about the floor and in the bottom of their cages. Parrots have been begging for scratches on their heads to combat the uncomfortable feeling they are experiencing from the many pin feathers of new growth. I have made sure my birds have been getting adequate protein to support their developing feathers. I have included soybeans, garbanzo beans with a bit of scrambled eggs to supplement their pellets and daily vitamins to maintain the protein in their diet.



Watching the calm before the storm at Bruce's Beach in Manhattan Beach



Donna & Marie taught us disaster preparedness for our birds

Fall is nearly upon us. The seasons will change and time will go on... Events will happen, even if they occur once in a blue moon!



Photo of the "Blue Moon" taken by the Hubble telescope

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AUGUST 7th MEETING SUMMARY

HOW YOU KEEP YOUR PARROT(S) HAPPY



This informal meeting was fun, interactive and educational. SBBS board member and owner of the bird store, Birds and More, Karen Allen was our hostess and moderator for the evening. She showed us some cool toys that our parrots can chew, shred, and play with to help keep them contented.

We all had a chance to share our experiences in keeping our parrots happy. Everyone had a variety of great ideas and I hope we each picked up some tips for more ways to keep our parrots cheerful.

Donna Crossley says she provides fun water play for her parrots during the summer. She puts a bowl of water in the bottom of their bird cage and floats toys like rubber ducks to entice the birds to play in the water. Jasper, her



Greenwing macaw, loves to squeeze the air out of the duck and hold the hollow rubber toy under the waterline to fill the interior with water. Then, she tilts her head back and compresses the duck for a fountain of water to shoot into her beak for a refreshing treat.

My bird's favorite TV show to watch is "Peppa Pig." They enjoy fun snacks such as warm pasta with nuts. My flock shows their enthusiasm when I sing or dance with them by bobbing their heads and spreading their wings.



We had two new visitors at the meeting that night. Gala and her parrot, Kahlia, had met Jayden, a teen at the skate park in Perry Park, and found out he was a bird owner. Jayden and his mother, Angela Ybarra, shared their interest in helping the club increase its social media profile. I look forward to them being a part of our club!

"PARROT PARTY"

SBBS ANNUAL PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

12:00 Noon – 2:30PM



Jasper, the Party Parrot

I have always enjoyed our annual picnics. **Check out the flyer and detailed information regarding the Parrot Party on pages 3 - 5.** We will meet for our afternoon picnic at the gazebo in Columbia Park, located in Torrance at 190th Street and Prairie Avenue. **Your human and feathered family and friends are invited to join us in the day of fun!**

Set-up begins at 11:15/11:30 AM

I will arrive at 11:15 am to start setting up. **I need volunteers to come early to help with setting up and decorating** to prepare the gazebo for a day of fun! Marie Calleja will provide festive parrot decorations to help with the celebration.



For Your Comfort



Shade chilling

There will be some seating available in the **shade** at the picnic tables in the gazebo. You are invited to bring your beach chairs and blanket. **If you need help unloading, call Janet at (424-247-4447 when you arrive.**

Raffle



We will have a raffle table and will sell tickets for chances to win various items for you and your flock!



Patte & Karen

RAFFLE TABLE PRIZE DONATIONS WELCOME!

Donate a raffle item that is bird-related and worth at least \$5.00 and receive 2 raffle tickets for the picnic drawings. The items donated must be **new and unused.**

MORE Parrot Party Picnic Info on the Next Page!

More on **"PARROT PARTY" PICNIC** from pg. 3

Our Party Parrots Are Welcome!

Bring your bird's food, dishes and stands. Owners are in charge of cleaning -up after their bird(s). Remember, in this outside setting, it is best to have your birds groomed or in a harness or in a carrier.



Diane & Cheeto



Marie Calleja



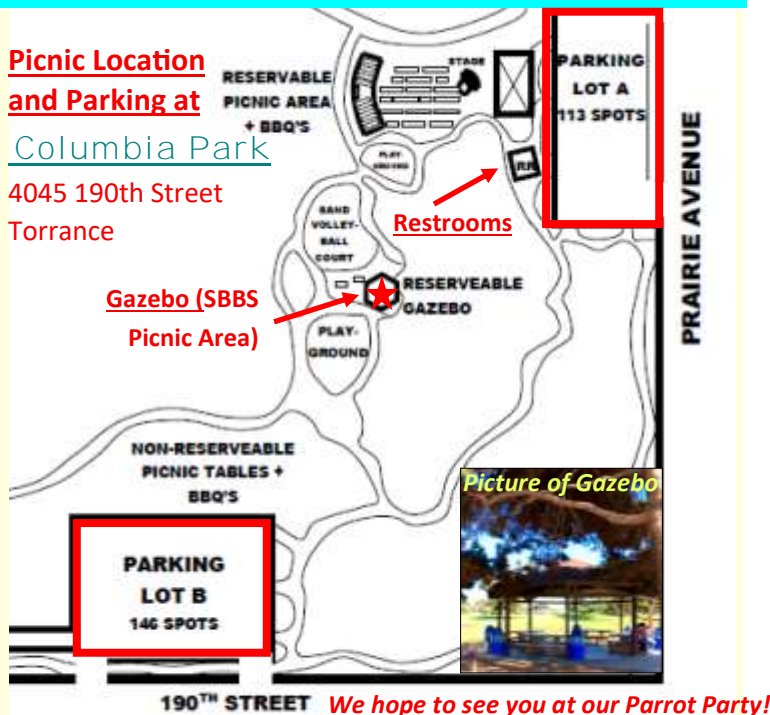
Krista Renta



Jenny Rivas

Picnic Location and Parking at Columbia Park

4045 190th Street
Torrance



Picture of Gazebo

We hope to see you at our Parrot Party!

Food:



This year, we will be having a "hybrid picnic" where you can either bring food items to share with others or you can bring your own picnic lunch.



Patte Fisher, with the help of your donations, will provide water, drinks and other goodies. SBBS will provide paper plates, utensils and napkins.

If you choose to bring food to share, bring one or two dishes to feed 8-10 people. At the August meeting, we circulated a sign-up sheet for people to indicate what food they are planning to bring to share. **Contact Gala Burkholder at gidgetscal@aol.com to be added on the "food list" and it will be sent out by Friday.**

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>ENTREE'</u>	<u>SIDE OR SALAD</u>	<u>DESSERT</u>
Gala Burkholder	Whatever is Lacking	Veggie Pasta Salad 	Whatever is lacking
Patte Fisher	Fried Chicken (50 pieces)	Watermelon, Chips & Cookies	
Marie Calleja		Sweet Potato Casserole	
Arienne Kozak		Fruit Salad	
Angela & Jayden Ybarra	Pin Wheel Sandwiches		
Janet Ragonesi			Dessert
Karen Allen		Chinese Chicken Salad	
Sujey Martinex	Chicken Tamales 		
Joni Blank Malukas		Deviled Eggs	



More on "Parrot Party Picnic" Info on Page 5

South Bay Bird Society



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- ◆ **Bring an entrée, salad, side dish or dessert to share, or bring your own lunch**
- ◆ **Water & other beverages will be provided**
- ◆ **If you bring your "partying parrots," bring their carriers, stands, food and water**
- ◆ **Seating will be available at the picnic tables**
- ◆ **If you need help unloading, call Janet at (424) 247-4447 when you arrive**

There will be a Raffle, too!



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SPEAKER for the 7 PM (PT), OCTOBER 2ND MEETING

We are happy to announce, the **Christina Jones, director of South Bay Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education**, will be our speaker. More information about Christina and her presentation will be in the next newsletter.



ANNUAL FUNDRAISER & AUCTION

The board has selected **Friday, November 30th at 5 PM (PT) until Sunday, December 3rd at 5 PM (PT) for our ANNUAL FUNDRAISER & AUCTION.** We will be using 32 Auctions again for our on-line bidding. This is the ONLY fundraiser to support the activities of our club throughout the year! We appreciate your participation. :)

NOW is the time to start preparing for any donations you might have, or plan to purchase for our event. Keep your eyes peeled to find those items to donate that you think others may want to bid on for their birds, to give as a gift to others, or for themselves.

All items donated to the auction should be new/or nearly new valued at \$20.00 or more. We will work with SBBS sponsors for donations. Our members love gift certificates and gift baskets of all kinds; especially those which are companion bird related or aim to treat yourself or your favorite person.

Some ideas for possible auction items might include the following suggestions. Service certificates, such as for a manicure and pedicure, hair, day spa or massage are great gifts. Other possible donation items could include lottery scratch-off tickets, car washes and gift certificates to a popular restaurant or store. Tickets to a museum, park, concert, play or to the movies are fun for the whole family. Items for children and adults such as toys, games, art and craft supplies and sports equipment are popular. **Be creative and shop our sponsors!**

Donations for the auction and fundraiser can be dropped off at Janet Ragonesi's house beginning Saturday, September 16 and 23 between noon and 3 PM or by appointment. Call Janet at: (424) 247-4447 to confirm an appointment for the drop-off of items.

SEE THE FUNDRAISER AND AUCTION FLYER ON PAGE 5!

PLEASE SHOP OUR SPONSORS

Our sponsors make donations to SBBS for our raffles and for our annual auction.



Please give them your business, whether it be for a bird product, grooming or veterinarian service.

THE SOUTH BAY BIRD SOCIETY BOARD UPDATE:

SBBS CONTINUED OUR MISSION

In last few newsletters, the board shared how SBBS has continued the club's mission throughout the pandemic "to encourage the welfare of all birds."

SBBS TO BE RE-IMAGINED

Due to the lack of volunteers to help with our club, the board met and have discussed ways to scale back some of the responsibilities of club. We will report our plan going forward next year at an upcoming meeting.

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CONSIDER BEING ONE OF OUR FLOCK LEADERS

If you want to stretch your wings to assist with ANY or PART of the aspects of maintaining the South Bay Bird Society, please contact a board member or SBBS President, Janet Ragonesi, at (310) 376-5954.

WE SHARE OUR LOVE OF BIRDS

SBBS encourages all bird lovers to support the clubs and activities that share your love of birds. Whether the meetings are on ZOOM or in-person,



I hope you participate in our local sister clubs—West LA Bird Club, Long Beach and Orange County Bird Breeders, as well as SBBS. These clubs succeed through the sharing of our love of parrots and by educating each other in the care of our companion birds. The sense of community of bird lovers is created by your participation in the various clubs.

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TRAGEDY IN THE SUMMER OF 2023

Though summer can be a time of fun and leisure, August was a time of crisis for many of our friends and family on the Hawaiian Island of Maui. My heart goes out to everyone in Lahaina who are facing so many monumental losses.



This tragedy has hit home for my late husband's, Leon's family. His sister, Linda, and her husband, Hamlin, lost everything in the fire including their pets. It so happened that Linda was here in California visiting her son when she received the call that the winds and fire had brought such destruction to the Island of Maui and all they had was destroyed.

When Linda's husband, Hamlin, was quickly evacuated by the police, he had no time to pack a bag. All he had was his wallet, cell phone and the clothes on his back. Hamlin is a 76-years old and is an artist by trade. He is a soft spoken, gentle man with a dry sense of humor. A few days after the fire, Linda, her son, Jason, with his wife, Jennifer, and a friend flew back to Maui. When they arrived, they were able to reunite with Hamlin and found that he escaped unharmed. The family rented a truck and filled it with supplies to share with others who had lost everything. The family was not allowed back into Lahaina since it was

considered ground ZERO with toxic debris and is still being searched for the remains of loved ones.



After careful consideration, the family has decided to stay on Maui for a few months in a friend's condo in the neighboring town of Napili. Now, with a rented car and donated clothing and food, they do not know what their future will be. I am sure many on the island are asking the same questions. Can they or should they rebuild? How will the community move forward on this sacred land? So many questions and only time will tell the story.

I applaud all people that have come to Maui to help, including veterinarians that have volunteered, with animals that are suffering as well as their owners. In Hawaiian, they call it “Kohua” to pitch in with kindness. I share the grief of the locals that have lost loved ones, yet are helping others.



Maui Humane Society providing care for injured pets

READ more about the care that the Maui Humane Society has been doing to help the displaced animals on page 9.

In light of this recent Maui tragedy, SBBS has made donations to the Maui Bird Rescue, and the Maui Humane Society.

Here are some charities to consider in making your own donations to assist the people and their pets on Maui:

- **Maui Humane Society:**
<https://www.mauihumanesociety.org/>
- **Network for Animals:**
<https://networkforanimals.org/appeal/emergency-relief-maui-wildfires-august-2023>
- **Animal Survival International:**
<https://animalsurvival.org/>
- **Maui Bird Rescue: (not a 501 (c) 3)**
www.mauibirdrescue.org, (808)359-0431,
4dabirdsmaui@gmail.com

*Thoughtfully,
Janet Ragonesi, SBBS President and her Flock*



SBBS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND AUCTION
With Bidding Between
NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 3, 2023

Fall is the time we begin to prepare for our annual Fundraiser and Auction. Proceeds raised at previous fundraisers and auctions have allowed SBBS to continue our mission to promote the welfare of birds.

Last year, we had nearly 150 items in our auction!
 This year, we will continue our fundraising with **32 AUCTIONS online.**

Your donations and participation are welcomed, appreciated and are needed to help fund SBBS!



Consider **shopping** our **sponsors** for your donations.



DONATIONS MAY INCLUDE SUCH ITEMS AS:

Gift certificates from sponsors, assorted gift cards, various items for birds and other pets, children's items, games, sporting equipment, wine, arts and craft supplies, beauty products and services, candy, books, jewelry, tickets to events, parks, entertainment or museums, toys, household items, gift baskets and collectables.



Items must be **NEW** or **NEARLY NEW**, clean and in working condition with batteries.
 Please include your **NAME** and an **ESTIMATED VALUE** for each of your donated the items.
 If you're not sure about a donation, please ask. No animals will be auctioned.



DROP OFF DATES for your **DONATIONS** for SBBS fundraiser during September are:

Saturdays, September 16 & 23 between 12 noon – 3 pm or by Appointment

The drop off location will be at Janet's home* located in Redondo Beach!



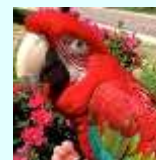
***To confirm your drop-off time, date and for the address or for general information,**
 please e-mail Janet at Ragonesi@att.net or call (424) 247-4447.

REMEMBER:

THIS IS OUR ONLY SOUTH BAY BIRD SOCIETY FUNDRAISER

We appreciate your support and participation in order for us to continue to provide a variety of speaker presentations, newsletters, maintain our website and cover other on-going expenses. It allows us to be able to financially support various avian causes, such as helping the pets and their owners on Maui.

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





Strangers Pitched in as People in Maui Searched for Displaced Pets; Many Animals Have Been Fostered and Cared For

A Summary of a Report From August 11, 2023



A female dog who was rescued from the wildfires in Lahaina by a firefighter, was then brought to the Maui Humane Society. The dog arrived with severe burns on her body, scorched whiskers and blisters covering her paws. "Her paws have been completely scorched down to the bone," the Maui Humane Society's marketing director, Katie Shannon said. "She is currently stable and in our care right now." Katie described the displaced dog as "absolutely darling," though still scared, disoriented and in shock. She is one of the fortunate ones, Shannon said, explaining that thousands of other displaced animals probably didn't make it out alive.

The Maui Humane Society expected to be inundated by hundreds of animals that had been burned, lost during the evacuation and those in need of critical care due to smoke inhalation. Given that the shelter was already at full capacity, staff put out a desperate plea on social media, asking for urgently needed donations and emergency foster care, so they could free up space at the shelter and procure needed supplies. Dozens of local residents offered to foster the animals and showed up at the shelter to assist.

This was just the beginning of the pet rescue efforts.



Many of the Lahaina residents were in such a rush to get out because the fire was right behind them. Afterward the fire was out, there were heartfelt pleas from pet owners who were lucky enough to flee from their homes and were begging for help to find their pets who were left behind. Residents posted photos of their missing pets hoping someone would spot them.

All of the funds received are going toward performing lifesaving medical procedures on injured pets, as well as purchasing supplies for families who have lost their homes in the blazes. "It's really inspiring to see how many people care," Katie Shannon said.



In response to the pet crises caused by the fire, the Maui Humane Society reported that thousands of people pitched in and mobilized to offer support in various ways. Many have tried to spread awareness about found animals, including two shepherd dogs who were spotted roaming with mud on them. "The community has just stepped up like crazy," said Katie Shannon, Maui Humane Society's marketing director. "It brought the majority of our staff to tears."

Here is a link to an interview with the Maui Humane Society and what they were doing to help with the pets after the fire in Lahaina:

<https://app.frame.io/reviews/4aa063fe-ea45-4bed-b004-20dcb577b88a/9261ca96-5ab3-46d6-99e2-22e688d6a3d9>

You can make a donation to The Maui Humane Society:

<https://www.mauihumanesociety.org/>



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Lahaina’s Famous Parrots and Their Owners
Survived the Maui Fire

If you have ever visited Lahaina, you’ve seen the hardest working parrots in America while having their pictures taken all day long with tourists.



A group of a dozen colorful squawking parrots brought smiles and laughs to thousands of visitors on Lahaina’s famous Front Street corridor. For the last 40 years, Barrie Matthews and David Vanzo dressed tourists in birds and plastic flower leis to take photos. The photos are keepsakes of a family’s Maui vacation. For many, one of the lasting memories of Lahaina.

“It started in ‘85, just me and one bird walking the beaches, taking pictures of tourists on the beach, making post cards to send home to family and friends,” said Matthews. Vanzo joined a year later. The couple said they built into fun business and got the offer to come to the Pioneer Inn in 2000.

“It started with one bird who was a rescue. This was a way to keep them busy because they need a lot of attention, a lot of care,” said Vanzo. The couple said they encountered more people who simply could not provide enough devotion to their birds. “Just like any other union animal, these guys work a morning shift and an afternoon shift, splitting it so there were some in the morning, some in the afternoon for three, not more than four hours a day,” said Vanzo.



Barrie Matthews (left) and David Vanzo (right) with their parrots at their Lahaina home before the fire

The Front Street corridor in Lahaina saw thousands of visitors each day. Many stopping to say hello to the birds perched high on their posts, eager to say hello back. “Those people, the first thing they say when they walk up is, ‘This is my favorite thing, this is what I remember, this is why we’re back again,’ Some of them have done it every year, for that many years,” said Vanzo. “It’s something that people have heard about, known about, experienced, it’s a great feeling,” said Matthews, who added they have never had to advertise.

Like so many others living in Lahaina, the August wildfires took away the livelihoods of Matthews and Vanzo. “Within 20 minutes, it was on us. It was a scramble. We had to load 15 birds into their carriers, into the cars, we had four dogs to transfer as well. We had a number of cats that we couldn’t take with us,” said Vanzo. “We were hoping to return, you had it in you’re heart that you were coming back,” Matthews added.

A family friend took in the couple and temporarily housed the birds. A veterinarian called Matthews and Vanzo shortly after the fire and offered to take in the animals while they search for permanent housing. As for the business, “It should continue, we need it to continue,” said Vanzo. A timeframe and location are up in the air for the couple.

UPDATE ON SERGI AND ROXY
IMPACTED BY THE WAR IN UKRAINE,
Dated August 7, 2023



Huge Step To Getting Roxy

Dear friends, today we have our first big victory. The Czech Republic, my homeland, allowed the furry princess Roxy to enter. We received CITES permission today to import Roxy to the Czech Republic. Now we are waiting for permission from Ukraine.

Thank God and many thanks to all our friends and followers for their support. Just a little while, fingers crossed and prayers up.

Sergi and Roxy

P.S. This amazing portrait of Lady Roxy is a gift from my friend from France, who has supported and believed in us all this time.

Parrotheads Morn the Loss of a Legend



Jimmy Buffet

"Margaritaville" singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett has died at age 76. A statement on Buffett's official website and social media pages says the singer died Friday "surrounded by his family, friends, music and dogs."

Buffett created beach bum soft rock with an escapist Caribbean flavor song and turned that celebration of loafing into a billion-dollar empire of restaurants, resorts and frozen concoctions.

The song "Margaritaville," by far his biggest hit, was released in 1977 and spent 22 weeks in the Billboard Hot 100. It became a seaside standard and inspired generations of fans — known as Parrotheads — to celebrate easy living.

"He lived his life like a song till the very last breath and will be missed beyond measure by so many."

SBBS Annual Picnic Theme in 2019 was "Margaritaville"



When the SBBS was deciding on a theme for the 2019 picnic, member, Marie Calleja suggested the laid-back, beach theme, "Margaritaville" because we believed we were the original Parrotheads.

We were encouraged to dress in the casual tropical style that Jimmy Buffett depicted. Diane Sivas and Marie Calleja wore casual T-shirts depicting a fun, parrot life. Marie even wore her parrot head to the picnic that day!



Diane and Marie



Marie Calleja

In case you wondered, there were no margaritas served in the public park that day. But, we kept humming Jimmy Buffet's hit song, "Margaritaville" in our heads during that afternoon picnic. Thank you Jimmy, for giving us that laid-back beachy feeling.



Kathy Powell-Rollinger, Janet Ragonesi & Diane Sivas



Jimmy Buffet

Jimmy Buffet Performed at Hermosa Beach on August 9, 2014

by Gala Burkholder

I don't know how Janet Ragonesi, Kathy Powell-Rollinger and I heard about it, but Jimmy Buffet was rumored to be holding a free concert at the beach in Hermosa in just one day. It was only announced on Facebook and Twitter, and the Parrotheads website, but none of us were on those social apps at the time. We put on our parrot shirts since we did not have any parrot heads, and plopped down on our beach blanket to join the other "Parrotheads."



Hermosa Beach



Kathy



Gala



Local Parrothead



OTHER AVIAN—RELATED ZOOMS/MEETINGS/BIRD WALKS

Palos Verdes/
South Bay
AUDUBON
SOCIETY



3rd Tue./mo., 7 P.M.

The Next Hybrid Meeting is:
September 19, 2023

“The Color of Small”

Presented by Jess Morton,
Nature Writer,
photographer, poet,
bird walk leader, past
-president, founding
member of PVSB
Audubon Society



Madrona Marsh Nature Center
3201 Plaza del Amo, Torrance

BIRD EXCURSIONS:

Sun. Oct. 1, 8 A.M.

Ken Malloy Harbor
Regional Park

**with PV/SB Audubon
leaders. Meet in the parking
lot between Vermont and
Anaheim above the ranger
station.**



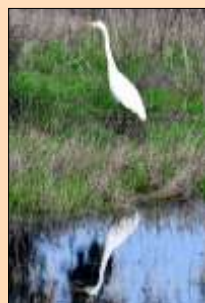
Sept. 23 & Oct. 28 9 A.M.

Birding for Kids at
Madrona Marsh with PV/
SB leader, Jazmiñ Ríos.
**There are a limited
number of binoculars
available to borrow during
the bird walk.**



Motmots’ Birding Field Trip Adventures
See information on the top of page 13.

For Information



West Los Angeles Bird Club

Wed., Sept. 13th at 7:00 PM
Game Night with BINGO!



Culver City American Legion Hall

5209 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City

For more information, go to:

www.westlabirdclub.com or call Doreen at (310) 488-9749.



The Connecticut Parrot Club

Tuesday, September 12 PM (PDT)

**“Birds of a Feather
Video-Flock Together”**

**with Jennifer Cunha of
Parrot Kindergarten**



**For information on an upcoming ZOOM or
to watch a previous ZOOM presentation go to:**

www.theparrotclub.org



You Can View YouTube Videos of Previous ZOOMS from

The Connecticut Parrot Club:

- **How to Recover a Lost Parrot**, Debbie Goodrich
- **Target Training**, Sheila Blanchett
- **The When and Why of Necropsy**, Dr. Kristin Sinclair
- **Avian Flu**, Dr. Kristin Sinclair, YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/OfCsl4g35cs> (Over 1,000 views)!
- **Tables Communication and Play for Parrots**, Jennifer Cunha
- **Through the Eyes of a Parrot**, Dr. Graham Martin



Lafeber Companion Bird Webinars for Sept. at 12 noon PDT

You can see a current or previous webinar by going to:

<https://lafeber.com/pet-birds/category/webinar/>

- **September 15, “What’s New in Avian Medicine From the Exotics Conference”** with Stephanie Lamb, DVM, DABVP
- **September 22, “The Grey Way - Ask Lisa Anything About Greys!”** with Lisa Bono, CPBC
- **September 29, “Ask the Vet: Q & A”** (Ask questions about your bird’s health, nutrition, care or behavior problems) with Tom Tully, DVM, DABVP (Avian Practice), DECZM (Avian)



OTHER AVIAN—RELATED ZOOMS/MEETINGS/NATURE WALKS

In Association with the PV/SB Audubon Chapter:
Motmots' Birding Field Trip Adventures

Call our home number **before** each field trip to check for updates & to let us know you are joining us. We may add more trips later so check the website.

For Information, Details and Reservations:

<https://pvsb-audubon.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Motmots-Fall-2023.pdf>



Contact Eric & Ann Brooks at (323) 295-6688 or text Ann at (310) 913-2798 or email: motmots@aol.com



- **Saturday, Sept. 30, 8 am, Field Trip to Huntington Beach Central Park and Bolsa Chica. There is no sun protection so wear a hat and bring water.**
- **Sunday, Oct. 8, Field Trip to Sycamore Canyon (Pt. Magu State Park) and the Oxnard Plan**



www.southbayparks.org

NATURE WALK

at Wilderness Park in Redondo Beach

Sun., Sept. 10 & Oct. 7th

10-11 am: Grades 2-5th

11:15-12: All Ages



For info go to:
www.southbayparks.org

Phoenix Landing Foundation Webinar

Saturday, September 23
 10:00 AM (PT) 1:00 PM (ET)

"The Good Life, Tips & Essentials with Ann Brooks, CPBC"



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- "The How and Why of Colorful Feathers of Tanagers"
- "A Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds"
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* Native Plant Sales: 10:30 am-1 PM, 9/9 & 9/23

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY



GUIDED NATURE WALK:
Sat., October 7, 9:00 AM

WHERE:

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Sat. Sept. 9, 9:00 AM

WHERE:

Forrestal Reserve

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Sat. Sept. 16, 10:30 AM

WHERE:

White Point Nature Preserve

1600 W. Paseo Del Mar

San Pedro, CA 90731

Naturalists will guide you along a trail to discover a variety of wildlife in their coastal sage scrub habitat with amazing views across to the ocean. Meet in front of the Nature Center and come inside to explore after the hike. *Park in the lot via Western Avenue only.* Guides by P.V.P. Land Conservancy. RSVP

* For information and reservations: call: (310) 541-7613 or email: info@pvplc.org. The PVPLC website is www.pvplc.org.



Q & A *By Karen, The Parrot Lady*



The answers to your questions are MY opinion based on nearly 50 years of 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. Be sure to check with your avian vet for their evaluation of your bird's particular circumstance. Here we go!!!

Q My Grandmother was talking baby talk to my Blue Fronted Amazon and he told her to "F... off!" I nearly choked. How can I correct this behavior?

A I'll bet you were mortified. Who has the potty mouth in your house? I guess you could start there. The parrot got the reaction it wanted, either sheer shock or blustering laughter and that was all he needed to do it again!

I think you will have better luck correcting the mouth of the culprit; however, I wish you luck with the feathered one. They learn quickly, but unlearning is a task and a half!



Rover want a carrot?

Q I have a macaw that insists on feeding the dog. Will this hurt the dog?

A That makes a sweet bond between the two and should be quite safe. Do be careful and not feed the bird bones, even though the birds can eat the marrow from beef and chicken bones, the dogs can choke on the slivers and that can be deadly. Should you give the bird a treat, be certain you have cleaned everything up before the dog is allowed back to savor the rest of the goodies. *(Editor's note: Animals, such as dogs, have instincts and should not be allowed to interact with your bird without your supervision.)*

Q My bird likes to play in the tree out back. Is that ok?

A With Newcastle disease and wild bird problems, I would rather you bring a standing perch out for him to play on. Decorate it with fun toys, and if it is nice out, play with the hose together. Cover the perch or bring it in the house so wild birds don't contaminate it in any way. Should you decide to use the tree, hose it down well for safety's sake. Better safe than sorry.



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Q My bird loves to cuddle under the covers and sleep. What is your opinion?

A It's not safe behavior. If you fall asleep and roll over on the bird, the bird does not stand a chance.

This is also nesting behavior and your bird can get very grouchy should you disturb him/her. They can also become very possessive and that does not make for a pleasant bird.

Get him a birdie hotel room (nesting box) if that is the direction you are headed. If not, discourage the flaming hormones by distractions in another direction completely (like new toys or a rubber ducky in an inch of water in the sink, or put newspaper in a sock and tie it off. It crackles and is a fun toy).

Q A friend of mine told me his dog's vet told him to pull all his parrot's blood feathers. That doesn't make sense to me.

A Tell your friend to politely tell this vet to keep his day job! Blood feathers are a necessary part of a parrot's life. The blood in the stem of the feathers is what makes them grow. When they have matured the blood dries up and you have a healthy, beautiful bird.

You want a naked bird? Keep pulling all the blood feathers out. You could start a new business, "Clothes for the Naked Bird," and your theme could be "Birdie Porn to Birdie Glam." Forgive me I couldn't resist.



Keep safe and know, that hopefully, breeding season ends at the end of summer!

*Lots of Love,
Karen, The 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. **Contacts: work (310) 370-7550, home (310) 371-9967, text (310) 704-1210.** She counsels & trains new bird owners & is a published writer.

Send your questions for "The Parrot Lady" to:

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

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SBBS Welcomes New & Returning Members



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Number of Current Members: **93**

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

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

To join SBBS, please print the last page 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 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 the Membership Director, Patte Fisher at pattefisher@verizon.net or you can call her at: (310) 316-9843 (home) or at (310) 418-9096 (cell).



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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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STAY SAFE & PROTECTED FROM GERMS! **Karen Allen Reminds Us To Continue To:**

- **Wash your hands often and vigorously for 20 seconds. Singing the "Happy Bird Day" song TWICE for perfect timing. (You may want to turn off the water while you are scrubbing.)**
- **Avoid people that are sneezing and coughing.**
- **Please STAY HOME & away from others if you are SICK & CONTEGIOUS with a cold, flu, etc.**
- **Consider wearing mask indoors and when in close proximity to others. Respect people's choice on wearing a mask, even when it is not legally required. There are lots of respiratory viruses circulating and we need to stay healthy for ourselves and our birds.**



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

- ☀ 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.



Kahlia & Gala

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 Wednesday, September 13th.



Adoptions



There are so many birds needing homes.

If you are considering getting 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>
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MARMADUKE By Brad & Paul Anderson



"Not everybody likes a snack with their drink, Marmaduke."

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MEETINGS are usually held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 P.M. **OR** are held on Sunday afternoons.

Verify the meeting date by checking the website at: www.sobaybirdsoc.com.

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

Members are invited to participate Board Meetings which are usually the 2nd Monday of the month. Call Janet for details.

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_____ 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: _____

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