

**All American Hookbill Fair**

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***All-American  
Hookbill Fair***  
***And***  
***Seminar***

**Hosted by:**  
**Gateway Parrot Club**

**Saturday August 27, 2011**  
**Sunday August 28, 2011**

**Machinists Hall**  
**Bridgeton, MO**



## **Greetings From Our President**

Welcome to our annual All-American Hookbill Fair & Seminar. This will be the third year for our Fair at the Machinists' Hall in Bridgeton, MO., and I hope everyone likes the location. The seminars will again be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, as will be two cockatiel shows and one parrot show.

If you have never been to our fair, you are in for a great experience. For those that have been to our fairs, welcome back. You will see and meet local and out-of-state vendors who can provide you with everything you need to keep your bird happy and healthy. There are so many things to choose from, such as bird food and snacks, toys and toy parts, cages, swings, play stands and play trees, perches, and, of course, birds.

The speakers for our seminars this year will include Yvonne Patterson and her "Wings of Love" birds; Dr. Jonathan Reyman of the Feather Distribution Project; Walter Crawford, Jr. of the World Bird Sanctuary; and Dr. David Kersting, DVM of Bird Medicine & Surgery.

Yvonne Patterson will have her "Wings of Love" show on both Saturday and Sunday. Children, as well as adults, will enjoy her show. Our other speakers will be speaking on Saturday, only. Dr. Jonathan Reyman will be speaking on the Feather Distribution Project, a worthwhile project that benefits both parrots and the Native Americans living in the southwest. Walter Crawford, Jr., Exec. Director of the World Bird Sanctuary, will be speaking on raptors and parrots. Dr. David Kersting, DVM, will be speaking on avian medical updates. I'm sure you will find their topics to be very interesting and informative.

You won't want to miss any of these speakers. You will find a complete speaker listing and schedule elsewhere in this program. All seminars are free with a paid admission to the fair.

As indicated above, the Gateway Parrot Club is also hosting two cockatiel shows on Saturday as well as one parrot show

on Sunday in conjunction with the fair. All shows will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Sandy Warren is the Show coordinator.

If you would like to know more about the Gateway Parrot Club, stop by the Membership Table. There you will find more information about our club in our club flyer and in talking with our club members. Membership forms will be provided for those who wish to join the Gateway Parrot Club.

Our next Club meeting will be September 11, 2011 (Second Sunday) at 2pm. As always, it is open to the public and everyone is welcome.

I hope you have a great day and find everything you need for your feathered friends.

***Dave Kinkade***

## **Gateway Parrot Club About Us**

The Gateway Parrot Club, a not-for-profit organization established in 1988, is made up of people from a wide range of backgrounds and ages. We meet monthly, normally on the 3rd Sunday, at the Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Rd, Kirkwood, MO, at 2 PM. We exchange information on bird care and breeding in a friendly atmosphere. Our meetings feature an educational program with different topics each month. Meetings are free and open to the public. You are welcome to bring your bird to the meeting, and need not be a member to attend. However, if you do wish to become a member, a

Membership form can be found on the inside cover of the fair booklet.

We have an outreach program to educate the public, where our members and their birds appear at community events to talk about companion birds. If you would like to arrange a visit to your organization, or know an organization that would, please contact one of our members. Our Mission Statement and contact information for our club officers are listed elsewhere in this program.

You can find out more about Club activities and birds in general on our website:

[www.GatewayParrotClub.org](http://www.GatewayParrotClub.org)

The website changes periodically, but always offers information about Club activities, details about and links to bird-related information. You can find us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter, as:

***GatewayParrot.***

## **Wings of Love Show**

**Yvonne Patterson**

Yvonne Patterson has kept birds since she was two years old. She has trekked through rainforests in 21 countries; her experiences & photographs are internationally published. She has created a unique opportunity to teach us about the important connection between the rainforests, our personal survivability, and the preservation of global natural resources. Utilizing beautiful birds allows Yvonne to educate thousands of children and adults each year by putting them back in touch with the beauty of nature.

# **Feathered Jewels**

## **World Bird Sanctuary**

### **Walter Crawford**

Walter spent his boyhood years in Venezuela, where exotic birds in the jungles of South America caught the attention of the young boy and his interest in them eventually led Crawford to his life's work — the propagation, rescue, rehabilitation, and preservation of birds, especially birds of prey. Crawford, a Vietnam veteran, received a bachelor's degree from Southeast Missouri State University and a master's degree from Mississippi State University. After joining the staff of the St. Louis Zoological Park, he was responsible for the first captive breeding of the Bateleur Eagle, and the Mottled Owl. With the blessing and support of the Zoo's Director Emeritus, Marlin Perkins, in 1977 Crawford founded what eventually came to be known as the World Bird Sanctuary, one of North America's largest conservation facilities for birds.

Crawford has been recognized many times for his leadership in ornithology. His contributions to conservation are recognized internationally. The work of the World Bird Sanctuary has been enhanced through the creation of the World Environmental Education Center (WEEC), headquarters for an exciting combination of rescue, rehabilitation, research and education. Walter's philosophy is simple: "I am fortunate to be able to do what I love in life and I am always pleased to share my interests and passion for wildlife and this planet with anyone who is willing to listen."

## **The Feather Distribution Project**

### **Jonathan Reyman**

For more than a quarter century, Dr. Reyman has been on a mission to help Native Americans find feathers for ceremonial use, and to protect birds, both wild and domestic, from suffering caused by feather harvesting.

You'll be amazed at the beautiful objects created with our birds' molted feathers and how collecting your bird's feathers helps birds in the wild...

## **Bird Medicine – For You**

### **David Kersting, DVM**

Dr. Kersting graduated from the University of Missouri Veterinary School in 1987 and founded *Bird Medicine and Surgery* that year. The practice expanded to Kersting Veterinary hospital in 1994. Birds make up about 80% of the case load. The practice is available 24 hours a day for both clients and non-clients, and consults with five area emergency clinics.

Dr. Kersting was a founding member of the Gateway Parrot Club, and has been the Avian Consultant on staff for Grant's Farm since 1999, and is veterinary consultant for the Pekin Duck Fund and Wild Bird Rehabilitation. Dr. Kersting has been an avian consultant for the Butterfly House, Purina Mills Research Farm in Gray Summit, the American Cockatiel Society.

## Unweaned Birds

This is our thirteenth Fair since adopting a policy prohibiting sale of unweaned birds. This is a firm commitment to the welfare of our avian friends.

***We do not allow display or sale of unweaned birds at the Fair.*** All vendors have accepted this policy and we are proud of their commitment to the health and welfare of their fledglings. They have taken this extra step to provide a higher level of care than breeders who sell unweaned birds to inexperienced but well-meaning people.

This is not an easy choice for these breeders. Many have birds they are unable to present today because they are too young to go home with you. We ask you to applaud these breeders. Talk to them. Get to know them, and arrange for them to introduce you to their young charges when they are truly ready to move on to a new and wonderful experience in a new home. Let them guide you, teach you, and help you make the right decision about the best bird to be your lifelong companion.

***Why?*** You might ask. Without going into the unpleasant details, there is a body of unfortunate incidents associated with well intentioned, but inexperienced, owners taking responsibility for the care of an unweaned bird and not fulfilling that responsibility. Long ago we were on the leading edge of the effort to eliminate the practice of premature transfer of baby birds. Today, major avian and veterinary organizations are united in this recommendation and States are passing legislation to make the recommendation law. If you would like more information on these organizations their policies, simply do a web search on the words “unweaned birds,” or talk with Gateway Parrot Club members at the Fair.

## Got Feathers?

**Just a reminder, don't throw them away.**

Feathers are *not* just a nuisance, something to clean up along with the other “stuff” in the bottom of your bird's cage.

Native Americans use feathers from a variety of birds in ceremonial costumes and objects. Dr. Jonathan Reyman, an Anthropologist at the Illinois State Museum, started a program, in 1982, to collect feathers and give them, free of charge, to Native Americans.

**The Feather Distribution Project** helps birds as well as Native Americans. Without going into unpleasant details, donating your bird's feathers reduces the likelihood wild birds will be caught or killed simply for their feathers.

Dr. Reyman has been a guest speaker at our regular meetings and All American Hookbill Fairs. His experiences with Native Americans and insights into current and historic means of feather gathering are fascinating. You can find details about *The Feather Distribution Project* and view images of some of the ways the feathers are used, on our website.

The Gateway Parrot Club collects feathers and forwards them to *The Feather Distribution Project*. Simply bring your feathers to one of our meetings or contact a club member to coordinate delivery.

## New Bird Exam

There are many reasons to visit our Fair. One is to bring home a new family member. We hope you support the vendors at our Fair, but regardless where you get your new bird, please follow these two simple recommendations.

**If you have other birds, isolate your new bird** for at least thirty, preferably sixty days. Make this isolation as complete as possible and practical. Don't allow contamination of food, water or cages through common cleaning materials and, if possible, air flow.

**Have your new bird examined by an avian veterinarian.** If you don't currently have an avian vet, please choose carefully. The most important qualification for your vet is that birds are a significant part of their practice. While the Gateway Parrot Club does not officially recommend avian veterinarians, our website lists area veterinarians. You will find avian veterinarians at our Fair. Ask them about their practice and recommendations. Feel free to talk to our members and ask about their *personal* preferences for veterinarians.

Details of the initial exam will vary depending on veterinarian, bird and the environment the bird will live in. Talk directly with the vet before making your appointment and find out what the exam for your bird will involve. A complete exam involves a careful physical observation, fecal exam and blood test. The actual tests performed may vary based on the general vitality of the bird, and whether it will be in a community with other birds. Some optional services during the initial exam might include sex determination, and microchip identification.

## **Vendor Details**

We encourage you to visit and support our vendors. If you would like a printed list of our vendors and their contact information, please stop by the admissions table and pick one up. The information will also be available on our website after the Fair...

## **Gateway Parrot Club September Meeting**

We will meet September 11<sup>th</sup>, the *second* Sunday of the month (not our usual third week) The meeting will feature topics of interest to new members and new bird owners. We look forward to seeing you...

## **Our Mission**

**The Gateway Parrot Club, Inc.** is a not for profit organization established in 1988 to:

Bring people together in a friendly atmosphere in the interest of exchanging information on bird care and breeding.

Create interest in bird care and responsible breeding through monthly educational programs and annual bird fairs.

Reduce neglect, cruelty and abuse of captive birds through education and public outreach.

Educate the public, as well as ourselves, on the ever present danger of extinction in the wild.

## Contact Information

### Officers

President	Dave Kinkade	(636) 343-8097
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Pat Seiler	(636) 462-4732
Trey Shaffer	(314) 432-4317

### Committees

Education	Cheryl Rowland	(636) 577-1240
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Website		
Newsletter	Trey Shaffer	(314) 432-4317
Public Outreach		
Bird Shows	Sandy Warren	(618) 945-3608

## **Bird Shows**

This year we have 3 bird shows in conjunction with The All-American Hookbill Fair. Please be sure to visit the Show area on the second floor to see what is happening. Saturday will feature two Cockatiel shows, sanctioned by the American Cockatiel Society (ACS). Sunday features an all-species parrot show, sanctioned by the Society of Parrot Breeders and Exhibitors (SPBE).

All the shows have a novice division, so consider participating by entering your bird. Also, please be sure to tell us, on the Fair Visitor's Questionnaire, if you knew about the shows before attending the Fair.

## **Bird Shows Chairperson** **Sandy Warren**

Welcome exhibitors and parrot enthusiasts. This weekend we bring you 2 American Cockatiel Society (ACS) shows and a Society Of Parrot Breeders and Exhibitors (SPBE) show. On Saturday, stop in and see exhibition cockatiels in all varieties of beautiful color mutations. Our ACS Judge is Julie Mitchell. Our SPBE Judge on Sunday will be Jim Heffernon.

During the judging there is seating for people to watch the shows. Please do not go back and look at the birds during judging. You are welcome to sit, watch the show and listen to the judges teach about the standard of perfection for these birds. Your pet birds can be entered in the shows and you do not need to be a member of any club or society to enter.

## Bird Show Sponsors

We would like to thank the following for sponsoring classes in our bird shows.

Bee Thor	Revival Animal Health
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Country Feathers	Valentine Cockatiels
Parrot Treasures	Wholesale Bird and Cage
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	Tomasovic Aviaries

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Join our discussion group at [LoryLeague@YahooGroups.com](mailto:LoryLeague@YahooGroups.com)

For More Information, contact Julie at 206-772-1730 or 206-501-7428 or email: [blconnection@hotmail.com](mailto:blconnection@hotmail.com)

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# **Schedule of Events**

## *Saturday*

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- 10:00 AM** **Doors Open To The Public**
- 11:00 AM** **Yvonne Patterson – Wings of Love Show**
- 1:00 PM** **Walter Crawford - World Bird Sanctuary**  
Feathered Jewels – Raptors and Parrots, their place in our modern world
- 3:00 PM** **Jonathan Reyman – The Feather Distribution Project**  
See what native Americans do with our birds' feathers, and how you can help just by saving them...
- 4:30 PM** **David Kersting- Bird Medicine and Surgery**  
Updates on avian medicine
- 6:00 PM** **Fair closes.** Dinner with vendors, speakers, members
- 6:30 PM** **Dinner**

## *Sunday*

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- 10:00 AM** **Doors Open To The Public**
- 1:00 PM** **Yvonne Patterson – Wings of Love Show**
- 3:00 PM** **Big Cage Raffle** Drawing
- 3:15 PM** **Silent Auction Closes**
- 4:15 PM** **Table Raffle** Drawings
- 5:00 PM** **Fair Closes**