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Next Meeting  
December 08, 2007  
7:00 p.m.  
Salt Lake County  
Complex  
2001 So. State,  
Room N1100  
(North Building)  
Salt Lake City

**New Homes!!**

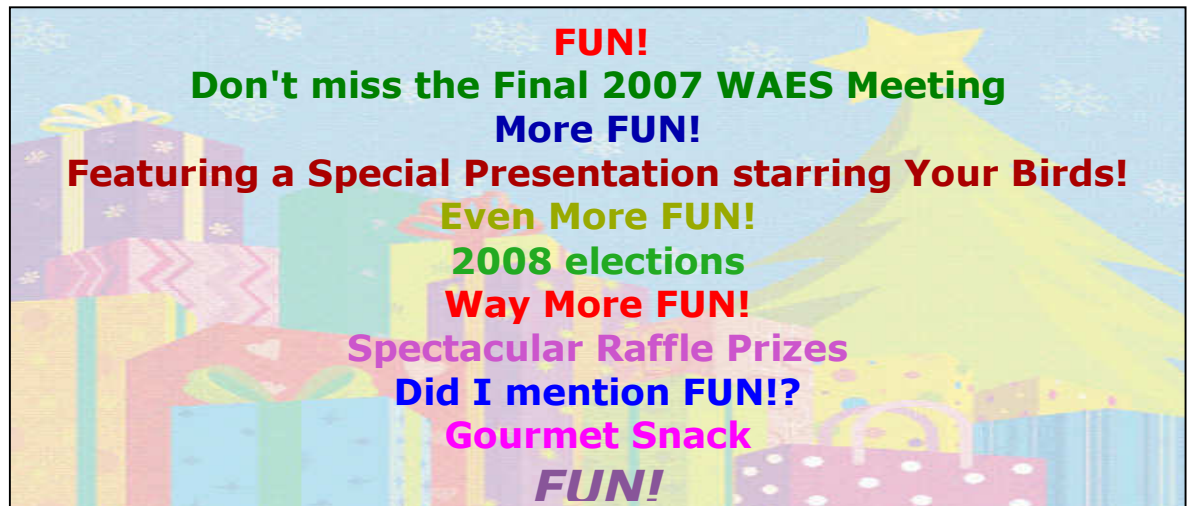
**Junior Moluccan  
Cockatoo**

**Jazz Miligold  
Macaw**

# WAES MONTHLY

WASATCH AVIAN EDUCATION SOCIETY

## Holiday Extravaganza and Super Raffle



WAES meetings offer not only educational lectures but also the opportunity to socialize with other parrot enthusiasts over light refreshments.

### *President's Letter*

*From WAES President - Carol Crane*

Good-bye, Adios, Au Revoir, Shalom, Sayonara, Auf Wiedersehen, Hejdo, Ciao, Farvel,  
Namaste, Do zobacaenia, Feri bhetaula

This is the final 2007 Newsletter. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to WAES. This is an organization that its only as good as it's volunteers, and I am simply amazed at the dedication, sacrifice and commitment that you each make to be at meetings, volunteer for the board, foster birds, etc. A short list of accomplishments '07: Ogden County Fair, Strutt Your Mutt, Humane Society Rescue Fair, largest WAES attendance to the National AFA convention, instant web site updates with new flashy graphics, e-mail newsletter capabilities (in full color..), steady growth in attendance at meetings, awesome speakers, treats at each meeting, multiple bird placements in rescue, breeders Page on web site, toy party meeting, toy trade table and many more. There are so many fabulous people responsible for these accomplishments I can't even begin to name them all. You know who you are...and again accept my sincere appreciation. Each one of us has a common kinship---the care of our beloved feathered friends. I wish the incoming 2008 Board well and hope to see you all next year! Every year it just gets better!

"A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions."

*Oliver Wendell Holmes*

**Cockatoo, Moluccan**

Gaby is a 3-4 year old Moluccan Cockatoo. We do not know if it is male or female. Gaby is very intelligent and loving, but he can also have a mean streak by lashing at you when you walk past his cage. He gets along with most of the family members, but does have a very instinctive way of telling you that it's a "Hands off" day. Do not get close to him then. He will bite. He is not scared of the dog at all. He does not seem to like males that much. He can be very loud and screams especially in the mornings and evenings (sunrise and sunset). He is very social and loves to shower. Even spraying him with water is a real big treat. He loves corn and grapes. ([More on our web site](#))

Adoption fee: Pending

**Cockatoo, Moluccan**

Manu is a male Moluccan Cockatoo appx 13 years old. He can be loud and barks, mews, talks and coughs. He is very loving and likes to be the center of attention. If you ignore him you might get a sudden bite. He is very frightened of dogs even very small dogs, smaller than he is. He likes his pellets. He also is partial to macadamia nuts as a treat. His favorite vegetable is multi colored peppers, and he likes chicken with rice.

Adoption fee: Pending

**Yellow Collared Macaw**

Pilot is a male Yellow Collared Macaw. He was purchased from a pet store and he is terrified of people because of people poking fingers and other items in the cage bars at him, which absolutely traumatized him. He tries very hard to talk. He has lived with one owner for over 10 years. He is used to living with dogs and other birds, which he has been friends with for over 10 years. (Puddles and Tiger) Vet results pending.

Adoption \$250

**Timneh African Grey**

Tiger is a male Timneh African Grey. He is at least 25 years old and was imported into the USA 25 years ago. He prefers not to be handled but will step up on your hand from the inside of his cage when told to step up. He is used to living with dogs and other birds, which he has been friends with for over 10 years. (Puddles and Pilot) Vet results pending.

Adoption \$250

**Bare-Eyed Cockatoo**

Puddles is a male Bare-Eyed Cockatoo. He is very loveable and in perfect feather. He was purchased from a pet store over 10 years ago and has only one owner. He is used to living with dogs and other birds, which he has been friends with for over 10 years. (Tiger and Pilot) Vet results pending.

Adoption Fee \$250



### Yellow Crown Amazon

Yellow Crown is a Yellow Crown Amazon. He/she has been in foster care for a couple of months for rehabilitation. He/she has been to the vet twice since being in Rescue and the Doctor said that he/she is back to "whole health and is doing alot better". He/she is a complete sweetheart. Yellow Crown has become a great cage mate with Keiko, yet will now come to individuals easily as long as they both get some attention. ([More on our web site](#))

Adoption Fee \$390



### Blue Front Amazon

Keiko is a Blue Front Amazon He/she has been in foster care for a couple of months for rehabilitation. He/she has been to the vet twice since being in Rescue and the Doctor said that he/she is back to "whole health and is doing alot better". He/she is a complete sweetheart. Keiko has become a great cage mate with Yellow Crown, yet will now come to individuals easily as long as they both get some attention. Keiko will sit and jibber jabber with you for hours on end and LOVES for you to scratch his head. ([More on our web site](#))

Adoption Fee \$390



### Quaker

This little Quaker was found in someone's back yard in the springtime. His owner has never been found, but he has been cared for very well. He has seen the vet, and all test results are normal. The home he has been living in donated a nice cage for him, too. We believe he is an adult male Quaker. His favorite toys are a metal measuring cup and the lid to a mason jar. He enjoys Zupreem and Harrison's pellets. He is not hand friendly, and tends to bite. He has a cute little chirp, and is rather quite. He enjoys having other birds around and when you spend time in the room with him.

Adoption Fee \$120



### Eclectus

Kiwi is a female Eclectus that comes with a big metal cage and toys. She is 14 years old. She has bitten the lady of the house but not the husband. She shares a cage now with a male Eclectus, and they seem to tolerate each other. They used to be more of a pair than they are now. She laid eggs many years ago, but not in recent years. She had some feather loss but the feathers are slowly growing back in. She says a couple of phrases, but is not often vocal. She says "hello", "who's the pretty bird/girl", and "how are you". ([More on our web site](#))

Adoption Fee \$250



### Meyer's Parrot

Oscar would be perfect for the right family. He loves to be near people, and to see them, and loves to snuggle, and be petted. He likes everybody, but will pick HIS person. He is a bit needy, and when I leave the room, he will call and call for me until I'm absolutely quiet, and after 15 minutes or so he'll quiet down. His call is pretty shrill, but he also makes a lot of fun noises... clicks, whistles, and clicking his beak together to name a few. He also likes to hang upside down from his cage. ([More on our web site](#))

Adoption Fee \$180



### White Eyed Conure

Brocklin is a White Eyed Conure that is 18 years old. He has personality plus! He is very comfortable being near you, and even on your shoulder, but he does not like to be touched. He is not mean and has not bitten. He will step-up but he is skittish when you want to handle him. Brocklin really enjoyed being near his boy companion that passed away recently. He has been a feather plucker, and shared a cage with this other Conure who was also a plucker. The feather plucking was caused from trauma after the two daughters that were the responsible care takers for the birds went off to college. ([More on our web site](#))



Adoption Fee \$200

### Poicephalous, Senegal

Gizmo is a great bird who likes to sit on your shoulder. He talks some, saying "Hello Buddy", "night-night", "Hello" and whistles and calls often. He will step up to anyone willing to hold him. He does pluck some but wears a collar and doesn't seem to mind it at all. He was donated because his owner has recently passed away. **Foster Update:** *Gizmo is doing great! He is an "awesome" bird. He seems to prefer men, and can deliver a good bite to others.*

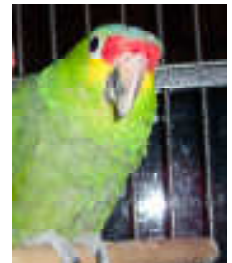
Adoption Fee: \$180.00



### Amazon, Red Lored

Pepe is an unpredictable bird. It is estimated that he is 9 years old. He prefers to remain in his cage and not be handled. He is not friendly and is NOT good with children. He bites very hard. Pepe will step up onto a stick, and then to your hand. He will move out of the way while you change his food and water. He eats Pretty Bird pellets and nearly everything else he is offered. He is not loud, and is rather quiet for an Amazon. He only says "Hello".

Adoption Fee: \$250.00



### Amazon, Orange Wing

Jasper was adopted from WAES approximately 3 years ago and has been returned to rescue because of lifestyle changes. Jasper is approximately 11 years old, male, and has a couple of deformed toes. He has been on a good diet of Zupreem, seed, and fruits and vegetables. His favorite foods are tomatoes, apples and bananas. He does talk and has been known to be a bit nippy, but he loves head scratches! He is currently not stepping up very well, but the foster family is working with him. ([Update on our web site](#))

Adoption Fee: \$250.00



### Conure, Green Cheek

Damon is a green cheek conure about 10 years old, he loves to go exploring and visiting people throughout the house. He is a very adventurous eater (he loves berries, bananas and oatmeal) but mostly he eats Zupreem and a variety of seed, he loves being spoonfed! Damon is afraid of large groups of people (he gets right in his cage and doesn't want to come out) but he is quite friendly in smaller groups. He knows how to step up and he loves doing the dishes with his foster mom. He also loves to take baths. I just put out a lukewarm bowl of water, and he jumps in and has fun. He also loves to eat mandarin oranges.

Adoption fee: \$180



**HOLIDAYS CAN BE HAZARDOUS!***By Lisa McManus**<http://www.scottieparrots.com/>*

With the holidays arriving swiftly, it is time to take a look at hidden dangers and things we might not even consider a possible problem for our flock.

Most holidays include candies and sweets; celebrating just seems to bring out that sweet tooth. When your bird sees you, his flock, eating, he is prompted to eat. Of course, what you are having must be the best so your bird wants some, also. However, birds are quickly affected by sugars, fats and the toxicity of chocolates. Be sure to have bird-safe treats ready to share with your birds to distract them from the human treats. The brightly colored candy wrappings can also be very enticing to the curious bird. Remember to keep candy dishes covered and away from your birds and other pets. You might also have a special mug or glass of water just for the birdy friend to drink from.

When enjoying a fire in the fireplace, remember that the flames can be mesmerizing and draw the attention of our pets. A solid partition should cover the front of the fireplace so that little toes can not climb or land on the front and get burned. Smoke can also be problematic and irritating to those small respiratory systems. Make sure that your fireplace is clean and working properly and that the damper is open. The preformed logs with pretty colors in the flames contain heavy metals and can poison our birds quickly. Do not burn wrapping paper or pressure treated wood . . . ever! The safest way to enjoy a fire is to have your feathered pets in another room entirely.

Candles and incense can offer the same hazards as a fireplace. If you want to enjoy candles, make sure that they are bird-safe. Even the wicks can have lead in them. Make sure that every part of the candle is free of metals and oils that are toxic or that can irritate a bird's respiratory system. Any product that has strong fumes and odors should be avoided. Herbs such as cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg or mint, can be boiled in a safe place and give your home that holiday atmosphere. Cigarette smoke is just as hazardous; be sure to smoke outside away from the birds and others.

This time of year might have you spending a lot of time in the kitchen. Remember to be very careful if you use Teflon appliances; overheating releases the toxic fumes which can be deadly in just a few seconds. Run an exhaust fan and limit the use of Teflon coated products. Self-cleaning ovens can also be deadly; be safe and clean your oven by hand with a low fume cleaner. Try lining the bottom of the oven with tin foil which can be lifted out and tossed and will keep the oven cleaner.

Remember that the boiling pots and hot surfaces in the kitchen can injure or kill a bird that leaps or flies onto them. Even if the liquid in the pot is cold, a bird can get trapped and drown. Keep your pets out of the kitchen during this hectic time when your attention is on other things. It only takes a second for an accident to happen and a lifetime to live with the guilt and sorrow.

Poinsettias, Christmas cactus, holly berries and Mistletoe are dangerous for the birds and other pets. Some plants are deadly. The ASPCA has a listing of toxic plants. On the internet, type in [www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pro\\_apcc\\_toxicplants](http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pro_apcc_toxicplants) and it will take you directly to their Animal Poison Control Center page.

Pine and fir trees are not toxic, but cedar contains irritants. The sharp needles of the trees, even the artificial ones, can cause injuries or problems if ingested. The trees can also be scary when first brought into the house. Go slowly and keep it out of reach of the birds. When decorating, remember that artificial snow or flocking should be kept away from the birds. Spray on decoration may contain Freon as a propellant and can be very deadly. Many decorative items such as tinsel, ornaments, garlands and wrapping paper can cause blockage in the intestinal tract when ingested. Angel Hair may be made of fiberglass or spun glass which is extremely dangerous. Watch closely for any broken glass or metal ornaments or lights and make sure all small pieces are disposed of. Electrical cords should remain hidden and out of the way so that they cannot be chewed on, tangled up in, or tripped over. Be sure that all tape, staples, scissors, rubber bands, glue, string and any other supplies are picked up and put away out of reach or sight.

Any new decorations can be scary and stressful. Keep that in mind as you are decorating and throughout the holidays. The increased activity, visitors, noises and different routine can be very confusing and stressful. Visitors may not be bird-savvy and unwittingly feed your bird something toxic, or subject it to something dangerous. Your pet might be much happier to be in a different room where it can be comfortable and rest, rather than be in the midst of a party. It would only take a quick deadly misstep in a crowd of people if your bird suddenly ended up on the floor from a scare or a jostle.

All the extra errands, visitors and preparations will have your doors working overtime. Remember that the chilly drafts from the open doors are not good for our birds. Plus the added chance of a fright flight from that scary tree or big box or strange visitors might send your bird right out the door! Make sure that your bird and the cage or playstand is away from outside doors or windows.

Holidays are hectic and stressful. Remember to slow down and enjoy them. Watch for potential hazards and if in doubt, skip it! It just is not worth it in the long run. And most likely your bird is not interested in wearing that Santa Claus hat!!

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## ELECTION

WAES annual election for 2008 officers will be held at our next meeting on December 8. If any more candidates are nominated at the December meeting, they will be write-in candidates. If you will be attending the meeting, you may vote in person. If you will not be able to attend, you may vote by either mail or email. You should have received a paper ballot with the special mailing of the bylaws revisions. Please mail your paper ballots to:

Wasatch Avian Education Society  
PO Box 651701, Salt Lake City, UT  
84165-1701.

Please email your ballots to:

Cathryn Passey: [cpassey@dmba.com](mailto:cpassey@dmba.com) or  
Pat Hall: [patricia.gilley@comcast.net](mailto:patricia.gilley@comcast.net)

All ballots must be received by 6 pm on December 8. Two ballots are permitted per family membership, and all voters must be 18 or older.

Please read the biographies of our candidates at: <http://www.wasatchavian.com/specialevent.html>

Good luck to everyone, and may the best candidates win!

The Nominating Committee

## How Many Birds

Mavis Metcalf

BellaOnline's Birds Editor

<http://www.bellaonline.com>

You have a bird. That bird is so much fun that you decided to get another bird. Then someone gives you a bird so you have 3. That bird seems lonely because he isn't tame and the other 2 birds have each other, so you get another bird to keep this one company.

This is how it sometimes starts and continues from there. How do you know when you should stop and say NO MORE BIRDS?

There are so many different types & different colours of birds and each one is so amazing and each one has a different personality. Maybe you can get just one more.

There always seems to be people who are looking for new homes for their birds. You can't take them all, but maybe just one more.

You may be in a pet store and see a bird that has been there for a long time. He is such a sweet bird, and you feel sorry for him because he doesn't have a family to love him or you see some people poking at him and teasing him. Maybe you can get just one more.

There are a few things you have to stop and consider before you add just one more bird to your home.

One major consideration is the cost. Maybe this bird won't cost you anything, but what about the cage, the toys, the food and the veterinary care.

Another major consideration is the time. Each bird should have some one on one time with you and each bird needs to have a clean cage as well as fresh food and water each day. Each bird should also have some out of cage flying or play time. If your birds all get along they can all be out at the same time, but if they don't get along, they will need their own private time out.

One more consideration is the space to house another bird. Each bird should have a spacious cage and the cages should not be too close. How many cages can you fit into a living room?

Birds can be messy. If one bird makes a lot of mess – think about how much mess ten birds can make.

Think about what you are going to do with your birds if you want to go on vacation or have to travel for business purposes. Dogs and cats can go to kennels, but birds are usually not as easy to send off in that manner. The more birds you have, the harder it will be to find someone to take care of them while you are gone.

Each time you add a new bird to your home, you are putting your current birds at risk of contracting an illness brought in by the new bird. You must quarantine each new bird for its own safety as well as the safety of the rest of your flock.

If you have no problem with any of the considerations above, then maybe another bird would fit just fine into your household. But if you do have concerns, then maybe its time to say enough is enough and just spend as much time as you can with the birds you have now.

**CHRISTMAS TREATS "FOR THE BIRDS"**

*IT'S CHRISTMAS AND THERE ARE TREATS FOR EVERYONE. MAKE SOME OF THESE HEALTHY TREATS FOR THE BIRDS IN YOUR LIFE.*

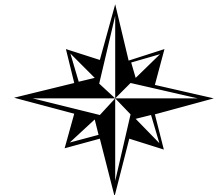
*FROM OUR WAES AVIAN COOKBOOK. TESTED IN OUR WAES KITCHENS.*

**Birdie Biscotti.**

- 1 c. ground bird pellets
- 1/2 c. corn meal
- 1/2 c. whole-wheat flour
- 1 c. ground almonds

- 1-2 t powdered wheat grass.
- 4 eggs with crushed shells
- 1 jar baby food carrots
- unsweetened fruit juice

Mix all ingredients adding enough unsweetened fruit juice to make a firm dough. Scoop by the spoonful and roll into balls of about 1/2 to 3/4 inches in diameter. Flatten with a fork or leave as balls. Place on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 325 for 20-30 minutest. Cool on a rack and refrigerate or freeze



**Homemade AVI-CAKES**

- Mixed seeds
- Crushed Cheerios cereal
- Crushed pellets
- Dried Fruits
- Dried vegetables, optional
- Honey

Mix seeds, cereal, pellets, fruits and vegetables together in a bowl. Add enough Honey to make the mixture stick. Put into mini muffin trays and bake at 225 for 45 minutest.

Let cool before serving.

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**Rescue Director** – Shawna Augustine

For contact info. Please visit web site

The website has new look – and gets updated regularly. Check for the latest news

See us for the latest in WAES: <http://www.wasatchavian.com/>

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 Join our **CHAT** group in Yahoo.

Send an email to:  
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**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**  
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**The 2008 WAES Board Election**

The 2007 Board thanks the membership for their support and hope you will continue that support for the 2008 Board. The candidates' bio's are on the Special Event page. Read them and Vote for the person of your choice.

Thanks to the nominating committee for their hard work. Your vote counts!!

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