The Lory League hosted the two back-to-back bird exhibition shows this past August in San Antonio, Texas. Triangle Bird Club and Feathering Crest Aviary were cosponsors, and supported by the Alamo Exhibition Bird Club.

The shows included novice and advanced exhibitor classes as well as a junior class. Both shows were easily accessible to the AFA Convention attendees as the events were in the same area of the Omni Colonnade Hotel. A highlight this year included a surprise visit by “Elmo” at the beginning of the first show.

Show programs included a biography for each Judge, and the listing of sponsors for the awards and the show program. The program lists the divisions, sections and classes—how the birds are categorized for judging. Information was also included about AFA and its affiliated organizations.

Again this year, there were many different species represented in the shows—a rainbow of color and lots of surprises. The exhibition shows are more than just competitions for spectacular birds; they are also educational events. The bird shows offer convention attendees the opportunity to see rare bird species and learn more about these birds and the proper care for each.

The judges make a point to educate the audience with commentary on how and why they choose certain birds over others. It’s a wonderful process that helps both novice and seasoned exhibitors fine-tune their bird training and presentation skills.

Those participating in the competition also have the opportunity to learn about and participate in the American Federation of Aviculture’s annual conference and network with other enthusiastic aviculturists.

The shows follow the mission and purpose of AFA by promoting the advancement of aviculture through educational programs. Kids 16 and younger are encouraged to exhibit in the Junior Class for free and are encouraged to participate in the main show as well. This is in keeping with AFA’s dedication to the theme of “A Future With Birds.”

Judges were both SPBE panel judges. Jim Hefferman of Michigan judged the first show and Linda Rubin of Massachusetts judged the second show, which was designated as a double point show.

Exhibition judges are trained to look for details when judging the birds:
- **Conformation**—mostly genetics and hereditary factors
- **Condition**—feather quality and overall health.
- **Department (behavior)**—training for showing, and a calm demeanor.
- **Color**—especially in mutations, but can relate to diet or environment.
- **Presentation**—condition and cleanliness of cage or show box.

Many of the exhibitors entering the shows in San Antonio were novice exhibitors and pet owners, so the judges gave them a chance to have their bird evaluated as an example of the species and as compared to other birds showing at that time. Linda Rubin also spent some time discussing the details of how to care for their birds for future shows.

Exhibitors have the opportunity to earn colorful ribbons and trophies as a testament to all their hard work it takes to get, and keep a bird in top condition. There’s a lot more to showing than what most people know or understand. It takes a lot of work and patience to get the birds in perfect health, feather and train them to strut their stuff in strange surroundings for the judges. The exhibitors spend a lot of money and time preparing for shows, because they love what they do, and most importantly, they love their birds.

Junior Exhibitors earned ribbons, sponsored by AFA4Kids.

| 1st Place | Emma Lopez, 12, Lutino Peach Face Lovebird |
| 2nd Place | Savanna Lewis, 10, American Yellow Pacific Parrotlet |

Engraved trophies sponsored by Lory League were presented to the following winners of the show:
- Youngster—Savanna Lewis, 10
- Audience Favorite—Umbrella Cockatoo, Vickie Edgerton
- Most Rare—Abyssinian Lovebird, Scott Stringer

#### Novice Division

**Judge:** Jim Hefferman, first show

1. Umbrella Cockatoo exhibited by Vickie Edgerton
2. Abyssinian Lovebird exhibited by Scott Stringer
3. Green Cheek Conure exhibited by Jan & Dean Cheney

**Best Junior—13-year-old Umbrella Cockatoo**, Mary Duma

The bird was entered into the show by Jan and Dean Cheney, but Rosie the Umbrella Cockatoo belongs to Mary Duma.

2. Red Rumped Parakeet exhibited by Ben Garza
3. Green Quaker exhibited by Jan & Dean Cheney
4. Abyssinian Lovebird exhibited by Scott Stringer

**Most Rare—Abyssinian Lovebird, Scott Stringer**

#### Rosettes sponsored by Lory League

1. Umbrella Cockatoo exhibited by Vickie Edgerton
2. Abyssinian Lovebird exhibited by Scott Stringer
3. Iris Lorikeet exhibited by Rick Jordan
4. Umbrella Cockatoo exhibited by Mary Duma
5. Green Quaker exhibited by Ben Garza
6. Blue Pacific Parrotlet exhibited by Emma Lopez
7. Green Cheek Conure exhibited by Mary Duma
8. Green Quaker exhibited by Jan & Dean Cheney
9. Lutino Peach Face Lovebird exhibited by Emma Lopez
10. Red Rumped Parakeet exhibited by Ben Garza

#### Medalists in Gold, Silver and Bronze

Silver and Bronze were awarded to 1st–3rd place in the Junior Class and for 1st–3rd place on the Top Bench.

**Top Bench**

- **1st Place**—Emma Lopez, 12, Lutino Peach Face Lovebird
- **2nd Place**—Savanna Lewis, 10, American Yellow Pacific Parrotlet

#### 1st–10th Rosettes sponsored by Lory League

- 1. Umbrella Cockatoo exhibited by Vickie Edgerton
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#### 1st-3rd Medalion Awards sponsored by Dr. Al Decostin

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#### AFA Award for Best Bird in Show—Exhibited by an AFA member was awarded to Vickie Edgerton for her Umbrella Cockatoo in the second show.

Congratulations to all the exhibitors, and thank you to the cosponsors and supporters of the show and program!

Thank you to the AFA members and affiliated organization members who volunteered to help as part of the Lory League show team—without a team effort, shows like this would not be possible. We really appreciate your support!

The 2013 AFA convention will be in Raleigh, North Carolina. Lory League and Triangle Bird Club will be hosting two exhibition shows again next year at this venue, so plan to join us. Bring your birds for exhibiting and join the fun.

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