

2011 AVY AWARD RECIPIENTS AND 2012 NOMINATIONS

By Linda S. Rubin, AFA AVY Awards chair

Congratulations to AFA members who were presented AFA AVY Awards during the AFA banquet dinner at the 37th national convention in San Francisco, CA.

Two U.S. First Breeding AVY Awards were presented to Jerry Jennings of Emerald Forest Bird Gardens for his successful breeding of the Black-masked Emerald Toucanet bred on May 23, 2010, and the Lettered Aracari on May 26, 2010. These awards marked another success for private aviculture contributing to the existence and preservation of species in captivity.

A Silver AVY Award was presented to President-elect Nancy Speed of The P Patch, in Category 1: "Most Progress for the Establishment of an Individual Species or Group of Related Birds" for her work with the Golden Conure, *Guaruba guarouba*, that spanned 12 years. This silver award demonstrates conservation in the continuance of a species and growing a gene pool for the future.

A special service award, the AVY Appreciation Award, was presented to Mary Rose who was nominated by the Arizona Seed Crackers Society, Inc. for outstanding work and contributions given to an AFA-Affiliated Club. This award is presented for distinguished service to an AFA organization that is above and beyond, and the nomination itself is signed by every member of the nominating organization's board of directors.

The 2011–2012 AFA AVY Awards Committee members include Josef



PHOTO BY CAROL STANLEY/From left, Jamie Whittaker and Linda S. Rubin present Jerry Jennings with two first-time breeding awards.

H. Lindholm III; Jason Crean; Philip J. Ryan, Ph. D.; Jerry Jennings; and Chair Linda S. Rubin. A sincere thank you to the committee members for their diligence, dedication and time, working to thoroughly investigate and confirm these awards.

For complete information on the AVY Award Categories and a list of all U.S. First Breedings to date, please refer to AFA *Watchbird* 38-3 for part I of AVY Award coverage, with Part II to follow with a list of all other winning categories.

2012 Nominations

The AVY Awards committee has received a nomination for the Green-naped Pheasant Pigeon, (*Otidiphaps nobilis*), for a Zoo AVY in Category 2, during the calendar year 2009. If you are aware of any other breeding

of the Green-naped Pheasant Pigeon, please contact the committee chair as soon as possible.

The committee is now actively inviting nominations for the year 2011. Deadline for all applications is Dec. 31. Awards merited by the committee will be presented at the August 2012 AFA convention in San Antonio. Award recipients need not be members of AFA, although nominations may only be made by AFA members. For further details on all award categories and rules, refer to the AFA *Watchbird*, or visit the website at www.afabirds.org and navigate to AVY Award Categories and Rules. All nominations and requests for applications should be sent to AFA AVY Awards Chair Linda S. Rubin at LSR@CockatielsPlusParrots.com.