



# Amazing Turnout for Bird Show at AFA

By Julie Corwin, Leader of Lory League

The number of birds entered into the Lory League Bird Show at the AFA Convention in Chicago, was one of the largest number of entries in a parrot division in many years. Exhibitors came from many different parts of the country to show their birds. Three of the exhibitors brought large numbers of birds for this show, including Fran Andersen of Michigan, Susan Stieve of Ohio, and Vickie Meyer of Montana. Other exhibitors brought birds from Georgia, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, as well as exhibitors from Illinois.

Each year Lory League hosts a bird show at the AFA convention. The purpose of the show is to bring a different style of education for the attendees and some fun competition for the exhibitors. Co-Sponsors this year were National Finch & Softbill Society and Triangle Bird Club of Beaumont, Texas.

Certified Judges are arranged to pick the best birds in the different divisions in the show, choosing the top 10 birds as winners. Laura Tinker of New York judged the Finch & Softbill division and the Cockatiel division. Mike Miller of North Carolina judged the Parrot division and the Lovebird division.

Lory League and all of the Judges are members of AFA, as are many of the exhibitors.

Each national show organization provided the awards for the winners of their division. Some had ribbons for section winners, rosettes for the top 10 birds on the show bench, and a special award for Best in Show. NAPS also provided a plaque

for Best Novice. Lory League provided a special Rosette for Best Lory in Show, and rosettes for the top ten in the Junior Class. Unfortunately there were no junior exhibitors this year. Gary Morgan of GEM Custom Laser in Colorado created and donated special plaques for Lory League, including Best Lory, Best Overall, and Most Rare.

Lory League hosted four different divisions; all of the show groups hosted are affiliates of AFA.

ALBS—African Love Bird Society had 73 birds entered in the Lovebird division including many mutations.

NAPS—North American Parrot Society had 154 entries—a record number for many years.

NCS—National Cockatiel Society had 54 entries with many mutations present.

NFSS—National Finch and Softbill Society had 36 birds entered in the division.

The number of entries and exhibitors qualified each of these divisions to be considered a major show for points within the show organizations.

Another opportunity which started this year at the AFA Convention, is for the members of AFA to earn points as exhibitors when they participate in qualified shows. They can be earning points towards an AFA award—AFA Top 3 Exhibitors. These points can be accumulated over the year from one AFA convention to the next convention.

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L to R: Best Overall with bird and judges HR. Most Rare Fran and judges. Best Lory bird and awards.

**Best Overall in Show** was won by a Barraband exhibited by Susan Stieve of Ohio. The highest award in a Lory League Show as Judges must agree on the bird chosen of all the birds in the show. Best Overall plaque featuring the Black Lory was created and donated to Lory League by Gary Morgan - GEM Custom Laser in Colorado.

Judges: Mike Miller and Laura Tinker

**Most Rare** was won by a Sierra Parakeet exhibited by Fran Andersen of Michigan. Most Rare is one of the highest awards in a Lory League show because Judges must agree on the choice of the bird rarely seen in exhibition shows all around the country. Most Rare plaque featuring the Black Lory was created and donated to Lory League by Gary Morgan - GEM Custom Laser in Colorado.

Judges: Mike Miller and Laura Tinker

**Best Lory in Show** exhibited by Fran Andersen of Michigan won the Best Lory in Show plaque created and donated to Lory League by Gary Morgan - GEM Custom Laser, Red, White and Blue Rosette from Lory League for Best Lory in Show and the Pink and Maroon Rosette for 2nd Best in the NAPS Division.

### NAPS DIVISION TOP BENCH

North American Parrot Society | 154 Entries | 11 Exhibitors

Judge: Mike Miller - NC

**AFA Award for Best, Bred, Banded and Exhibited by an AFA Member: Ken & Jeanna Synder - IA**

**AFA Award for Best in Show, Exhibited by an AFA Member: Susan Stieve - OH**

1st: Barraband - Susan Stieve - OH

2nd: Red Collard Lory - Fran Andersen - MI

3rd: Grey Indian Ringneck - Fran Andersen - MI

4th: Patagonian Conure - Fran Andersen - MI

5th: Lutino Peach Face Lovebird - Ken & Jeanna Synder - IO

6th: Rock Pebbler - Susan Stieve - OH

7th: Canary Wing - Susan Stieve - OH

8th: Rosey Bourke - Susan Stieve - OH



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L to R: Jim with bird and awards. Lovebird awards with people. Judge Laura Tinker with Tile.

9th: Green Budgie – Susan Stieve – OH  
 10th: Green-rump Parrotlet – Susan Stieve – OH  
 Best Novice: Mealy Amazon – Georgia Fletcher – MO  
 Champions–2nd: Moluccan Cockatoo – Fran Andersen – MI  
 3rd: Turquoise Lineolated Parakeet – Susan Stieve – OH  
 4th: Hooded Parakeet – Jim Heffernan – MI

### NCS DIVISION

National Cockatiel Society | 54 Entries | 7 Exhibitors

Judge: Laura Tinker – NY

**Best Bred, Banded and Exhibited by an AFA Member: Jim Heffernan – MI**

**Best in Show, Exhibited by an AFA Member: Jim Heffernan – MI**

1st: Lutino Pearl – Jim Heffernan – MI  
 2nd: Normal – Jim Heffernan – MI  
 3rd: Pearl – Susan Stieve – OH  
 4th: Pearl – Jim Heffernan – MI  
 5th: Normal – Susan Stieve – OH  
 6th: Cinnamon – Fran Anderson – MI  
 7th: Pearl Pied – Jim Heffernan – MI  
 8th: Pearl – Susan Stieve – OH  
 9th: WF Cinnamon Pearl – Susan Stieve – OH  
 10th: Normal split – Susan Stieve- OH

### NFSS DIVISION

National Finch & Softbill Society | 36 Entries | 3 Exhibitors

Judge: Laura Tinker – NY, Richardo Gaskin (Apprentice Judge)

**Best Bred, Banded and Exhibited by an AFA Member: Susan Stieve – OH**

**Best in Show, Exhibited by an AFA Member: Susan Stieve - OH**

1st: Crimson Pileated – Rebecca Mikel – MI  
 2nd: African Silverbill – Susan Stieve – OH  
 3rd: Orange Bishop Weaver – Susan Stieve – OH  
 4th: Yellow Bishop Weaver – Susan Stieve – OH  
 5th: Red Headed Gouldian – Susan Stieve – OH  
 6th: Spotted Tanager – Rebecca Mikel – MI  
 7th: Chestnut Breast Mannikin – Susan Stieve – OH  
 8th: Chestnut Flanked White Zebra- Susan Stieve – OH  
 9th: Cherry (Plumhead) Finch – Susan Stieve – OH  
 10th: Black Headed Gouldian – Susan Stieve – OH  
 Judge's Special: Spotted Tanagaer – Rebecca Mikel – MI

### ALBS DIVISION

African Lovebird Society | 73 Entries | 6 Exhibitors

Judge: Mike Miller – NC

**Best Bred, Banded and Exhibited by an AFA Member: Ken & Jeanna Synder**

**Best in Show, Exhibited by an AFA Member: Ken & Jeanna Synder**

1st: Lutino Peach Face – Ken & Jeanna Synder – IA  
 2nd: Sea Green – JD Ferrigino – NY  
 3rd: Violet Fischer – Al Lopez – NY  
 4th: Blue Pied – Susan Stieve – OH  
 5th: Cinnamon Opaline – Vickie Meyer – MT  
 6th: Dilute Blue Fischer – Susan Stieve – OH  
 7th: Sea Green – JD Ferrigino – NY  
 8th: Green Black Mask – Susan Stieve – OH  
 9th: Australian Cinnamon Violet – Susan Stieve – OH  
 10th: Green Pied – Susan Stieve – OH  
 Champion – 2nd: Blue Violet – JD Ferrigino – NY

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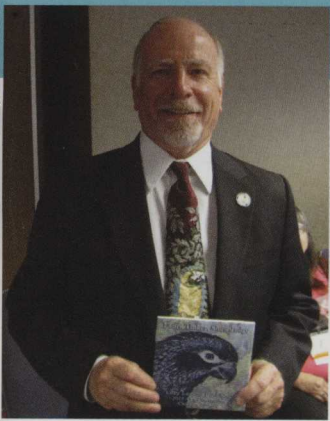
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L to R: Judge Mike Miller with tile. Lovebird show bench.

Lory League would like to thank AFA for allowing us the opportunity to host the show at the convention and to be able to provide a different style of education in birds, while providing some fun competition for the exhibitors.

Lory League would like to thank the Judges, Laura Tinker and Mike Miller for a great job of judging two divisions in a timely manner and for their part in educating people about the different birds in the show.

Thanks to the show team who did a great job of keeping things running smoothly. Mary Wilson, Katy Secor, Rebecca Mikel, Vickie Meyer, Jim Heffernan, Scott Mackey, Fran Andersen, Susan Stieve, and Ken Synder who helped make the show successful and fun!

And a very special Thank You to all the Exhibitors who brought their birds, without them there would be no show.



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