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SUBJECT:
RALEIGH-DURHAM CAGED BIRD SOCIETY (RDCBS)
Nineteenth Pet Bird Fair, Ninth Annual Cockatiel Show, Sixth Annual Love Bird Show, Fourth Annual SPBE Affiliated Parrot Show, Third Annual Parrotlet Society Show and Second Annual Finch and Softbill Society Show

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2007

HOURS: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Raleigh, NC – Kerr-Scott Building, North Carolina State Fair Grounds
To reach this building, use gate #11, Off Blue Ridge Road.
( a map with directions and parking information will be sent to vendors following receipt of registration).

GENERAL INFORMATION:
The major purposes of our (FREE) May Pet Bird Fair are to provide public education regarding the care of pet birds, and to raise funds to support projects in one or more of the following areas:
1. Research in avian biology / psychology / medicine.
2. Conservation of parrots in the wild and / or conservation of their natural habitat.
3. Public education regarding the conservation of parrots in the wild and / or conservation of their natural Habitat.
Along with the Pet Bird Fair, RDCBS will host The Nineteenth Annual Pet Bird Fair, Ninth Annual NCS Cockatiel Show, Sixth Annual Love Bird Show, Fourth Annual SPBE Affiliated Parrot Show, Third International Parrotlet Society Specialty Show and Second Annual Finch and Softbill Society Show” on Saturday.
And on Sunday, there will be a second round of exhibitions at the host hotel.

Last year, over 100 cockatiels and 70 lovebirds were entered by exhibitors traveling from Rhode Island to Florida to California and states in-between.

We are pleased that our judges for this years shows will be:
Gary Morgan: NCS and ALBS, Mike Miller: ALBS, Pat Tucker: NCS, Conrad Meinert: SPBE/IPS and NFSS,
Deb Dollar: SPBE, Cecil Gunby: NFSS.
We are honored to have these fine judges here this year.

Our May bird fair includes the “Birds from Around the World” exhibit, bird supplies and products and our traditional giant fund - raising raffle. Last year approximately $1200.00 was raised and used to support several projects. The annual attendance is typically 2000 people.
LODGING:
Holiday Inn Crabtree
4100 Glenwood Ave. Raleigh, N.C.  27612
(919) 782-8600
(www.holidayinn.com/rdu-crabtree)

$89/night (ask for the bird show rate)  This rate is good for Fri-Sat-Sun (May 25-27, 2007)
***mention that you are attending the “Bird Show” for this special rate.

Campsites are available at the NC State Fairgrounds if you are arriving with a camping trailer or motor home.

PARTICIPATION OPTIONS:

1. Donate item(s) for the raffle.  Any large or small bird-related items will be greatly appreciated.  A few examples of items which have been successful in previous raffles include: product gift certificates, bird cages, stands, bird toys, bird food, bird books, puzzles, etc.
*Non-bird related items of general interest also make great raffle items.
NOTE:  Birds will not be accepted for the general raffle.

Please fill in the attached raffle donation form and send all raffle items to:
    Courtney Rousseau
    6428 Cross Ridge Drive
    Holly Springs, NC 27540
    (919) 567-0697

Donors whose contributions are received by April 30, 2007, will be acknowledged in an insert to our Bird Fair Handbook.
Note also, the RDCBS is a tax-exempt non-profit organization in accordance with IRS tax code section 501(c)(3).  Thus, your donations to the RDCBS are tax-deductible.

2. Advertise in the “Guide to RDCBS”
Nineteenth Annual Pet Bird Fair, Ninth Annual NCS Cockatiel Show,
Sixth Annual Love Bird Show, Fourth Annual SPBE Affiliated Parrot Show, Third International Parrotlet Society Specialty Show and Second National Finch and Softbill Society Show”
NOTE:  The handbook “Guide” is published each year and will be distributed free to visitors at this show and at other RDCBS events.
Advertisements for this publication may be in the form of classified ad-style line text, or direct copy of your business card or larger artistic (camera - ready) layout.  Page size is 8.5” X 11” with 1” margins.  Advertising rates are listed on the attached form.  One-of-a-Kind locations in the handbook (i.e. centerfold and inside or outside cover spots) may be reserved by advance payment only.
Ad copy and your payment (checks payable to RDCBS) should be sent to:
Carol Wilson P.O. Box 451, Willow Spring, NC 27592, (919) 552-8856, Legswilson@aol.com on or before April 30, 2007.

3. Rent table space for your commercial display / sales booth.
The following pertains to the Bird Fair: Each initial space is 10’ X 10’ and will be rented at $100.00 with one table and 2 chairs.  Each table measures approximately 8ft. X 30 in.  Each additional space is 8 feet wide by 10 feet deep @ $75.00 with one table.  Deduct 10% for payments received by April 30, 2007.  Allocation will be in order of payments received.
Reserve your space(s) by returning the enclosed application form and your payment (checks payable to RDCBS)
To:  Melody Appleby- 800 Shadywood Lane Raleigh, NC 27603.
Commercial exhibitors whose payments have been received by April 30, 2007, will be listed in the Bird Show Handbook Supplement.  After April 30, 2007, spaces will be reserved only upon receipt of certified check, money order or cash.
The Kerr-Scott Building will be open for vendor setup from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday evening, May 25, 2007 and on Saturday morning, May 26, 2007 at 7:30 AM.  The fair will open to the public at 9:00 AM and setup should be completed before that time.
Vendors and Exhibitors setting up on Friday evening are invited to an on-site potluck supper, which will be hosted by the bird club members.

RDCBS’ rules regarding bird sales:

1. **Vendor and Exhibitor check-in** for all birds is Saturday morning only from 7:30 am until 9:00 am. No birds may be left in the building overnight.
2. North Carolina requires that all birds coming from out-of-state are to have a health certificate from the state in which they reside.
3. Permit numbers will be issued by the State Veterinarians Office (919)733-7601 one number per vendor/exhibitor.
4. We will have an on-site veterinarian who will evaluate each bird. There is no charge for this evaluation; however, he/she will have the authority to refuse admittance to any bird judged to have signs of illness. Vet check forms will be available Friday night for your convenience.
5. Bird sales will be by vendor only.
6. Except for finches, all birds sold by a vendor must be domestically bred.
7. Sale of un-weaned baby birds is not permitted.
8. Under NO circumstances will poultry be allowed at the show! Except for Button Quail and Doves (entered in the exhibition only)
9. RDCBS does not allow the sale of Hybrid birds at our Bird Fair.

If you have additional questions about vendor spaces, please contact our vendor coordinator, Melody Appleby.