

## **Hello to all of our Bird Fair Vendors and Advertisers,**

We are getting ready for our 34th Annual Pet Bird Fair to be held on May 27, 2023. We are excited and looking forward to a successful fair.

My name is Tim Quinlan, and I'm the Vendor Coordinator for the bird fair. I look forward to working with you and will do my best to take care of your needs and requests. Please feel comfortable contacting me with any questions or concerns you may have.

**Note:** We have one change this year. The equipment that we had been using for more that 20 years to sub-divide the vendor spaces has been permanently retired by the NC State Fairgrounds. We are no longer able to sell 10x10 (100 sq ft) and 8x10 (80 sq ft) spaces. The only equipment available to us will force us to only sell spaces that are 12x12 (144 sq ft). For those of you who require more than a single space, this change will likely be less expensive. For example: If you purchased three spaces in the past at a cost of \$290, you could now buy two spaces for \$240 and get more square footage. If you have any questions feel free to reach out.

Many of you have donated to us in the past and I wish to say "Thank you". Your participation and generosity are appreciated and have helped us raise funds to be donated to various organizations, throughout the world, in an effort to support avian research. If you are getting ready to do "Spring Cleaning" in the warehouse or around the house and you find that there are "leftovers" from sales or promotions taking up valuable space ...send them to us, or bring them to the Friday setup!!! We will put everything you give us to good use at the Raffle!!!

If you have any questions please feel free to call me 919-263-9455 or email me at [tim@cockatoo creations.com](mailto:tim@cockatoo creations.com)

Looking forward to seeing you Friday afternoon at setup and Saturday at the fair.

Sincerely,  
Tim Quinlan

Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society

PO Box 32291

Raleigh, NC 27622

February 2023

**TO:** VENDORS, ADVERTISERS, & RAFFLE DONORS

**FROM:** PET BIRD FAIR COMMITTEE:

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**SUBJECT:** RALEIGH-DURHAM CAGED BIRD SOCIETY (RDCBS) THIRTYFOURTH PET BIRD FAIR

**DATE:** SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023

**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.**

For directions to the fairgrounds-<http://www.ncstatefair.org/events/calendar.htm>

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The major purposes of our (FREE) 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.
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Our bird fair includes the "Birds from Around the World" exhibit, bird supplies and products and our traditional giant fund-raising raffle. Our typical attendance of *around 2500* people for 2019 Bird Fair, allowed us to award three separate grants to help fund avian research and conservation projects.

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1502 Blue Ridge Road Raleigh, NC 27607

(919) 832-4100

Please use the following Bird Fair discount code: 2023BIRDFAIR

This code is good till May 12, 2023

Campsites are available at the NC State Fairgrounds if you are arriving with a camping trailer or motor home. <http://www.ncstatefair.org/facilities/campground.htm>

## **PARTICIPATION OPTIONS:**

### **1. Rent table space for your commercial display / sales booth.**

The following pertains to the Bird Fair: Each space is 12' X 12' and is rented at \$120.00. Each Vendor will be supplied with one table and 2 chairs. Each table measures approximately 8ft. X 30 in. There is a 10% discount for space rental for payments that are received by **May 1, 2023**. Space allocation will be in order of payments received. Reserve your space(s) by filling out the vendor booking form at: <https://form.jotform.com/230223450324138>. After submitting the form, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to make your payment. If for some reason you are unable to use the automated form, please feel free to email Tim Quinlan at [tim@cockatocreations.com](mailto:tim@cockatocreations.com). Please be advised that we cannot accept checks after May 1, 2023.

The Kerr-Scott Building will be open for vendor setup from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday evening, May 26, 2023 and Saturday morning, May 27, 2023 at 7:00 AM. The fair will open to the public at 9:00 AM and your setup should be completed before that time.

### **2. Advertise in the "Guide to RDCBS"**

The handbook "Guide" is published each year and will be distributed free to visitors at this fair 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 booking 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 should be sent to:

Laura Marquis  
3417 Duveneck Drive Raleigh, NC 27616  
on or before **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**.

**3. 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. You are welcome to attach a business card to any item that you donate.

**\*Non-bird related items of general interest also make great raffle items.**

**NOTE: Birds will not be accepted for the raffle.**

**If you wish to pre-ship donation items, please send them to:  
John Marquis 3417 Duveneck Dr. Raleigh, NC 27616**

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.

**Vendors and Exhibitors setting up on Friday evening are invited to an on-site potluck supper, at 7pm that will be hosted by the RDCBS club members.**

### **RDCBS' rules regarding bird sales:**

1. **Vendor check-in** for all birds is Saturday morning **only** from 7:00 am until 8:55am.
2. (This includes personal pets) No birds may be left in the building overnight.
3. North Carolina requires that all birds for "**sale**" coming from out-of-state are to have a health certificate from the state in which they reside and a North Carolina issued permit number.
4. Permit numbers will be issued by the State Veterinarians Office, free of charge, (919) 733-7601 one number per vendor.
5. We will have an on-site veterinarian who will evaluate each bird (for pet birds and birds for sale). There is no charge for this evaluation; however, the veterinarian will have the authority to refuse admittance to any bird(s) judged to have signs of illness. Vet check forms will be available Friday night for your convenience.
6. Bird sales will be by vendor only.
7. Except for finches, all birds sold by a vender must be domestically bred.
8. **Sale of un-weaned baby birds is not permitted.**
9. **Under NO circumstances will poultry be allowed at the fair!**
10. 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, Tim Quinlan.