



# Avian Flyer

## August 2025 Newsletter

### August 2025 President's Message

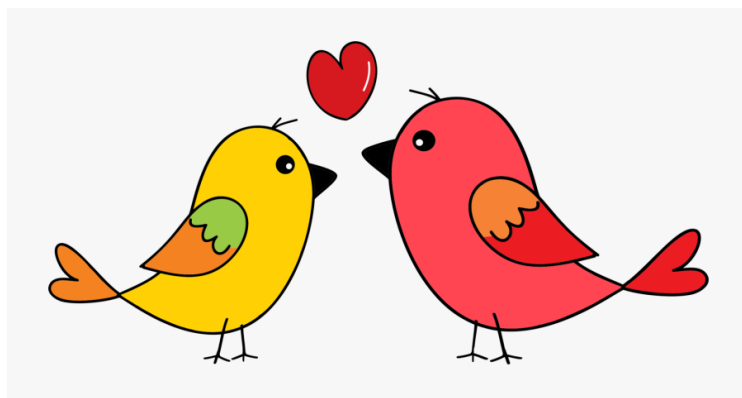
I hope everyone is enjoying your summer and that your families and birds are doing well. My canaries are in their molt and feathers are everywhere in my bird room.

Saturday, July 12 was our club picnic. Thank you to Colleen, Brad and Kathy Houck for hosting a wonderful event. We gathered at their beautiful home, enjoyed terrific food, met new friends, played games, saw their bird room, and their multitudes of ducks and geese. It was really a nice day. Thank you to each of them for all the work they put into hosting for us.

There will be no Club meeting in August. Our next meeting will be Sept. 13 at our regular place, the Clackamas Community Club. We will also send out a zoom link for those who can attend via zoom. Most of the September meeting will preparing final plans for our Oct. 25 annual show and sale. Please look for more show information in this newsletter.

Have a great summer!

Dan Pitney



## July Treasurer's Report

Beginning Checking Account: \$4,656.31  
Beginning CD Account: \$8,103.09  
Beginning PayPal Account: \$199.38

### INCOME:

CD Interest- \$26.14  
Membership Dues- \$23.64 \*

### EXPENSES:

Ad (for our October Show) in National Bird Show Catalog- \$90.00  
Bank Service Charge-\$6.50

Ending Checking Account: \$4,649.81  
Ending CD Account: \$8,129.23  
Ending PayPal Account: \$223.02  
\$13,002.06

\* PayPal Charge of \$1.36 deducted from \$25 dues



# CCC Annual Show

## **2025 Show Information**

**Date – Saturday, October 25, 2025**

**Place – Oregon State Fair, Cascade Hall, Salem, Oregon**

**Schedule – Friday, Oct. 24, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Set Up**

**6:00-8:00 pm Registration**

**Saturday, Oct. 25, 7:00 to 8:00 am Registration**

**Bird Show – 9:00 am to 3:30 pm**

**Bird Sale – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Take down & clean up 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Sales Tables - \$75 per 8 foot table. Pre- registration required. Contact  
Randi Smith [rfsmitty13@gmail.com](mailto:rfsmitty13@gmail.com)**

**Hotel - Shilo Inns, 3304 Market Street, Salem, Or. 97301**

**(503) 581-4001**

**Single King - \$104 +tax**

**Double Queens – 104 +tax**

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# Columbia Canary Club's **Annual BIRD SHOW & Sale**

CANARIES, FINCHES, SOFTBILLS & SMALL HOOKBILLS

**October 25, 2025**  
**Cascade Hall**

at the  
**Oregon State Fairgrounds**  
2330 17th Street NE  
Salem, Oregon

**Show: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**  
**Sale: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



**\$5 Individual or  
\$10 per Family**

## **A Montana Finch rescue story.**

About 3 months ago, I got a phone call one evening from my friend Jody who was a former Finch breeder. She was calling to tell me that a mutual friend and Gouldian breeder had recently passed away, and no one had found him until 5 days after he passed. The local sheriff had called her to see if she would come and collect his birds. Since she no longer was breeding, she had very few things left from her bird breeding days. However, she did have a few cages. She asked if she picked up the birds if I would take them later to rehome. They lived about a 3-hour drive away from me, so running up spur of the moment didn't work well.

We both feared that after 5 days that they would no longer be alive. When she went to see if there were any surviving birds, she was surprised to see that only 3 had died. Tim had large waterers and feeders in the flight cages. She picked up about 50 birds, a lot of them in very bad condition. She started them on a quarantine regime and ordered good food and supplements for them.

She found a home for 4 of them, and a couple more died, but when I arrived a month later to pick them up, there were still 45 birds left. I kept them on Jody's quarantine protocol and kept them separate from my birds.

After I had them for about a month, they were really starting to look nice. I started looking for homes for them. I kept 4 and was able to rehome the rest. I still have a few that are waiting to go to their new homes.

Adding 45 birds to an already too small house was a bit inconvenient, but we all survived!

Lori Wilkinson

# August Member Aviary & Meet some of the Montana Members and Breeders.

## Savoy Singers - Harlem, Montana

Debbie Stout has been a member of Columbia Canary Club for 6 years. She manages our Website and is our Facebook Administrator.

She is a 62 year old, hard working Ranch Wife from Harlem Montana, a small Montana Town just north of the Fort Belnap Indian Reservation.

***What type or species of birds do you own/breed?*** I keep only canaries: Fife Fancy, opal color bred, Irish Fancy, Raza Espanola, American Singer and a favorite line from a Montana breeder.

***How did you begin keeping canaries?*** In the 1990's, we had three male canaries in a cage by our dining table who watched us humans go about our lives. Enjoying their song throughout the house, and watching them go into individual finch tube nests in the evening, my life keeping canaries was a simple pleasure for the first decade. Currently, I seem to always be busy; planning pairings and studying breed standards, as well as cleaning cages and drinkers! While I am very happy working with my birds, my time is now spent maintaining all the birds rather than watching the birds 'just for fun'. My ultimate goal is to find a balance between work and play, with just the right number of birds!

***I would advise a beginner to:*** Start small and increase the number of birds you keep very slowly.

Is there something you wish you'd known when you began in birds? I wish I had realized there will be good years and bad years breeding our birds. Sometimes we figure out the WHY of the problems, but more often, we don't! It may be something we can change for the next season, but often it is a factor out of our control. The solution is to 'Keep On and Try Again'. No two years are the same, and the troubled years give us the experience to solve future problems.

**Do you have a helpful TIP or TRICK you think all bird keepers should know?** One of the best things I have ever done is having at least two sets of drinkers and feed dishes, so there is always a clean set (plus extras) to put on the cages once a week. It is wonderful to take off the dirty ones and immediately put up the filled clean ones, before leaving the room to wash up. One of the saddest, most unforgettable, mistakes a bird keeper can make is overlooking a cage without a drinker.

**Do you have a favorite food, tool, or piece of equipment that you think is important in the care of your birds?** Consider an air cleaner or air filtration system of adequate size and coverage. Please put as much work into keeping yourself safe as you do keeping your birds healthy. We have learned by the heartbreak of several CCC members that Bird Keeper's Lung (hypersensitivity pneumonitis – Avian Flyer June 2021) can change your life.

**Do you have a favorite bird memory?** Following a handicapping stroke, my father was given a pair of canaries, which hung in a cage by his recliner. After six years, one male remained. Dad became ill and for a short while, no longer came out of the bedroom. The canary was very still and very quiet for those days until Dad was no longer with us. The following morning, he became frantic, beating on the cage bars. Mom opened the cage door, and the canary flew quietly to the top of Dad's chair, and then into the bedroom next door. A short while later, the canary went back to his cage. The next morning he was gone also. I keep this as a reminder that our birds can be more than merely 'a bird', they will be companions, returning our attentions with a loyalty that we may not expect.

Debbie says, "The Hobby is about the people too. That's why I feel memberships in clubs are important. Advice and help is a good part of it, but I think just talking birds with other people is the biggest benefit. We all need encouragement and motivation"!

Montana is a huge state, it takes about 10 hours just to drive across the state. Debbie has managed to find a few other breeders, including myself.



Above: A typical Montana Canary and Conure.

Mentors are valuable as a source of information and encouragement. Debbie, LEFT, found two canary breeders in Montana, and is shown visiting the Canary One bird shed, with Tom Cabbage, also a CCC member, RIGHT.



Above Left: Irish Fancy

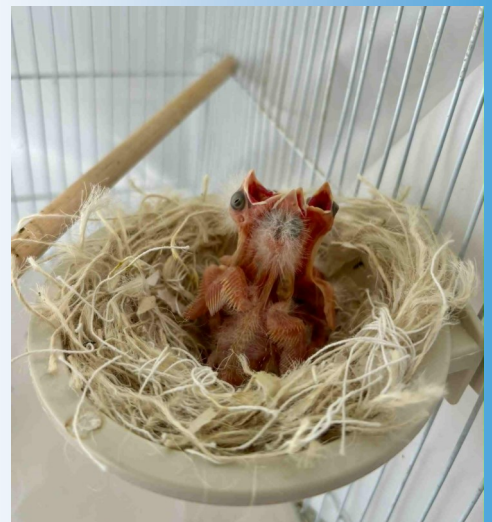
Right: Tom Cabbage on a visit to Debbie's bird room (CCC Member and Montana Bird Breeder).



Above: Some of Debbie's birds: Left Fife Cock, and Right Fife Fancy hen and chicks.



Left and Right:  
Green Singing  
Finches.





Above: Debbie in her bird room

Right: Montana Canary Breeder  
Bruce Thompson

Below: Lori Wilkinson, Montana  
Finch and small hookbill breeder,  
CCC member and newsletter editor.

