

# The Pheasant Pen

WASHINGTON ORNAMENTAL & GAME BIRD BREEDERS



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## Our mission and goals

1. To promote the welfare and encourage the breeding of pheasants, waterfowl, and other species of fowl, quail, partridge, and related birds to the generally accepted representative standards and pure of the wild species.
2. To share breeding and propagation methods.
3. To introduce new species of birds into private and public aviaries; to improve present captive breeding stock and to catalog present captive bird species and aviculture in the Pacific Northwest.
4. To interest more individuals and groups in aviculture.
5. To promote programs and other goals as may be deemed to be in the best interest of Pacific Northwest Aviculture.

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## WOGBB President's message

First a little bit of back info from July, I was not able to get some pictures from the July meeting at Kathy Fries place in Juanita in last month's Pheasant Pen. This picture is Kathy with one of her baby Impeyan. The next picture is a small part of Kathy's marvelous gardens followed by a shot of one of her Star Lilies bloom.



The August meeting was held at Jackie and Bruce Morgan's place near Tenino. During the tour of the plantation we visited their herd of male Sitka Deer which Bruce feed to give us a close up look.



We continued the tour to the avarices, where there were African Crown Cranes, Wood & Mandarin Ducks, Tragopans and more.



The September meeting, is a don't miss opportunity to get a behind the scenes view of the Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo's aviary operations. See directions in the meeting section but be aware that the Seahawks have a game in Seattle that day at 1:00 PM so plan your travel times accordingly. The tour will start right at 2:00 PM, cost to the Zoo is free as long as you go thru the W4 gate as shown on the map. Also there will be no potluck at this meeting but food will be available for purchase at the food service area

Hope to see you there.  
Larry Clark

## **Treasurer's Report**

Checking as of Sept 1    \$2149.25

Savings as of Sept 1    \$1900.60

Total of accounts        \$4049.85

## **WOGBB Meeting minutes**

WOGBB Minutes of August general membership meeting

On August 18, 2013 my wife, Jackie and I hosted the August picnic meeting of the club at our farm here in the Violet Prairie in South Thurston County. Lots of food for everyone was followed by an abbreviated tour of some of the highlights of the prairie oriented farm improvements underway since the club last met here for a bird house building party several years ago. The weather was co-operative enough yet not too warm for the tour of the more open portions of the farm. Unfortunately the more than 3 miles of forest access roadways has remained off limits to ready vehicular access owing to the debris still remaining from the early 2012 ice storm which left over 400 trees down across these roadways. I apologize to those in following vehicles who had limited access to the interpretive narrative while traversing the farm. A special note to Steve Dazey---since the meeting my neighbors have completed installation of a modified Clemson diverter "beaver tricking" pond level control structure on the 8 acre beaver pond we share---Thanks, Steve, for putting us on the track to better live in harmony with our beaver friends. We are looking forward to see how this conservation improvement will permit a more harmonious relationship with our cherished wildlife cohabitants. Despite the temporary drawdown necessary to complete the construction, the pond remains a magnet for migrating shorebirds and waterfowl. Hopefully with the control structures in place we will in future years be able to maintain a significantly higher pond level throughout the dry summer months while directing normal outfall within the natural drainage basin of this pond

The formal meeting was called to order by Larry at 4:00. Treasurer's report and minutes of prior meetings were approved as previously published in the Pheasant Pen.

Show Chairman Craig reported on the preparations made for this year's Club participation at the Puyallup Fair, September 6-10. This year the Club will provide a display in the Animals of the World Hall, featuring the club's new display pens with what he anticipates will be more than adequate booth area allocated to the Club. Craig was excited with selection of 50 ounce "Singing Hills" artificial turf for the substrate for the pens replacing the old standby of sawdust shavings.

## WOGBB Meeting minutes (Cont)

Diane reported that she is closing in on providing an updated membership roster available through the web site. She also invited us to welcome new member Jeffrey C. Gunn of Seabeck....so welcome Jeffrey!!

As a further follow-up to the long discussed renewal of the Club's program of assisting members in getting volume price discounts for vinyl coated hex chicken wire, Craig moved for authorization to place a firm order for one pallet of the product at the most favorable source available to him. Diane seconded the motion and the motion duly passed. Members interested in stocking up on this incredible product at very favorable prices (bulk purchase cost) to our members should contact Craig as soon as possible.

Upcoming meetings were discussed---no changes from agenda's previously reported. Craig and Larry will report more details about the upcoming meetings at Woodland Park Zoo in September in the September Pen.

Reminder for the Utah Pheasant Society show date: Starting November 11. A number of our members do plan to attend again this year. Go to the Utah Pheasant Society web page for full details.

A reminder also that member Chris Maynard is having a special event at his home South of Olympia on September 14.

With no further business pressing, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Morgan, Secretary

## Classified

### For Sale or Trade

Crawford Kalij

Silvers

Red Golden

Yellow Golden

Green Mutant

Reeves Hens, will trade for  
two

Reeves Males

Valley Quail

Mexican Speckle

Chilean Tinamou

Old English Game

Barrad Rock

Black Sumatras

White Peacocks

Jim Morelli

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# September Meeting

Sunday, September 22nd 2:00 pm

## WOODLAND PARK ZOO

We have a group tour of the aviary facilities from 2:00 to 3:00 followed by a business meeting, than free time to explore the Zoo.

### Direction:

To attend the tour you'll enter thru the perimeter gate labeled "W4" near the ARC building at 2:00, We will start the tour from the ARC building. The entrance is located on Phinney Avenue N at approximately N 55th Street. The easiest way to do this is to approach the zoo traveling westward on N 50th Street (bottom edge of the map). At the southwest corner of the zoo, 50th actually curves to the right and becomes Phinney Avenue N (left edge of the map). The ARC building is located near the West Entrance.

### WOODLAND PARK ZOO



Call me if you have questions: Larry Clark 425-246-2551

# This & That On Keeping Peafowl

By Jane McPhee Simpson

My husband and I became involved in breeding peafowl back in the 1980s and purchased our first birds from a wonderful lady who had an advertisement in the *Gazette* classifieds. We have enjoyed our peafowl immensely and could not imagine life without experiencing the sights and sounds of these delightful birds on a daily basis. Peafowl are easy to keep and breed and our birds are quite pleasant and agreeable in their personalities. They shy away a bit if you approach them too closely, but become tamer and more trusting when offered food items by hand. In addition to commercial game bird feed, our birds love to eat scraps from the kitchen such as bread, fruits, and vegetables. They eagerly devour just about anything that is put out for them. The Indian Blue Peafowl and its mutations are quite cold hearty and remain outside year round, but the Greens are more sensitive to the cold and are kept inside a heated shed during the cold winter months. Our pens are relatively large, taking into account that the males have long tails and need ample space to turn around and walk about. Enough room is needed so they don't brush their tails against the sides of the pens or other objects which could damage the feathers. Perches are placed high enough so the train feathers do not touch the ground. Spring breeding season is always an exciting time, as the peacocks are frequently displaying and our hens usually begin laying eggs by the latter part of April. The average clutch size in our Blues has been about six eggs and we usually remove these and place them in an incubator. As eggs are taken, the hens show some displeasure by squawking and tensely walking about, but after a few hours they become resigned to the situation and settle down quite well. Before long, they have recycled and begin to lay again. Some of our hens have laid as many as three clutches. We sometimes let our hens sit on and hatch their own eggs. During the approximate 28 day incubation period, they may leave the nest about once a day or so to obtain food and water. Aside from the feed that we provide for them, they love to forage on plant materials, seeds, insects, or other items they find in their pens or out on the farm in the case of the free roaming birds. Chicks from the first clutch are reared in brooders in about the same way as our other pheasants. The diet for the chicks consists of game bird or turkey starter feed.



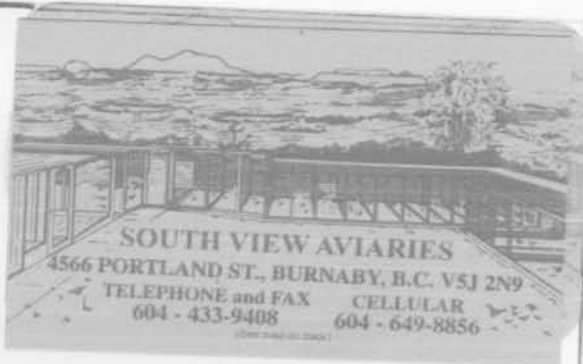


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## DUCKS

Smew	<del>250</del> 275
Goldeneye	100
Hooded Mergansers	100
Ruddy	90
Ring Teal	50
Bahama Pintails	30
Wood	30
MANDARIN	40

## WANTED

Austrailian Crested Doves  
CALIFORNIA QUAIL

## PHEASANTS

Saytr	200
Yellow Golden	50
Amherst	30
GOLDEN	30

## QUAIL

California Hens	25
Chuckars	25

## DOVES

Palm	<del>100</del> 50
White	10
Ringneck	8
LACENECK	75