

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

We had a lot of fun at last month's meeting, plenty of food and we went away with several starts of various types of bamboo. (see minutes for details).

It's spring fair time, from April 18th thru the 21st at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. It's an opportunity to show the public what are hobby is about and what pleasures our birds bring to us. This Fair is small enough that we can easily interact with the public and educate them on why we are so into our birds. We are always looking for more birds to exhibit and display.

If you are coming down to visit our display the Fairgrounds are open Thursday 2 -10 PM, Friday and Saturday 10 am to 10pm and Sunday 10am to 8 pm. Parking is free and if you exhibit and/or work the exhibit admittance is free. Please contact Craig in advance, if not it's \$10.00 for the day.

Contact Craig Holmes for more info at 206-300-0167.

Larry Clark



Treasurer's Report

Checking

Balance	3/1/13	\$2996.59
Deposits for dues		\$ 50.00
Transfer to savings		\$<150.00>
Checks Written (0)		\$ 0.00
Balance	3/31/13	\$2896.59

Savings

Balance	3/1/13	\$100.24
Transfer from savings		\$150.00
Interest		\$.06
Balance	3/31/13	\$1150.29

WOGBB Meeting minutes- March 17, 2013

The March general membership meeting was called to order at the home of Bob and Carol Dawson near Carnation in Eastern King County by President Larry Clark at 3:20 p.m., following an hour and 20 minutes of socializing and eating, giving an added allowance of time for stragglers to show. But the real fun for the day had started at noon with tours of the Dawson's Macaw Rescue and Sanctuary and the hundreds of parrots and other birds and critters finding sanctuary there and a most informative and educational "hands-on" demonstration of bamboo propagation techniques orchestrated by Bob and his eldest son, Joshua, a skilled professional bamboo enthusiast and propagator in his own right. Two thirds of those members present were sent home with literally as many newly potted bamboo plants of as many species as they wanted....and likely more than they had dreamed of securing---the other third declined owing to having arrived in vehicles unsuitable to the task of doubling as bamboo haulers. All I can say is that the Club and all who attended went away knowing that we are all very fortunate to have such gracious and giving members as Bob and Carol. Our hosts went beyond the "extra mile" again this year both with the variety of bamboo species---both clumping and running species---and with the opportunity to get us all hands-on experience in the process to help demystify bamboo propagation. Bignode, ground cover bamboos, clumper divisions and rhizome propagation. Wow. While the weather was certainly a wee bit nippy and damp that day, in fact the climatic conditions were perfect for the bamboo and the propagation processes being undertaken. Some of the taller plants were even given a coating of shrink wrap to keep them from being wind damaged on the way home. We will be looking forward to witnessing the fruits of the efforts that day when we tour our recipient member's aviaries in the months and years ahead.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as printed in the February Pheasant Pen.

Treasurer Steve Dazey had sent a verbal report with Larry Clark reporting that the balance of funds was \$3,996.

VP Craig Holmes again reported that the club web site was not down but was merely "hidden" or less visible than what would be optimal for access by non-techies (like most of the membership and all the officers).

There followed another discussion about the art showing February 2, 2013, at the Olympia Performing Arts Center featuring member Chris Maynard's feather art. We are all proud to count such a talented artist as Chris as a member and congratulate him on the wonderful public exposure his art gives to aviculture in the Pacific Northwest and nationally. Kudos again to Chris for his excellent and most creative artistry and exhibition of primarily undomesticated bird feather art.

WOGBB Meeting minutes- March 17, 2013 (Cont)

Craig updated us on the status of planning for the membership meetings and programs for the remainder of the year originally outlined in greater detail in the minutes of the January meeting. He reported that the November 17 meeting has been confirmed with reservations made at Cabela's at Lacey, just off I-5 in Thurston County. Craig will be confirming that member Chris Maynard will be able to anchor the meeting program with a private presentation of a program on his feather art.

For the August picnic meeting hosted by Bruce and Jackie Morgan at their Violet Prairie Plantation near Tenino, on Old Highway 99, between Exit 88, I-5 and Tenino, Craig agreed to follow up with Mike Hagan, of Culver, Oregon on the possibility of combining with our meeting a picnic gathering for the retired Washington State Department of Wildlife game farm managers. Mike had grown up living serially on a number of the WDFW game farms where his father worked as assistant manager. His father, long retired, now helps Mike care for his birds on his Northwest Upland Game Farm, Culver, Oregon. Mike reported that at least 5 or 6 of the former farm managers still kept in touch and that a get together of them all could be a real exciting prospect---and Club members could hear first hand of the glory days of the Game Farm Program and of the Foreign Game Bird Introduction Program which introduced to aviculture so very many pheasants, quail, partridge, and francolins the likes of which we will never see again.

Larry and Craig reported they were working to confirm the May meeting to be hosted by Brad Watts, Valley Nursery, at Silverdale on the Kitsap Peninsula.

Except as so noted the meeting and event schedule outlined in detail from the January meeting minutes looks like a go.but this also means that Craig and Larry will each be shouldering a heavy load to keep all the balls in the air and to make sure nothing falls through the cracks. Keep in touch and watch for notices of updates. And, please, folks, if you are moved to volunteer to help or to host or whatever, don't hesitate to call Craig or Larry and offer your assistance.

By the time these minutes are published in the Pen it will be shortly before the Puyallup Spring Fair, April 18-21. The club's participation at Spring Fair will again substitute for a formal meeting in April to encourage members to focus on helping Craig and Larry put together a respectable display. Contact Craig if you need free passes to the fair and are willing to commit birds and/or time to man the club booth. Bruce presented an interesting option of a new product---an artificial turf---with multiple layers of "grass" for possible use as an alternate substrate for the show pens. Evidently the sawdust historically used at the Puyallup Fair has been criticized as being aesthetically uninspired and messy.....and a primary issue with cleanup. Regular artificial carpet tends to mat and to show bird droppings and so has been deemed less than satisfactory. So, on motion duly made and passed, Craig was given budget authority to source some kind of carpet product, not to exceed \$500, in time for the Spring Fair.....perhaps even this "super turf" product.

More discussion regarding the vinyl coated chicken wire product.....Craig reported that members failed to come forth with a show of interest---this despite the fact that the prices he had sourced seemed to be a real useful benefit to members. Bruce mentioned that the product is now available from several sources to 7 foot tall, making it even more versatile for our aviary use.

Bruce shared his recent "discovery" of a publication of the State of Wisconsin ---not new but in its third revision---all about construction and use of artificial nest boxes for wildlife---templates, specs, great discussions and step by step instructions for many critters.....from ducks, to borrowing owls, barn owls, bats, bluebirds, swallows, etc.

The meeting adjourned by 4:00. Respectfully submitted, Bruce Morgan, Secretary

April Meeting

Wednesday, April 18th thru 21st

Puyallup Fair Grounds

There will be no business meeting this month but come on by someone from the club will be there during all open hours

We will be here!

April 18 - 21, 2013

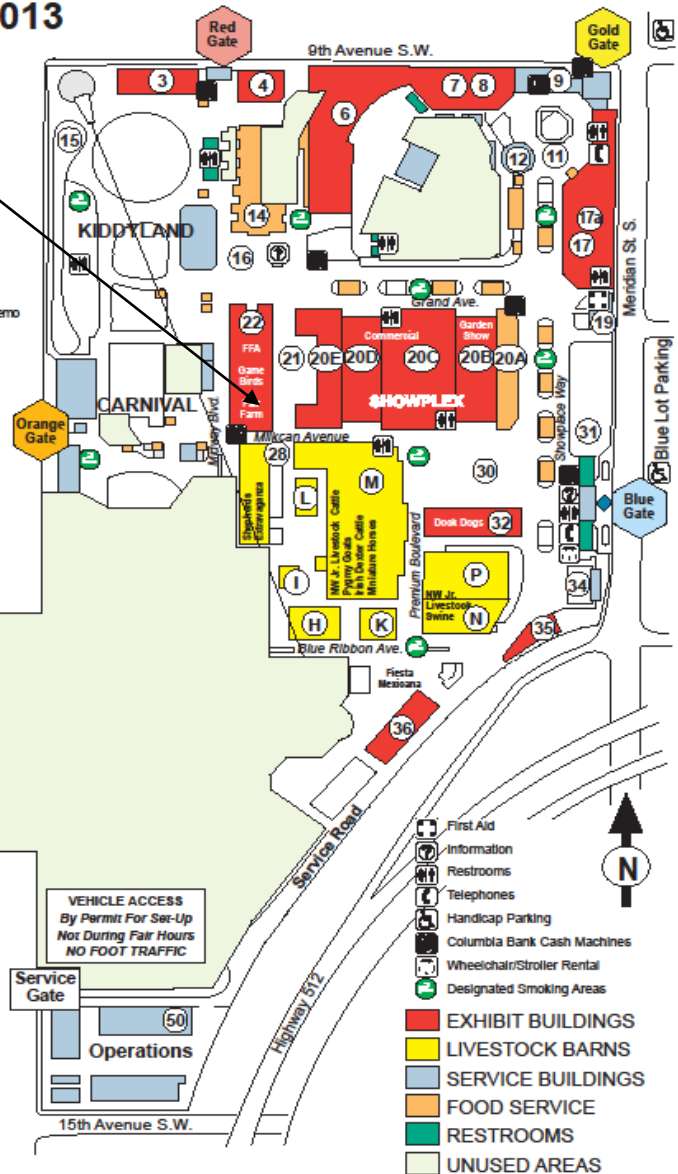


BUILDINGS & ATTRACTIONS

3. KidZone 2 - Kids Free Face Painting, Activities TBA
4. Oldfield Western Heritage Center
6. Grandstand - Monster Truck Show (Friday), Stampfest Demo Derby (Saturday/Sunday)
7. Expo Hall - Auto Alley, Racing Exhibits, Food, Wine and Microbrews
8. Administration Office (2nd Floor)
9. Ticket Sales, Monster Truck Show, Stampfest Demo Derby and Puyallup Fair Concert Series
11. Swiftly Swine Pig Races
12. Merry-Go-Round
14. Restaurant Building
15. Roller Coaster
16. Extreme Scream
17. Pavilion (1st Floor)
- 17a. Pavilion (2nd Floor)
19. First Aid and Washington State Patrol
- 20A. ShowPlex - Food Court
- 20B. ShowPlex - Garden Show & Stage
- 20C. ShowPlex - Commercial Exhibits and Spring Garden Garden Bldg
- 20D. ShowPlex - Commercial Exhibits
- 20E. ShowPlex - Artists in Action
21. Coca Cola Stage
22. Grand Marketplace - FFA Exhibits, Fair Farm, Game Birds
28. Tacoma / Pierce County Health Department
30. Blue Gate Plaza
31. Showplace Park
32. Centennial Bldg. - Dook Dogs
34. Showplace Stage
35. Fair Museum
36. Fiesta Mexicana
50. Operations Office

BARN & ARENAS

- H. Jr. Poultry Exhibit / NW Jr. Livestock Sheep
- I. Town & Country Arena 1
- J. Shepherd's Extravaganza
- K. Loading Arena
- L. Town & Country Arena 2
- M. Livestock Barn Complex
- N. NW Jr. Livestock Swine
- P. Large Show Arena



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