

Hello to all of our Bird Fair Vendors and Advertisers,

I hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to another successful RDCBS May Pet Bird Fair. Attached is the first view of this year's vendor offering. We also have been busy getting ready for our 35th Annual Pet Bird Fair to be held on May 25, 2024. 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.

We have updated the vendor signup online form. This form simplifies the process of submitting the forms and for tracking them. This year's pricing structure is \$90.00 for an empty 12x12 space. Tables and chairs will need to be ordered separately if required. Tables at a cost of \$10, chairs are free, but we still need to know in advance the number of chairs needed.

Many of you have donated to us in the past and we 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@cockatocreations.com

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

Sincerely,

Tim Quinlan

February 2024

TO: VENDORS, ADVERTISERS, & RAFFLE DONORS

FROM: PET BIRD FAIR COMMITTEE:

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

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024

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 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 2022 Bird Fair, allowed us to award three separate grants to help fund avian research and conservation projects.

LODGING:

Ramada
1502 Blue Ridge Road Raleigh, NC 27607
(919) 832-4100

Use Discount Code: GCBIRDFAIR24

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 \$90.00. Each Vendor will need to provide their own table and chairs, or order them separately. Tables cost of \$10 each. There is no cost for the chairs, but we need to have a count of the number required. Each table measures approximately 8ft. X 30 in. 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@cockatoo creations.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 24, 2024 and Saturday morning, May 25, 2024 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 advertisement 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 1st, 2024.**

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 vendor 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.