Dear Members of the National Cage Bird Show,

Your Board of Directors met at our 2026 event location, Crown Plaza in Louisville, KY. We all are very excited about the venue and we know you will love it also. Our event space is all on one hallway, so a stroll to the sale room, vendors, song canaries, judging benches, your hotel room and the parking lot is easy. The indoor pool is wonderful and the lobby has all kinds of seating places to meet up with friends.

First we reviewed the 2025 show and I am happy to say we made a small profit of $2,244 due to some very generous donations, great support from exhibitors and a good event contract. Exhibitors brought over 1500 birds to exhibit in Knoxville, TN. We had judges from 8 countries selecting the best birds in the United States. There were 12 birds exhibited in the Youth Division. We had designed a new youth judging plan and were very pleased with the judges' implementation. I hope you got a chance to see the birds our youth are breeding and exhibiting. I am impressed.

A beautiful Musk Lory shown by Rodngo &Rachael Flores was the winner of the Scannell Award for Best in Show and the Charlie Anchor Award for Best Foreign Bird. The American Singer took home the Best Song Canary and was shown by Laura & John Schwarof. Please check the NCBS.ORG website to see all the Higgins Award winners and photos from the show.

As the board started planning for 2026 NBS, excitement grew do to our new location and all the opportunities we have to socialize and share together. The hotel was just remodeled a couple of years ago so you will have updated rooms and facilities to enjoy. The spaces for our division benches are bright and airy. We will have a raffle, bird product vendors, bird sale room, and a new award for the under 40 exhibitors. We are planning to help you do some site seeing while you are in Louisville if you desire so plan to come to Louisville a day or two early. Room rates are $139 per night and the link to book your room is on the website. Information will be posted on our Facebook page and our website as the plans for the show get finalized. But as always feel free to call one of the board members or email us your questions or concerns.

Now it's your turn to make the 78th Annual National Bird Show successful for you and our community. Start breeding your birds, start planning your trip, and start volunteering to support the bird show community.

Laura Bewley

National Cage Bird Show President