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March 15, 2026

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 have got a chance to see the birds our youth are breeding and exhibiting. I am impressed!

A beautiful Musk Lory shown by Ro & 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 due 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 sightseeing 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 are finalized. But as always feel free to call one of the board members or email us with your questions or concerns.

Now it's your turn to make the 78<sup>th</sup> 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*

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March 14, 2026

Greetings NCBS Members!

Your National Board of Directors met earlier this month at the NEW show site and we are here to tell you that the facility is AMAZING!

Mark your calendars for November 19- 21, 2026 & program your GPS for the Crowne Plaza Hotel Airport Expo Center located at 830 Phillips Lane, Louisville KY 40209.

Remember the convenience of Pheasant Run where everything was located under ONE roof? This place has it all- free parking, a large bar & restaurant, free 24 hour shuttle to & from the airport, affordable room rates & the best part- *you don't have to pack up and drive to the show hall!* All birds- including song birds- will show under one convenient location! Our heartfelt thanks goes to the amazing duo of Bob Wild & John Muscato for their hard work & superior negotiating skills at securing us such a perfect venue for the hobby that we all love!

We plan on having an even larger Vendor Hall than ever before- so, if you have a favorite vendor that you would like to invite to participate in the event- please pass them my information. We are dedicated to making this the best show that you will not forget for years to come!

You may want to arrive a day early to take in all that Louisville is famous for. You can schedule a tour of one of the many distilleries nearby, visit the zoo, or what trip to Louisville wouldn't be complete without a tour of the famous Churchill Downs Racetrack? Speaking of the racetrack: Be sure to pack your best Derby Attire since you will not want to miss our themed banquet night dinner....."Chirphill Downs" costume contest in addition to other fun activities at the banquet.

We have a busy year ahead planning this amazing event & promise to keep you updated on our progress. Now your job is to get your birds ready, spread the excitement in your local clubs & Run for the Roses in our NEW location.....**Louisville Kentucky!**

Nancy Wilson  
NCBS Secretary



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**Vendor Tables can be purchased now.**

**\$100 per table (3days) Thursday through Saturday**



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**July 15, 2026**

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