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**2009 ALL AMERICAN HOOKBILL FAIR – AUGUST 29-30**

Anyone interested in birds will find what they need at the *2009 All-American Hookbill Fair*. Hear national speakers on birds in the wild and birds in your homes. Find birds, products and supplies to improve your bird's life. Support avian education with The Gateway Parrot Club.

The Gateway Parrot Club announces the 2009 edition of The *All-American Hookbill Fair* and Seminar, August 29 – 30, at the Machinists' Hall District 9 Building, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd. Bridgeton, MO 63044.

This family-oriented event has vendors from across the country with birds, cages, toys, accessories, diets, and everything the bird, or bird owner, might need or want.

Education is the Club's mission, and there will be local and national speakers addressing everything from the health and behavior of our own pets to how to make safe toys for your birds. Guest speakers include:

- **Irene Pepperberg of the Alex Foundation**
- **Lisa Rose, Parrot Behaviorist**
- **Dr. David Kersting, DVM**
- **Carole Grommet – Bird Toy Workshop**
- **Sandy Warren, Cockatiel Exhibitor**

*All seminars are free with Fair admission.*

This year The Gateway Parrot Club celebrates its 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary with the 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the *All-American Hookbill Fair*. Doors open at 10:00 AM both days. On Saturday the vendor floor closes at 5:00 PM. Visitors can join vendors, speakers, and Club members for a buffet dinner Saturday evening. Pre-registration through the website or by contacting club members below is required for dinner. Cost is \$15.00. Activities culminate Sunday at 4:00 PM with auction and raffle drawings for all sorts of bird materials.

Admission each day is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 6 through 12.

Visitors will find detailed schedule information for all events and seminars at our website, [www.GatewayParrotClub.org](http://www.GatewayParrotClub.org).

Media outlets requiring additional information, photos, interviews with Club members or guest speakers, should contact:

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**New this year!**

This year the Gateway Parrot Club will also host a Cockatiel Show where owners and breeders exhibit their cockatiels to be judged on their type and class of cockatiels. This is something new and exciting for the Gateway Parrot Club. For more information about the Cockatiel Show, contact Sandy Warren at 618-843-1460 or [yduckie21@yahoo.com](mailto:yduckie21@yahoo.com).

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The Gateway Parrot Club, Inc. is a not for profit organization established in 1988.

Our goals are:

- To bring people together in a friendly atmosphere promoting interest in bird care and education.
- To reduce neglect and abuse of captive birds through public education and outreach.
- To increase awareness of the danger of extinction in the wild.
- To improve domestic bird care and responsible breeding through monthly programs and annual bird fairs.