

Squawk 'n Talk

April 2020

GATEWAY PARROT CLUB
APRIL 19th MEETING IS
CANCELLED

Nurse Mia says stay
home and scritch
your birdies.





*The parrots of the world have
lost one of their biggest fans.
Georgia, you will be
greatly missed.*

*Rest in Peace
Georgia Fletcher*

Sharing some tributes from a few of Georgia's many friends:

"Aviculture lost a dear and wonderful friend"

"Georgia was a light to many and a dear friend of mine"

"Georgia was a mentor to me, one of the most giving of herself, kindest and loyal friends who was loved by so many"

"When Georgia met all her birds that crossed the Rainbow Bridge before her, I know they were all singing her their welcome home songs "

"I'm going to miss her take charge attitude at parrot club meeting and her infinite parrot wisdom."

"Georgia was often my birdie encyclopedia. I will miss bothering her with my 18 million questions about birds."

"I do feel blessed that I met and got to know her."

"She had a heart of gold for parrots and people"

Georgia Fletcher was an integral member of the following aviculture organizations:

- Gateway Parrot Club, recently retired President
- American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) - Board Member and Director, South Central Region
- National Parrot Rescue and Preservation Foundation (NPRPF)
- Quaker Parakeet Society (QPS), Secretary
- Aviculture Society of America
- The Cavalry Group
- Member of several parrot clubs in Missouri, Illinois and Kansas

Born and raised in St. Louis, Georgia's dedication to aviculture took her across the country and back again. She attended all of the annual American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) conferences since 2000. In August of 2019, Georgia was honored and received the "Lifetime Membership Award" from AFA. It is awarded to members who go the extra mile within the organization. She was a dedicated board member and made sure she was present or on conference call for all board meetings.

Georgia also attended all but two of the annual NPRPF Parrot Festivals in Houston since 1998. Despite being very ill, she flew to Houston this past January to see her friends and attended what would be her last annual parrot festival.

Georgia was the Practice Manager of Bissonnette Southampton Veterinary Clinic in Houston before moving back to St. Louis in 2000. She worked at Bird Medicine and Surgery in Chesterfield for four years, leaving there to pursue her own business specializing in responsible parrot breeding, bird supplies, toys and food.

She officially retired a few years ago and enjoyed time with her human and bird families. She always talked about her two Moluccan cockatoos, Preacher Man and Mazolla, both wild caught and both well over 50 years old. Rosie is a 40-year old wild caught White Front Amazon. Joseph, Hawk Head Parrot, is approximately 20 years old. Max, her Blue and Gold Macaw, is also around 20. Larry Bird is a beautiful Mealy Amazon approximately 10 years old.

In the last couple of years she enjoyed her small flocks of canaries and finches. Even while in hospice care at her daughter's house, a canary was there to serenade her. She also took in birds that were hard to place. Each of Georgia's beloved parrots and finches have been placed in wonderful homes.

She loved her breeding birds who kept her entertained and frequently spent more of their time amusing her than breeding. She also fostered and rehomed many parrots through the years. Many of the birds were hard to place, but she was successful in finding homes and helping new owners adjust to the challenges.

Georgia was never shy to share her knowledge of parrot care with those who wanted to learn. Her enthusiasm and generosity will be greatly missed by many in the avian community.