



CCCBC Hosts The 13th Annual October Bird Mart



Sunday, October 20 2019

Stanislaus Agricultural Center
Harvest Hall
3800 Cornucopia Way
Corner of Service Rd and Crows Landing Road
Modesto, CA 95358
Admission \$3 for adults
Kids under 14 and seniors over 75 are free

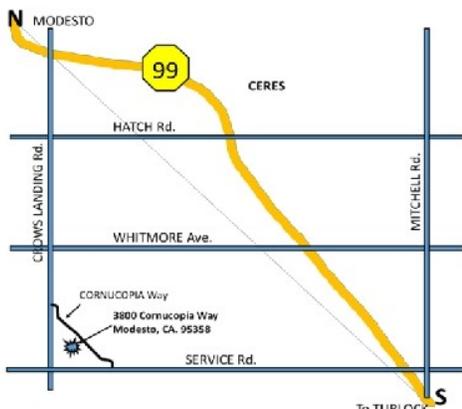
Please join us as members bring in the birds they've raised to sell. Our mini marts are a lot of fun for the whole family. Maybe hundreds of birds and bird accessories. Toys, cages, Volkman Seed and more.

Wait, there's more

We have a RAFFLE! And it's a humdinger! Prizes are donated by members and everyone gets to play. 3 tickets for \$1.

Call, text, or email Julie Faria, Bird Mart Manager
209 648 3323, mjfaria1722@yahoo.com For more information

MEMBERS! Let Julie know what birds you're bringing so we can spread the word.



Our 13th Annual Mart

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLUB



2018 was a disastrous year for CCCBC. We lost the show. Other setbacks. No one wants to be an officer. [A few valiant people are holding it together and trying ways to save it.](#)

Many changes have been made out of necessity. Meetings were cancelled because no one came.

THEN WE HAD THE AUGUST MINI MART

It was small but grew during the day. Members sold birds and a lot of people came and had a wonderful time. Janna, Julie and I had a good time.

This was our reason for starting the bird mart in the first place. To provide a place where local bird people could sell their birds, have a good time, and meet other bird people.

After the mart Janna, Julie and Terese (JJT) talked about the wonderful ambiance of the mini mart. It was fun! We had great birds and great people. It has been very stressful for us and now this was fun.

We decided this is what we want to do. To be a bird mart club for the local breeders . It will be less work and more fun ... and hopefully more people will join in to make it happen. This is the first time we didn't have to do all the work.

Yes, right now most decisions are being made by Janna, Julie and Terese, with some member input. Because there is no one else to do it. If you want to have a say, please come to the October Bird Mart and experience what's possible..

Our last mini mart was fun, easy, happy, busy, and satisfying for us, and everyone. It was the most relaxed, productive, and helpful event we've had in a long time. We hope some of our lost members will come back and sell at the October mart.

So we're going to go down this path and see what happens. We want happy.

Terese Davis

WHERE WE ARE NOW

Janna



In order to explain how the CCCBC has evolved I feel we need to begin with some history: Over the last decade there has been a division of interest in our club between the folks who Show their birds and the folks who help set up, take down, and finance the Show. Several years ago the Worker group created a mini bird mart during the Show to help with the extreme financial burden the Show placed on the club, which was borne especially by the Show people. When our Show was unexpectedly cancelled in October 2018, the folks interested in Showing and some of the workers, left. The struggle to rebuild began.

It felt as if everything dissolved, and the Club with 81 members was left with less than a dozen members actively participating. It became unreasonable to hold meetings in expensive rented space, as well as to hold open meetings in private homes. We voted to continue being the CCCBC, and it became our mission to find a way.

With support from Naomi, we became the three person directorate; Janna, Julie, and Terese. We tried unsuccessfully to revive the Show until we realized we three are strong bird breeder Mart folk. We revived our past concept of Buy-Sell-&-Trade, and set out to create and support a family of hobby-breeder members interested in providing healthy birds

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for the interested public as well as educating them to bird care. Our first Mart on our new agenda was August 18th. We were a little short on the number of member-sellers because of outside scheduling conflicts, and this is what happened:

When our doors opened for sales we discovered a line of buyers waiting to get in. They streamed in steadily all day long; we lost count at well over 110 people. Most left holding travel cages loaded with their new purchases, but more significant to us was the atmosphere in the room. Groups of buyers were milling together talking birds, laughing, trading stories, sitting together drinking coffee. A giggle of little girls from various families bonded over the raffle. One of the member-sellers said, "I love coming to these marts. It's different here. Everybody is so friendly." We felt we'd found our niche.

Near the end of the day I realized that this was one of the best club ! meetings I'd ever been to.

On Labor Day weekend we gathered in Sonora Fairgrounds to support the Gold Country club's Budgie Show and Mart. Our club paid the entrance fee for all of our participating member-sellers, and provided prizes for ticket-drawings, all proceeds donated to our host club. We

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passed out flyers for our October Mart to an enthusiastic crowd. Every CCCBC member who attended sold birds, and by the end of our lunch break, several of our cages were empty: sold out. We felt as if we did well in competition with many large commercial sellers, yet we missed the friendly family hobby-breeder spirit of our home town group.

We all feel good about what we have accomplished, but we need more members to participate by selling their birds at our Marts as well as setting up tables early, and staying around afterward to sweep up seed. It isn't a great investment of time considering the many hours put into organizing the events. Seven people have been consistently doing all that work. Their average age is "well above retirement," and we know it can't continue at this pace forever.

Our small yearly membership fee, due each February, now pays table space at all four marts. Parking is free.

We hope to see you in October,

Janna

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Membership Renewal New Membership

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Janna Place
1900 Clemson Ct
Turlock, CA 95382

Meetings are held on the third Sunday of the month. (June held on 2nd Sun)

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