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## November Speaker

**Rebecca  
O'Connor**

*Acclaimed Author and Bird Professional*

**November 9, 2013**

**Salt Lake County Complex  
2001 So. State, Room N 1100**

**Salt Lake City**

**7:00 pm**



<http://rebeccakoconnor.com/>



## President's Message

**H**appy November everyone, that wonderful time of year when the leaves are changing and so are the belt lines. Oh yeah, bring on the turkey (just do not tell the parrots that I dig roasted bird). Let's not forget the pie, though.

Not only am I looking forward to Thanksgiving, I am also really looking forward to our speaker this month. I think that we are going to have a great experience.

We have the great pleasure of having the author of the best-selling book, *A Parrot for Life: Raising and Training the Perfect Parrot Companion*; *Lories & Lorikeets and Finches* for TFH; and the acclaimed falconry memoir *Lift*. That's right, we have Rebecca K. O'Connor coming to speak with us.

Ms. O'Connor is not only an accomplished author, but is also a well-known falconer, and has trained birds professionally in zoos and private facilities around the United States and abroad. She has kept parrots personally for over 30 years, and is a nationally known parrot behaviorist. She is working on her new book (I cannot wait for it to come out) *The Perfectly Trained Parrot: Fun and Positive Methods for Taming, Socializing, Trick Training, and Solving Behavior Problems*.

I am sure that we are all interested in what we can learn from Ms. O'Connor, and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

*Heidi Shelton-Grimes*



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## Carbon Monoxide

***It's that time of year...WAES reminds you, please, take precautions to protect your precious pets.***

<http://www.birdsafe.com/household.htm>

Carbon monoxide is the "silent killer." It is an odorless, tasteless gas given off by fuel-fired appliances. It kills by displacing oxygen in the lungs. Since birds breathe so many times faster than we do -- up to 45 times a minute, and the fact that their lungs allow them to take in oxygen, or lack of oxygen, on both inhale and exhale, it is vitally important that they not be exposed to carbon monoxide.

The number one preventative action you can take is to have your fuel-fired appliances checked regularly for proper flame adjustment. This includes your furnace, hot water heater, gas dryer, gas stove/oven, gas fireplace. Any fuel-fired heaters, such as kerosene heaters, or propane heaters (Mr. Heater and the like), SHOULD NOT BE USED in a home with birds. There are many safe electric substitutes on the market should be used instead.

Secondly, install carbon monoxide detectors in you home, one in each room with a fuel-fired appliance. Purchase and install detectors that have a digital readout starting from ZERO. This is important. While most carbon monoxide detectors won't sound an alarm until it reads around 30 parts per million of carbon monoxide in the air, this might be too late for your birds. By knowing constantly what the level is in your home you might save your birds' lives. A house will generally normally have 2 to 3 parts per million. This is due to the normal combustion of pilot lights and just general introduction of carbon monoxide in the atmosphere. If you notice the reading starting to climb at any time, say if it nears 10 parts per million, you should start opening the house up and airing it out to see if that lowers the reading. Remember, there are atmospheric conditions, particularly if you live near high traffic areas, where the CO level may be higher OUTSIDE your home, so carefully watch the reading as you open the windows. If the readings go down after opening the windows, close up the house again and see if the reading rises again. If it does contact your local gas company or local fire department as a NON-EMERGENCY, and state that you may have a carbon monoxide problem. They will be able to help you determine the source.

## ALPHABET SOUP

What the letters mean:

**BFA**  
Blue Fronted Amazon

**BGM**  
Blue & Gold Macaw

**BCC**  
Blue Crown Conure

**CAG**  
Congo African Grey

**DYH**  
Double Yellow  
Headed Amazon

**GCC**  
Green Cheeked conure

**G2**  
Goffins Cockatoo

**LCA**  
Lilac Crown Amazon

**M2**  
Moluccan Cockatoo

**MM**  
Military Macaw

**JC**  
Jenday Conure

**NC**  
Nanday Conure

**OWA**  
Orange Wing Amazon

**Q**  
Quaker

**SC**  
Sun Conure

**SM**  
Severe Macaw

**SIE**  
Soloman Island Eclectus

**U2**  
Umbrella Cockatoo

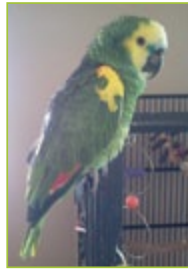
**YCM**  
Yellow Collared Macaw

**YNA**  
Yellow Naped Amazon

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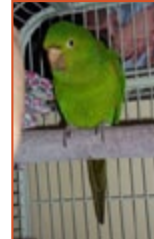
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**Figaro**  
BFA



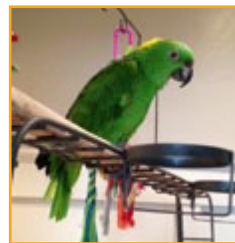
**Pretty Bird**  
YNA



**Casey**  
White-Eyed Conure



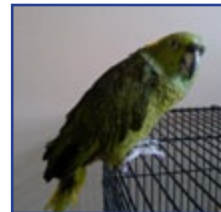
**Spirit & Petey**  
NC Pair



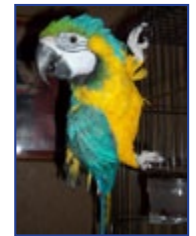
**Nicci**  
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**Paco**  
Green-Cheeked  
Amazon  
(red-headed)



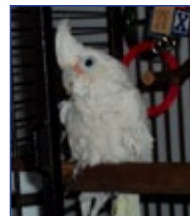
**Tico**  
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**Rio**  
BGM



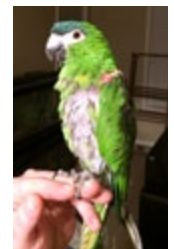
**Samson**  
U2



**Scooby Doo**  
G2



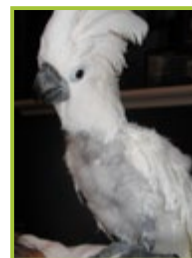
**Buddy**  
U2



**Iggy**  
Hahn's Macaw

**Photos Coming Soon**  
**Beaker**  
U2

**Photos Coming Soon**  
**Cleo**  
M2  
(medical hold)



**Molly**  
U2



**Riley**  
Cockatiel



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November 9, 2013 - November  
WAES Meeting

Rebecca O'Connor-Animal Trainer

December 14, 2013- December  
WAES Meeting

Election and Christmas Party



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