

**Avalon Aviary is pleased to announce that our classes and events are starting up again.**

Note: All classes and events have limited seating, so please reserve your seat as soon as possible!

**1. Toy Making Workshop**

**Who should attend:**

- Anyone who wants to make their own bird toys from scratch or by re-using pieces of used toys.

**Who is presenting:**

- Barry Schneider, owner of Bizzy Birdy Playthings
- Susanne Cochran, owner of Avalon Aviary Bird Store

**Some things you will learn:**

- What are the different types of toys for enriching your bird's life
- How to select the right types/styles/sizes of toys for your bird(s)
- How to identify safe and unsafe toy materials, dyes and toys
- What common household materials are safe for birds to play with
- Lots of ideas and practical tips for using different materials
- Sources for different materials
- What are the proper tools for building toys and how to use them
- Tips to overcome "creative block" and why "homemade" toys are important

**What's included:**

- A customized parts kit for your personal workshop toy making, based on your bird's size
  - o The toys made from your kit are yours to take home for your bird(s)
    - small birds - parts for making 3 toys
    - medium birds - parts for making 2 toys
    - large birds - parts for making 1 toy
- A gift bag with lots of goodies
- A contest with prize for the toy voted "most fun toy made during the workshop"
- Helpful handouts
- A nice break with snacks and drinks
  - o Note that lunch is NOT provided, however, there is a great Chinese restaurant close by

**Format:**

- A 4 hour interactive workshop led by experts to share knowledge, insights and experience, as well as to answer your questions
  - o Access to tools for use during the workshop
  - o Additional parts will be available for you to purchase during the workshop
- Plenty of time to make your toys and see what everyone else is making with open discussion
- A wonderful, creative, fun time with fellow bird-lovers

**When:**

- Saturday, August 4th. 9am - 1pm

**Where:**

- Avalon Aviary Bird Store, 3408 N Garfield Ave, Loveland, CO 80538

**What to bring:**

- Just yourself and a pen.
- Please DO NOT bring your bird(s) to this event.

**Registration: \$37. Options for registering:**

- Call Avalon Aviary Bird Store at 970 663-5004. Be prepared with the names of the attendees, your phone number and email address, the kind of bird you want to build toys for, and any special questions you have that you would like answered in the workshop. We can take your credit card on the phone.
- Alternatively, you can email us back this information, but we prefer that you call us with your credit card so that isn't sent in email (emailing credit card information is always risky).
- If you are in our store, you can register in person.

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**2. Birdie Brunch – A fun social time for you and your bird!****Who should attend:**

- Anyone who has a bird and would like to socialize with other bird people, or socialize their bird with other people
- Anyone who is thinking about getting a bird, to talk with bird people and meet some birds

**What to expect:**

- A fun social time for you and your bird – people talk, birds squawk
- Bagels, fruit, veggies and water for the birds
- Bagels, fruit, veggies, coffee, tea, juice and water for the people

**When:**

- The first Sunday of each month, starting Sunday August 5th, 11am – 1pm

**Where:**

- Avalon Aviary Bird Store, 3408 N Garfield Ave, Loveland, CO 80538

**What to bring:**

- You can bring your bird to the brunch if it is healthy and has been to the vet within the last year.
  - o If you bring your bird, please bring a copy of his or her vet check
  - o if possible, bring something for your bird to sit on during the brunch.
- You do not HAVE to bring a bird, you are welcome to just come and socialize with bird owners.

**Registration: \$10. Options for registering:**

- Call Avalon Aviary Bird Store at 970 663-5004.
  - o Be prepared with the names of the attendees, your phone number and email address, the kind of bird you want to build toys for, and any special questions you have that you would like answered in the workshop. We can take your credit card on the phone.
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**PLEASE NOTE:** We will soon be scheduling modules of our seminar series "21st Century Bird Care", along with species workshops, special guest speaker classes and other fun activities. To receive these invitations, along with informative articles and notices of sales, you will need to officially "join" our new email list. To "join" you will need to click a link in the email I send you next week, otherwise you will not receive emails from us. Watch out for this email so you don't miss out on the fun, information and special sales!