

## **UPCOMING SONG TRAINING SESSIONS**

Whether you plan to show your timbrados or not, song training will produce better, more valuable singers! Training sets them up to succeed as show birds, breeders, or pets because it makes them more comfortable around people and more confident singers... A fellow breeder friend of mine said it this way: "We all train our birds; some of us train them to succeed as the best, most confident singers they can be, others of us train them to fail as shy singers with incomplete songs." How do we set them up to succeed?

When I have extra song trained birds at the end of the season, they sell themselves. Those who want to adopt one sit at my dining room table as I stage them at the other end of the table in groups or individually and they audition for the potential new owner. All sing within a minute and it makes it a great experience for the buyer and for me because I can give them the bird with the song that is the best match for them.

As far as competition goes, an untrained bird will be shy and won't sing or won't sing his full song for the judge and the breeder wastes a golden opportunity to get a judge's opinion on his efforts...

## **TWO SONG TRAINING SESSIONS: TEXAS and CALIFORNIA**

**Join Us for Texas Training Session #2: "What Now?"**

**When? Saturday, September 12, 2009**

**Where? Kookaburra Bird Shop, LLC**

**1845 East Frankfort Rd.**

**Carrollton, TX 75007**

**972-492-0841 or toll free 1-800-492-8220**

**What Time? We will begin at 11:00 AM and end at 2:00 PM, light refreshments will be included.**

**What will be covered? We will be covering what to do with your birds during the last few weeks before a show. Any last minute questions will be answered as well as a demonstration so that hopefully all questions will be answered so that our next show will be a total success!**

**What will it cost? We will be charging a nominal fee of \$10.00 per person/family in order to help pay for the room. Please do not let this fee hold you back from attending this very informative session.**

**We will also have the book "El Gran Tenor" available at this meeting. It is a great source of information regarding our Spanish Timbrado Canaries.**

**Questions? Please contact Patty Roberts: [probe61196@msn.com](mailto:probe61196@msn.com)**

### **West Coast Training Session**

**Join Us for a First-Ever California Song/Contest Training Session: "From the Basics of Song Training to Contest Training for the Big Day"**

**When? Saturday, September 12, 2009**

**Where? At the home of Sebastian Vallelunga, USTF President, in San Francisco, CA**

**Address and directions will be provided when you make your reservation**

**What Time? We will begin at 1 PM and continue for about 2 hours, light refreshments will be included**

**What will be covered? We will start with a brief overview of the benefits of song training and continue on to training techniques and strategies for contests, getting ready for contest day and what to bring to a show, the final finishing of a bird for the show and the new use of the staging or judging**

cabinet at the contest. You'll be able to see a cabinet in use and get a close look at how one is put together.

What will it cost? This event is free, but contests are expensive to run and your donations will be much appreciated.

The book *El Gran Tenor* is a great source for information on song and contest training and will serve as a supplemental textbook for the event. Although it is not required, it may be a good idea to order an e-copy at the USTF website, print it, and bring the training sections (Chapter 4: How Timbrados Sing and Appendix 1: Codex of the Spanish Timbrado Song Canary) with you: <http://spanishtimbrao.us>

Some hard copies will be available for sale at the session.

Reservations: Please contact Sebastian by Thursday, September 10, 2009 at [sebastian.vallelunga@shcp.edu](mailto:sebastian.vallelunga@shcp.edu) to let him know you will be coming so he can prepare enough food, drink, handouts. Thank you!

Questions? Please contact Sebastian at [sebastian.vallelunga@shcp.edu](mailto:sebastian.vallelunga@shcp.edu) or call (415) 239-5675

## PAST SONG TRAINING SESSION

The Song Training Session held on 5/2/2009 was a great success, and more will follow! The details on this session are found below. Future sessions will be publicized right here, so keep an eye out.



Left to right: Gisela Behgooy, USTF Vice-President, and Patty Roberts, USTF Treasurer and Judges Panel Chief. Patty lead this first training session.

Continued below...





**Patty's class.**

**Training Your Spanish Timbrado for a Show  
Training Session Available  
with Patty Roberts**

Have you been looking at the book *El Gran Tenor* or at our website at <http://www.spanishtimbrado.us> and been totally overwhelmed with training your birds for a show? I know I have and I thought this might be a useful training session that others could use on preparing your birds for a show.

One of the many nice things about offering your home to the Judges while they are in town is that you get to talk “birds” with them! A couple of years ago I mentioned I was leaving some of the bird’s home from the show because they would not sing for me. He asked if I minded him training them as well as me. I said surely not! Those birds did not go to that show with me, but I was able to take them to another show later in the season. What I learned is this.....I can be *told* something, but sometimes being *shown* the same thing I was told makes all of the difference. I want to share with you what I was shown during that time. I believe it will make a huge difference in how well your birds will perform during a show.

When????

Saturday, May 2, 2009

11:00 AM till 2:00 PM

Light Refreshments will be available

Where????

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Carrollton, TX 75007

PH: 972-492-0841

How much????

We are not asking for a fee; however we would not turn down your donations to offset any costs for doing this demonstration. Kookaburra Bird Shop has offered one of their rooms in their store for us to hold our training session. Any donations we receive will be split with the store. While you are there, you may want to browse the store and stock up on items you may need at a discount. We will also have a song cage available for auction that is being donated by our member, Sara Palmer in Florida. There are cages available for purchase by internet order (see the link on the USTF Website Homepage).

**We are considering a similar training session to be held in California in the coming months, date, time, and location: TBA.**