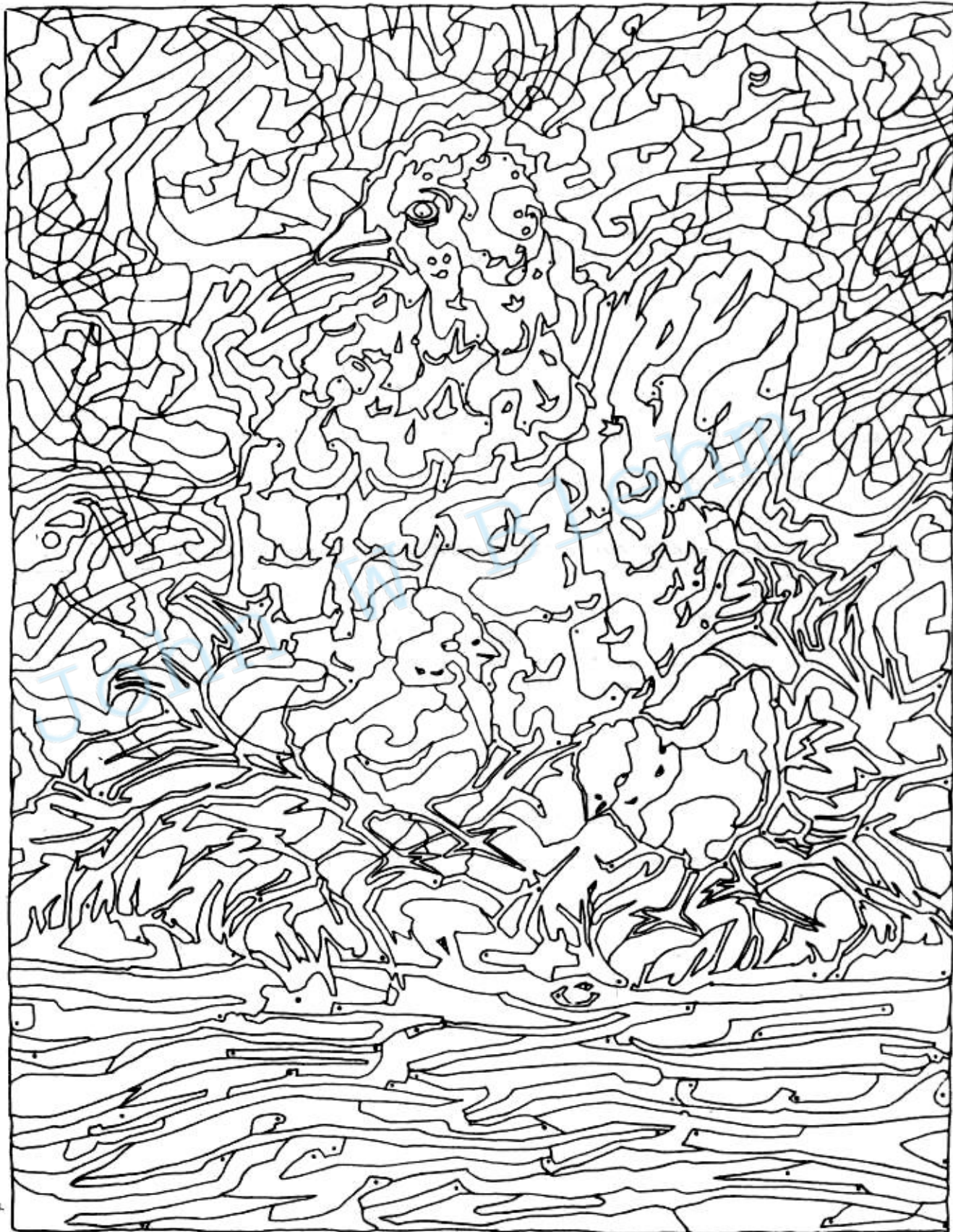


# PICTURE MAZE

by Jessica Clerk

To solve, simply blacken in with a pencil or pen all of the shapes below that contain a dot. We think you'll like what you see when you've finished!

Solution is on page 58.



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Ameraucana Breeders Club  
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Rx: Get Some Chickens

Wife: What have you been doing out in the backyard all this time?

Husband: Nothing.

We could easily reverse the roles in this little episode, but the outcome would be the same. One family member cannot understand the apparent fascination, while the other is frustrated by the lack of understanding by the spouse. If this sounds familiar in regard to being "involved" with poultry, do not feel that you are alone in this regard. As a matter of fact, join the crowd.

How do you explain the overall feeling of well being, the peace and tranquility, the sheer sense of relaxation you derive from just a period of time sitting, observing and admiring your birds? If the person is really not "into" poultry, you might be wasting your time even trying. Some years ago I read a reply to the eternal question: "What were you doing out there?" The fellow answered his wife by saying: "I was watching the fine points develop." If you would care to use this reply rather than say "nothing", please do so with my blessing.

In a previous bulletin I mentioned scientific study of the relationship between people and their pets. The study documented the results of the calming effect that pets had upon folks lucky enough to have had them. In the presence of their pets, the people had less tension and anxiety along with a measured lessening of heartbeat and blood pressure. While this may have been news to the scientists involved, I suspect that any poultry fancier could have predicted the results of the study with accuracy. This study was followed up by introducing pets into hospitals and into homes for the aged with similar results.

Carrying this phenomenon a step further, it has now been reported that this feeling of well being, or happiness has a positive effect upon the immune system, resulting in improved health and in some instances sustained for several days. If chicken soup has been a traditional panacea (also known as Jewish penicillin) or cure all down through the ages, then maybe it isn't really necessary to slaughter the bird to benefit from it. Maybe you could just sit out back and watch the fine points develop. Have you hugged your chicken today?

Two important items: First, we have a club election coming up this fall. If you would like to serve the club and run for any of the elective offices, please let your club secretary know right away. Our Election Commissioner will again be Bernard "Pop" Kellogg, who has served in this capacity since the club was established and has always done an excellent job. Second, if you would like to provide an award for our upcoming National Meet, please contact V.P. Mike Gilbert immediately. W5171 Baker Rd., Holmen, WI 54636.

Don Cable  
On The Road

## FROM THE HILLS OF WESTERN WISCONSIN

My wife, who is definitely not a chicken fancier but generally quite understanding about my affliction, recently took a three-day trip to visit some relatives in another state. She had never done this before in our 29 years of marital bliss, so she handed me a list of "do's and dont's" just before she drove off. The list was about what could be expected - except for one rather unusual instruction. "Don't look in the box under our bed," she made me promise. "No problem," I said.

After a day or two, however, I couldn't stand it any longer and took a peek. Imagine my surprise when I saw that the box contained an egg carton with three eggs in it! And under that - about \$3,500. in small bills!

When Mary returned, she must have noticed that I was acting a little strange (even more so than usual) and confronted me. "You looked in the box, didn't you!"

"Yes," I had to confess, "but why on earth are you keeping three eggs under the bed?"

"Well," she replied, "since we have been married, every time you do something really stupid I take one of your eggs and put it in the carton."

At this point, I'm thinking - only three times in 29 years is NOT too bad! "But what about the money?", I ask, "where did it come from?"

"Every time I collect a dozen, I sell them," she says.

On the serious side of things, we have a nice list of specials for the national meet coming up in September. Any late specials offered will be given away at our third annual Ameraucana trivia contest. Hopefully the awards will consist of choices of cash, breeding stock, and other merchandise. Now if we could only get those young birds to grow and feather a little faster! We hope to see many of you there; I've heard the Illini show is extra special.

I recently learned of a nonmember who was disappointed that his Ameraucana bantam hens did not have the required red earlobes, but all his males did! He felt his hens could never win in the shows because of this problem. Flabbergasted, I sent word that he should read the BREED description, rather than the individual variety descriptions that call for red earlobes. The breed description indicates that the female earlobes will be PALE, which is the way they should be. Jeannette and Don - did we take care of this in the proposed standard revisions? I hope so, if not maybe we can get it incorporated before the revised standard is printed. I wonder if any of the judges are confused over this issue?

Summer, 1994

"Delight yourself in the Lord, and  
He will give you the desires of  
your heart." Psalm 37:4

OFFERING the following Ameraucana stock on or after the weekend of September 17-18. Will deliver to Illini show (national meet), or will ship, but shipping and container extra. Most birds will be show quality. Reasonable prices.

**Large Fowl**

White: 3 cockerels, 2 pullets, 1 hen (should be extra nice)  
Black: 1 cockerel, 1 pullet (from Meredith bloodline)  
Blue: 1 cockerel, 1 black pullet (a mating)  
Birchin: 1 cockerel, 1 pullet (cockerel not laced)

**Bantams**

Black: 1 pullet (rest have been sold)  
Wheaten: several young pairs (not all will be fully grown)  
Buff: 2 trios (breeding quality)  
Blue-wheaten: 1 hen, 1 pullet (mate with wheaten males)  
Brown-reds: all have been sold

We also have some extra quality bantams to share in Buff Brahma, Silver Penciled Rock, and Silver Laced Wyandotte. Most will be show quality, as we cull quite severely.

PLEASE READ: All birds offered will be healthy, viable stock. We breed for vitality and natural immunity to the common poultry "colds", therefore all birds have been exposed to some of these at an early age and overcome them. Though themselves healthy, these birds could possibly be "carriers"; therefore you may wish to isolate or integrate them slowly and carefully with your own flock. We do not vaccinate, but have had no problem with Laryngo or Newcastle. All birds will have tested negative for pullorum/typhoid.

Contact M.K. Gilbert, W5171 Baker Road, Holmen, WI 54636  
or phone (608)857-3386 evenings or weekends



HELLO FROM WISCONSIN! MY NAME IS MATT BERG AND I AM A JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION. I AM 16 YEARS OLD AND LIVE IN A RURAL AREA NEAR THE TOWN OF WEST SALEM WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF ABOUT 2500 PEOPLE. I AM A JUNIOR

AT WEST SALEM HIGH SCHOOL. AS I SAID, I LIVE IN THE COUNTRY WITH MY PARENTS AND SISTER, WHO ATTENDS COLLEGE AT UW--RIVER FALLS. MY DAD WORKS FOR THE DHIA--DAIRY HERD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION IN OUR COUNTY AND MY MOTHER IS A CSR/INSURANCE AGENT. I HAVE A PART TIME JOB ON A NEARBY DAIRY FARM HELPING WITH MORNING AND NIGHT CHORES.

I FIRST STARTED GETTING INTERESTED IN POULTRY WITH THE HELP OF OUR COUNTY 4-H AGENT AND MIKE GILBERT. I HAVE GOTTEN MOST OF MY SHOW BIRDS FROM ONE OR THE OTHER. AT PRESENT, I DO NOT HAVE AN ALL SEASON FACILITY TO KEEP MY BIRDS, BUT I KEPT SOME IN THE GARAGE THIS WINTER. MY GOAL IS TO BUILD A NEW BUILDING SO I CAN KEEP ALL MY BIRDS ALL YEAR LONG AND BUILD MY OWN FLOCK.

THIS PAST YEAR, I RAISED ABOUT 40 BIRDS, WHICH I SHOWED AT THE COUNTY FAIR, THE WISCONSIN STATE FAIR AND THE NATIONAL SHOW IN DUBUQUE.

I AM HAPPY TO BE A MEMBER OF THE A.B.C. AND HOPE THAT I CAN CONTINUE TO ATTEND THEIR SHOWS. I AM ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FALL SHOW IN 1994 AND HOPE TO BRING A FRIEND WHO MAY ALSO SHOW SOME BIRDS.

6/13/94

Dear Jeannette,

Thanks so much for the welcome, handbook and newsletters. I inhaled the information in one sitting. The handbook and newsletters answered a lot of questions I had about breeding Ameraucanas. I also enjoyed the humor and friendly atmosphere of the newsletters.

Now for the information you requested about myself, family and birds. I'll try not to get too long winded.

My husband, mother and I live in Northern Alabama on about 7 acres with two dogs, four cats, six horses and about a hundred chickens, more or less (I lose count). I work part time as an art instructor at the local college as well as being a full time student in drafting and art. I've been raising chickens about 2½ years and have learned a lot from trial and error and reading anything I could find on the subject. I have large and bantam Ameraucanas, large Dominiques and some bantam Cochins. I've been to a couple of poultry shows but hope to eventually show locally. I've never heard of or seen Ameraucanas shown locally. My birds are primarily assorted colors, some not even close to standard colors. I'm concentrating on type right now and am making some headway. I'm having trouble deciding on what colors to concentrate on. I love them all.

I believe I've probably gone on long enough about myself. I do have a couple of requests.

In the future I'll be looking to purchase eggs or chicks in Buff, Black, White and Blue. If you could direct me to some sources in bantam and large fowl, I would be truly grateful.

I'm also looking for any information on genetics concerning color in chickens. I don't even know where to start to get good color.

Thanks again!

Sincerely,

*John W. Blum*  
466 County Road 1640  
Cullman, AL 35055

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June 13, 1994

Dear Ms. Frank,

I was so pleased to have placed well at the SIPA show. We are just starting out! This week-end our hen (from Mike Gilbert) won RES. AOC CLASS at the Iowa Bantams Club Summer Show. What a thrill!!

WE have so much to learn yet! Thank you and Mr. Gilbert for your advice. The article on culling was great! I was almost afraid to cull, since this would be the first time. Any tips would be wonderful.

Sincerely,

*Amelia McAlexander*

(Hope Travis had a nice sixth birthday on July 29. JF)

1994 NATIONAL MEET OF THE AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB

For membership information contact: Jeannette Frank (sec./treas.)  
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The following awards have been provided by the ILLINI POULTRY CLUB,  
Don Cable, Jeannette Frank, Mike Gilbert, and Duane Urch.

LARGE FOWL:	\$15, Club Rosette, Trophy	Champion Large Fowl
	\$10, Club Rosette, Trophy	Reserve Large Fowl
	Hutchinson Memorial Plaque	Best Pair of The Same Variety
	\$10 for Best & \$5 Reserve in each of the following:	White, Black, Silver, Blue, and A.O.V.
	Special Hand-Carved Trophy	Best Display
BANTAMS:	\$15, Club Rosette, Trophy & Traveling Picture Plaque	Champion Bantam
	\$10, Club Rosette, Trophy	Reserve <del>Large Fowl</del> Bantam
	\$10 for Best & \$5 Reserve in each of the following:	Black, Blue-wheaten, Buff, Wheaten, White, and A.O.V.
	Special Hand-Carved Trophy	Best Display
JUNIOR AWARDS:	\$10 for Best & \$10 Reserve	Large Fowl & Bantam competing-openshow

NOTICE: The Ameraucana Breeders Club will again host its annual "Ameraucana Trivia Contest". Special prizes will be awarded to 1st through 3rd place in each of two divisions: (1) Members prior to 1994, and (2) anyone else. Look for announcements at the show. Try it - anyone can win!





6/7/94

Dear Jeanette,

The round object at the top of the page is my symbol - the round tuit. They're in short supply at our house. Seriously, if you or anyone else knows where I can find 36 hour days - let me know! All the children said the same thing - "Of course you have to renew membership in the ABC. I really like the people in that club."

Update. We now have a Jersey cow, 2 Jersey heifers, a Milking Devon heifer, five yearling steers, four calves, 32 goats (representing all six breeds - one for each member of the family), about 40 sheep, 2 pigs and innumerable chickens, ducks, geese and guineas. We bought the other 177 acres around us last year - giving us 199. (The church has the other acre.)

The kids, except Christopher who is too young - were in 4-H music, drama, arts & crafts and communication. In their spare time, Susan was in the Midwest Talent Search and Edward in the Younger Students Talent Search. MTS has 7th & 8th grade kids take the SAT and YSTS has 5th & 6th grade kids take the test for admission to private high schools. Susan was 1st in the Midwest for the 7th grade on Verbal and Composite. Edward was in the top 0.6%. I guess homeschooling doesn't do too badly!

Because of the Talent Search, Susan was eligible to apply for a grant to study any topic she wished. She applied for and received a grant to study dairy goat judging. So we will be heading off to Lincoln, NE in July for the American Dairy Goat Asso. National Show - with 18 goats of course!

Susan & Edward will both be going to a summer course at Purdue - "A Fantastic Voyage Through the Digestive System of Mammals." Katherine & Christopher will take classes at UW-Eau Claire. In August is the Country Fair - at the same time as the State Fair and hey! Wait a minute! My calendar's booked into December!

I'm also on the Board of Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted. Every year I wonder "Is it worth it?" Then I think "Yes. There should be someone on the board who is not in the education system - someone who sees education as a sacred cow but not our educational system."

EXCUSES! I didn't renew because I didn't get to it. I'm sorry! IF you can make us from the beginning of the year and have any newsletters left over - we'd love to get them. I'll renew for next year now.

Pegi

(Ed. note: Pegi, Did I send you the past three newsletters? Usually I make a note on the members page but didn't see anything. If you will let me know, please. Jeannette)

## SHOW REPORTS

Heart of America - April 30-May 1, 1994

Champ. Ameraucana Bantam - Wheaten pullet - Cliff Ikenberry (KS)

Reserve Champ. Ameraucana - Wheaten hen - Cliff Ikenberry (KS)

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Badger Poultry Club "Dairyland Classic" June 11 & 12, 1994 - Richland Center, WI

Champ. AM - Bantam - White K - Randal Buske (WI)

Res. AM - Bantam - Blue Wheaten H - Mike Gilbert Family (WI)

Champ Large Fowl - Black H - John & Lois Bashaw (MN)

Res. Blue Wheaten Bantam - John & Lois Bashaw (MN)

Best Black Bantam - P - Rande Buske (WI)

Res. Black Bantam - P - John & Lois Bashaw (MN)

Best Buff Bantam - H - Mike Gilbert Family (WI)

Best White Bantam - K - Rande Buske (WI)

Reserve White Bantam - K - Rande Buske (WI)

Best AOV Bantam - Splash - P - Rande Buske (WI)

Best Blue Bantam - H - Rande Buske (WI)

Reserve Blue Bantam - P - Rande Buske (WI)

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Michigan Poultry Breeders Asso. May 7 & 8, 1994 - Centreville, MI

Champ Bantam - White H - Randal Buske (WI)

Res. Bantam - White K - Randal Buske (WI)

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Brown County Spring Show - March 27, 1994 - New Ulm, MN

Champ AM Bantam - White P - Arne Schmidt (MN)

Reserve AM Bantam - Blue Wheaten K - Wilmar Vorwerk (MN)

Champ. Large Fowl AM - White P - Arne Schmidt (MN)

Res. Large Fowl AM - Black P - Arne Schmidt (MN)

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Southern Ohio Poultry Asso. - May 28 & 29, 1994 - Lucasville, OH.

Champ. AM - Blue Wheaten H - Burnis & Kennita Piper (IL)

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### From Here & There

Dear Ameraucana Breeders Club,

Hi! I'm one of the new members. I'm 14 years old and going to be a freshman. In school I like math. I also play football and basketball. I live in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. I live in the country with two dogs, one rabbit, seven cats and 22 chickens. My favorite chickens are Blue Wheaten Ameraucana and Buff Brahma bantams.

Sincerely

Bryant LeJeune

(Thanks, Bryant. That really wasn't too difficult, was it? Now all I need is for some of the other "promised" articles from others.)

Wilmar F. Vorwerk

726 So. Franklin

New Ulm, Minnesota 56073



"Bantams since 1927"

June 14 1994

Dear Jeanette

Received the Ameraucana Newsletter yesterday enjoyed reading it. Saw your notes for new club patches. It so happens that my sons are in a business who sell patches, signs sportswear, calling cards etc. I asked them for some quotes on patches. Which you will find enclosed.

I have some nice Blue wheaton Ameraucana youngsters 11 pullets and 3 cockerels. Was surprised that there weren't more cockerels. I also raise silver spangled Hamburgs, Blue wyandottes + Blue faced wyandottes all bantams.

I am looking forward to the fall shows. Hope I can attend more this fall. Will be 80 years old in November and slowing down.

Please direct your correspondence directly to the boys (Printwood Graphics)

I think they would like you to send them a very good + clear design.

Yours in the fancy

Wilmar F. Vorwerk



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1994 AMERICAN BREEDERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Dues: Family \$10.00 Individual \$7.50 Juniors \$5.00 (All dues due by 1/1)

name: \_\_\_\_\_

address: \_\_\_\_\_

city: \_\_\_\_\_ state: \_\_\_\_\_ zip: \_\_\_\_\_

phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are paying for a family membership would you please list family members names & ages?

(Use additional paper if necessary.)

I (WE) raise and breed the following AMERICANS  
LARGE FOWL:

BANTAM:

I (We) will sell: Hatching Eggs \_\_\_\_\_ Chicks \_\_\_\_\_ Started Stock \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Birds \_\_\_\_\_

Will you ship any of the above? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes..which? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you deliver to shows any of the above? \_\_\_\_\_ What shows? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list below other breeds of poultry you raise, breed, show. Be sure to state if they are Large Fowl or Bantams, Bearded/nonbearded and varieties. Thank you.

Please use the space below for your comments, thoughts, ideas or general information about you or your family. Any suggestions for future newsletter articles would be appreciated.

Please return this questionnaire and membership dues to:

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Remember All membership dues are due the first of each year.