

# August 2009



The Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies, Inc.



[www.northeastcouncil.org](http://www.northeastcouncil.org)

**Board Meeting – Sunday, August 15<sup>TH</sup> @12:00 p.m.**

at the PVAS picnic in butterfly brook park in south Hadley, MA

If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact Joe Masi at  
[president@northeastcouncil.org](mailto:president@northeastcouncil.org) or 845-896-4793

**NEW LOCATION FOR NEXT GENERAL MEETING ON SUNDAY September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 100 Berlin road, Cromwell, CT 06416

## 2009 NEC CALENDAR

### August

15 PVAS Picnic/NEC Board Meeting  
29-30 TFSRI Show & Auction

### September

27 NEC General Meeting

### October

3-4 NAS Show & Auction  
11 DAAS Auction  
18 NHAS Auction  
23-25 NJAS Show & Auction

### November

8 TFCB Auction  
15 NEC BOG Meeting (conference call)

### December

6 NEC General Meeting

## 2010 NEC CALENDAR

### February

14 PVAS Auction  
26-28 NEC Annual Convention

### March

13 NJAS Swap Meet

### April

18 NJAS Spring Auction

### October

23-25 NJAS Show & Auction

The NEC does not coordinate dates for club events, but does publish a monthly calendar for your convenience. Prior to selecting a date for your club's next event, please check the NEC calendar for availability, and then notify the Editor of the new date immediately at [cpolicastro1@verizon.net](mailto:cpolicastro1@verizon.net).

**REMINDER TO THE BOSTON AQUARIUM SOCIETY, THE NORTHEAST LIVEBEARERS ASSOCIATION & THE NEW HAMPSHIRE AQUARIUM SOCIETY: ANNUAL NEC DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30.00 ARE PAYABLE ON JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF EACH YEAR. PLEASE FORWARD YOUR CHECK TO: FRANK POLICASTRO, LYNNFIELD DRIVE, EAST WINDSOR, NJ 08520 ASAP.**

## President's Message

Hello Everybody,

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer so far. Most clubs are still on hiatus, but don't forget the NEC picnic in August where we choose the theme for the 2010 Convention. Clifford Pafford will be there to give a presentation on fund raising. Things might be a little slow now, but it all starts back up in September; remember to check the newsletter calendar....

**The next NEC general meeting will be held on September 27, 2009 at 12:00pm sharp. The location of the meeting will be at the: Crowne Plaza Hotel HARTFORD SOUTH CROMWELL**

100 BERLIN RD.  
CROMWELL, CT 06416 UNITED STATES

All club delegates and members of the BOG, including committee chairs should plan on attending. Please check with the front desk for the meeting location....

The next NEC BOG meeting will be August 15, 2009 at the NEC/PVAS picnic, Buttery Brook Park, South Hadley, Massachusetts. ALL members of the BOG, including committee chairs should plan on attending and reporting on their respective committees.

In closing, please remember to send your club contact updates and calendar events to Christine Policastro at [cpolicastro1@verizon.net](mailto:cpolicastro1@verizon.net). Linda Giza is always looking for speakers to add to the NEC list, please send the information to [pvaslinda1@yahoo.com](mailto:pvaslinda1@yahoo.com).

Please feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions; it's best to contact me by email at [president@northeastcouncil.org](mailto:president@northeastcouncil.org), or call me at 1-845-896-4793.

Joe Masi  
NEC President  
08/06/09

### On A Personal Note:

Get Well Wishes go out to Linda Giza! Hope to see you at the picnic.

On June 16<sup>th</sup> my 42-year-old daughter-in-law lost her four-year battle with ovarian cancer. She leaves behind my son and two granddaughters - ages 14 and 9.

### **REMINDER TO ALL CLUB EDITORS:**

Please send your publication monthly or quarterly to Michael Liu, 14 Indian Hill, Florence, MA 01062 or [mike@berkshiredesign.com](mailto:mike@berkshiredesign.com) to be entered into the 2009 NEC Articles Competition - not to Christine Policastro.



## NEC 35th Annual Convention

It is going to be a year to remember! Come celebrate 35 years of great Speakers, great Vendors and so many great Fishkeepers all coming together for a spectacular weekend event! The dates are February 26-28, 2010 and please note we have a NEW LOCATION for this convention – the Crown Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, CT. We will be holding NEC meetings at this hotel from now on so everyone will become familiar with the hotel and its layout.

The theme for the 35<sup>th</sup> convention will be decided at the NEC Picnic and Board meeting this Saturday (August 15<sup>th</sup>) at Buttery Brook Park, So. Hadley, MA (see elsewhere in the newsletter for directions & info about the picnic). Everyone who comes can make suggestions and will have a vote in deciding this year's theme. Perhaps we want to do something different this year and have a So. American theme, or an Australian theme, or a Rainforest theme – something that can carry throughout the weekend and influence what topics/speakers are chosen as well as the costumes for the banquet. Or perhaps we will vote to have the ever popular suggestion of Pajama Party, or maybe we'll come up with Christmas as the theme. Come to the picnic and help decide the theme this year! If you can't make the picnic, please email your suggestion to me by Friday night (8/14) at midnight ([dbanks@together.net](mailto:dbanks@together.net)) and I'll suggest it for you.

Last year we started online Convention registration and it worked well and was well received so we will be continuing it again this year. Therefore we will need each club's EMAIL list as well as their mailing list so we can reach all members with the Convention registration flier. Please make sure your club is ready to send the lists by the first of October and we'll let your Delegate know who to send them to.

As always, anyone wanting to help out with the planning of the convention this year, or help out at the convention, is strongly encouraged to email me and we'll work with you to figure out exactly what you want to do from our list of jobs! There is something for everyone, so please let me know your area of expertise (are you a salesman? are you very organized? do you have experience raising money or doing advertising for an event?) and we'll go from there! **A critical need we have is for someone to do local advertising in the Hartford/Boston/Springfield area, as well as national advertising.** I look forward to hearing from you!

So save the date and make your plans to attend the convention at the Crowne Plaza, Cromwell CT Feb 26-28<sup>th</sup>!

Janine

### REMINDER TO ALAS Show Chairperson:

Please send your show results from your January 2009 show to the Exchange Editor Christine Policastro, 1 Lynnfield Drive, East Windsor, NJ 08520, or e-mail them to [cpolicastro1@verizon.net](mailto:cpolicastro1@verizon.net). If they are not received, the show points will not be included in the 2009 Exhibitor or the Innes Competition!



## Conservation Update

**Janine received the following letter from Conservation Fisheries, Inc:**

Thank you for your contribution of \$621.00 to Conservation Fisheries, Inc! Your contribution is greatly appreciated! We very much appreciate you thinking of us this year. I will thank you and provide a link (*to the NEC convention website*) in an upcoming Newsletter. We will put the money to good use around here!

Again, thanks so much for your support!

Sincerely

J. R. Shute, Co-Director  
Conservation Fisheries, Inc.



## NEC Slide and Videos Program

All video and slide presentations are available to any NEC club to use as their monthly meeting program. Any other use should be discussed with the NEC slide and video chairman prior to the request. Please make requests as far in advance as possible to allow for scheduling and regular mail delivery. The NEC club requesting the program is responsible for actual shipping charges in both directions. Failure to return the program will result in a \$50 replacement charge. Please return programs within 14 days after the scheduled meeting.

New DVDs from the 34th annual convention are now available as part of the slide and video library. Special thanks to Erik Olson from Seattle for coming to the convention this year and spending the time recording and producing these for us.

Requests should be made to:

David Banks

315 US RT 2

Grand Isle, VT 05458

[dbanks@together.net](mailto:dbanks@together.net) or 802-372-8716

To view the list of available programs online visit:

[http://northeastcouncil.org/video/listings.php?order\\_by=title&sortorder=ASC](http://northeastcouncil.org/video/listings.php?order_by=title&sortorder=ASC)



## NEC Speaker Program

One of the purposes of the Northeast Council is to assist member clubs in remaining a viable and successful aquarium society. I know from previous experience, that one of the hardest jobs in any club is that of the Program Chairperson - who has the responsibility of providing a succession of experienced and entertaining speakers, on a variety of topics, with little or no budget.

A revised program list and information on using an ACA speaker is available. This is a "work-in-progress", so please contact Linda with any corrections or additions you have at [lindagiza@comcast.net](mailto:lindagiza@comcast.net) or call her at (413) 301-2803.

The following information on how to solicit future donations from TFH was forwarded to Penny Faul by Abigail M. McFeely - Circulation Coordinator of Tropical Fish Hobbyist. Please be sure to share the new process with your Donations Chairperson.

It has been a pleasure to support your society in the past and we would like to announce the release of our improved donation request system. Our new donation request form will provide faster processing of donation requests and allow *Tropical Fish Hobbyist* magazine to send a personalized donation to each club. All societies and clubs will be required to submit your request online by visiting [www.tfhmagazine.com/donations](http://www.tfhmagazine.com/donations).

There is no need to resubmit requests that have already been received by *Tropical Fish Hobbyist* magazine.

Please remember that only one request per club per year will be honored. *TFH* reserves the right to refuse any donation request. All donation requests for clubs/events outside of the U.S. must pay Shipping and Handling charges.

We also ask that all clubs requesting donations display a *Tropical Fish Hobbyist* magazine banner on their website. You can choose from any of our current banners at <http://www.tfhmagazine.com/advertising/banner-exchange.php>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at [customersupport@tfh.com](mailto:customersupport@tfh.com) or by calling our toll-free Customer Support number 888-859-9034.

## Club Meetings

### August 8, 2009

Long Island Aquarium Society  
“Primrose trip on Peconic River  
w/members of DEC to assist in removal  
of ludwigia – an invasive species.

### September 17, 2009

North Jersey Aquarium Society  
Chris Moscarella  
“Breeding Apistos”

### September

Greater City Aquarium Society  
“Members Night”

### August, 2009

Greater City Aquarium Society  
“Silent Auction”

### September 18, 2009

Long Island Aquarium Society  
Sal Silvestri  
“Care & Breeding of Apistogramma”

If you would like your club's meeting advertised, please send me the information by the tenth of each month.

## Club Events

### Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island

#### **\*Annual Fish Show & Auction\***

**Saturday, August 29 – Triple Crown Tropical Fish Show**

**Sunday, August 30 – Triple Crown Tropical Fish Auction**

St. Joseph's Parish Center - 1303 Mendon Road (Route 122), Cumberland, RI

Visit website for additional information @ [www.tfsri.net](http://www.tfsri.net)

Or call Al Wagonblott @ 401-847-3364

### Danbury Area Aquarium Society

#### **\*Tropical Fish, Plants, & Dry Goods Auction\***

**Sunday, October 11**

Carmel Firehouse - 94 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, NY 10512

Registration of auction items 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Viewing of auction items 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Auction from 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For more information visit: [www.northeastcouncil.org/daas](http://www.northeastcouncil.org/daas)

Or call (845) 228-0372 or (845) 896-4793

### New Hampshire Aquarium Society

#### **\*Annual Auction\***

**Sunday, October 18**

**Newington, NH Town Hall**

Visit website for additional information @ [www.nhaquariumsociety.com](http://www.nhaquariumsociety.com)

### North Jersey Aquarium Society

#### **\*Annual Fish Show & Auction\***

**Saturday, October 24 – Tropical Fish Show (All show fish entries must be pre-registered by Thursday October 23)**

**Sunday, October 25 – Tropical Fish, Plant & Dry Goods Auction**

Lyndhurst Elks Club - 251 Park Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

Vendors, silent auction, door prizes, food

Visit website for additional information @ [www.njas.net](http://www.njas.net)

Or call NJAS hotline @ (732) 541-1392 or Kevin Carr @ (201) 724-9460

### **NEC MEMBER CLUBS:**

Aqua-Land Aquarium Society	ALAS
Boston Aquarium Society	BAS
Brooklyn Aquarium Society	BASNY
Danbury Area Aquarium Society	DAAS
Exotic Fish Society of Hartford	EFSOH
Greater City Aquarium Society	GCAS
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society	JSAS
Long Island Aquarium Society	LIAS
Nassau County Aquarium Society	NCAS
Norwalk Aquarium Society	NAS
New England Cichlid Association	NECA
New Hampshire Aquarium Society	NHAS
Northeast Livebearers Association	NELA
North Jersey Aquarium Society	NJAS
Otter Valley Aquarium Society	OVAS
Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society	PVAS
Pioneer Valley Water Garden & Koi	PVWG&K
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington	TFCB
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island	TFSRI

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### **NEC Board of Governors 2008-2010**

President: Joe Masi (DAAS)  
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Vice President: Dave Giza (PVAS)  
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Corporate Agent: Sue Bush (ALAS)

### **Members At Large 2008-2010**

Linda Giza (PVAS)  
Dan McKercher (ALAS)  
Chuck Pixley (NECA)  
Rick Rego (TFSRI)  
Nancy Villars (JSAS)  
Jim White (PVAS)



### **Standing Committees:**

Constitution & By-Laws	Joe Dinho
Programs (Slides & Videos)	Dave Banks
Judging & Standards	Anne Broadmeyer
Legislation	Rick Rego
Raffles (Fund Raising)	Dave Banks
Workshop	Janine Banks

### **Non-Standing Committees:**

Articles Competition	Mike Liu
Betty Mueller	Penny Faul
Breeder Participation Program	Rich Pierce
Conservation	Jim White/Bill Maier
Historian	Penny Faul
Newsletter	Christine Policastro
Sunshine	Fran Masi
Webmaster	Mark Broadmeyer
Photo Contest	Jim White
Exhibitor Competition	Christine Policastro
Innes Cup Award	Frank Policastro
Club Speakers	Linda Giza

Please bring an item or two from your clubs for our "mini" auction at our general meetings. The proceeds are used to offset the cost of the meeting, and your items can be auctioned either as a 100% donation or a 50/50 split