

# July 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

## 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

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?) weather so far, anyway, saves on the AC.... Most clubs are on hiatus during July and August, but don't forget the NEC picnic in August where we choose the theme for the 2010 Convention. Great time to experiment with a small water garden or pond. The pond plants are doing great this year, although the nights are a little chilly for the tropicals....

I would like to thank Janine Banks for pursuing clarification of CT HR669 from the Dept of Natural Resources for the State of CT, as it pertains to the importation/possession of common aquarium fishes. This bill would have had a significant impact on not only the hobby, but our ability to have a convention in the state of CT. Janine has forward information for inclusion in this newsletter; it looks like we're ok, this time....

The next NEC general meeting will be held on September 27, 2009 at 12:00pm sharp. The location of the meeting TBA. All club delegates and members of the BOG, including committee chairman should plan on attending.

The next NEC BOG meeting will be August 15, 2009 at the NEC/PVAS picnic, Buttery Brook Park, South Hadley, Massachusetts. I spoke to Linda Giza and a flyer with the details should accompany this newsletter. ALL members of the BOG, including committee chairman 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

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## SUNSHINE NEWS

**GET WELL WISHES GO OUT TO DAVE & JANINE'S MOMS, AS WELL AS RICK REGO'S DAD! ON A HAPPIER NOTE: HAPPY 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TO DAVE AND JANINE!!!**

## 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

### NEW LOCATION!

February 26-28, 2010 is the date, and we have a NEW LOCATION for the convention!! We have been offered a great contract by the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, CT, and they are very enthusiastic about working with us.

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/cmlct?rpb=hotel&crUrl=/h/d/cp/1/en/hotelsearchresults>

It is off Route 91, and only about 15 min from the Marriott. A very nice hotel with a central indoor pool, it will offer us a change in layout and plenty of meeting space. Although it is an upscale hotel, the general atmosphere is more relaxed than the Marriott and it has a great flavor about it. The committee was very enthusiastic about the layout and the possibilities the Crowne Plaza has to offer. Overall it is less costly than the Marriott for meals, there is free wireless internet and in-room internet, and we have a \$94/night room rate! I am looking forward to seeing what we will be able to put together for registration packages this year!

So please save the date and watch soon for updates on the convention website, [www.northeastcouncil.org/convention](http://www.northeastcouncil.org/convention).

Janine

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### **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!



## 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.

# Club Meetings

## July 16, 2009

North Jersey Aquarium Society  
“Mini Swap Meet”

## July 25, 2009

Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society  
“Harris in Wonderland”  
41 East Main Street  
Avon, CT 06001  
860-674-0160  
Seth & Adam Harris Benefit for the local  
animal shelter at their store includes show & tell  
with reptiles.

## 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.

## August, 2009

“Silent Auction”

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

## North Jersey Aquarium Society

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

**Saturday, October 24 – Annual Tropical Fish Show**  
**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

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



**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

**NEC Board of Governors 2008-2010**

President: Joe Masi (DAAS)  
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**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