

October 2009



The Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies, Inc.



www.northeastcouncil.org

Next Board Meeting – Sunday, November 15TH @12:00 p.m.

(conference call)

If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact Joe Masi at president@northeastcouncil.org or 845-896-4793

2009 NEC CALENDAR

October

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
21 NAS Benefit Auction

April

18 NJAS Spring Auction

October

22-24 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 cpolicastrol@verizon.net.

The Aqualand Aquarium Society and the Exotic Fish Society of Hartford have joined to make one club. They will be called the Greater Hartford Aquarium Society, and will meet at the LUTZ Children's Museum in Manchester on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Please check the attached contact list for the officers of the new club for additional information.

President's Message

Hello Everybody,

The theme for the 2010 convention is Caribbean, so don your garb, put on your makeup, and may the best costume win! All you budding artists should start thinking about a logo to match the theme, the rules should be forthcoming....

The next NEC BOG meeting will be a conference call on November 15, 2009. Details will be sent to the BOG prior to the meeting. ALL members of the BOG, including committee chairs should plan on calling in 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. Linda Giza is always looking for speakers to add to the NEC list, please send the information to 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, or call me at 1-845-896-4793.

Joe Masi
NEC President
09/12/09

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 or call her at (413) 301-2803.

NEC 35th Annual Convention

Bob Marley would be so proud! The theme for this year's convention is the Caribbean! So find your Island garb and plan to attend the **35th Annual NEC Convention**, which we're going all out for this February 26-28, 2010. Our new location fits in well with the theme because the center of the hotel is the pool area and it has an island feel to it. The convention will be at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, CT, just 15 minutes from where the convention was held previously. The September 27th General NEC meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel so everyone can get a look at the new location.

We're looking for a 35th Convention Logo, which should incorporate the idea of an educational tropical fish convention along with a Caribbean theme. All entries will be posted on the NEC convention website (www.northeastcouncil.org/convention). New this year, **the winning logo will be decided by popular vote ON-LINE!** All entries must be submitted by 11:59pm Sunday November 21st and they will be on the website for viewing and voting by November 25th. The voting will end Tuesday December 8th at 11:59pm. The (simple) Logo Contest Rules are attached to this newsletter and can also be found on the convention website. The winner will receive a complimentary registration package, t-shirt and banquet dinner and their logo will be used on the website, the program booklet, registration flier, convention shirts and for other advertising. Please make sure your club members know of this opportunity!

We will be sending out Convention Registration Fliers again via Email so we need to have each club submit their email list as well as their mailing lists to us. We want to make sure each club member knows about this educational event that is so accessible to them. Please email all lists to dbanks@together.net no later than November 1st!!

The 35th is another milestone convention, and we are working to put together a gala event that you will remember for a long time to come. The speakers will wow you, you'll learn about the cutting edge of our hobby and you'll certainly be glad you saved the date and attended!

As always, volunteers are needed for almost all aspects of the convention, especially local advertising and national advertising. Please don't hesitate to email me if you are interested in helping in any capacity and we'll find something that fits your availability and schedule!

See you all soon,

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dbanks@together.net

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 or 802-372-8716

To view the list of available programs online visit:

http://northeastcouncil.org/video/listings.php?order_by=title&sortorder=ASC

Club Meetings

October 15

North Jersey Aquarium Society
Mark Soberman
“Corey’s”

October 16

Long Island Aquarium Society
David Boruchowitz – TFH Editor
“David’s Adventure w/Cichlids &
Some thoughts on the future of the hobby”

November 13

Brooklyn Aquarium Society
Greg Sullivan
“Building Filter Systems for
Fresh & Marine Aquariums”

November 20

Long Island Aquarium Society
Horst Gerber
“Aquascaping & Hands-on Glass Cutting”

October 15

Tropical Fish Club of Burlington
Steve Lundblad

November 4

Greater City Aquarium Society
Joseph Ferdenzi
“History of the GCAS”

November 19

North Jersey Aquarium Society
Chuck Davis

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

Club Events

New Hampshire Aquarium Society

Annual Auction

Sunday, October 18

Newington, NH Town Hall

Visit website for additional information @ 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

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

NEC MEMBER CLUBS:

Boston Aquarium Society	BAS
Brooklyn Aquarium Society	BASNY
Danbury Area Aquarium Society	DAAS
Greater City Aquarium Society	GCAS
Greater Hartford Aquarium Society	GHAS
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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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