

January 2013



The Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies, Inc.



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Next Board Meeting Thursday, January 24th @ 7:00 PM

(Conference Call)

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

2013 NEC CALENDAR

January

20 DAAS Auction
24 1Q NEC BOG Meeting (CC)
27 GHAS Auction

February

17 PVAS Auction
24 1Q General NEC Meeting (CP)

March

3 NAS Benefit Auction
10 JSAS Annual Auction

April

5-7 NEC Annual Convention
27-28 NJAS Swap Meet/Spring Auction

May

5 2Q NEC BOG Meeting (CP)

June

2 2Q NEC General Meeting

August

10 3Q NEC BOG Meeting (CP)
11 NEC Auction

September

8 3Q NEC General Meeting (CC)

October

11-13 NJAS 60th Anniversary Event

November

17 4Q NEC BOG Meeting (CC)

December

8 4Q NEC General Meeting (CC)

The NEC does not coordinate dates for club events, but does publish this 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 me of the new date immediately at cpolicastro1@verizon.net, or by phone @ 609-371-1195.

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Sorry folks, due to technical difficulties, the December NEC newsletter was not published. I just want to remind everyone to keep a close watch on the NEC calendar. There are several clubs holding auctions throughout the winter months. This will give you a chance to shake off the "cabin fever" and support these clubs in the process....

The NEC has reached out to several of our sister clubs that were in hurricane Sandy's path. Barbara Romeo drafted a letter at the board's request asking for a status on their members and if we could help. We have heard back from all but one club and thankfully, no lives were lost, but a few of the club members did lose fish and equipment. We will continue to keep in contact with point people from these clubs to see what their needs are,,, stay tuned... Does anyone have any information as to the status of the Nassau County Aquarium Society?

Constitutional By-Laws: All by-laws passed at the December general meeting

Betty Mueller Award Nominations: LAST CALL!!!

Your club or any NEC member can nominate up to three persons a year. Each nomination should be accompanied with a paragraph explaining why you feel this person is qualified. You cannot nominate anyone who already has received this award. The decision will be made by a committee of persons who have received the award and are still active in the NEC. This annual presentation gives special recognition to an individual who has demonstrated overwhelming dedication and support to the aquarium hobby and to the NEC. Please send the nominations to president@northeastcouncil.org. The cut-off date is January 31, 2013.

I would like to remind everyone to please check the NEC calendar for club events.

Upcoming NEC / Sister club events for 2013:

Jan 20: DAAS Auction

Jan 27: GHAS Auction

Feb 17: PVAS Auction

Mar 3: NAS Benefit Auction

Mar 10: JSAS Annual Auction

Apr 5-7: NEC Convention/Show/Auction

Please make the time to get out and support the NEC and these sister clubs...

NEC meeting dates for 2013:

General:

1Q - Feb 24 (CP)

2Q - Jun 2 (CP)

3Q - Sep 8 (CC)

4Q - Dec 8 q (CC)

BOG:

1Q - Jan 24 (CC)

2Q - May 5 (CP)

3Q - Aug 10 (CP)

4Q - Nov 17 (CC)

* (CP) – Crowne Plaza Hotel *(CC) – Conference Call

Note: the above dates may change if conflicts are encountered; meeting confirmation and information will be published in the newsletter President's message.

The next **NEC Board Meeting** will be a conference call held on Thursday January 24, 2013 at 7:00 pm. The details will be sent prior to the meeting.

The next **NEC General Meeting** will be held at the Crowne Plaza on Sunday February 24, 2013 at 12 noon; Scott Dowd will be speaking. The details will be sent prior to the meeting.

Items to Remember:

1. Send your club contact updates to Barbara Romeo at bromeo1234@optonline.net
2. Newsletter events to Christine Policastro at cpolicastro1@verizon.net
3. Website news & events to Kurt Johnston at kaj41354@comcast.net
4. Speaker list updates to Linda Giza at lindagiza@comcast.net
5. If your club is looking to schedule a conference room at the Crowne Plaza, please contact Leslie Dick at ldick@comcast.net

Please feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions; it's best to contact me by email at president@northeastcouncil.org, you can also call me at 1-845-896-4793.

Joe Masi
NEC President

01/13/2013

Message from Barbara Romeo (Corresponding Secretary) relative to the distribution of the Newsletter and Club Flyers:

We Would Like to Hear From You!

It has come to our attention that some members are receiving the NEC Newsletter and club event flyers in duplicate. If you would like to be removed from the "nec" distribution list, please contact Barbara Romeo, NEC Corresponding Secretary at <mailto:BRomeo1234@optonline.net>. You will still receive NEC convention & auction news but will not receive NEC newsletter and club event flyer announcements. Also contact Barbara if you would like to be added to the "nec" distribution list.

We have also heard from some members that because of the size of the newsletter and club flyers – the documents are too large for them to receive on their computers. Please let us know if you would like us to send out the newsletter and club flyers with links for you to open, or if you prefer to continue to receive the documents as they are currently being sent. We will follow the wishes of the majority.

Thank you
Barbara

Below is an e-mail sent to Barbara Romeo in response to our request for information about any club needing assistance after the Sandy storm:

“Hi Barbara,

My name is Tracy Marcus and I am the recording secretary for LIAS. I also run one of Cornell’s Cooperative Extension's marine sites, the Sport Fishing Education Center. We are located on Ocean Parkway. Margaret Peterson, our LIAS president, had forwarded you email to me about possible help with recovering from Sandy. Our site serves as a marine education facility for students ages 3-18 and it also is a club meeting place for many local clubs, like the Farragut Stripers, LIBBA, and the Kayak Fishing Club. We have a classroom lined with tanks of various species, but also a whole tank room filled with local and tropical fish. While the building itself suffered little damage since it is on a platform and stilts, we loss just about all our animals due to loss of electric, heat and the fast approaching noreaster, right after Sandy. Many of the animals were tropical and couldn't withstand the approaching cold. We finally were able to get heat and electric back the week of Thanksgiving and water was restored beginning of December.

We are now rebuilding and most of our tanks have been cleaned and are in the process of cycling. We lost freshwater species from wild and bred guppies, to swordtails, angelfish, cherry shrimp, crayfish, XXXL irridescent sharks, pleco, breeding jaguar cichlids, redhead cichlids, jewel cichlids, tigertails, silver, dollars, red devils, etc. The other side of the tank room is local caught saltwater species like bamboo sharks, seastars, various crabs and hermit crabs, sea bass, remora, short big eye, snowy groupers, goliath groupers, sea horses, pipefish, burrfish, northern puffers, diamondback terrapins, etc.

We are slowly rebuilding and will need to restock tanks. Any assistance the NEC may be able to offer would be greatly appreciated! We are a non-profit organization, and the livestock held there is what the children and campers love to study. Many of the freshwater animals were bought at past NEC conventions, at LIAS auctions, or donated and had been with us for years. It was so sad to see them suffer and be able to do almost nothing about it. I did try to move what was left alive (we weren't allowed to go down there for a few days, by order of the police). But, I think the shock of the cold just caused too much stress and even if they survived for a few days, ultimately they were too weak.

I hope that we can have the tanks restocked before May when school groups begin to come through and when Sea Explorers Marine Camp starts the end of June. Many of the campers return year after year, looking for their favorite fish upon return. I have actually had many calls from concerned parents and they children wondering what happened at the center.

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NEC Convention Update

Logo Contest: Congratulations to Amanda Wenger! Her first logo submission is the winner of this year's contest. To see her winning logo, please go to http://northeastcouncil.org/convention/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=179&Itemid=164 .

Registration: The registration cart will be opening by the end of the month. We will be announcing the opening with a MailChimp broadcast e-mail.

Free Convention Registrations: This year, eleven clubs will receive one free registration to the convention. Each club was represented at three or more of the four annual general NEC meetings and will benefit from their attendance. Congratulations to ACLC, BGC, CBC, DAAS, JSAS, NELA, PVAS, PVWG&K, SNEKA, TFCB, and UNYKA! Registration forms will be e-mailed to the NEC delegate. Clubs may auction or raffle the registration at a club meeting, or otherwise choose a member to benefit from this registration. The recipient will need to fill in the form and return by e-mail

Speakers and Workshops: This year, we welcome back Lee Finley and Charles Clapsaddle and welcome first-time speakers Andre Carletto, Mark Denaro, Todd Gardner, Rachel O'Leary, and Greg Steeves. Our workshop speakers this year are first-time speakers Rich Pierce and Amanda Wenger. For more information on our speakers, please visit them at

http://northeastcouncil.org/convention/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=184&Itemid=161 .

Conservation: Two very deserving organizations have been chosen as recipients of the James J. White Memorial Fund this year. They are LINI, the Indonesian Marine Ornamental Symposium, and Conservation Aquariums in the Classroom, a training program for local teachers through the Teacher Resource Center at the New England Aquarium. For more information, please go to

http://northeastcouncil.org/convention/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=185&Itemid=163 . For donations of fish for the silent auction, please send an e-mail to Rit Forcier, the fund liaison, at Rit4cr@aol.com.

Photo Contest: The rules and a downloadable PDF file for registering your photos are available at http://northeastcouncil.org/convention/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=194&Itemid=175 .

Vendor Room: If you or someone you know would like to be a vendor, please send an e-mail to Vendor and Exhibitor Room Chair Nancy Villars/Hallgring at sccichlids@aol.com .

Hotel Information: The Convention will be held for our fourth year at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, CT. Reservation information can be found at

http://northeastcouncil.org/convention/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=183&Itemid=159

Tropical Fish Show: New this year! The NEC will be holding its first judged fish show. Stay tuned for more information.

Hospitality Room: The hospitality room will be hosted this year by Wet Spot Tropical Fish of Portland, Oregon. Many thanks to Steve Lundblad for so graciously sponsoring the hospitality room! The Wet Spot website is: <http://www.wetspottropicalfish.com/> .

Under the Sea Radio Program: The Convention and most of our speakers will be highlighted in upcoming radio interviews! The first interview will be on Monday January 28th at 10pm <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/wm-aquaculture/2013/01/29/nec-38th-annual-convention-pre-show> .

Stay tuned – future programs will be announced via MailChimp.

As always, we are looking for energetic volunteers during the months prior to the Convention or at the Convention itself! If you would like to volunteer, please send an e-mail to the Leslie Dick, the Convention Chairperson, at ConventionChair@northeastcouncil.org .

Happy New Year!

Leslie

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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.

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

If you would like to advertise your monthly meetings or special events, please forward the information to me by the tenth of each month. **Be sure to include all pertinent information (location, time, contact person or website for additional information) in your announcement.**

2013 Club Meetings

Please note that all NEC clubs are listed on the NEC website's homepage, and have a link to each of the local club's websites if you need additional information for any of the club meetings.

2013 Club Events

DANBURY AREA AQUARIUM SOCIETY

28th ANNUAL AUCTION!

SUNDAY, January 20, 2013 at 11:30am

Location: The Melrose School

120 Federal Hill Road

Brewster, NY 10509

*No Preregistration: 1 red dot, 1 add'l red dot/10 lots, 50/50 split, 60/40 for 6 or more lots
50/50 Cash Raffle*

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NEC MEMBER CLUBS:

Aquarium Club of Lancaster County	ACLCL
Boston Aquarium Society	BAS
Boston Guppy Club	BGC
Brooklyn Aquarium Society	BASNY
Connecticut Aquatic Plant Enthusiasts	CAPE
Central New York Aquarium Society	CNYAS
Connecticut Betta Club	CBC
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
Metropolitan Area Killifish Assoc.	MAKA
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
Southern New England Killifish Assc.	SNEKA
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington	TFCB
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island	TFSRI
Upstate NY Killifish Association	UNYKA
Worcester Aquarium Society	WAS

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Leslie Dick (DAAS)

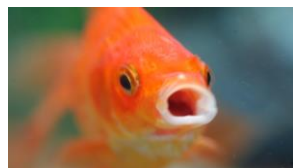
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Dave Giza (PVAS)

Ben Belancik (NECA)

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Exhibitor Competition	Bill Gill
Historian	Dave Banks
Newsletter	Christine Policastro
Nominating	Open
Photo Contest	Rich Pierce
Speakers	Linda Giza
Sunshine	Fran Masi
Webmaster	Kurt Johnston

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