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 BRomeo1234@optonline.net or by phone @ 914-433-2556.

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*General NEC meetings are held at NOON and BOG meetings are held at 7:30 PM (unless otherwise noted). (F2F)= Face to Face (CC) – Conference Call
Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year... hopefully, everyone enjoyed the holidays and time off with family and friends...

There are three club auctions coming up; DAAS, NAS, & PVAS, I will be auctioning at these auctions, hope to see you there. DAAS is my home club... Please check the NEC calendar for the details.

**Clubs:** Please ensure that Barb Romeo gets the updates for the contact list if your club has held elections. Please check the NEC calendar for upcoming shows/auctions and make sure to send Barb Romeo information/fliers on your club events. Don't forget to get out there and support our sister clubs, you'll have a great time doing it....

**Betty Mueller Honor:** Each club / NEC member has until January 31, 2016 to submit their nominations (3 max) for this award. Please refer to this link for information:


or contact president@northeastcouncil.org

**NEC meeting dates for 2016:**

**General: (Start Time: 12 noon)**
1Q – February 28 CC
2Q – June 5 CC
3Q – September 25 CC
4Q – December 4 F2F, Elections, Location TBA

**BOG: (Start Time: 7:30pm)**
1Q - January 27 CC
2Q - April 20 CC
3Q - August 20 F2F (tentative), Location TBA
4Q - November 16 CC

Events:

**2Q16: April 8 - 10, 2016 - NEC 60th Anniversary Convention at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel in Rocky Hill CT**

**3Q16: August 21, 2016 (Tentative) Summer Auction, Location TBA...**

(C) – Conference Call  (F2F) – Face to Face (TBA)

**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 held on January 27, 2016. This meeting will be a conference call. Details will be sent prior to the meeting.

The next **NEC General Meeting** will be held on February 28, 2016. This meeting will be a conference call. 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 Barbara Romeo at bromeo1234@optonline.net
3. Website news & events to Barbara Romeo at bromeo1234@optonline.net
4. Speaker list updates to Linda Giza at lindag413@gmail.com

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
01/15/16
**NEC Convention Update**

**Convention Venue:** The convention is being held for our second year at the Sheraton Hartford South in Rocky Hill, CT from April 8-10, 2016. We are celebrating our 60th year of service to the aquarium hobby! The 60th anniversary color is diamond white. The color scheme for the Saturday night banquet is black and attire. Join the fun and dress in black and white at the banquet!

**Hotel:** You can now book your hotel room at the Sheraton Hartford South. The online link for reserving your room is [https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/Aquarium](https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/Aquarium). You can also call the hotel at 888-627-8263 and mention the Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies 2016 Convention to receive the convention room rate of $102/night (plus tax). The menus for the Friday buffet, the Saturday breakfast buffet and the Saturday banquet buffet are now online at [http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convmeals](http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convmeals).

**Online registration is now open!** Register before March 24, 2016 to receive early registration discount and purchase convention T-shirts and golf shirts! Either register on-line or by mail by sending a check with the printable registration form available on our website. Go to [http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/conreg14intro](http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/conreg14intro)

**Natures Talk Show:** Natures Talk Show [http://www.blogtalkradio.com/naturestalkshow](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/naturestalkshow), an up and coming radio show, will be at our convention! This is the first time that the show’s host and owners will be in person at any event, and the NEC is honored that they chose our 60th anniversary to be present. The show will be promoting the convention as part of every show and will be live streaming via YouTube from our Vendor room. Owners Tom Latsounas, Mary Fetters, and Radio Show Host Ken Boorman and wife Lisa will be attending. Lisa and Ken also run Lisa’s Lair Bookstore [www.lisalairbookstore.com](http://www.lisalairbookstore.com) and they will bring rare books for sale at the Natures Talk Show table.
Speakers: I am very pleased to welcome Joe Ferdenzi, Ian Harrison, Ph.D, Lawrence Kent, Dr. Paul Loiselle, Steve Lundblad, John Lyons, and Stephan Tanner as speakers at our convention! The speakers’ bios can be found at http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convention-speakers

Speaker Presentations: Titles have been confirmed with our speakers! The schedule is below and on our website at http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/schedule.

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Due to circumstances beyond our control, speakers, schedules, and events may be subject to change.

**Hospitality Room Sponsor:** Our hospitality room sponsor this year is Hagan/Fuval!
**Registration:** As a benefit of NEC membership, all member clubs are eligible for one complimentary basic convention registration for attending at least three NEC General meetings. This year, there are 15 clubs that will be receiving one of these registrations! Congratulations to BAS BASNY, DAAS, JSAS, KOI, LIAS, NAS, NCAS, NHAS, NELA, OVAS, PVWG&KC, SNEKA, TFCB, and TFRSI. These registration forms have been sent out by e-mail to club presidents. These registrations may be raffled off at a club meeting, given to a deserving member, member names pulled from a hat – the choice is yours. Please return the completed forms to me at ConventionChair@northeastcouncil.org as soon as possible.

**Club Presidents:** Please review your club’s half-page ads, and update them as needed for inclusion in this year’s convention booklet. Please send the updated ads to me as soon as possible to ConventionChair@northeastcouncil.org. If I don’t hear from you, ads from last year will be used in this year’s booklet.
**Specialty Club meetings:** More specialty clubs are meeting at the convention! Not only are NELA and NECA meeting at our convention, they are now joined by SNEKA and a newly-formed group, the Northeast Fish Tubbers & Water Gardeners! SNEKA will hold a meeting with a killie auction, and The NEFT&WG will hold a short round robin meeting with an auction. Every convention attendee is welcome to attend these meetings.

**Vendors/Sponsors/Donors:** Welcome back Frank’s Aquarium and South Central Cichlids who have already confirmed their vendor tables.

If you would like to be a vendor, or sponsor, or contribute donations for our convention, or if you’d like to see a specific vendor, please let us know. This is YOUR convention and we look forward to making this convention the best ever! Nancy Villars/Hallgring is our Vendor Room Chairman and can be reached at NECconvention@aol.com. Barbara Romeo is our Sponsor/Donor Chairman and can be reached at bromeo1234@optonline.net.
**Exhibitors:** Amazonas and TFH magazines will be represented at our convention. Look for ads promoting the convention in both magazines’ Mar/Apr 2016 issues. Thanks to both magazines for their continued dedication to the NEC and the aquatic hobby! Did you see the advertisements promoting our convention in these magazines? Amazonas ran our ad on page 59 and TFH ran our ad on page 82.

**IGEES-Sanctioned Guppy Show:** We are very pleased to announce that we will be hosting an IGEES Guppy Show again this year! Bill Gill will be organizing this show; you can contact him at bostonbreeder@bostonguppyclub.com. Last year, there were some truly beautiful pairs of guppies in the show, and were offered for sale at our Sunday auction. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.
Conservation: Our two James J. White Memorial Conservation recipients this year are The Congo Project (freshwater) and The Nature Conservancy (saltwater). Donations to these deserving organizations can be made online during convention registration and by bidding on the silent auction during the convention. Please visit our conservation page at http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/conserve for more information.

Articles Competition: Awards for winning articles will be presented at the Saturday breakfast and the articles will be displayed in the vendor room following the awards ceremony. Reminder: **Submissions deadline is January 17, 2016!**

Photo Contest: Photos for competition should be submitted to Chairman Richard Pierce by e-mail. For more information, please go to http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/photocomp. There will be a judges critique session on Friday night open to all attendees. Winning photographers will be awarded during our Saturday breakfast and all the photos will be displayed in digital photo frames in the vendor room later in the day.

Exhibitor Competition: If your club held a fish show this year, please make sure to submit your information to Chairman Bill Gill at your earliest convenience. For more information, please go to http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/exhibmenu. Award for high
point clubs and exhibitors of fish during the show season will be awarded during our Saturday breakfast award ceremony.

**Breeder Participation Program (BPP):** Thank you to all clubs who submitted BPP numbers! Awards will be given during our Saturday morning breakfast.

**History table:** David Banks, the NEC Historian, has begun adding historical photos to our Facebook page. The first one appears in this newsletter, which was taken at the first NEC organizational meeting March 25, 1956 in Newington, CT. David will have a lot of historical information on the NEC at the History Table in our Vendor Room. Make sure to visit the History Table!

**Room Sales:** Jim Cormier is our Room Sales Chairman. If you would like to participate in selling fish, inverts, plants (live animals only in room sales), please contact him at jimcormier1@gmail.com.

**Club Tables:** As a benefit of NEC membership, each club may have a club table at the convention for club membership forms, auction flyers, sales of club logo items such as t-shirts and coffee mugs. These tables will be available on Friday and all day Saturday. Club members may also sell at the table on Saturday from 11 am – 4 pm. Should members wish to sell at the table, there is a $20 table fee which is waived for all clubs who also received a free registration due to their representation at 3 or more NEC General meetings in the past year. Club table signs will be available at the registration table. Please let me know if your club is interested in a club table.

**Chauffeurs for speakers:** Looking for hobbyists who are local to the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel and Bradley International Airport. Four of our speakers are arriving via air and will need a ride to the hotel and back to the airport on Sunday. Will you be willing to be a chauffeur? You will have quality one-on-one time with our speakers! E-mail me at ConventionChair@northeastcouncil.org to become a chauffeur for Lawrence Kent and family, Steve Lundblad, John Lyons, or Stephan Tanner.

**Convention Flyer:** Advertising Chairman Ted Coletti has created a stunning flyer, which is attached to this newsletter. Please print and share with your fellow hobbyists and club members.
Facebook: The NEC has a Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/Northeast-Council-of-Aquarium-Societies-243913172321/timeline/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Website: New content will be added to our website so stay tuned for more updates! http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convention

The 60th Anniversary celebration of the NEC is just two months away and it will be here before we know it! Are you getting excited yet? I certainly am!

Leslie

Our Convention Shirt is Now Available For Purchase

T-Shirt: $20 / Golf Shirt: $29

These prices are available only until Midnight March 24th, 2016

Go to: http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convention

Short-sleeved black shirt with the embroidered White 60th Anniversary NEC logo on the front left.
IGEES Guppy & Endler Show
NEC Convention 2016
April 8th – 10th
Harford Sheraton South, Rocky Hill CT

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No Entry Fee - All entries will be auctioned off in the general auction on Sunday with 50% going to the exhibitor 25% to the NEC and 25% to BGC. (Donated entries are most appreciated.)

Exhibitors are welcome to show fish that they have not bred themselves as long as the breeder is given credit. All entries by members of NEC clubs eligible for the NEC Exhibitors Competition.

Entries should be shipped to:
Bill Gill (bostonbreeder@BostonGuppyClub.com)
435 Anderson Road
Sebago, ME

* Note all entries will remain un-opened until benching in CT on April 8th.
This is the 60th anniversary of the NEC and as the current historian, I thought I would start sharing some information about the beginning of the council as well as what has happened over the past 60 years! We will start with this picture:

This is the picture taken at the first NEC organizational meeting March 25, 1956 in Newington, CT, just a few short miles from where the Annual Convention will take place this year! Notice the sign in the background says East Coast Council of Aquarium Societies, notes show the name was changed to Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies in May of 1956. The first constitution was adopted May 20, 1956.

Look for more great NEC history on Facebook and upcoming newsletters too.
Dear Fellow NEC Hobbyists,

The James J. White Memorial Conservation Fund was formed to help conservation efforts through fundraising and donations to well – established and working conservation groups. For several years the Committee has hosted a silent auction at the Annual NEC Convention to benefit organizations that are involved in conservation.

This year the NEC has chosen two very exciting programs for support from the JJW Memorial fund.

1) Freshwater

An updated assessment of aquarium fisheries in the Congo, and identification of opportunities for environmental and socioeconomic benefits.

A Principal Collaborator to Dr. Melanie Stiassny, Dr. Victor Mamonekene will oversee students make an updated assessment on aquarium fisheries of the Congo, which will describe conservation opportunities.

The report on the outcomes will be used by the newly formed IUCN Home Aquarium Fish Sub-group (HAFSG) of the Freshwater Fish Specialist Group.

The HAFSG will build on these findings and seek to promote a robust aquarium trade in the region, maximizing environmental and socioeconomic benefits to the Congo, and keeping a study stream of exciting fishes into the aquarium hobby. The NEC Conservation funds will be used to provide student stipends and field expenses incurred in order to acquire and summarize up to data finding on the aquarium trade, and related opportunities.
2) Marine

The Nature Conservancy — Indonesia — website: http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/asiaandthepacific/coraltriangle/

Early life stage capture of reef fishes for the aquarium trade.

In recent years, public aquariums have made very exciting developments in our ability to capture eggs and larvae from some of our giant reef exhibits. The Nature Conservancy Indonesia (TNCI) chapter works closely with reef side resident communities in the South Pacific.

TNCI will introduce the egg & larvae capture techniques to some of these fishing communities to make the first determinations if these techniques that have been developed in aquariums, can be transferred to natural coral reefs. If this stage is successful, it will represent a significant step towards shifting wild capture of aquarium fish from adults, to early life stage capture.

This will lead us to an entirely new type of fishery which will be not only sustainable, but result in livelihoods for local residents, that will be the guardians of their reef resources.

We are asking fellow hobbyists to consider donating rare or unusual freshwater/saltwater fish, new or gently used equipment, dry goods or aquarium related art or books. Cash donations are also accepted at the NEC Convention site.

With your help we can continue to provide support for present and future projects. The James J White Memorial Conservation Fund in action.

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David Giza davegiza@gmail.com, Scott Dowd sdowd@neaq.org
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The NEC will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary with our 41st Convention!
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The NEC Articles Competition

Hi all:

Just a friendly reminder that the time is running out. The submission deadline is this Sunday, January 17, 2016. Please send all submissions to:

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Submissions Due January 17th

See more info see http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/articlecomp

Artie Platt
NEC Articles Chairman
(NAS, DAAS, GCAS, BASNY, NECA, LIKA, AKA)
What the Heck is an ESU?
By Leslie B. Dick
Chairman, American Livebearer Association
Originally published in Flare Magazine 49; 2 (Sep-Nov) 2015

The sub-family Goodeinae, comprised of some 40 species and about 80 distinct populations, is endemic to Mexico, and nearly are all at risk in the wild. Each of these distinct populations has been geographically separated from one another for, in some cases, thousands of years. As a result, each has likely evolved with its own unique set of genetic characteristics. Some species of goodeids have quite a few known distinct populations, and it is important to keep them separated in captive breeding programs to prevent possible hybridization. Should two distinct populations of the same species be housed together, hybridization could occur. The resulting offspring may lose the unique genetic characteristics of their parents, leaving what is known as “aquarium strain” fish.

This is where ESUs come into play. Dr. John Lyons, the Chairman of the North American Goodeid Working Group (NAGWG), received his Ph.D. in Zoology with an emphasis on fish ecology and ichthyology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and has been involved in conservation efforts of goodeids since 1986. At the second annual meeting of the NAGWG held at a recent American Livebearer Association convention, John introduced “Evolutionarily Significant Units” or ESUs, the technical term for genetically distinct populations of evolutionary and conservation significance, as a method to maintain and track known goodeid diversity.

Let’s take a look at how ESUs work. Please note that the charts used in this article are abstracted from Lyons’ spreadsheet; general information for each genus is in the yellow rows, while ESU numbers and location information for each population are in the gray rows. ESU codes are based on a formula that has the first three letters as an abbreviation of the genus name and the last two letters as an abbreviation of the species name, followed by a number for the particular species or ESU. For some species, there is only one known population. Ameca splendens is one of the most well-known goodeid species. The current species number is 13, the current ESU number is 20, and the location information is identical for the species and the ESU.
With another popular goodeid, *Xenotoca eiseni*, there is 1 species with 5 distinct populations. Here, the current species number is 34, the current population ESUs are 62 through 66. Note that the population locations are unique to the ESUs.

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These species are quite straightforward. There are several goodeid species where there is 1 species number, in this case, number 16, and the genus name is the same, but the species names
are different, such as with *Chapalichthys pardalis*, current ESU 23. *Chapalichthys pardalis* is only found in Manantial Tocumbo, while *C. peraticus*, current ESU 24, is only found in Presa San Juanico.

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If we look at *Characodon*, the information is even more complicated. We find there are 2 species (*Characodon audax* and *C. lateralis*) with current species number 17 and 9 known populations with current ESU numbers 25 through 33.

The *Characodon* known as “The Black Prince” is referred to as *Characodon audax* ‘El Toboso’ and is the only *C. audax* species recognized by Lyons. There are other populations known from a single location that some have also termed as *C. audax*, but Lyons feels that until the genus undergoes a detailed taxonomic revision, these populations should be called *C. lateralis*, for example *Characodon lateralis* ‘Los Pinos’ or *C. lateralis* ‘Puente Pino Suarez’. Those with multiple locations with the same ESU numbers (looking at ESU 28 as an example) are similarly written as *C. lateralis* ‘Guadalupe Aquilera’ or *C. lateralis* ‘Laguna Seca’ based on the location where they have the largest abundance. Two populations that have always been referred to as *C. lateralis* (ESUs 32 and 33) are now also referred to as populations, such as *C. lateralis* ‘Armado Nervo’.
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To further complicate issues, as new distinct populations of species are added to this comprehensive spreadsheet, the ESU numbers change. Remember that I referred to “current ESU number”? At one time, there were just 3 known populations of *Xenotoca eiseni* while now there are 5; there were once 5 known populations of *Characodon lateralis* and now there are 8 populations. When these new ESUs are added, they are added in numerical order, so those ESU numbers below these additions receive a new ESU number.

How is one to keep track of a specific population of a species if the ESU numbers don’t remain the same? Fortunately, the answer is quite simple – the code associated with each population remains the same, so *Xenotoca eiseni* ‘Rio Tamazula’ will always be known as **Xenei3** regardless of what is listed as its ESU number.

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How do I keep track of known populations of goodeids? In my fish room, I label each tank of goodeids with the genus and species name, from whom and when I received each group, and label each tank with the species name and the associated code. I obtain goodeids from known breeders, usually fellow members of the NAGWG, who also maintain detailed records on their colonies. Below are examples of species and ESU code numbers for two of the goodeids under my care:
Should one purchase goodeids at either online or club auctions, look for specific information, such as population location and breeder’s name. Without this information, the fish should be considered “aquarium strain” and maintained in their own aquarium until such time as you can backtrack through previous owners of these fish to determine if they came from a known population, and haven’t been mixed with other populations while in captivity.

With the uncertain future of all species of goodeids in the wild, captive breeding programs such as those with members of the NAGWG, the ALA’s Species Maintenance Program, and the CARES Priority List will help ensure their continued existence.

The detailed information contained in the ESU spreadsheet, if used appropriately, will help ensure that unique known populations of goodeids will be maintained with all their genetic diversity intact.
A prolific writer of some 250 articles, these included a series of 40 articles on South American Cichlids that ran sequentially in Aquarium Fish Magazine (AFM) from 1992-1997; a monthly column in Tropical Fish Hobbyist (TFH) entitled “Wayne’s New World” (1993-2000), followed by a second column in TFH entitled “Cichlidophiles” (2002 – 2011). Other articles appeared variously in Cichlid News, FAMA and Buntbarsche Bulletin, along with two small books. Today, South American cichlids are well-loved and well-respected denizens of the cichlid hobby. Wayne Leibel continues his educational mission these days as Editor of Cichlid News and occasional author. He also remains a very active member of the American Cichlid Association: former editor of BB; ACA Fellow; Jordan Lifetime Award Recipient, multiple-time BOT member, and current chair of the Guy D. Jordan Endowment which awards yearly grants in support of cichlid research.
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2015 - 2016 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.

January, 2016

January 16
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County (ACLC)
Wayne Leibel
“In Search of the Flowerhorn Cichlid”
More info: http://www.aclcpa.org

January 20
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Video Presentation: Derek Lambert
“The World of Livebearers”
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/

January 21
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Paul V. Loiselle
“What Exactly Is A Barb”
More info: http://www.njas.net

January 21
Norwalk Aquarium Society (NAS)
Sal Silvestri / Artie Platt
“What ‘s New in My Fishroom”/
“Building a Fish Tank Rack”
More info: http://www.norwalkas.org/

January 23
Cichlid Club of York (CCY)
Kerry Dilks
“Starting a Planted Tank”
More info: http://www.cichlidclubofyork.com
February, 2016

February 8
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society (JSAS)
Brian Cush
“Saltwater”
More info: http://www.jerseyshoreas.org/

February 9
Nassau County Aquarium Society (NCAS)
Michael R. Foran
“Jeff Bollbach’s Fish Jeopardy”
More info: http://www.ncasweb.org

February 10
New Hampshire Aquarium Society (NHAS)
NHAS Members
“Home Video Night”
More info: http://www.nhaquariumsociety.com

February 12
Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY)
Joe Caparatta
“Triton Method”
More info: http://www.basny.org

February 15
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
New England Aquarium Tour
More info: http://www.bostonaquariumsociety.org

February 17
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Member Appreciation Night-Dinner & Raffle
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/
February 18
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Stephen Tanner
“Let’s breed them before they vanish”, a Pleco talk
More info: http://www.njas.net

March

March 2
Greater City Aquarium Society (GCAS)
Matthew Wickey (from Tetra/Spectrum Brands)
“Fish Nutrition”
More info: http://www.greatercity.org

March 11
Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY)
Sal Silvestri
“Breeding and Maintainig Dwarf Cichlids”
More info: http://www.basny.org

March 16
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Tony Terciera
“Characins”
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/

March 21
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Peter F. George
Ctenopoma (African Gouramis)
More info: http://www.bostonaquariumsociety.org

Triple Crown Fish Auction
Saturday, March 16, 2011

The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island presents
TFSRI’s split is $3 per bag sold, all the rest goes to the vendor.
No limit on the number of lots submitted. All lots must be live sh, plants or aquarium-related items. See rules for complete details.
Preregister by March 11th and get a red dot sticker to bump one bag to the start of the auction.
All lots open at $3. Lots not selling for the minimum bid of $3 are returned to the seller. Lots selling for only $3 are considered donations to TFSRI.
Vendor Fee: $2
Bidder Card: $2 (Waived for Vendors)
Bump any lot $2
Rebagging fee: $2

The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island meets on the third Wednesday of each month (except December) at 7:30 PM. Meetings are free and all are welcome to attend. Go to www.tfsri.net for meeting location.

BRING YOUR BEST FISH!
For a $1 fee you can put a reserve on any lot! YOU set the minimum bid, if the lot doesn’t sell for your price or better, you get it back!

Doors will be open at 10:00 AM. The auction starts promptly at 12:00 PM. Free Admission! All are welcome! Visit www.tfsri.net for complete rules and auction forms.

St. Joseph’s Parish Center
1303 Mendon Road (Rte. 122)
Cumberland, RI

DIRECTIONS TO THE AUCTION:
Route 295 to Route 122, (exit 10). Take a left off the ramp, proceed past the Burger King on your left and Route 116 on your right. Continue on route 122 for approximately one mile. St. Joseph’s church will be on your left. Turn left into the driveway immediately before the church, and follow the driveway around the rear of the church and proceed to the top of the hill. The Parish center will be on your right.

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Boston Aquarium Society    BAS
Boston Guppy Club     BGC
Brooklyn Aquarium Society    BASNY
Central New York Aquarium Society  CNYAS
Cichlid Club of York    CCY
Connecticut Aquatic Plant Enthusiasts  CAPE
Connecticut Betta Club  CBC
Danbury Area Aquarium Society   DAAS
Greater City Aquarium Society GCAS
Greater Hartford Aquarium Society GHAS
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society   JSAS
Koi Organisation International  K.O.I.
Long Island Aquarium Society   LIAS
Nassau County Aquarium Society  NCAS
New England Cichlid Association  NECA
New Hampshire Aquarium Society  NHAS
Northeast Livebearers Association  NELA
North Jersey Aquarium Society   NJAS
Norwalk Aquarium Society  NAS
Otter Valley Aquarium Society   OVAS
Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society  PVAS
Pioneer Valley Water Garden & Koi  PVWG&K
Southern New England Killifish Assoc.  SNEKA
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington  TFCB
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island TFSRI
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Worcester Aquarium Society   WAS

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