## 2015-2016 CALENDAR

### Jan ‘16
- 17: DAAS Annual Auction Aquarist ([flyer](http://keepingdiscus.tumblr.com))
- 18: BAS Winter Breeders Auction ([link](http://keepingdiscus.tumblr.com))
- 31: NAS Benefit Auction ([flyer](http://keepingdiscus.tumblr.com))

### Feb
- 15: BAS 2nd Annual NEAq Tour ([link](http://keepingdiscus.tumblr.com))
- 21: PVAS Annual Auction ([link](http://keepingdiscus.tumblr.com))

### Apr
- 8-10: NEC 41st Annual Convention ([link](http://keepingdiscus.tumblr.com))
- 18: BAS April Breeders Auction ([link](http://keepingdiscus.tumblr.com))
- 4/29-5/2: *ALA 2016 Convention ([FB](http://keepingdiscus.tumblr.com))*

### May
- 13: BASNY Giant Spring Auction ([link](http://keepingdiscus.tumblr.com))
- 15: OVAS Auction ([link](http://keepingdiscus.tumblr.com))

### Jul
- 7-10: *ACA Convention 2016 ([link](http://keepingdiscus.tumblr.com))*

### Sep
- 16-18: Keystone Aquatic Clash (ACLC & CCY)

### Oct
- 13-16: *All Aquarium Catfish Convention ([link](http://keepingdiscus.tumblr.com))* (SHS) – Sheraton Hartford South hotel (CC) – Conference Call

*NEC meetings are held at NOON (unless otherwise noted)*

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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.
Hello Everyone,

Please check the NEC calendar for upcoming events and please get out there to support you sister clubs...

To refresh everyone's memory, I've included the information that is sent to every club requesting membership to the NEC:

Here is some general information regarding the NEC:

The Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies consists of bona fide aquarium clubs / societies.

Currently there are 28 member clubs in the council.

We meet 4 times per year; quarterly general meetings with 4 quarterly board meetings. Three general and three of the board meetings are via conference call. Board meetings are open to all NEC members with prior notice. We conduct hybrid face-to-face meetings if the facilities are available.

Each club appoints/elects a delegate and alternate to attend the general meetings. Each delegate/alternate can vote (only one vote per club) at the general meeting. The yearly dues is $50 which is payable at the beginning of our fiscal year, January 1st.

Membership entitles each club to:

1. Representation at the general meeting
2. The newsletter (via email)
3. Advertising via the NEC web site
4. Web site space and an email address (under the NEC domain)
5. Access to the NEC membership list
6. Free advertising of events in the newsletter
7. Participation in NEC competitive events (e.g. – Breeder Participation, Photo Contest, Articles Competition, etc...)
8. Reduced registration rates for the annual convention
9. Each club has the opportunity to announce their events and discuss items at the meeting
10. A free convention registration if meeting attendance requirements (3) are met
11. A free table at the convention to publicize your club.
12. Clubs are permitted table sales for a minimal charge, which will be waived if meeting attendance requirements (3) are met
13. Hold elected office and appointed positions
14. Access to the NEC speaker list
15. Access to the NEC judges list
16. Access to the NEC club administrator contact list
17. Distribution of club information via MailChimp
18. Participate in training seminars sponsored by the NEC
19. Posting of club events on the NEC web calendar

The above list highlights some of the items that membership provides; also, the networking that occurs before, during and after the meetings. You will find that becoming a member of the NEC will help your club generate a network of supporters from other sister clubs.

I would recommend that you visit the NEC main *website: http://northeastcouncil.org/. A great deal of information is there including an "about the NEC webpage". There is also information regarding the member clubs, officers, constitution, and various awards programs sponsored by the NEC. There is also a specific webpage that provides the details on the NEC convention.

Application for membership requires the club to present a letter to the council president requesting membership in the council, signed by the club president. The letter should contain information about the club (something similar to a newsletter boilerplate) and should contain a list of the club officers with contact information, delegate/alternate (if available), and club web site (if available).
I would then review and present your application to the board. The board would vote on the application and when accepted, your club would be required to pay dues for 1 year ($50).

There is no probationary period your club / members would be eligible for all amenities once your dues are paid.

If you have any other questions regarding the NEC, please email or call me at 845-896-4793 after 6pm...

Regards,,

Joe Masi
NEC President

* - NEC website is under construction, some of the information stated may be temporarily unavailable,,, your patience is appreciated...

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:

http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convention/184-betty-mueller-honor-2015 or contact president@northeastcouncil.org...

NEC meeting dates for 2016: (TBA,,, working on 2016 schedule...)

General:

1Q - CC
2Q - CC
3Q - F2F, Annual Auction
4Q - CC

BOG:

1Q - CC
2Q - CC
3Q - CC
4Q - F2F, Elections
Events:

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

3Q16: Annual Auction

(CC) – 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 a held on TBA.  This meeting will be a conference call. Details will be sent prior to the meeting.

The next NEC General Meeting will be a held on TBA.  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.

I want to wish everyone happy holidays, enjoy the time with your families...

Joe Masi
NEC President
12/15/15
PIJAC Recommends an Immediate Temporary Moratorium on the Importation of Firebelly and Paddletail Newts

11/19/2015-The Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC) is recommending that all exporters, shippers, importers and buyers of *Cynops orientalis* (Firebelly) and *Pachytriton labiatus* (Paddletail) newts immediately establish a voluntary moratorium on importing them into the United States. We further recommend that all non-retail businesses engaged in the salamander trade regularly sanitize their facilities as a prophylactic measure, as treatments are developed, out of an abundance of caution.

PIJAC, along with other concerned organizations, have been in discussions with the United States Government for over a year concerning the *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans*, or Bsal, fungus. This fungus, which is native to Asia, has impacted fire salamander populations in Belgium and the Netherlands. We have become extremely concerned that Bsal or other pathogens could make their way to the United States prior to any government action to stop it.

Government, industry, NGOs and academia are working to develop effective testing and treatment regimens. Until such time as these can be developed and distributed, the threat to the U.S. salamander population dictates that the responsible course of action is to temporarily suspend imports of Firebelly and Paddletail newts.

And, as is always critical, please remind your customers that pets should never be released into the wild.

Should such a pathogen be introduced to the United States, we fear that it could mean the end of responsible ownership of these animals entirely. We will continue to communicate with the industry about progress being made and announce when it is once again safe to import these newts, and what steps to take in order to do so safely.

NEC Convention Update

Convention Venue: Please mark your calendars and join us for the NEC’s 60th anniversary celebration! The convention is being held for our second year at the Sheraton Hartford South in Rocky Hill, CT from April 8-10, 2016.

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/Aquariumhttps://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1506180272&key=394FD1EE. 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).

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 will be added to our website very soon.

- Joe Ferdenzi – “An Abbreviated History of the Aquarium Hobby in America" and “Kilifish Demystified.”
- Ian Harrison – “Confirmed: Distribution and Conservation of fishes in the Congo River” and “Assessing Biodiversity for Conservation and Management of Freshwater Resources.”
- Lawrence Kent – “Intriguing Ditches: Looking for Labyrinth Fish in Cambodia and Malaysia,” and “Will Your Wife and Kids Help Collect Tropical Fish? Family Trips to Nicaragua, Peru, and Ecuador." His presentation at the NECA meeting is titled "Seeking Cichlids in East Africa: Looking Beyond the Big Three Rift Lakes."
- Steve Lundblad – “A Cichlid For Everyone” and “Repopulating the Past: Changes in the Aquatic World.”
- Stephan Tanner – “Xingu Plecos, Let's Save Them Before They Vanish!” and “A Science-Based Approach to Filtration.”

**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.
You will be receiving the registration form by e-mail. 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.

**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:** 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.
We have donations pledged from two new companies! Aquarium Lava Rocks will be sending a box of rock suitable for SW and cichlid environments, and HCA75’s Aquatics will be shipping a box of fish to the convention.

Exhibitors: Amazonas and TFH magazines will be represented at our convention. Look for ads promoting the convention in both magazines’ Jan/Feb 2016 issues. Thanks to both magazines for their continued dedication to the NEC and the aquatic hobby! Have you seen the advertisements promoting our convention in these magazines?
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.

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: Please see Artie Platt’s invitation to all clubs to submit articles for this competition. For more information, please go to http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/articlecomp.


**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](http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/photocomp).

**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](http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/exhibmenu).

**Breeder Participation Program (BPP):** Please send your club BPP information to Chairman Richard Pierce by the **deadline of December 31, 2015**. Club BPP received after this deadline will not be eligible for points this year (they will be added to next year’s results.) For more information, please go to [http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/breederpart](http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/breederpart).

**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](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](http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convention).
The 60th Anniversary of the NEC is just three months away – are you getting excited yet? I certainly am!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you!
Leslie

**NEC Articles Competition**

Hi fellow editors and fish “finatiacs”. Here we are again with another year come and gone. As the Articles Chair for the NEC it is my task to remind you all about the NEC articles competition. First I would like to thank all of you who have been sending your wonderful newsletters to me. I have really enjoyed reading your publications. Now I know that there are a lot more of you who go through the trouble of creating a Club newsletter but have not sent them to me to review. Please have your exchange editors put me on your distribution lists for 2016. I like being able to keep up with you all and makes my job a lot easier come judging.

Again as an added incentive we have added Cash prizes along with award certificates. They are as follows; First prize is $20, Second Prize is $10 and Third prize is $5. All prizes will be given at the NEC Convention. If a club representative from the award winner is not present we will make other arrangements.

Below is a reminder of the rules.

By Sunday January 17, 2016 year each club will choose four (4) articles for each category and submit their choices to the Articles Chair. One bonus article may be submitted (in any category) per club for at total of 21 articles. All submissions will be in electronic format. Web based newsletters submissions can be submitted as a PDF or a link directly to the article submitted.

**NEC Article Competition Rules**

The purpose of the NEC article competition is to reward individual achievement in writing by The Northeast Council of Aquarium Society club members. There will be five categories in the competition with certificate awards of first, second and third place in each category.

The competition will include all articles published from January 1st to December 31st. Club publications must be mailed to the Article Competition Chairman as part of the club’s regular mailing schedule, i.e. monthly, bimonthly or quarterly. Articles must be submitted during the year of their original publication and cannot be resubmitted a following year. Clubs are not to
mail all of the year’s issues to the chairman at the end of that year, as it may not allow sufficient
time for all entries to be properly judged.

The clarity and grammar of the information in the article will be taken into account, as will the
technical, scientific and taxonomic information. Information taken from other sources such as
books, magazines, newsletters and web sites should be footnoted. Spelling, most notably the
spelling of scientific names will be considered. It is recommended that "spell check" be used for
all articles.

An article may only be considered once for an NEC award, and only the first time it is printed
in an NEC newsletter or publication. If an author submits an article to multiple clubs for
publication, the club that prints it first will get credit for that article. Subsequent printings, even
those occurring in the same month will be considered reprints. Reprints from other NEC
publications must be labeled as such at the time of publication and are not eligible for
consideration.

Articles submitted for consideration should be labeled as to their specific category as follows:
Breeder Article, Open Class, Humor Article, Junior (Age 17 and under) and Continuing
Column. Articles not properly labeled will be categorized at the discretion of the Article
Competition chairman.

Qualified persons will judge each category of the competition. The judges will be selected and
overseen by the Article Competition chairman.

Article Criteria

**Best Breeder Article** - The best breeder article should include detailed descriptions of the fish,
fish husbandry (including tank & water conditions), feeding, and steps taken to accomplish
breeding and breeding behavior. Scientific names of all fish are recommended.

**Best Article Open Class** - Any subject pertaining to the aquarium hobby that does not fall into
the breeder or humor category.

**Best Humor Article** - Article needs to be specifically identified as a humor article. Articles
with humorous stories and anecdotes do not necessarily have to be placed in the humor
category.

**Best Junior Article** - Any subject as long as the author is 17 or under. Articles not labeled as
done by a junior will be categorized at the discretion of the Article Competition chairman and
judged in another class.
**Best Continuing Column** - Included for consideration will be President and Editor’s columns, and any continuing feature regularly printed in a NEC club publication.

Please remember that I am looking at potentially hundreds of articles. The easier it is for me to process your work the better. Individual PDFs are preferred. I do accept web links but please make sure they are clear to what they are going to. If possible cut and paste the submission into a word doc for submission. This way you have control if how the article “looks” and can include photos. Understand that is what I have to do in order to send to my judges (and I just paste text into a file).

Please send your articles and/or newsletters to: Articles Chair and include your club name in the subject line. I will be monitoring this email daily so if you have any questions I will get back to you promptly. The submission Site is [mailto:articlescompetiton@gmail.com](mailto:articlescompetiton@gmail.com)

Over the next few weeks would be a great time for you all to look over this year’s work and to make your choices. Please have all entries submitted by **January 17, 2016 I cannot take any more entries after this date**. This will give me the time to properly review all your wonderful efforts and to forward it to the judges. Thanks you to all and good luck.

Let me end with saying I wish you all a healthy and happy holiday season.

Artie Platt  
NEC Articles Chairman  
(NAS, DAAS, GCAS, BASNY, NECA, LIKA, AKA)

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**Call for more…**

**Local Fish Store Information to be entered into a “Local Fish Store Directory”**

Information Requested:

- Shop Name, Owner’s Name, Full Address, Phone,
- Website and/or social media (e.g., Facebook page) addresses,
- Store Hours, Approx. number of tanks or gallons, current stock,
- Other information such as specialty items/ordering, hard to find fish, other types of pets for sale, any discounts offered &/or is a club sponsor.

Who can submit: NEC delegate, alternate delegate or NEC member club president  
Submit to: Barbara Romeo at bromeo1234@optonline.net
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**Call for Nominations**

**Betty Mueller Memorial Honor Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Deadline: December 31, 2015**

This special recognition is given to individuals who, over the years, have given overwhelming dedication and support to the aquarium hobby and to the Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies, Inc.

The rules are as follows:

Any NEC member club or 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 honor. A committee of persons who have received the honor and are still active in the NEC will make the decision.

Please send nominations to: 
mailto:president@northeastcouncil.org
Check Out The New ALCL Website

http://www.aclcpa.org

The Aquarium Club of Lancaster County's Website is back up and operating! You will have to register again since we were unable to recover any lost user ID's. Please go to http://www.aclcpa.org and register.

Once you receive verification of your registration, dig in and visit the Community and all the other sections of the website. There are a few minor details to be ironed out but it is functional. If you have any questions or issues with the website send an email to webmaster@aclcpa.org.

Announcing CCY 's New Twitter page

The Cichlid Club of York's Twitter is moving to a new page called cichlidclubofyorkpa on 1/1/2016. The old page will be deactivated.

Please go to: https://twitter.com/ccypa2015 and follow…

Hope to see you there.
NEC Slide and Videos

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
Email: dbanks@together.net or 802-372-8716

Last published library listing: January 15, 2015 NEC Newsletter

Club Events

Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
December 16, 2015 @ 7 PM
Holiday Party
At RISPCA
186 Amaral St., Riverside, RI
If you would like to advertise your monthly meetings or special events, please forward the information to Barbara Romeo 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.

Call for …..

Listings for “Wants to Buy, Sell &/or Trade” in the NEC Newsletter

Rules & Disclaimer: If you would like to advertise a Swap Shop listing please forward information to Barbara Romeo at bromeo1234@optonline.net by the tenth of each month. Be sure to include all pertinent information in your announcement. NEC reserves the right to deny a listing for any reason. Users of the Swap Shop should understand that they do so AT THEIR OWN RISK. Both parties understand and agree to complete the transaction independently of the NEC. The NEC is in no way responsible for any portion of these transactions and cannot be held in any way liable for any loss incurred by either party in the transaction. Furthermore, participation in the Swap Shop serves as acceptance of these rules.
Our Annual Member's Presentation Meeting. Come celebrate a great 2015 and Holiday Celebration. Members and guests will have the opportunity to spend a few minutes talking about their fish, plants, tanks and methods. BAP participants can earn some extra bonus points by talking about the way they spawned the fish they submitted for BAP points.

Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Where: The New England Aquarium's Harborside Learning Lab, Boston, MA
When: December 21 @ 8 PM

Holiday Party & Auction

50/50 Split

Join us for Fishy Fellowship, Food & Fun!

Doors open: 7:30 PM
104 Years of Educating Aquarists

FRIDAY, JAN. 8 @ 7:30 PM

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JEFF BOLLBACH

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$5 Donation for Non-members. Good towards membership that night only.

For Information Visit BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.COM

Or Call BAS 24 Hr. Calendar of Events Hotline (718) 837-4455

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Car Directions: Belt Parkway to Ocean Parkway South (Exit 7S), Take Ocean Parkway approx. 1/2 mile. The NY Aquarium will be on your left.

Subway Directions: Either the Q or F trains to West 8th St., NY Aquarium Station.
When: Saturday, January 9, 2015  
Speaker: Dave Schumacher of Dave's Rare Fish  
Where: Lutz Children's Museum,  
247 S Main St, Manchester, CT 06040  

Dave Schumacher will speak about Mbuna. There will be snacks and cold drinks, starting at 6:30 PM. There will be a mini-auction after the program.  
Non-members are welcome!

Building LED Light Fixtures Workshop  
By Ira Gardner-Morse  

Jan 14, 2016 @ 6:30 PM  
VFW Hall on Pearl Street  
Essex Junction, Vermont  

Each paid Tropical Fish Club of Burlington member that attends will be able to build their own LED light fixture 24-30” for free
DANBURY AREA AQUARIUM SOCIETY

Serving the Hudson Valley Area, Westchester, Fairfield, and Litchfield Counties

31st Annual AUCTION - Winter 2016!

SUNDAY, January 17, 2016

OF FISH (All Species), AQUARIUM EQUIPMENT AND RELATED DRY GOODS,

TO BE HELD AT THE: Knights of Columbus Hall #6318
10 Fair St
Carmel, NY 10512

No Pre-registration: 1 red dot, 1 add’l dot per 10 bags, 50/50 split, 60/40 for 6 or more *lots, please label your bags (see auction rules)

*Acceptable lots will be determined by the auction committee

Food & Refreshments will be available

AUCTION HOURS:

REGISTRATION.................................8:30 AM TO 11:15 AM

VIEWING OF GOODS......................10:00 AM TO 11:15 AM

AUCTION........................................11:30 AM TO 5 PM

RAFFLE.................................................50 / 50

D.A.A.S. INVITES YOU TO ATTEND!
DIRECTIONS TO Knights of Columbus Hall (KofC):

WESTBOUND

Take Interstate 84 to exit 19. Turn right on NY-312, follow to US-6. Turn right onto US-6, follow for 2.3 miles. Turn right onto NY-52 follow for 0.5 miles. Turn right onto Fair Street, KofC hall is on right past gas station. Parking in rear...

EASTBOUND

Take Interstate 84 to exit 18. Turn right on NY-311, follow to NY-52. Turn left onto NY-52, follow for 3.0 miles. Turn left onto Fair Street, KofC hall is on right past gas station. Parking in rear...

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Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Where: The New England Aquarium's Harborside Learning Lab, Boston, MA
When: January 18 @ 8 PM

Winter Breeder’s Auction
Please label all bags with number, species, seller.
Minimum bids welcome…
Seller takes 70%

All Donations to Benefit Project Piaba

Please donate cash, livestock, or goods. All donations directly benefit Piaba.
Scott needs your help! Interested? Contact Scott Down at NEAq
(sdowd@neaq.org or 617-973-5243)

Come Join Us!

2nd Annual Al Faul Memorial Tour

Boston Aquarium Society invites any and all NEC member clubs to join us Monday evening, February 15, 2016 at 8 PM at the New England Aquarium (NEAQ) to tour the facility. Parking meters are free after 8 PM.
Norwalk Aquarium Society
38th Annual Tropical Fish & Aquarium Equipment Benefit
Auction for Earthplace

Sunday, January 31, 2016
Set up and viewing 9:30 AM-11:30 AM
Auction begins around Noon
At
Earthplace-The Nature Discovery Center
10 Woodside Lane, Westport, Connecticut
Auction open to the Public - free of charge
One of the Northeast’s Largest Auctions of Beautiful Tropical Fish & New and Good Used Aquarium Equipment!
For more information visit websites: www.norwalkas.org or www.earthplace.org
Or Call - (203) 227-7253 ext. 110

Directions to the Earthplace Nature Discovery Center
From Merritt Parkway - Wilbur Cross:
Exit 41. If coming from New Haven turn right at exit, (if coming from New York, turn left at exit). Proceed on CT Route 33. At first traffic light turn right onto Kings Highway North. Proceed straight and turn right (second town road) onto Woodside Avenue. Woodside Avenue ends at the stop sign and Woodside Lane continues to Earthplace.

From New England Thruway (I-95)
From either direction take exit 17 and turn left onto Riverside Avenue (Route 33). Go straight approximately 1 mile to Sylvan Road South (on left - gas station at corner). Turn left onto Sylvan Rd S. Turn right at light (Post Road, Route 1) take first left onto Kings Highway, take left at Woodside Avenue-proceed to end of street. Woodside Lane continues to Earthplace.

From Norwalk or Westport Via Rte 1.
Follow Route 1 to Kings Highway North. Take left onto Woodside Avenue and proceed to end of street. Woodside Avenue ends at the stop sign and Woodside Lane continues to Earthplace.
NorthEast Council of Aquarium Societies
41st Annual Convention

Celebrating 60 YEARS of the NEC!

AN ALL-SPECIES EDUCATIONAL & SOCIAL WEEKEND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

ALL-DAY SUNDAY AUCTION:
Hundreds of fish, inverts, plants, & dry goods!

WEEKEND-LONG SILENT AUCTIONS:
Benefiting James White Memorial Conservation Fund

ROOM SALE SECTION:
Hobbyist-bred livestock

VENDOR & MANUFACTURER HALL:
Imported livestock, plants, equipment, & hardscape!

AQUARIUM PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

EVENING HOSPITALITY ROOM

3-COURSE GOURMET BUFFET MEAL OPTIONS

RAFFLES! PRIZES! FREE SAMPLES!

14 SPEAKER PROGRAMS:

JOE FERENZI (NY)
LAWRENCE KENT (WA)
STEVE LUNDBLAD (OR)
STEPHAN TANNER (MN)

DR. IAN HARRISON (NY)
DR. PAUL LOISELLE (NJ)
DR. JOHN LYONS (WI)

details on our website!

SPECIALTY CLUB EVENTS:

NEW ENGLAND CICHLID ASSOCIATION
Guest Speaker: Lawrence Kent (WA)

NORTHEAST LIVEBEARER ASSOCIATION
Guest Speaker: Bill Gill (ME)

NORTHEAST FISH TUBBERS & WATER GARDENERS
Moderator: Ted Coletti (NJ) + pond plant auction!

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND KILLIFISH ASSOCIATION
Mini Auction of rare and uncommon kills!

REGISTRATION & SCHEDULE UPDATES:
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CELEBRATE THE NEC DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY: 60 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HOBBY!
Koi Organisation International

We can help!
Learn Online
www.KoiOrganisationInternational.org
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.

December, 2015

**December 16**
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Holiday Party
More info: [http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/](http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/)

**December 18**
Danbury Area Aquarium Society (DAAS)
Holiday Party
More info: franc21alliance@optonline.net

**December 19**
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County (ACLC)
Open Mic Meeting
More info: [http://www.aclcpa.org](http://www.aclcpa.org)

**December 21**
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Annual Christmas Party & Auction
More info: [http://www.bostonaquariumsociety.org](http://www.bostonaquariumsociety.org)

January, 2016

**January 8**
Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY)
Jeff Bollbach
“Getting Rich Breeding Fish”
More info: [http://www.basny.org](http://www.basny.org)

**January 9**
New England Cichlid Association (NECA)
Dave Schumacher
“Mbuna”
January 11
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society (JSAS)
Will Fitzgerald
“Fish Rooms”
More info: http://www.jerseyshoreas.org/

January 14
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington (TFCB)
Ira Gardner-Morse
“Building LED Light Fixtures Workshop”

January 20
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
NEC Convention Video
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/

February, 2016

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

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

February 17
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Member Appreciation Dinner
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/

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 stock, 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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