**2013 NEC CALENDAR**

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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.
President's Message

Hello Everyone,

We are still looking for someone to take on the Articles chair position. I have been contacted by an interested member, but if you are interested please contact me at: president@northeastcouncil.org. I also had the opportunity to participate in several of the club auctions recently. I had my usual “crew” with me and we generally have a good time helping out. I can't stress enough how important it is to get out and attend these events. Everyone including the clubs are feeling the financial pinch, so do your best to attend and help out...

I would ask that all the clubs please assist us in advertising the 2013 convention, by placing the following advertisement and web link in their newsletter and on their website:

NEC 38th Annual Tropical Fish Convention  
When: April 5-7, 2013  
Where: Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, Connecticut  
What: Speakers, Vendor/Exhibitor Room, discussion groups, specialty organization meetings, a judged fish show, and a Giant Auction Sunday  
Info: www.convention.northeastcouncil.org

Also, please feel free to advertise wherever you think people might be interested in attending the convention...

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

Upcoming NEC / Sister club events for 2013:

Mar 16: TFSRI Auction  
Apr 5-7: NEC Convention/Show/Auction  
April 20: CNYAS Annual Auction  
April 21: NECA Spring Auction  
April 27-28: NJAS Swap Meet/Spring Auction

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

NEC meeting dates for 2013:

General:  
2Q - Jun 2 (CP)  
3Q - Sep 15 (CP)  
4Q - Dec 8 (CC)

BOG:  
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 held at the Crowne Plaza on Sunday May 5, 2013 at 12 noon. The details will be sent prior to the meeting.

The next NEC General Meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza on Sunday June 2, 2013 at 12 noon. This is a “president's meeting”, I'm encouraging the club presidents to join their delegates at this meeting. Please check in the entrance atrium or front desk for meeting room information. There will be an opportunity to order lunch in if you so chose.

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 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
03/11/2013

Don’t forget to contact Tracy Marcus to donate fish and dry good supplies for the Sport Fishing Education Center.

We published in January’s newsletter (click here) an email sent by Tracy Marcus (LIAS Recording Secretary and Sea Explorers Marine Camp Director) to Barbara Romeo detailing Hurricane Sandy’s devastation to the Sport Fishing Education Center.

Tracy and her staff are rebuilding their freshwater and saltwater aquariums before camp begins in May. Donations of fish and dry good supplies would help them towards this goal.

Tracy expects to attend the NEC Convention in April. Please contact her at tm353@cornell.edu or 631-587-2873 to coordinate donations and exchange.
NEC Convention Update

It's almost convention time! That's right, this is the last newsletter until we all meet and enjoy another annual convention. The 38th Annual NEC Convention is being held at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, CT from April 5-7th.

**Registration:** If you haven’t already done so, you can register online until March 22 at http://northeastcouncil.org/convention/index.php?option=com_virtuemart&Itemid=145&vmcchk=1&Itemid=145. While the planted tank workshop is filled, there are still a few spaces available in the DeBruyn filter workshop with Rich Pierce. After March 22, you will be able to register at the convention on Friday and Saturday morning. Friday registration opens at 10am, and Saturday morning registration will be open from 8am – 1:30pm.

If you prefer to mail your registration, there is a downloadable form on the registration page. Mail-ins must be postmarked on or before March 18th.

There are a few clubs who haven't returned their free registrations. Please encourage your member who received the registration to mail it in or send it by e-mail. Don't lose out on this benefit!

**Hotel Reservations:** The special convention hotel rate will be available until Monday, March 18th. The hotel anticipates they will be completely sold out from April 3-7th, so please make your hotel reservations now!

**Speakers:** The speakers are putting the finishing touches on their presentations. You can review the bios of our speakers at http://convention.northeastcouncil.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=184&Itemid=161

Our first speakers open the convention at 12 noon on Friday. You can see the schedule at http://convention.northeastcouncil.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=199&Itemid=160

The Friday kickoff will take place at 5:00pm this year, followed by Lee Finley’s presentation, the Friday buffet dinner from 7:00-9:00pm. The Friday dry goods auction will take place following dinner in the Grand Ballroom.

**Vendor Room:** The Vendor Room is filling up! Have you been to the website to see who will be there? Go check it out: http://northeastcouncil.org/convention/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=202&Itemid=162

**Conservation:** Make sure to visit the James J. White Memorial Conservation Fund silent auction. Rumor has it that there will be some very interesting fish at this auction, including some saltwater species! The proceeds from our silent auction will be donated to LINI and Conservation Aquariums in the Classroom.

Hospitality Room: Please join us in the Hospitality Room on Friday and Saturday night in the Presidential Suite, Room 453. The Hospitality Suite is sponsored by Wet Spot Tropical and owner Steve Lundblad. [http://www.wetspottropicalfish.com/](http://www.wetspottropicalfish.com/)

Silent Action and Chinese Raffle: We have some wonderful donations for our Silent auction as well as the Chinese Raffle! Do you need a UV Filter? What about a complete tank set up? Like to read? We have books, including books written by our speakers that will be personally signed for the winner. Do you like art? We have framed photographs taken by club members, and three pieces of artwork by Mr. Ken McKeighen. The Chinese Raffle includes a framed display of the last three convention postcards as well as a framed display of the last 10 year’s convention buttons. More items are sure to be on offer – what will they be??

Stop by the Silent auction and the Chinese Raffle and bid on these items. You'll be glad you did!

Tropical Fish Show and Planted Tank Exhibition: This year we are having a tropical fish show and our second planted tank exhibition. The show is open to all convention attendees to enter one fish per class. Cash prizes for top three in each class, Best of Show and Reserve of Show. To download the rules and a registration form, go to the show webpage at [http://northeastcouncil.org/convention/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=201&Itemid=174](http://northeastcouncil.org/convention/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=201&Itemid=174)

Awards will be given out just prior to the beginning of the Sunday auction.

The planted tank exhibition is also open to all convention attendees. If you have a favorite planted tank, enter into this exhibition. Last year, the entries were stunning!

*Picture: Aponogeton madagascariensis (Madagascar Lace Plant)*

Articles Competition: Winning articles in our annual Articles Competition will be on display in the Vendor Room following the Saturday breakfast where the winners will be announced.

Photo Contest: Our photo contest is open to all members of the NEC. Photos can be mailed in or submitted at the registration table. For rules and an entry form, please go to [http://northeastcouncil.org/convention/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=194&Itemid=175](http://northeastcouncil.org/convention/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=194&Itemid=175)

Friday night dry goods auction and Sunday auction: This year, we will be having a dry goods auction on Friday night beginning at 9:00pm in the Grand Ballroom immediately following the buffet dinner. Our Sunday auction will begin at 11am, with viewing beginning at 9:30am. The registration table opens at 7:30am. Please bring your auction lots as early as possible to ensure that they will be out on the tables when viewing begins. For rules and vendor forms for both auctions, please go to
As you can see, there’s a lot going on at the convention, and excitement is building! Please come and enjoy the weekend, and offer to volunteer – it’s a great way to meet people. If you would like to help the convention be a great success, please e-mail me at ConventionChair@northeastcouncil.org or stop by the registration table and ask where you can help out.

See you at the convention!

Leslie

**ENTER YOUR FISH AT THE NEC TROPICL FISH SHOW \nAT THE 38th ANNUAL NEC CONVENTION**

**When:** April 5th – 7th  
**Where:** Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, CT

**Cash Prizes!**  
1\textsuperscript{st} Place in Class $25  
2\textsuperscript{nd} Place in Class $15  
3\textsuperscript{rd} Place in Class $10  
Best of Show $125  
Reserve of Show $ 75

**7 Classes:**  
Cichlids,  
Catfish,  
Killifish,  
Bettas & Other Anabantoids,  
Guppies & Other Livebearers,  
Goldfish & Koi,  
Open (All Other Fish)

Only 1 entry per person or family per class. Three different winners in each class.

Open to all convention attendees but space is limited!  
**Pre-Registration is strongly recommended!**

Download the Complete Rules and Entry Form:  

Any questions please contact George Goulart at mailto:george@aqualifecentral.com
Dear Hobbyist:

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.

**Indonesian Marine Ornamental Symposium (LINI)**
Please check out the website:
http://www.lini.or.id/en/

Established 2008 by a small group of dedicated professionals, LINI is one of the few Indonesian non-profits currently working to promote sustainable fisheries in Indonesia, and the only one to have developed and maintained a database on ornamental fisheries for the marine aquarium trade.

**Conservation Aquariums in the Classroom**

Please check out the website:

The New England Aquarium's Teacher Resource Center will hold a training program for school teachers within the NEC region. Teachers will be trained in the basics to establish and maintain healthy and exiting classroom aquariums. Program participants will be encouraged to keep fish that have been the focus of previous NEC conservation awards (C.A.R.E.S, Project Piaba, etc.) and other aquarium fish with conservation related stories that can be used as the basis for lesson plans in the classrooms.

We are asking fellow hobbyists to consider donating rare or unusual fish, new or gently used equipment, dry goods or aquarium related art or books.

With your help we can continue to provide support for present and future projects.

Thank you
David Giza davegiza@comcast.net
Scott Dowd sdowd@neaq.org

The 38th Annual NEC Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell CT Friday, April 5th through Sunday, April 7th.
Boston Guppy Club --- New Logo

Congratulations to the Boston Guppy Club! They have adopted a new logo replacing the female guppy with the male guppy.

LOOKING FOR PICTURES / GRAPHICS

We would like to publish convention, auction, tropical fish, aquatic plants and invertebrate pictures in this newsletter. Basically “anything fishy” including “fish people”.

Please donate any pictures you have taken (or graphics you created) to Barbara Romeo at mailto:BRomeo1234@optonline.net.

Credit will be given to all published pictures and graphics.

P.S. Don’t forget you can also submit your photos for consideration in the 38th Annual NEC Convention Photo Contest. Download the rules here:

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:

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.

March

March 15
Long Island Aquarium Society (LIAS)
Laura Birenbaum
“Coral and Marine Invertebrates”
More info: http://www.liasonline.org/
March 16
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County (ACLC)
Tony Orso
“A Detailed Look at the Fishes of Asia and their Import”
More information: http://www.aclcpa.org

March 18
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Chuck Fittz
“Vernal Pools”
More info: http://www.bostonaquariumsociety.org/

March 20
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Tony Terceira
“Collecting Fish from the Florida Western Panhandle to Mobile Bay, enjoying native fish. A fun trip in 2012”
More info: http://www.tfsri.net

March 21
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Rusty Wessel
“Fishes of the Maya”
More info: http://www.njas.net

April

April 3
Greater City Aquarium Society (GCAS)
Larry Johnson
“Lake Malawi”
More info: http://www.greatercity.org/
April 6
Northeast Livebearer Association (NELA) & NEC
Charles Clappsaddle
“American Gambusia”
at the NEC Convention in Cromwell, CT
More information: (flyer)

April 8
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society (JSAS)
Shawn Crouse
NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife
“Invasive Species”
More info: http://www.jerseyshoreas.org/

April 9
Otter Valley Aquarium Society (OVAS)
Field Trip
Joan Snider’s Fish Room
Directions: Snider6959@gmail.com

April 11
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington (TFCB)
Julien Poupard
“Farlowella acus”
More info: http://www.tfcb.org

April 12
Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY)
Mark Denaro
“Where rare species are common”
More info: see flyer or http://www.basny.org/

April 15
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Scott Dowd
“Conservation”
More info: http://www.bostonaquariumsociety.org/
April 18
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Patrick Donston
"Setting up a marine aquarium with spare freshwater equipment"
More info: http://www.njas.net

April 19
Long Island Aquarium Society (LIAS)
Vinny Kreyling
“The Long Windy Road”
More info: http://www.liasonline.org/

May

May 17
Long Island Aquarium Society (LIAS)
Christine Williams Pasagelis
“When Aquariums Attack”
More info: http://www.liasonline.org/

May 31
Danbury Area Aquarium Society (DAAS)
Amin Rubirosa
“Wild Bettas”
More info: daas@northeastcouncil.org

June

June 5
Greater City Aquarium Society (GCAS)
Leslie Dick
“Livebearers”
More info: http://www.greatercity.org/
June 13
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington (TFCB)
Joe Ferdenzi
“Aquarium Hobby History”
More info: http://www.tfcb.org

June 14
Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY)
Laura Birenbaum
“Dry Shipping Corals and Other Inverts”
More info: http://www.basny.org/

2013 Club Events

Put Your Pond on the Tour!

Pioneer Valley Water Garden & Koi Club (PVG & K)
20th Annual Pond Tour
Sat, July 13th – Sun, July 14th
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
(Rain or Shine)

Contact us if you would like to be on our tour:
Sandy Litwin: Phone: 413-534-4278
E-Mail slitwin4278@charter.net
or
Sydney Brodeur: Phone: 413-562-6031
E-Mail sydb46@hotmail.com

Picture from 2012 pond tour:
Sid & Laurie Brodeur - Westfield, MA

http://albums.pioneervalleypondclub.com/gallery/main.php?g2_itemId=5714
Otter Valley Aquarium Society

Annual Tropical Fish & Plant Auction & Peoples Choice’s Bowl Show

Sunday - May 19

Viewing Lots 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM • Auction starts 12 NOON
Free Admission • Refreshments Available.

at the Rutland/ Killington Holiday Inn located on US Route 7 near the junction of Route 4.
IMPORTANT DRIVING INFORMATION: The GPS systems will not recognize their physical address. We highly recommend you use 1 Holiday Drive, Rutland, VT 05701.

Make it a Weekend Get Away. Enjoy Beautiful Vermont than attend the Auction on Sunday. Special room rates for the Auction weekend $92 per night including breakfast. For reservations call 800 462-4810 or info@hivermont.com

For more Information contact Lee Scott at 802-537-2713 or Leebrianscoot@yahoo.com or www.ovasociety.com

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.
NEC MEMBER CLUBS:
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County  ACLC
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
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
Upstate NY Killifish Association  UNYKA
Worcester Aquarium Society  WAS

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Legislation  Dave Giza
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Raffles (Fund Raising)  Open
Workshop  Leslie Dick

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Auction  Joe Masi/Dave Giza
Betty Mueller  Joe Masi
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JW Memorial Conservation  Dave Giza
Donations  Nancy Villars
Exhibitor Competition  Bill Gill
Historian  Dave Banks
Newsletter  Barbara Romeo
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 with your club.
NEC Member Clubs
(click on individual logos to go to the respective website or contact info)