2017 CALENDAR

**March**
- 25: NHAS Annual Auction ([link](#)) ([flyer](#))
- 26: JSAS Spring Auction ([flyer](#))

**April**
- 1: TFCB Fish, Frag, & Reptile Swap Meet ([flyer](#))
- 17: BAS Spring Breeders Auction ([link](#)) ([flyer](#))
- 23: NECA Spring Auction ([link](#)) ([flyer](#))
- 23: NJAS Spring Auction ([flyer](#))
- 26: 2nd Q NEC BOG Meeting (CC)
- 28-30: **Aquatic Gardeners Association (AGA) Convention ([link](#))**
- 29: CNYAS Annual Auction ([FB](#)) ([flyer](#))

**May**
- 4-7: **ALA Convention ([FB](#))**
- 12: BASNY Giant Spring Auction ([link](#))
- 19-21: **CAOAC Convention 2017 ([link](#))**
- 20: BASNY National Aquarium Bus Trip (pg 23)
- 21: OVAS Spring Auction ([link](#))
- 26-28: **AKA Convention ([FB](#))**

**June**
- 4: 2nd Q NEC General Meeting (CC)
- 13: NCAS Silent Auction ([link](#))
- 19: BAS/BGC Joint Meeting/Auction

**July**
- 13-16: **American Cichlid Association (ACA) Convention ([FB](#))**

**August**
- 2: GCAS Silent Auction ([link](#))
- 23: 3rd Q NEC BOG Meeting (CC)

**September**
- TBD: 3rd Q NEC General Meeting (CC)
- 22-24: ACLC/CY Keystone Clash ([link](#)) ([flyer](#))

**October**
- 13-15: **IFGA 51st Annual Meeting & SJGG Show ([flyer](#)) ([link](#))**

**November**
- 3-5: **Aquatic Experience ([link](#))**
- 14: 4th Q NEC BOG Meeting (CC)
- 17-19: **Ohio Cichlid Association 2017 ([link](#))**

**December**
- 3: 4th Q NEC General Meeting (Hybrid-F2F & CC)

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*General NEC meetings are held at NOON and BOG meetings are held at 7:30 PM (unless otherwise noted)*

*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.*
Wow! What a fun convention!

The NEC's 42nd Annual Convention just ended last Sunday. While I haven't seen any of the financials, in terms of attendance and the fun factor, it was a great success. We had a lot of great talks, I saw a lot of old friends, and the banquet, auction and vendor room were full. There was too much to do: I only saw about a third of the talks and didn't even get to meet everyone who was there. I would like to thank and congratulate Leslie Dick, our Convention Chair who works year round to make these conventions happen.

There are many other people to thank for making the convention a success. Joe and Fran Masi, Barbara Romeo and Joe and Sue Dinho were always in the registration room making sure that everyone got checked in, running silent auctions and doing the many other tasks that keep the convention running smoothly. Nancy Villars/Hallgring deserves a lot of credit and thanks for filling the vendor room with great vendors and seeing that things run smoothly there. The Jim White Conservation Fund Silent Auction was also held in the vendor room and I thank David and Linda Giza, Scott Dowd, Russ McAndrews, and Jackie Anderson for all their hard work. I would also like to thank all the people and companies that donated fish and products to make this successful. Ted Coletti worked all the social media angles to promote the Convention and let people know it was the place to be last weekend! In the evening, it was nice to be able to go to the hospitality room and socialize. David and Janine Banks, and Cobalt Aquatics made this possible and I would also like to thank them.

We had a great lineup of speakers: Bill Allen, Ted Coletti, Mark Denaro, Steve Edie, Gerald Griffin, Ruben Lugo, Tony Orso, Karen Pattist and Greg Steeves. I missed a number of talks but the ones I saw were fantastic. Thank you all for coming, informing and entertaining us. Ted Coletti gave one of the funniest banquet talks I have seen. Greg Steeves made me want
to put on snorkeling gear and head for the water. I shouldn't have watched Tony Orso's Asian Fish talk, because I now need to find space for more of the charming little danios, barbs and rasboras he showed us in my fish room.

I would also like to thank the NEC competition Chairs as well as all those who participate in NEC events. Bill Gill chairs the Exhibitor's Competition and also brought back the Guppy Show for the third year. Mike Liu managed the show room, and along with NECA, brought back the cichlid show for the second time. Tony Terceira and Bill Logue managed the Killifish Exhibition. I had expected to be able to help more, so thank you both for stepping in for me! We also had our first Nano-tank Competition, and had some beautiful and some humorous entries. Thanks also to everyone who entered the shows. I also thank Artie Platt for running the Articles Competition. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Breeders Participation Program and the Photography Competition. I always enter a photo or two in the advanced classes. The comments from our photography judges are always invaluable and the fact that I am often beat by other competitors helps motivate me to constantly try to improve. Thank you Tony Terceira and Mark Denaro for judging the photography competition. Finally I would like to thank Joe Masi for managing the Betty Mueller award and congratulate Barbara Romeo for earning the Betty Mueller Award. In addition to being our Newsletter Editor, Corresponding Secretary of the NEC and the Sponsor & Donation Chair, Barbara is always on the move, pitching in wherever needed. This is true at the convention and at just about every club auction or event she attends. It is long overdue that she was recognized with the NEC's highest honor.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped in the auction. First of all, thanks to Joe Masi, Fran Masi and David Giza. They are the leaders who make the auction run smoothly. Huy Vu deserves a big thank you; he wrote the software and provides the equipment that makes tracking the auction sales and paying the sellers easy. He is so busy that he rarely makes regular club meetings, but he is always there when the NEC or TFSRI auctions come around. Joe Dinho and Tom Koba are working to transition from one treasurer to another with minimal interruption to NEC operations. Thank you both. Barbara Romeo and Dave Hardenbrook worked to get in donations for the auction. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the auction. There are so many others who make the auction work: the auctioneers and announcers, all the runners, the people who enter the data in the computer, and everyone else who works the auction. I apologize for not knowing all of your names or being able to recall everyone who helped out. The risk of thanking people by name is that I might inadvertently slight someone. If I forgot anyone, it is truly unintentional.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who attended the NEC convention. We all have many things competing for our time and our recreation dollars, and it is gratifying to see so many chose to spend this weekend with us. I hope you all had as rewarding a weekend as I did and look forward to seeing you again next year.

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Thank you everyone for a wonderful convention!

Rich Pierce
President
Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies

**NEC Convention Update**

This year’s convention was another huge success! As a group, we overcame unexpected website outages, a hotel-directed early closure of our room block, and a smaller-than-expected snow storm on Friday. We really dodged a huge snow storm that arrived on Tuesday following the convention – Rocky Hill received over a foot of snow on Tuesday, Bradley International Airport was closed, and the entire state of Connecticut was under a travel ban which was lifted at 5pm in the evening.

Fish people are a dedicated group – we all arrived at the hotel despite the weather, had a great time, and most of us stayed for the Sunday Auction. Our auction was another standing-room only event, with close to 800 lots sold. The vendor room was active, and the speaker seminars were filled with attendees. Our hospitality room was a lot of fun, complete with singing and guitar-playing by Ted Coletti and Bill Allen.

The NEC extends a huge thank you for all the speakers, vendors, speaker sponsorships, our Gold, Silver, Bronze, and anonymous sponsors, and all our attendees! Thank you to the Boston Guppy Club, the New England Cichlid Association, and the Southern New England Killifish Association for holding fish shows and exhibitions.

On a personal level, I thank all the convention committee members for their dedication in manning the registration table, the vendor room, the donations and sponsorships, the conservation silent auction, and for publicity. The convention is successful due to everyone who worked and attended the event! Without you, we wouldn’t be able to hold an annual convention for the past 42 years!

Thank you all, and I’m looking forward to seeing you again in 2018!

Leslie
Betty Mueller Award Presented at the NEC Convention Banquet

Lifetime Achievement Award

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.

Past recipients:

1979  Betty Mueller  
1980  Martin Bernard  
1981  Penny Faul  
1982  Ray Horn  
1983  Lee Finley  
1984  Ann & Walter Howe  
1985  Kathy Beebe  
1986  Jack Adinolfi  
1987  Sandy Billings  
1988  Al Faul  
1989  Dave Quinn  
1990  John Galvin  
1991  John Stankevitch  
1992  Bill Kenney  
1993  Aline Brousseau  
1994  Faith Quinn  
1995  Tony Terceira  
1996  Don Johnson  
1997  Sue & Wally Bush  
1998  Diane Adinolfi  
1999  Chuck Davis  
2000  Aline Finley  
2001  Janine & David Banks  
2002  Wayne Leibel  
2003  Karen Randall  
2004  Mark & Anne Broadmeyer  
2004  Honoree, Ray Lucas  
2005  James White  
2006  Rit Forcier  
2007  Christine & Frank Policastro  
2008  Joe Masi  
2009  Linda & David Giza  
2010  Barbara Day  
2011  Bill Cole  
2012  Claudia Dickinson  
2013  Leslie Dick  
2014  Richard Pierce  
2015  Rosario LaCorte  
2016  Nancy Villars/Hallgring

2017 RECIPIENT:  
Barbara Romeo

Betty Mueller award winners at the banquet from (left to right) were Joe Masi, Richard Pierce, Barbara Romeo, Tony Terceira, Janine & David Banks, Linda & David Giza, Bill Cole, Leslie Dick, and Nancy Villars / Hallgring.
NEC Convention Contest Results:

1st Place: Peter Izzo

Photo by Elizabeth Napier Bonvillain

2nd Place: Elizabeth Napier Bonvillain

Photo by Scott McLaughlin
3rd Place: Samuel T. Rutka

4th Place: Adam Harris

Photo by Samuel T. Rutka

Photo by Elizabeth Napier Bonvillain
Exhibition Competition, 2017-Bill Gill, Chair:

1st Place – Joel Antkowiack - ACLC
2nd Place – Alan Rollings/Karen Haas - ACLC
3rd Place – George Goulart - TFSRI
Junior – Hannah McLellan - TFSRI
Most Club Entries – TFSRI

Boston Guppy Club -IGEES Guppy & Endler Show Results 2017

Ornamental Long tail
1st Cheri Tenaglia – Albino Blue Delta
2nd David Banks – Russian Red Delta
3rd Ruben Odom- Blue Moscow Delta

Ornamental Sword tail
1st David Banks – Blonde Bundt Bottom sword
2nd Cheri Tenaglia- Blonde Bundt Bottom sword
3rd Ruben Odom- Japan Blue Double sword

Ornamental Short Tail
1st Cheri Tenaglia – Mosaic Round tail

Wild Endler
1st Marty Anderson – Orchid Endler
2nd Greg Jones – Black Bar Endler
3rd Greg Jones – Black Bar Endler

Designer Endler
No Entries

Wild Guppy
1st Bill Gill – Iridescent Guppy
2nd Bill Gill – Iridescens Guppy
3rd Bill Gill – Iridescent Guppy

Designer Wild Guppy
No Entries

Best of Show
Dave Banks-Blonde Bundt Lower Sword

Reserve of Show
Cheri Tenaglia - Albino Blue Delta
Class 1 - Individual Fish / Fish Identification – Advanced Class

1st Place: Guy Van Rossum (Boraras brigittae)
2nd Place: Guy Van Rossum (Angelfish)
3rd Place: Richard Pierce (Goodea atripinnis)

Class 2 - Individual Fish / Fish Identification – Open Class

1st Place:
Elizabeth Napier Bonvillain (Botia hymenophysa)
2nd Place: Evelyn Eagan (Albino Ancistris)
3rd Place: Scott McLaughlin (Oreochromis)

Class 3 - Underwater Life (Group or Tank Photos) – Advanced Class

1st Place: Guy Van Rossum (Acarichthys heckelii)
2nd Place: Guy Van Rossum (Confused)
3rd Place: Guy Van Rossum (Corydoras cf. schwartzi)
Class 4: Scott McLaughlin (Parachromis dovii pair with fry)

Class 4- Underwater Life (Group or Tank Photos) – Open Class

1st Place: Scott McLaughlin (Parachromis dovii pair with fry)
2nd Place: Elizabeth Napier Bonvillain (Theraps bocourti)
3rd Place: Elizabeth Napier Bonvillain (Cichlid community aquarium)

Class 5-NEC Activities People Pictures

1st Place: Richard Pierce (Jackie with lobster)
2nd Place: Janine Banks
(Lee Finley and Penny Faul)
3rd Place: Richard Pierce (SNEKA meeting)
Additional Awards Presented at the NEC Convention:

Articles Competition, 2016- Artie Platt, Chair:

There were 74 entries from 9 clubs.
Participating clubs: CCY, BASNY, TFCB, LIAS, GCAS, DAAS, NAS, NHAS and TFSRI

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NEC/NECA 2017 Cichlid Show Results
(Reported by Y. Michael Liu)

Class 1-Central America
First: Karen Haas-Amatitlania nanolutea
Second: Ann Whitman-Cryptoheros chetumalensis
Third: Karen Haas-Amatitlania nigrofasciata

Class 2-South America
First: Judith Weinberg-Pterophyllum scalare Marble
Second: Greg Jones-Symphysodon sp. Iron Blue Sakura
Third: Greg Jones-Symphysodon sp. Leopard Sakura

Lt to Rt: Mike Liu and Leslie Dick present to Karen Haas

Ann Whitman

Judith Weinberg
3-Africa Rift Lakes
First: Lisa Hoeber-Callichromis pleuospilus
Second: Lisa Hoeber-Aulonocara stuartgranti Ngara Flametail
Third: Lisa Hoeber- Aulonocara rubescens Red Ruby

Class 4-Africa-All Other
First: Judith Weinberg-Paratilapia sp. Large Spot
Second: Richard Moore- Pundamilia nyererei Makobe Island
Third: Richard Moore- Lipochromis parvidens

People’s Choice:
Scott McLaughlin-Crenicichla lenticulata

Lt to Rt: Mike Liu and Leslie Dick present to Lisa Hoeber

Lt to Rt: Mike Liu and Leslie Dick present to Dick Moore

Scott McLaughlin
Best of Show: Judith Weinberg-Paratilapia sp. Large Spot

Reserve of Show: Judith Weinberg-Pterophyllum scalare Marble

2016 BPP Program Results -Rich Pierce, Chair:

Last year only 4 clubs reported BPP points, this year we had reports from 14 clubs, many thanks to Leslie Dick who sent in the BPP forms from the 2 NEC auctions! All told 1086 lots were recorded as bred by 60 different NEC members in 2016.

DAAS has 6 Breeders with a Total of 245 points
NAS has 10 Breeders with a Total of 107 points
TFCB has 16 Breeders with a Total of 247 points

TFCB Won Recognition as the Club with the Most Active Breeders AND the Most Points!

Individual Awards:

First Place: Michael Echt, UNYKA (203 points)
Second Place: Master Breeders Bill Cole, DAAS (202 points)
Third Place: Michael Weiner, LIAS (56 points)

Title of Breeder: Michael Echt, UNYKA
If You Attended the 42nd Annual NEC Convention, the Sunday Auction or Both...

We Would Like to Hear From You!

It’s 10 Questions & Completely Anonymous!

The survey will be release soon!

Keep an eye out for it!

Check Out C.A.R.E.S. fish preservation program new website at http://caresforfish.org/
Ban on Importation and Interstate Transport of 10 Freshwater Fish and 1 Crayfish Species

Nov 1, 2016

**Background:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has published a final rule in the Federal Register listing 10 freshwater fish and 1 crayfish species as injurious species under the Lacey Act. This listing, which became effective on October 31, 2016, covers the following species:

1. Crucian carp (*Carassius carassius*)
2. Eurasian minnow (*Phoxinus phoxinus*)
3. Prussian carp (*Carassius gibelio*)
4. Roach (*Rutilus rutilus*)
5. Stone moroko (*Pseudorasbora parva*)
6. Nile perch (*Lates niloticus*)
7. Amur sleeper (*Perccottus glenii*)
8. European perch (*Perca fluviatilis*)
9. Zander (*Sander lucioperca*)
10. Wels catfish (*Silurus glanis*)
11. Common yabby (*Cherax destructor*)

*Note:* *Cherax destructor* also known as the Blue Knight Lobster, should not be confused with the more common Electric Blue Lobster or Electric Blue Crayfish, *Procambarus clarkii*.

The listing generally makes it illegal to import live animals, gametes, viable eggs, or hybrids of these species into the United States. (NOTE: Prohibited imports include shipments transiting through the United States on their way to other foreign destinations.) Interstate transport of any type (both commercial and with respect to personal pets) is also prohibited.

This listing does not prohibit the importation or interstate transport of dead specimens nor does it affect the sale and possession of these species within a State.

Direct export is still allowed from either a designated port or other location with a current
designated port exception permit (DPEP) **but any export must occur directly from the State where the species are present.** Designated port exception permits will only authorize use of a staffed FWS port in the same State where the fish are located, and issuance will depend on the availability of Service inspection staff and other criteria. Fish may not be transported between States by any means for the purpose of eventual export.

**Action:** Effective October 31, 2016, it became illegal to import any live animals, gametes, viable eggs, or hybrids of these species into the United States or to transport these species from one State to another (including transporting them for export) without a permit from the Service.

As of this date, these species may only be exported:
- Directly from a designated port in the State where the fish are already located; or
- Directly from a FWS staffed non-designated port in the State where the fish are located under a Service-issued designated port exception permit.

Flights carrying exports must be direct international flights to a foreign country that do not stop at an airport in another State. (Stopovers are allowed within the State from which the shipment is departing.)

Shipments moving by vehicle, truck or rail to Canada or Mexico may not enter another State in transit to these countries.

Any export shipments that transit another State by air or land will be considered contraband subject to seizure and forfeiture whether or not the exporter knew that such interstate transport would occur.

Those caught unlawfully bringing these injurious species into the United States or transporting them across State lines on or after this date face penalties that include up to 6 months in prison and fines as high as $5,000 for individuals or $10,000 for organizations.

Shipments that are in the process of being imported at the time of the effective date must physically arrive in the United States before October 31, 2016; shipments that enter the country on or after this date will be subject to seizure.

**Contact:**
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Office of Law Enforcement
703-358-1949; 703-358-2271 (fax)
**lawenforcement@fws.gov** (e-mail)

Petition to Ban 31 Fish Per the Lacy Act

The Center For Invasive Species Program (CISP), a private, non-government organization, has brought a petition the US Fish & Wildlife Service to include within the Lacy Act 43 aquatic animals as “injurious species”. Thirty-one (31) on the list are fish. Some of which are very popular in our hobby and if this is adopted, it would become a felony to transport live fish such as koi and guppies to fish shows across state lines. In addition, these fish could no longer be imported into the United States nor could you purchase these fish from outside your home state. The proposed fish are:

1. Acanthogobius flavimanus (yellowfin goby).
2. Alburnus alburnus (bleak).
3. Alosa pseudoharengus (alewife).
4. Cichlasoma bimaculatum (black acara).
5. Coregonus lavaretus (powan).
6. Ctenopharyngodon idella (grass carp).
7. Cyprinella lutrensis (red shiner).
8. Cyprinus carpio (common carp, Koi).
11. Ictalurus furcatus (blue catfish).
12. Misgurnus anguillicaudatus (Oriental weatherfish).
15. Odontesthes bonariensis (Argentinian silverside).
16. Oreochromis aureus (blue tilapia).
17. Oreochromis mossambicus (Mozambique tilapia).
18. Oreochromis niloticus (Nile tilapia).
19. Parachromis managuensis (Jaguar guapote).
20. Poecilia reticulate (guppy).
22. Pterois volitans (red lionfish).
23. Pterygoplichthys pardalis (Amazon sailfin catfish).
24. Pterygoplichthys multiradiatus (Orinoco sailfin catfish).
25. Pterygoplichthys disjunctivus (vermiculated sailfin catfish).
27. Rhodeus ocellatus (rose bitterling).
28. Sarotherodon melanotheron (blackchin tilapia).
29. Scardinius erythrophthalmus (rudd).
30. Tilapia mariae (spotted tilapia).
31. Tilapia zillii (redbelly tilapia).

There is no set time for US Fish & Wildlife to determine this petition. For the complete proposed listing go to http://www.nivemnic.us/cisp-files-multi-species-listing-petition-with-us-fish-wildlife-service-per-lacey-act/.

PIJEC will be monitoring the situation and for more information on what you can do. Go to the Midwest Pond and Koi Society Websites at http://mpks.org/wp/new-petition-by-center-for-invasive-species-prevention-has-huge-implications-for-koi-hobby/ as well as PIJAC at http://www.pijac.org
March 2, 2017: Hawaii SB 1240 heads to the State House floor and if past goes to the State Senate.

If passed, SB1240 will deny permits for the collecting of marine life off the waters of Hawaii until which time there is a definition to “sustainable” collection practices and rates of collection.

There currently is no official definition to “sustainable” and if its’ definition and related policies are never legally recognized, and this bill is passed, than collecting off Hawaii will cease to exist.

Hawaii SB1240:

The Department of Land and Natural Resources shall not issue an aquarium fish permit for the taking of near shore aquatic life for aquarium purposes, pursuant to section 188 - 31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, until the following conditions are met:

1. The department of land and natural resources submits proposed legislation to the legislature including a definition of “sustainable”, a policy for sustainable collection practices of near shore aquatic life, and limits on the total number of species and sustainable rates of collection; and

2. A definition of "sustainable" and a policy for sustainable collection practices of near shore aquatic life, including limits on the total number of species and sustainable rates of collection, are enacted.

References:
PIJAC “Tell The Hawaii Senate Water and Land Committee No on SB1240”

KITV.Com. “Proposed Bill to Limit Aquarium Fish Collecting Advances”.
NECA announced they will be utilizing My Group Auctions for their 4/23/2017 Spring Auction. Go to:
http://www.mygroupauctions.com/default.aspx to create an account (for free) or if you already have an account, just add NECA to your list of groups. Than you will be able to view and print items that are posted for auction as well as post what you want to sell in advance. To find out more go to the quick user guide at:

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: November 15, 2016 NEC News
NEC Articles Competition Reprint

Our next reprint within this edition is the Junior class article that won first place in 2015 titled “My Aquarium” by Joseph Pacheco Jr. It was published within the January 2015 issue of Aquarium Club of Lancaster County (ACLC)’s publication Tank Tales Vol 44 no 1 pg. 7

We intend to reprint the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winning entries from the Breeder Article, Junior, Humor and Open Classes categories of the NEC Articles Competitions. We will reprint in the newsletter as space permits and as we receive approval by the author or per club newsletter policy. If you have won a past NEC Articles Competition no matter how “old” and would like us to reprint it, please contact me at bromeo1234@optonline.net.

Thanks
Barbara

NEC Articles Competition Winner Entry Reprint
2015 Junior Class – 1st Place Winner

“My Aquarium” by Joseph Pacheco Jr.
My Aquarium

by Joseph Pacheco, Jr.

My name is Joseph Pacheco, Jr. I’m a 9 year old boy. I recently visited a fish store [That Fish Place]. There I saw many interesting and unique types of fish. The coolest thing that happened to me at the fish store was feeding and petting the sting rays. I love my trips to the fish store. My mom’s friend [Karen Haas] loves and collects many cool fish. My all time favorite of her collection is the electric catfish. Thanks to her, I have my fish aquarium. She showed me how to care for my fish. I also bought fish with my allowance from the auctions. I enjoy and love the auctions. I think fish auctions are fun. Recently, in one of the auctions, I bought a koi angelfish that I named Angel. He knows me. He follows me and is always happy to see me because it means food. I really like having fish as pets. I could stare at it for hours.
Bus Trip to the National Aquarium Inner Harbor Baltimore, Saturday May 20th 2017 sponsored by The Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY).

There will also be stops at Discus Hans and the House of Tropicals. The bus holds 49 passengers and as of this time 22 seats have been taken.

Group prices for the Aquarium are: Ages 3-11 $17.95, Ages 12-18 $23.95, Ages 19-64 $27.95 and Seniors $23.95.

The cost of the bus ride will be determined once we know how many are going. The cost of the bus is approximately $1600. The bus cost will be divided up by the number of people going. So currently with 22 people going the bus cost is $73. The cost at 30 people going is $53 and the cost for 40 people going is $40.

Pickup and drop off points will be determined once we know who’s going.

Joe Graffagnino needs a firm passenger count by March 19th with payment by April 20th. Contact Joe Graffagnino at joegraffagnino@yahoo.com for additional info.
North Jersey Aquarium Society

Meeting notice:
THURSDAY...MAR 16...7:30 PM
QUALITY INN, 10 POLITO AVE. LYNDHURST
JUNCTION RT.17 & RT.3
ALL ARE WELCOME

Guest Speaker

DR. TED COLETTI

The Hidden History of the Aquarium Hobby in America

NJAS IS AN ALL VOLUNTEER, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION REGISTERED WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ACL Club Monthly Meeting
Saturday, March 18, 2017
at 1:00pm

“The Myths of Discus and the Scared Hobbyist”

by James Perrenod

James has been a hobbyist for 30 years and in addition to operating a 5000 sq. ft. Discus and tropical fish showroom (Discus R Us), James is the President of the Jersey Shore Aquarium Society and sits on the Board of Directors of the North American Discus Association (NADA).

Bird-in-Hand Fire Company, 313 Enterprise Drive, Bird In Hand, Pennsylvania 17505

If you would like to advertise your monthly meetings or special events, please forward the information to Barbara Romeo @ mailto:bromeo1234@optonline.net 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.
2017 Burlington Aquarium Fish, Frag and Reptile Swap Meet

Saturday, April 1, 2017
11:00AM – 3PM
Holiday Inn, Williston RD, South Burlington
Free Admission
Door Prizes and Raffle
Fun Family Event. All are Welcome.

Come see what other hobbyist breeders have to offer!

What to Expect:
Local Breeders, Hobbyists and Retailers selling—
• Freshwater fish, shrimp and plants
• Saltwater coral frags
• Reptiles
• New and used equipment and aquariums.

To Sell at the Swap:
Please register with number of tables desired and a brief description of your items before
March 26th. Table availability is limited. If any space is still available on the day of swap, prices
will increase by $5.

1 table for $20  2 tables for $35  ½ table for $10

Note: You are completely responsible for your own items and the well-being of your livestock.
TFCB holds no responsibility whatsoever for your items or for the health of your livestock.

Setup will begin at 9AM
You may sell any item related to aquariums and reptiles, except species prohibited by the State
of Vermont. Please check with TFCB for prior approval for non-aquarium or non-reptile related
items.

Questions and Registration:
David Banks - dbanks@together.net  802-372-8716
Brian Candib – bcandib@comcast.net – 802-864-0746

Sponsored by The Tropical Fish Club of Burlington, tfcb.org
DAAS Meeting Reminder
Friday - 3/24/2017
7:30 PM

Eric Cline Presents
"Rivers and Rainforests of Costa Rica"

at Laura Sprain Memorial
Cornerstone Park
1 Fair Street, Carmel, New York, 10512

PLEASE PARK IN THE REAR OF THE BUILDING & WALK AROUND TO THE FRONT ENTRANCE

We Encourage All to Attend!
Refreshments & Food Available

Get the Best Tropical Fish!

50/50 Raffle!

23rd Annual
New Hampshire Aquarium Society

AUCTION
(TROPICAL FISH & DRY GOODS)

Saturday, March 25, 2017
St. James Church Hall
2075 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801
Auction will begin at 12 Noon. Arrive early for viewing.
Doors open at 10:30am to register items.

Preregistering of lots is appreciated. Email preregistration sheets
by Sun. 3/19 @ noon
to president@nhaquariumsociety.com.
Less waiting for labels!!!!

$25 drawing for those who preregister!

Bump-ups are $2.
Donations accepted or sell your extra fish & equipment, 60/40 split.

For more information & preregistration sheets
visit www.nhaquariumsociety.com

DIRECTIONS to St. James Church, 2075 Lafayette Rd., from I-95 — From north or south: Exit 3 for NH Route 33 east/west.
At the end of the ramp, turn right to head east. Travel approximately 1-1.5 miles (the distance will depend on which ramp you exited I-95) whence you will see Calvary Cemetery on your right. At the end of the cemetery, turn right (Peverly Hill Rd.) Proceed on Peverly Hill Rd. approximately 1 mile to the second traffic light (Lafayette Rd./US Route 1.)
Turn right and proceed approximately .75 miles to St. James Church on your left.

OR Go to PORTSMOUTH TRAFFIC CIRCLE and head South on Route one. Travel approximately 3 miles to St. James Church on your left (just before Water Country).
The Cichlid Club of York presents Joseph Chiappetta

When:
Saturday, March 25th at 1pm*
*New Start Time!

Where:
Spring Grove Lions Club*
5597 York Road
Spring Grove, PA. 17362
*Our New Place!

Keeping and Breeding Sub-Tropical Geophagus and GymnoGeophagus!

Joe has been in the hobby for over 20 years, keeping mostly Cichlids (New and Old World), Catfish, US native fish and predatory tetras. He’s been breeding fish for over 15 years including cichlids, plecos, Corydoras, guppies, livebearers, killifish, tetras and U.S. native fish. At the height of his multi-Tank Syndrome he had over 100 tanks for a total of over 5,000 gallons; he is now keeping around 2,000 gallons of aquariums! Oh yeah & he is a Keystone Clash fish show winner too!

Come out & have a good time with some fish folk! We’re gonna have food, raffles & an auction too!
The Jersey Shore Aquarium Society presents its
SPRING 2017 tropical fish and dry goods auction!

Featuring rare and exotic tropical fish, a wide selection of aquatic plants, with free goodies and door prizes all day long! Snacks and refreshments will be available. Open to public – free admission.

To be held Sunday, March 26th, 2017 at the South Wall Fire Rescue Company 2605 Atlantic Ave., Manasquan, NJ 08736

For more info: e-mail Russ White at rwhite@optonline.net, call (732) 928-2838, visit jerseycreek.org or LIKE on facebook.com/jerseycreek.

Live goods registration: 9 to 11 a.m. No guarantee that items registered after 11 a.m. will be auctioned. No used dry goods.

Viewing of items: 11 a.m. – 12 noon. There will be no viewing allowed after noon.

Auction starts at noon sharp! Any person may bring quality live fish and aquatic plants to enter into auction. • Pre-registration on our club’s website (TBA) (jerseycreek.org). Pre-registration will get a 60/40 split. • 50/50 split for walk-ins at the auction. Auction rules available upon request.
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106 Years of Educating Aquarists

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 @ 7:30 PM
THE BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY
PRESENTS

Todd Gardner

Fun fact
The exotic lionfish can be found off the coast of Long Island.

Auction after the Speaker Features:
Marine Fish, Aqua-cultured Corals, Freshwater Fish, Plants & Dry Goods
At The New York Aquarium, Education Hall, Surf Ave. & West 8th St., Bklyn, NY 11229
Held the 2nd Friday Each Month, Except July and August
Free Parking - Free Refreshments
$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

Car Directions: Belt Parkway to Ocean Parkway South (Exit 75). 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.
NEW ENGLAND

CICHLID ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION

SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2017

POLISH AMERICAN CLUB

9 FIRST STREET, WINDSOR LOCKS, CT

Auction starts at 11:30 AM

Doors open at 9:30 for viewing and registration

This is a $3 per bag auction - the club gets the first $3,
the seller gets the rest!

Bring all your fish to auction, not just cichlids!

Free Admission   Open to the public

Great Quality Fish   50/50 Cash Raffle   Refreshments
LARGEST ALL-SPECIES TROPICAL FISH AUCTION IN NEW JERSEY

NORTH JERSEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY

GIANT SPRING

TROPICAL FISH AUCTION

DAYS HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
195 ROUTE 18, TURNPIKE EXIT 9...EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 732-828-6900

SUNDAY ... April 23, 2017

KEEP UP WITH REGISTERED FISH IN AUCTION ON OUR WEBSITE
RARE AND TANK BRED FISH & PLANTS

AUCTION STARTS AT 12 NOON
VIEWING 11:00 AM ... REGISTRATION 9:30 AM

GO TO: www.njas.net for pre-registration & auction rules

NJAS is a New Jersey Registered Non-Profit, All Volunteer Aquarium Society, Established 1953.
Central New York
AQUARIUM SOCIETY
39TH ANNUAL FISH AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH 2017 AT 11:00AM
Transfiguration Church
740 Teall Ave, Syracuse, NY 13206
REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT 10:00AM TO 11:00AM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Pre-registration is required for sellers
Buyers register at the auction
*CASH ONLY*
Unless you are a CNYAS member

FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS & DIRECTIONS:
Call: (315)-454-4792
e-mail: cnyas@yahoo.com
Or visit our website at:
WWW.CNYAS.ORG
ANNOUNCING
the 2017
Keystone Speakers!!

LAWRENCE KENT

MARK DENARO

ANDREAS TANKE

CHRIS BIGGS

September 22-24 2017
KeystoneClash.com
Koi Organisation International

We can help!

Learn Online

www.KoiOrganisationInternational.org
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 2017

March 16
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Ted Coletti
“The Hidden History of the Aquarium Hobby in America”
More info: http://www.njas.net

March 18
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County (ACLC)
James Perrenod
“The Myths of Discus and the Scared Hobbyist”
More info: http://www.aclcpa.org

March 20
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Ryan McAndrews
“Fishes of the Rio Negro, Brazil”

March 24
Danbury Area Aquarium Society (DAAS)
Eric Cline
“Rivers & Rainforests of Costa Rica”
More info:
https://www.facebook.com/DanburyAreaAquariumSociety/photos/a.1540623306216752.1073741829.1540600209552395/1876598399552573/?type=3&theater

March 25
Cichlid Club of York (CCY)
Joseph Chiappetta
“Keeping and Breeding Tropical Geophagus and GymnoGeophagus!”
More info: https://www.facebook.com/events/1410288809042618/
April 2017

April 5
Greater City Aquarium Society (GCAS)
Michael Marcotrigiano
“Breeding Show Guppies”
More info: http://www.greatercity.org

April 9
Pioneer Valley Water Garden and Koi Club (PVWG&K)
Richard Lamoureux
“Creating Topiary”
More info: http://www.pioneervalleypondclub.com/meetings.html

April 11
Nassau County Aquarium Society (NCAS)
Todd Gardner
“Long Island, NY: An Unlikely Hotspot For Marine Ornamentals”
More info: http://www.ncasweb.org

April 14
Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY)
Todd Gardner
“Long Island, NY: An Unlikely Hotspot For Marine Ornamentals”
More info: http://www.basny.org

April 19
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Peter George
“Lake Victoria Cichlids”
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/

April 20
Norwalk Aquarium Society (NAS)
Ruben Lugo
“My adventures keeping and breeding L numbers and other fish that suck”
More info: http://www.norwalkas.org/xoops/

May 2017

May 17
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Kirk Amidon
“All About Sumps”
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/
NEC MEMBER CLUBS:
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County  ACLC
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.
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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
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