Next NEC Events: 2nd Q NEC BOG Meeting  
April 26th @7:30 PM – Conference Call: (319) 527-2766, (Access code: 880396)

### 2017 CALENDAR

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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.
Hello everyone,

I hope that your Spring is going well. With the weather warming up and the days getting longer, many of our fish are starting to get into breeding condition. This is especially true if, like me, your fish room cools off a bit in the winter and warms up in the spring. Right now we are in the middle of the auction season for the northeast, but also coming up are many of the national conventions. If you have never been to a national convention, you should give it a try. I have been to conventions of the American Killifish Association, the American Livebearer Association and the American Cichlid Association, and have found them all to be fun and rewarding. Each has its own culture and you are guaranteed to see and have a chance to purchase fish you won't find anywhere else. You also get a chance to meet more specialized hobbyists than at other conventions and most conventions will bring in one or two speakers from overseas. While the Internet makes it easy to correspond with people all over the world, there is nothing like meeting people in person and you may find you make lasting friendships.

One of the issues that arose in the lead up to the NEC convention was our advertising policy. This year two events from non-NEC clubs happened to fall on the same weekend as our convention. Our current policy is to advertise events for non-NEC clubs as well as for NEC member clubs. As you can imagine, this caused some friction among the Board of Governors. One view is that the NEC is here to help the aquarium hobby in general, and by advertising competing events we are doing a service to aquarists who might not be able to make the NEC Convention. The other view is that the NEC is here for its member clubs and shouldn't be advertising events that compete with the NEC or with member clubs. I have heard from several members of the BOG, and opinions seem to be evenly split.

I do not remember having a strong opinion when the policy was set, but as your President, that has changed. It seems to me that my duty is now to the NEC itself. The members of the NEC are the actual clubs, and it is the clubs that pay dues each year. As a member of an NEC club, you are also a member of the NEC, but you pay dues to your club. I believe that the clubs exist
to serve the members and the NEC exists to serve the clubs. If that is the case, then the NEC shouldn't advertise for NEC clubs at all. After all, like the commercial says: "Membership has its privileges." If you are not a NEC member club, and we advertise your event, why join the NEC? There are lots of reasons to belong to the NEC, but often it boils down to what does the NEC do for us? I do think that the National Conventions are special and we should advertise them as well.

So this is where I need your help. As President, I moderate the discussion among the BOG members and only vote to break a tie. What is YOUR opinion? Should we advertise only NEC member club events or should we advertise events for all clubs? If a member club has an event that conflicts with the NEC Convention, there is no doubt in my mind that we should advertise it, but what about non member clubs? Do we advertise their events at all or only if they don't conflict with a member event? Send your opinions to me at dr_plankton@verizon.net and I will share them with the Board of Governors. Please also feel free to send me other suggestions and comments as well.

Best wishes,
Rich Pierce

**NEC Convention Update**

Thank you all for taking our post-convention SurveyMonkey survey -we had more than 60 responses! Your input will assist the convention committee as we work on the 2018 convention.

We have a courtesy hold on a weekend in March, and the BOD needs to discuss the proposed contract with the Sheraton Hartford South. We hope to make the weekend date made public very soon!

I have begun working on potential speakers for 2018. If you have a speaker you’d like to be invited to an upcoming convention, please let me know! A new vendor you’d like to see in our vendor room?

We are experiencing difficulties with the server upon which our website and e-mail are housed, so please e-mail me at NECconventionChair@gmail.com.

See you again next month,
Leslie
Editor Note:

The 1st place winner of the 2017 NEC Photo Contest “Class 2-Individual Fish/Fish Identification –Open Class” titled “Botia hymenophysa by Elizabeth Napier Bonvillain” is actually Syncrossus berdmorei. Thank you Stephanie Campbell for the notification.

GOULART, IRENE (RODRIGUES)
Obituary

Age 65, of Armstrong Ave., died March 27, 2017 at home surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of George Goulart Jr., for 45 years. Born in Portugal, she was the daughter of Lila (Carvalho) Rodrigues of East Providence, and the late Francisco M. Rodrigues.

She was the co-owner of Aqua - Life Aquarium at 389 Wickenden St, Providence, RI 02903

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her loving sons and daughters-in-law; George Goulart III and Monica of Yorktown Heights, NY, Jason Goulart and Annmarie of Pembroke Pines, FL, 5 grandchildren, Matteo, Isabella, Rocco, Marcus and Matthew. Irene was the sister of Anthony Rodrigues of Smithfield, Maria Martella of FL, Lucy Rodrigues of East Providence, Edward Rodrigues of Cranston, James Rodrigues of N. Providence, Jeffrey Rodrigues of Warwick, Jacqueline Estrella of East Providence, George Rodrigues of GA, Steven Rodrigues of East Providence and Abel Reguengo of Portugal.

Published in The Providence Journal on Mar. 29, 2017

On behalf of the James J. White Conservation Fund I would like to thank everybody who made this silent auction a big success.

I would like to thank Hagen and all those that donated fish and dry goods to the Conservation fundraiser. I would also like to thank Scott Dowd, the New England Aquarium, the members of the Boston Aquarium Society, Will Fontaine, Russ and Donna McAndrews, David Banks and all the other members of the NEC who donated their time over the weekend.

Because of our efforts Project Piaba and the Bahamas Reef Environmental Educational Foundation (B.R.E.E.F) were able to split the monies raised over the weekend.

A large thank you to all,
David Giza
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

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NEC Articles Competition Reprint

Our next reprint within this edition is the Open class article that won second place in 2014 titled “Rules Are Made to be Broken” by Jeff Bollbach. It was published within the September 2014 issue of Greater City Aquarium Society (GCAS)’s publication Modern Aquarium pgs. 9-11.

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

2014 Open Class – 2nd Place Winner

“Rules Are Made to be Broken” by Jeff Bollbach
Rules Are Made to be Broken

Story and Photos by Jeff Bollbach

Normally I tend toward the disorganized side, but in a few areas I am able to keep order. One such place is my fishroom, and with 60 tanks and 20 plus species in an 8 x 12 foot room I really have to be organized or it will just blow up. It has worked pretty well so far, and while it isn’t the neatest fishroom in existence (I think that honor goes to Ed Vukich), my little hatchery works pretty well. Part of my success is following rules like the simple and obvious ones that we all know. Everything has a place and you put it back when you use it. Always quarantine new fish or plants. Don’t overfeed. Only choose fish that you are certain you can care for. Some rules are more personal. I won’t let live snails or blackworms into my fishroom; same goes for duckweed (It’s too late for Malaysian trumpet snails). Since I established my fishroom as a breeding-only facility I also don’t keep any fish that I don’t (try to) spawn. Rule number one though, is that fish are not pets, and you certainly don’t name them. You name children, dogs, and maybe cats. Not fish.

Most of you probably know that there is some interesting collection of saltwater tropical and local fishes that goes on in the fall each year. Many of our aquarium societies organize these collecting trips, and they are well worth the experience. At first I was not very interested in going, as I really had no intention of keeping saltwater fish. But as soon as I learned that some of the collectors were coming back with seahorses, and that they could be bred in home aquaria, I jumped on it. My first collecting trip was with members of the Long Island Killifish Association (go figure), and it was a rousing success. We caught many tropical fish, and I was even able to bring home a sexed pair of seahorses! This was the northern lined seahorse, Hippocampus erectus, which is fairly common along most of the eastern seaboard. Interestingly, there is a southern variety, which exhibits some significant differences but is still considered the same species.

I was very excited to work with this magical fish, and things went swimmingly in the beginning. The ponies seemed to acclimate very well, and started breeding right away. However, things went south pretty quickly. The babies proved difficult to rear, and the adults were prone to certain diseases. Consulting with master marine breeder Todd Gardner, I learned that these seahorses were really not a fish that could do well in any system, and even he had difficulty with them. That fact, plus that as I learned more about seahorses I became aware that they were threatened across most of their range, caused me to decide not to keep them again. But they got me started with saltwater, and from there I moved on to breeding clownfish, which was a more successful endeavor. That brings me to the point of this writing.

Last September (2013) our club made plans for our annual foray, and even though I did not want any fish I attended for the fun of it. I did happen to have an empty saltwater tank though. This was my undoing. We actually did catch many tropicals, but a few interesting fish came up in the mix. The first was a juvenile lookdown, Selene vomer. This very interesting young fish sported extremely long trailers on its fins. This was characteristic of the fish’s age, and the lookdown was seen in fish stores generally do not show this. This specimen was happily taken home by long time fish guy George Grippo. The next fish of interest was a tiny puffer, no bigger than a quarter. This little guy was green with black reticulations, and
even had horns! None of us knew what it was, and we assumed it to be a tropical fish. I have always been kind of intrigued when I saw a puffer in a tank, showing puppy dog personality while begging for food, so I said “What the heck” and brought him home. He settled into a 20 gallon tank, and began eating right away. I sent a picture through Facebook to Todd Gardner, and he easily identified it as a juvenile striped burrfish, *Chilomycterus schoepfi*, a member of the porcupinefish family. This fish is found mostly in the Caribbean and Florida, but it does range up to the New Jersey coast to spawn. Its maximum size is 10 inches, and feeds primarily on crabs, barnacles, and shellfish.

The little guy very quickly learned that I was his food source, and as expected, began to rush to the front of the tank anytime I entered the room. I regularly feed all my fish frozen clam and *Mytilus edulis*, so I didn’t have to bring in any special food for him. He took those items with gusto! Now as a little round fish with huge eyes and a lot of personality, this puffer pushes a lot of cute buttons, and we tend to credit it with perhaps more emotional qualities than it actually possesses. That’s what led me to my next mistake—I gave him a name. As he was a burrfish, my choices seemed to be either Aaron or Raymond, and I settled on the latter. The problem with giving Raymond his name is that now I have begun to become more attached to him. It becomes harder to relocate the fish, and face it, fish die a bit more easily than children or dogs. I don’t have a problem with crying over a deceased dog or cat, but a fish? Well, that may be me someday.

Raymond grew like I have never before seen a fish grow. He seemed to grow an inch a month, and as of this writing he is 8 inches long. This is in less than a year’s time! Early on I fed him quite frequently. He would shoot at the top of the tank, making a racket, and this tended to get my attention. I am purposely feeding less now, as I don’t want to create a world record striped burrfish, and this is probably better for his health as well.

There was an amusing and painful incident a few months ago. My good buddy Ed Vukich popped by one day, and we were hanging out in the fishroom. I wanted to show Ed how Raymond would eat from my hand, but I didn’t have any food ready. I knew he would just come to my hand anyway, so I took the cover off and made like I was going to feed him. Sure enough, he came up and started to bob up and down, trying to get a morsel of food. I turned to see if Ed was watching, but his attention had wandered to another tank. I said “Ed, look!” and at that moment Raymond took a Heroculean leap out of the water, sucked his way up to the first joint of my finger, and chomped down! I saw stars and yelled, reflexively yanking my hand back, and Raymond came with it. As he flew past my head I heard the whirring of fins trying to instantly evolve flight. My little pet wound up doing a belly flop in the middle of the floor, and my first thought after the searing pain was, “Oh no, I’ve killed Raymond!” I quickly scooped him up and placed him back in the water. He settled to the bottom and looked confused, just sitting there. Then Raymond appeared to shake it off, and came right back up to the top looking for food. I looked at my finger, expecting a gusher, but it was just very sore, with no blood. It turns out that this fish’s dentition is made of crushing teeth and not tearing ones. I guess I got lucky! I watched him closely for several days for any ill effects from his flight, but none ever appeared. This is one tough fish! So I have made several rookie mistakes in this adventure with Raymond. The question is, will I err again?

There are three possible choices here: let Raymond live out his days in my fishroom, relocate him to larger environs such as a public aquarium, or return him to nature. Each of these presents problems. I like and enjoy Raymond, and folks visiting respond very well to him, but he requires a great deal of upkeep for just one fish. There is also the matter of devoting...
a large tank, previously devoted to grow-out, to him. Relocating Raymond could be difficult, as this species is pretty common, but I have decent connections, and I might be successful in finding him a good home. These fish also sell for decent money in stores, but I just couldn’t do that to Raymond. I know that one is not supposed to let captive fish go in the wild. The main reason for this is to prevent the possible introduction of pathogens into the wild population. I don’t think that this would be a problem in this instance though, as I only use water from the same bay for Raymond’s tank, and have never brought in a fish from anywhere else during his tenure. There is also a chance that Raymond might lack the appropriate survival skills. He is quite large though, and a burrfish naturally has pretty good defensive attributes, so I am not too worried about that. Letting Raymond go would also give him a chance to reproduce and live a natural life. It’s a quandary, isn’t it? I really am not leaning in any direction at this time, so I would welcome any opinions.

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**Check out the Fish Vet Blog Regarding the International Ornamental Fish Conference**

Why The Fish Vet

Because fish are animals too.

“Global Trends in Ornamental Fish-Keeping: Highlights from the International Ornamental Fish Conference”

3/16/2017 - This post is a combination of talking points presented by Mr. Shane Willis (President, Ornamental Fish International), and Michael Tuccinardi (Senior Editor, Amazonius), with my personal thoughts/comments.


Editor’s note: Thank you Karen Pattist for the Forward
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.
Karen Pattist is one of the founding members of Koi Organisation International (K.O.I.) and has been president of the Pioneer Valley Water Garden & Koi Club. She is a prolific author and has written many articles for Koi USA and other magazines. She was the first Certified Master Koi Health Advisor, her koi have won Grand Champion and other top prizes, and she has been a koi judge as well. Karen built her first goldfish pond over 30 years ago, and first Koi pond over 25 years ago. She finished her ‘Ultimate’ Koi pond – 55,000 gallons in 2003. She will talk to us about the "Aesthetic Qualities of Ponds."

LIAS Meetings are held at SUNY Stony Brook's Maritime Science area. Room 120 in Endeavor Hall on the State University at Stony Brook Campus, Stony Brook, NY 11790
NEW ENGLAND
CICHLID ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION

SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2017
POLISH AMERICAN CLUB
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PRESENTS

Kevin Kelly
“Aquarium Plants, and Lighting”
Thursday May 11, 2017
6:30PM
Free admission & door prizes plus an auction

VFW Hall
Pearl St
Essex Junction

For more information
David & Janine  372-8716 dbanks@together.net
Ann Whitman  434-3294 awhitman@madriver.com
Brian Candib  864-0746 BCandib@comcast.net

www.tfcb.org

Kevin Kelly will talk to us about aquarium plants, and what lighting is needed for them, but also how the light affects how they look to us. He may also share some of his aquascaping experience with us. If you keep, or would like to keep, live aquarium plants, this talk is for you.
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Subway Directions: Either the Q or F trains to West 8th St., NY Aquarium Station.
New England Cichlid Association (NECA)
Monthly Meeting
Saturday, May 13, 2017
at 6 PM
Lutz Children’s Museum
247 S Main St, Manchester, CT

Oliver Lucanus
“The Xingu: Past, Present and Future”

Oliver Lucanus, explorer, videographer, fish importer and exporter, and one of the world’s leading experts on the Xingu and its ecology and endemic fish, will speak about the history and the future of this amazing and threatened river system in South America. The program is open to all, but given the limited space, please notify us if you will be attending. NECA members will get preferred seating if the venue fills up.
Kurt was part of the first NAGWG (North American Goodeid Working Group) Study Tour of Mexico in February of 2017. The group spent 7 days observing Goodeids in their native habitats and becoming familiar with the threats to the fish and assisting the Mexican scientists in their efforts to conserve them. You will see the survey sites Kurt visited as well as the Morelia Aqualab and the Museo de Ciencias Ambientales. You may even see some of the non-fish related fun had during the week.
SOUTH JERSEY GUPPY GROUP
ALL SPECIES AUCTION
SUNDAY ...MAY 21, 2017
GRIGGSTOWN FIRE HOUSE
1037 CANAL ROAD, GRIGGSTOWN, NJ 08540
REGISTRATION 9 to 11 AM...VIEWING 11AM to 12noon
NO LOTS ACCEPTED AFTER 11:30
AUCTION STARTS at 12 NOON
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Jim Lovill  egv1@optimum.net
South Jersey Guppy Group

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1) Send Pre-Registration to: mailto:egy1@optimum.net
2) Pre-Registration form is available at: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Gy1QeIOEEN0MFDitIFw7q4q5kK5Em6g386xUB86juA/edit?usp=sharing
3) Pre-Registration deadline is Friday May 19th @ 1:00pm
4) 25-lot limit per seller, with a maximum of four lots of the same species.
5) All lots must be recognizable.
6) The following restrictions apply to all non-fish lots. **ONLY** the following non-fish lots will be accepted:
   a) Aquatic Plants
   b) Snails, Shrimp
   c) Live aquatic foods
7) All fish lots must be properly double-bagged (bag with ample space should be filled with 1/3 water and 2/3 air/oxygen and inverted into another bag). **Absolutely no sandwich bags or Zip-Lock bags!**
8) There will be a $5.00 re-bagging charge for improperly bagged or leaking lots.
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   b) Seller must label all bags with species, morphs, pairs etc.
   c) Labels with lot numbers will be given to sellers who pre-registered at the time of registration.
10) All lots will be sold using the "colored dot system", whereby colored dots will be used to indicate the order of sale. It is the seller's responsibility to place dots on the tags for order of sale. **Red** dots go up first, **Blue** dots go up second.
11) SJGG has the right to refuse any lot due to size, visible defects, sickness, or improper bagging of an item. If a buyer brings a lot to the attention of SJGG prior to leaving the auction that a fish appears to be sick or dying, buyer will be reimbursed for the cost of the fish. If a problem with a purchased item is noticed after leaving the auction, the buyer must contact the seller—whose contact information will be listed on the bag.
12) There are no minimum bids.
13) The seller must pick up any lots that fail to sell at the end of the auction. Any items left will become the property of SJGG.
14) Auction Split:
   a) Pre-registered Lots 60% seller, 40% SJGG
   b) Registration at the door 50%/50% split
   c) Anything arriving after 11:30am to will receive 40% seller/60% SJGG.
   d) Checks will be mailed out by May 31st
15) All bidders must register at the bidder registration table for a bidder number. **Bidder numbers are available at $5.00 for all bidders.**
16) Cash and Credit Cards will be accepted.
17) SJGG will do its best to ensure that all items at the auction are what they are stated to be, but SJGG cannot be held responsible for any mislabeled items.
18) The auctioneer has the **FINAL WORD** on all bids.
19) Viewing the auction lots will begin at 11:00 am till 11:45 am
20) The auction will start promptly at 12:00 noon.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NhBcWTSNVMholozljYCAw1Gko-PrA8WXQBVyZJxu18/edit?usp=sharing
Auction Pre Registration

1) Email Pre-Registration to: mailto:egy1@optimum.net
2) Pre-Registration deadline is Friday May 19th @ 1:00pm
3) 25-lot limit per seller, with a maximum of 4 lots of the same species

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FRIDAY, JUNE 9
Doors open 7:30 pm

THE BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY PRESENTS

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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.
Silent Auction

Tuesday
June 13, 2017
8 PM
Molloy College
in Rockville Ctr
More info: http://www.ncasweb.org

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Boston Aquarium Society (BAS) &
Boston Guppy Club (BAS) Joint Meeting
“Guppy Night in Boston”
Monday, June 19, 2017 @ 8 PM
1 Central Wharf, Boston, MA

Maculatus (Y) | Pauper (Y) | Iridescens (Y)

Ferrugineus (Y) | Oculatus (Y) | Sanguineus (Y)
The speaker will be Brownwyn Bleakley, PhD., Associate Professor of Biology at Stonehill College. She will be speaking on her research into guppy genetics and behavior.

"My work to date has focused on quantifying where the relevant genetic variation underlying guppy antipredator and social behavior resides: in the individual or its social group. I have utilized a variety of empirical techniques including classical quantitative genetics, behavioral studies, genotyping using microsatellite markers, and field work to do so. Guppies respond strongly to the specific social context they are placed in (Bleakley et al. J. Evol. Bio. 2007). Using inbred lines I developed (Bleakley et al. Behav. Gen. 2006, Zebrafish 2008), I demonstrated that guppies significantly alter their behavior in response to the genetic composition of their social group, providing some of the first empirical measurements of the strength of such genetic interactions between individuals and generating a hypothesis for how reciprocal cooperation may evolve in unrelated individuals (Bleakley and Brodie Evol. 2009)."

The Meeting will also feature a sales table and raffles by the BGC as well as the BAS’s monthly auction. There will be refreshments as well. Meeting is free and open to the public.
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Hosted by the South Jersey Guppy Group

October 13-15, 2017

Days Hotel Conference Center East Brunswick
195 Route 18 South  East Brunswick, NJ 08816
( just off exit 9 of NJ Turnpike)
To make your reservations: 1-732-828-6900

If you would like to show your IFGA guppies, please watch
www.IFGA.org or http://www.south-jersey-guppy-group.com/
Rules, schedule, and more details will be posted soon!

Auction will be held on **Sunday, October 15th**

Don’t miss your opportunity to purchase fancy guppies from the top breeders in the country!

Guppies on display at 9:00 am
Auctions begins 10:00 am

For more information contact one of the co-chairman

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2017 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.

April 2017

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

April 19
Central New York Aquarium Society (CNYAS)
CNYAS club members
“All About the Auction”
More info: https://cnyas.org

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/

April 20
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Joe Chiappetta
“Sub-Tropical Geophagus & Gymnogeophagus”
More info: http://www.njas.net

April 21
Long Island Aquarium Society (LIAS)
Karen Pattist
“Aesthetic Qualities of Ponds”
More info: http://www.liasonline.org
May 2017

**May 3**
Greater City Aquarium Society (GCAS)
Michael Lucas
“Butterflies in the Water: Discovering Hydrophlox Shiners”
More info: http://www.greatercity.org

**May 7**
Pioneer Valley Water Garden and Koi Club (PVWG&K)
Seth Alden
“Next Level: Study with Massaru Saito of Shintaro Koi Farm in Japan”
More info: http://www.pioneervalleypondclub.com/meetings.html

**May 10**
New Hampshire Aquarium Society (NHAS)
Ann Whitman
“Back Porch Ponds”
More info: http://www.nhaquariumsociety.com

**May 11**
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington (TFCB)
Kevin Kelly
“Aquarium Plants and Lighting”
More info: http://www.tfcb.org/2017/02/24/2017-calendar/

**May 13**
New England Cichlid Association (NECA)
Oliver Lucanus
“The Xingu: Past, Present & Future”
More info: https://www.facebook.com/events/1891567517789305/

**May 15**
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Ryan McAndrews & Scott Dowd
“Fishes of the Rio Negro, Brazil”
May 17
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Kirk Amidon
“All About Sumps”
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/

May 20
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County (ACLC)
Kurt Johnston
“NAGWG Goodeid Study Tour of Mexico”
More info: http://www.aclcpa.org

June 2017

June 9
Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY)
Ruben Lugo
“My Adventures Keeping and Breeding L numbers and other fish that suck”
More info: http://www.basny.org

June 14
New Hampshire Aquarium Society (NHAS)
Richard Ross
“Stingrays in the Aquarium”
More info: http://www.nhaquariumsociety.com

June 19
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS) & Boston Guppy Club (BGC) Joint Meeting
Brownwyn Heather
“Guppy Night in Boston”
June 21
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Bill Hahn
“DIY Converting To LED Lights”
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/

June 23
Long Island Aquarium Society (LIAS)
Chad Clayton
“Reed Mariculture” (with live food samples)
More info: http://www.liasonline.org

The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island presents
TFSRI's split is $3 per bag sold, all the
rest goes to the vendor.
No limit on the number of lots submitted.  All
lots must be live
sh, plants or aquarium-
related items.  See rules for complete details.
Preregister by March 11th and get a red dot
sticker to bump one bag to the start of the auc-
tion.
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 dona-
tions 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.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Al Wagonblott   401-619-7805
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or visit us on the web at:
www.tfsri.net
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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
Long Island Killifish Association LIKA
Metropolitan Area Killifish Assoc. MAKA
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New England Cichlid Association NECA
New Hampshire Aquarium Society NHAS
Northeast Livebearers Association NELA
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Norwalk Aquarium Society NAS
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Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society PVAS
Pioneer Valley Water Garden & Koi PVWG&K
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