## Next NEC Meeting

**Fourth Quarter, NEC BOG Meeting: November 17th @ NOON**

*(Conference Call)*

### 2013 / 2014 NEC CALENDAR

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Month</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>November</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>4 Q NEC BOG Meeting (CC)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>4 Q NEC General Meeting (CC)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>January</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>DAAS Annual Auction <em>(flyer)</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>26</td>
<td>GHAS Annual Action</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>February</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>PVAS Auction <em>(flyer)</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>TFSRI Auction</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>23</td>
<td>JSAS Spring Auction <em>(flyer)</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>28-30</td>
<td>NEC Annual Convention</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sept</td>
<td>5-7</td>
<td>TFSRI Show &amp; Auction</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* (CP) – Crowne Plaza Hotel  (CC) – Conference Call

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,

Looks like the show/auction season has come to an end for 2013. Take some time to enjoy family and friends during the Thanksgiving holiday...

The NEC website has been under construction for some time now and we appreciate your patience. We are working to switch out our support strategy so please bear with us. We would appreciate a link back to the Convention web site from each club's web site to help us advertise the 2014 convention.

At the last board meeting we discussed the current limitations in the NEC constitution regarding our range of membership. The board voted to eliminate these restrictions, so that clubs outside the northeast could apply for membership in the NEC. The following constitutional changes are being proposed and will be voted on at the December general meeting:

Original:

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

A. Any regularly organized aquarium society located in the Northeast Section of the Untied States of America may apply for membership and upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority acceptance of the Board of Governors and the current dues, shall become a member; and shall remain a member upon payment of dues yearly.

Proposed Change:

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

A. Any regularly organized aquarium society may apply for membership and upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority acceptance of the Board of Governors and the current dues, shall become a member; and shall remain a member upon payment of dues yearly.

Original:

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

G. The range of the Northeast Council as defined in the By-Laws Article I.

Page 2
Proposed Change:

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

(G will be removed completely)

G. The range of the Northeast Council as defined in the —By-Laws Article I.

Betty Mueller Memorial Honor – It's time to submit your nominations for this award. Please review the guidelines and previous award winners on the NEC website http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/74-betty-mueller-honor. The deadline to receive nominations is January 31, 2014. Please send your nominations to mailto:president@northeastcouncil.org.
Upcoming NEC / Sister club events for 2013/2014:

November

17    4Q NEC BOG Meeting

December

8     4Q NEC General Meeting

January ’14

19    DAAS Annual Auction

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

NEC meeting dates for 2013:

General:
4Q - Dec 8 (CC)

BOG:
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 a conference call on Sunday November 17, 2013 at 12 noon. Conference call information will be sent prior to the meeting.

The next NEC General Meeting will be a conference call on Sunday December 8, 2013 at 12 noon. Conference call information 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 (TBD)
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
11/11/2013

NEC Convention Update

Logo Contest: The logo contest has been open for about 10 days, and I hope that if you have not yet voted, that you will do so soon! Voting will be open until 11:59 PM on November 17th. Go to http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/logo-contest. Thanks to each individual who submitted a logo, there are some excellent logos in the contest. The logo submissions are as follows:
**New website content:** Kurt Johnston (ACLC) has worked tirelessly to create our beautiful new website. Thank you, Kurt! Click on the convention link to see new content [http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convention](http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convention). There are pages for our speakers, the James J. White Memorial Conservation Fund, information for potential vendors, sponsors, and donors, as well as information on making your hotel reservation.

The 2014 Convention will be held from March 28-30, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, CT.

**Speakers** include Rick Borstein, Ted Coletti, Ken McKeighen, Matt Pedersen, Roxanne Smolowitz, Mark Soberman, and Kris Weinhold. Workshop information will be added soon. Go to [http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convention-speakers](http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convention-speakers) for more information.

**Photo of Betty White:** Does anyone have a photo of Betty Mueller other than the one that has been used in the convention booklet? If you do, please send it to ConventionChair@northeastcouncil.org.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Leslie

---

**NEC Slide and Video Programs**

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

Refer to the September 2013 issue of the NEC newsletter to view the latest list of available programs or contact David directly via email or phone.
Check Out The New NEC Website

http://northeastcouncil.org/

While Visiting...REGISTER

Once You Register,
You Will Be Able to Vote for the Convention Logo
(Voting Ends 11:59 PM, Nov 17th)

Thank You Mo Devlin for donating the background picture of the adult Parachromis managuense with fry for the NEC website.

See more of Mo's work at http://modevlin.zenfolio.com/f897395930
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 Terciera
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

Betty Mueller
Memorial Honor
Lifetime Achievement Award

Call for Nominations

Deadline: January 31, 2014

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.

Please send your nominations to mailto:president@northeastcouncil.org.

“Man Makes A Life Vest For Pet Fish Who Can’t Swim”
Article by C. J. Arabia

Click on the link below to view the full article and see more images:

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.

November

November 15
Fish Trivia Jeopardy Game
Location: Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge
Visitor Center, Shirley, NY
More info: http://www.liasonline.org

November 16
Pioneer Valley Water Garden & Koi Club (PVWG&K)
Holiday Party
More info: http://www.pioneervalleypondclub.com/meetings.html

November 16
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County (ACLC)
Larry Flint
“Starting a Successful Reef Aquarium”
More info: http://www.aclcpa.org

November 18
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Ariel Bornstein
“Collecting Fish in Uruguay”
More info: http://www.bostonaquariumsociety.org/

November 20
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island
Jerry Shine
“New England’s Nudibranchs”
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/
November 21
Guy Van Rossum
“Fish Photography For Everyone”
More info: http://www.njas.net/

November 21
Dan Katz
“Recent Spawnings of Some Danios, Tetras and Non-Annual Killies”
More info: http://www.norwalkas.org/xoops/

November 22
Home Show
More info:
http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/event-calendar

December

December 4
Greater City Aquarium Society
Holiday Party & Awards Banquet
More info: http://www.greatercity.org

December 7
North Jersey Aquarium Society
Holiday Party
More info:
http://www.njas.net/
December 9
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society
Holiday Party
More info: http://www.jerseyshoreas.org

December 12
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington (TFCB)
Holiday meeting
More info: http://www.tfcb.org

December 13
Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY)
Holiday Party
7:30 PM
Education Hall
More info: http://www.basny.org/

December 13
Long Island Aquarium Society
Holiday Party
More info: http://www.liasonline.org

December 15
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County (ACLC)
Holiday Party
Register link/More info:
http://www.aclcpa.org/club-info/2013-holiday-party

December 16
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Holiday Party
More info: http://www.bostonaquariumsociety.org/
January 20
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Steve Allen
“Salt Water Frag Workshop”
More info: http://www.bostonaquariumsociety.org/

2013 Club Events

NORTH JERSEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY

presents

Fish Photography for Everyone
with
SPEAKER OF THE MONTH
Guy Van Rossum

Nov. 21, 2013 at 7:45pm
Nutley Elks Lodge, 242 Chestnut Street, Nutley, NJ
www.njas.net

BOWL SHOW CLASSES:
Loaches & Rainbows

INCLUDING...
Our monthly fish and plant auction!

BONUS WORKSHOP
(AFTER THE TALK)
Guy can help you set up your personal cameras!
Anyone interested should bring their cameras!
We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30PM
All are welcome. Door prizes. Auction. Free admission.
Monthly Presentations.
Essex Junction VFW, 73 Pearl St

Contact:

David & Janine Banks
372-8716
dbanks@together.net

Fran Kinghorn
879-4147
Fran.Kinghorn@gmail.com

Brian Candib
864-0746
bcandib@comcast.net

Dec 12, TFCB holiday meeting

www.tfcb.org
DANBURY AREA AQUARIUM SOCIETY

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

29th Annual AUCTION - Winter 2014!

SUNDAY, January 19, 2014

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

TO BE HELD AT THE: The Melrose School
120 Federal Hill Road, Brewster, NY 10509

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

Vendors: TBD

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 MELROSE SCHOOL:

WESTBOUND

I84: Take Interstate 84 to exit 4 in CT (US-6W/US-202W/Lake Ave), Turn right onto US-202W/Lake Ave Ext, Turn Right onto Ann Hack Rd, Take 1st left onto Joes Hill Rd, Continue onto Federal Rd.

EASTBOUND

I84: Take Interstate 84 to exit 20N in NYS toward NY-22/Pawling, Continue on NY-22N. Turn right onto Milltown Rd, Slight Right onto Federal Rd.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

RICH LITSKY (845) 228-0372

JOE MASI (845) 896-4793

Web: www.northeastcouncil.org/daas

Email: daas@northeastcouncil.org

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.
Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society

Annual Tropical Fish Auction

Sunday, February 9, 2014
Knights of Columbus Hall
460 Granby Road, Chicopee, MA 01013

Auction starts at 11:30 AM
Doors open at 9:00 AM for viewing and vendor registration

Free Admission!! Everyone is Welcome!!

Giant Auction of Live Tropical Fish, Aquatic Plants, and Dry Goods
Door Prizes!! Silent Auction!! Raffles!! 50/50 Cash Raffle!!
Food & Refreshments Available From the Knights’ Kitchen
Bring the Entire Family and Enjoy the Day with New and Old Friends!

DIRECTIONS TO CHICOPEE ELKS HALL
From I-91 north or south: Take Exit 12 to I-391 north, go 1 mile to Exit 3, take a right onto Granby Road, go straight thru lights and up the hill, Knights of Columbus Hall is 1 mile on the left.
From I-90 east or west: Take Exit 5 Chicopee, bear left after toll booth, take a right onto Montgomery Street and stay in left lane, take a left at lights onto Granby Road, Knights of Columbus Hall is 1-1/4 mile on the right.

For more information contact:
Scott Craig craig1012@charter.net
Jim Cormier jimcormier1@gmail.com
Martha Morris martha_morris@hotmail.com

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT YOUR LOCAL PET STORE FOR ALL YOUR PET NEEDS
PVAS Auction Rules

- Only fish-related items (i.e., fish, invertebrates, aquarium plants, aquarium equipment & supplies) will be accepted for auction on a 50/50 split unless specified as a donation to PVAS. ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: USED LIGHT BULBS, USED GRAVEL, DITTY BAGS, HYBRID FISH. Vendors may not set minimum bids on auction items.

- There is a total 20 lot limit, only 3 bags per species of fish, plants, or inverts, up to 5 lots may be dry goods. Equipment must be new or in like-new condition. All fish must be double bagged in proper fish bags-NO ZIP LOCK BAGS! A $2 fee will be charged for any lot that needs to be re-bagged.

- PVAS may elect not to auction any fish in poor condition, and will not auction government-restricted fish.

- PVAS may elect not to auction used equipment that is not clean and in working condition. If an item is not labeled it will be considered a donation to PVAS. Any unsold vendor items must be claimed at the end of the auction or they become the property of PVAS.

- PVAS will NOT provide printed labels for auction items unless pre-registered. PVAS will provide a Bidder Number, Bid Card, and lot numbers. The Seller will be responsible for making sure the lot numbers are affixed to each bag-use permanent marker or self-made labels. Bags without lot numbers will be considered donations. Seller must also mark each bag for species and quantity, pairs, trio, male/female, etc.

- Pre-Registration- You may pre-register your auction lots, and a Vendor Registration Form and bag labels will be made for you, just email your list to: mike@berkshiredesign.com. PVAS must receive your list of items by noon on the Saturday before the auction. Pre-registration features the “Red Dot” special (1 “Red Dot” per 5 items). Pre-made labels and “Red Dots” apply only to pre-registration.

- “Red Dot” items are sold first, then a 10-table system will be used. The order of the tables being auctioned will be drawn randomly before the start of the auction. You may “Bump” an item to the front of the line for a $2 fee. These bags get priority and will be put at the front of the line when the “Bump” fee is paid.

- Registration on the day of the auction will be from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Late registrations will be accepted IF time permits. Vendors will complete the Vendor Registration Form to allow PVAS to properly credit purchases and sales and itemize auction lots. It is strongly recommended that you fill out a Vendor Registration Form before you arrive at the auction. This form can be downloaded at our website: www.pvas.net.

- PVAS and the auctioneer will do their best to assure all items are what they claim to be, but it is the bidder’s responsibility to know that the item being auctioned is the item that you intend to bid on. The auctioneer has the FINAL word on all bids.

- All purchases are final and must be paid for before leaving the auction. Payment must be by cash or personal check with valid driver’s license.

- Personal checks: Make checks out to PVAS. Include your license number on the check.

- Bid Cards: You must turn in your Bid Card upon checking out of the auction. If you return to the auction, you will receive a new Bid Card and Bidder Number. Please do not write on the Bid Card.

- Vendors: You will receive payment immediately following the auction provided all your items have been sold and recorded. If you have outstanding items still in the auction and wish to check out, PVAS will send you a check in the mail. Your total sales will be credited towards your purchases. Vendor split is 50/50.

Thank you for participating in the PVAS Auction!
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Lot #</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>50/50</th>
<th>Donation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Auction items may consist of fish, plants and aquarium-related items. **Limit of 20 lots total, 3 lots per species of livestock and plants, 5 lot limit on dry goods.** No used light bulbs, no used gravel, no ditty bags, no hybrids. All livestock must be double bagged. Dry goods must be clean and in like-new condition. PVAS reserves the right to reject items it deems unfit to auction. This is a 50/50 auction and will be paid out at the end of the auction. Red dots will be given out 1 for every 5 items submitted, Red Dots go to the front of the line.

**Pre-register** your lots and receive pre-printed labels and lot numbers when you arrive at the auction. See the auction rules for pre-registration information.

Please see the complete auction rules at www.pvas.net
THE JERSEY SHORE AQUARIUM SOCIETY
presents its
22nd ANNUAL
Tropical Fish and
Dry Goods Auction!
SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2014

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 ($2 bidder fee).

To be held on Sunday, March 23, 2014 at the Knights of Columbus at 70 E. Main St. in Freehold, NJ.

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: 10 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.

Auction starts at noon sharp!

Any person may bring quality live fish and aquatic plants to enter into auction. 60/40 split when preregistered by Mar. 16 or 50/50 split when registered at the auction. Auction rules available upon request.

For more information or to preregister:
e-mail allaboutpetsllc@yahoo.com, call (732) 223-4530, or visit www.jerseyshoreas.org

(732) 223-4530, allaboutpetsllc@yahoo.com, www.jerseyshoreas.org
Join the Project Piaba team on an expedition to the Rio Negro

Project Piaba is established to foster an environmentally and socially beneficial ornamental fish trade. Join us on our annual group expedition to explore the Rio Negro and observe all aspects of the ornamental fishery.

- 2 weeks on a well appointed live-aboard boat
- Visit biological hotspots
- English speaking guides
- Fishing communities
- Participate in the Ornamental Fish Festival of Barcelos
- Visit ornamental fish export facilities

Contact Scott Dowd for more information
Projectpiaba.sd@gmail.com
(617) 973-5243
Click for more info!

Buy a Fish, Save a tree!
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
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

Members At Large 2012-2014
Linda Giza (NELA)
Nancy Villars (JSAS)
Dave Giza (NELA)
Leslie Dick (DAAS)
Ben Belancik (NECA)
Bill Gill (BAS)

Standing Committees:
Corporate Agent .......... Dave Hardenbrook
Competitive Events (NEC Sponsored) ........ George Goulart
Constitution and By-Laws Joe Masi
Judging & Standards Anne Broadmeyer
Legislation Dave Giza
Planning (Council Mtg. Prog.) Linda Giza
Programs (Slides & Videos) Dave Banks
Public Relations (Society Relations) Open
Organization (Assist / New Groups) Open
Raffles (Fund Raising) Open
Shows Open
Workshop Leslie Dick

Non-Standing Committees:
Advertising Bill Gill
Articles Competition Artie Platt
Auction Joe Masi / Dave Giza
Betty Mueller Joe Masi
Breeder Participation Program Rich Pierce
JW Memorial Conservation Dave Giza
Donations Open
Exhibitor Competition Bill Gill
Historian Dave Banks
Newsletter Barbara Romeo
Nominating Open
Photo Contest Rich Pierce
Speakers Linda Giza
Sunshine Fran Masi
Webmaster Open

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)