Next NEC Meeting
Second Quarter, NEC General Meeting: June 2\textsuperscript{nd} @ NOON
(Crowne Plaza, Cromwell, CT)

2013 NEC CALENDAR

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

*Top left picture:* Clown Loach entered into the 2013 NEC Tropical Fish Show by George Goulart. Photo by Barbara Romeo.

The NEC does not coordinate dates for club events, but does publish this monthly calendar for your convenience. Prior to selecting a date for your club’s next event, please check the NEC calendar for availability, and then notify me of the new date immediately at BRomeo1234@optonline.net or by phone @ 914-433-2556.
**President’s Message**

Hello Everyone,

Now that the weather has finally broken, pond season is here. So open those ponds and get your muck buckets ready for the season. Also had the opportunity to attend two sister club annual auctions CNYAS and NECA. First time attending a CNYAS event, great group of people and a wide assortment of livestock and dry goods. NECA also had a good selection of livestock for their auction. At both events, the crowd was there to bid, which is great for vendors and the club, also makes the day for the auctioneer...

Some import motions voted on at the last NEC board meeting:

1. Authorize the Convention Chair to sign the contract with the CP for the 2014 Convention
2. Changed the NEC fiscal year to run from January 1 through December 31
3. Authorize the Hotel Liaison to sign the contract with the CP for the Summer auction (special email vote)
4. Expand the NEC membership beyond the northeast; this requires a final vote of the club delegates.

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

**Upcoming NEC / Sister club events for 2013:**

**May 19:** OVAS Auction

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

**NEC meeting dates for 2013:**

**General:**

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

**BOG:**

3Q - Aug 10 (CP)  
4Q - Nov 17 (CC)

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

**Note:** the above dates may change if conflicts are encountered; meeting confirmation and information will be published in the newsletter President’s message.

The next NEC **General Meeting** will be a held at the Crowne Plaza on Sunday June 2, 2013 at 12 noon. **This is a “president's meeting”… I’m encouraging the club presidents to join their delegates at this meeting.** Please check in the entrance atrium or front desk for meeting room information. There will be an opportunity to order lunch in if you so chose.
The next **NEC Board Meeting** will be held at the Crowne Plaza on Saturday August 10, 2013 at 5 PM. Please check in the entrance atrium or front desk for meeting room information. There will be an opportunity to order dinner in if you so choose.

**Items to Remember:**

1. Send your club contact updates to Barbara Romeo at bromeo1234@optonline.net
2. Newsletter events to Barbara Romeo at bromeo1234@optonline.net
3. Website news & events to Kurt Johnston at kaj41354@comcast.net
4. Speaker list updates to Linda Giza at lindagiza@comcast.net
5. If your club is looking to schedule a conference room at the Crowne Plaza, please contact Leslie Dick at ldick@comcast.net

Please feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions; it's best to contact me by email at president@northeastcouncil.org, you can also call me at 1-845-896-4793.

Joe Masi
NEC President
05/11/2013

**NEC Convention Update**

Thank you all who participated in the SurveyMonkey online survey! There were 58 respondents, and your replies are very much appreciated. The results of this survey will be discussed by the convention committee and help us tailor future conventions.

There are a good number Drs. Foster and Smith gift certificates left from the generous donation of goodie bags. These gift certificates will be distributed to clubs that are represented at our June NEC General meeting. Don’t get left out!

We are in final negotiations with the Crowne Plaza for our 39th Convention, so stay tuned next month for more information.

See you next month,
Leslie

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**LOOKING FOR WINNING BIDDER:**

**AMAZONAS 1-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION**

Please contact Leslie Dick at ConventionChair@northeastcouncil.org if you are the “1-year Amazonas subscription” winning bid at the NEC’s April 7, 2013 Auction.

The subscription must be validated in order to activate.
37th Annual NEC Convention Theme “Keepin’ It Green”
Competition Winner: Ashley Antkowiak

(Left to right) Theme competitors Ashley Antkowiak of ACLC and Leslie Dick. Photo by Nancy Villars-Hallgring

2012 Exhibitor Competition Winners
Bill Gill, Chair

1st Place: Leslie Dick of DAAS with 710 points
2nd Place: Artie Platt of NAS with 225 points
3rd Place: Eric Mather of TFSRI with 194 points

Junior Winner: Conner Quigley of TFSRI with 58 points

Club with Most Entries: TFSRI
On behalf of the James J. White Memorial Conservation Fund we would like to thank everyone who participated in the silent auction.

Special thanks to the Boston Aquarium Society (BAS), Steve Allen, Bill Gill, Roger Williams University, William Maier and Russ and Donna McAndrews.

We thank everyone that donated items to the auction, also the cash donors. The Indonesian Marine Ornamental Symposium (LINI) and Conservation Aquariums in the Classroom, this year’s recipients will benefit from this years fundraising.

Thank you,
David Giza & Scott Dowd
Did You Know…

At each general NEC meeting there is a presentation related to improving club services or addressing club concerns. This meeting is open to all club officers and their members.

Some Past General NEC Presentation Topics:
- How to obtain tax-exempt status
- Conservation opportunities (tank in the classroom)
- How to use computers to help your club (i.e., auction programs)
- Fund raising tips

Future Potential Topics:
- Liability insurance
- Membership retention/growth opportunities
- Open forum Q/A

If your or your club has a request for a certain topic, please send e-mail to Linda Giza at LindaGiza@comcast.net

NEXT General NEC Meeting:
Sunday, June 2, 2013
Noon
Crowne Plaza Hotel
100 Berlin Rd, Cromwell, CT
Presentation by Kurt Johnston, ACLC
“Use of Internet & Social Media - For Aquarium Clubs”

We Encourage All Club Presidents to Attend

“Can Unusual Suspects Reform the Aquarium Livestock Trade?”

Opinion piece by Red Talbot
Excerpt from CORAL Magazine, May/June 2013

Red Talbot, award-winning writer, photojournalist, and senior editor of CORAL Magazine has written an opinion piece for public aquariums promoting sustainability in the aquarium trade.

Read the article here at: http://www.reef2rainforest.com/2013/05/09/can-unusual-suspects-reform-the-aquarium-livestock-trade/
How to Help Your Club Succeed (NOT!)
By Joel Antkowiak & Kurt Johnston, ACLC

Over the past decade, I have had the pleasure and honor to have come into contact with many wonderful people in this hobby from all parts of this wonderful world of ours. Many of them are past and present officers of local, regional, national and international aquarium hobby related clubs. It has come to my attention that without exception, all have had some issues that have threatened the existence of their club not matter whether the club has a membership of 5 or 500. I felt it necessary to put it down on paper (or computer) those actions that affect the clubs and their existence.

1. At the clubs monthly auction, you should wait until the opening bid gets down to $1, even though you know the true value of that rare pair of fish is about $35. After all, the breeder only put in a few months of time, a few dollars in food and they don’t expect to get anything for it. The club only gets a percentage of the total anyway so what difference does it make.
   a. After you are successful breeding this pair, make sure that everyone knows how upset you are when you get only $2 for the pair you bring in and tell all that you will never bring in another fish for the auction.

2. Only attend those meetings where the subject is something you are interested in. There’s no sense in learning anything new and besides, you know everything you need to about your fish and you’re only there to try and trip up the speaker. Plus, there is no way that anything that this speaker says can be applied to your own area of interest.

3. Don’t buy any raffle tickets at the club meetings. There isn’t anything there that you need or would pay the $1 ticket fee for.

4. When you have a bad experience with one of the club sponsors, don’t address it with the sponsor directly or tell any member of the Board, just make sure that everyone knows your side by telling everyone via email or posting on a forum. This way the sponsor will no longer want to sponsor your club and you feel that the club doesn’t need one of the few sponsors available anyway.

5. Don’t support your club sponsors unless they give you a huge discount. They should be happy to have the club to sponsor.

6. Make sure that you have at least one idea every month to improve the club and let the membership know but, don’t volunteer to help. After all, you are sure that someone else could implement your idea better than you can.
7. Don’t run for any elected position or volunteer for an appointed board position or even think about chairing a committee. You may know what works best, but it’s better if you just tell everyone else what they should be doing than to show how well you can do it. And besides, the club only needs a few people to run it anyway.

8. If your club has a special event (convention, show, auction, shop hop, picnic, etc.) don’t attend unless there is a profit in it for you. The club hasn’t spent any time or money to put on this event and besides, what does the club need money for? They are non-profit aren’t they?

   a. If your club does host a special event, don’t register for it early because the club didn’t have to put down a deposit for the event halls or banquet meals.

   b. In fact, wait until the last possible minute so that meal counts have to wait and maybe some folks that came from out of town, that have come in to support your club, can be forced to go elsewhere for a meal, perhaps alone instead of with their new found fishy friends.

   c. Don’t support other clubs’ events either; we all know we don’t want those people coming around to support us.

9. Make sure that when a club event doesn’t succeed, you tell everyone that you knew that it was going to fail, that’s why you did not participate.

10. Don’t promote your club by purchasing and wearing club t-shirt or caps or telling people all about the club on Facebook, Twitter or any of the many hobby forums. Definitely don’t participate on your club’s forum, nobody reads it anyway.

    a. Don’t promote other clubs either. Just think what might happen if those people started to promote and support our club?

Believe it or not, all of these topics are based on actual happenings at many if not all aquarium clubs that I have had the honor of knowing at least one board member of. If you fit into at least one of these, you probably don’t realize it. But be sure that your Board of Directors and fellow hobbyists will say:

   **Thank You for Your Support!**

Authors’ Note: Obviously this article is written tongue-in-cheek. But I think everyone can get the message that is being sent.
NOAA Proposes 66 Species of Corals for Endangered and Threatened Listing

On November 30, 2012, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a press release announcing its plans to consider listing 66 species of stony corals (59 Pacific species and 7 Caribbean) in the Endangered Species Act, classifying them as either threatened or endangered. The public has 90 days to offer comments before NOAA makes its final decision at the end of 2013.

This news is of particular interest to aquarists because many proposed species are commonly kept by reefkeepers; Advanced Aquarist provides the full proposed species list at the bottom of this article.

Under the Endangered Species Act, the taking, possession, sale and transport of endangered species is prohibited. What this means for aquarists is that the corals given endangered status may not only become illegal to collect and import (and by extension, for aquarists to purchase) but also illegal to own or trade. Prior ESA history tells us exemptions are unlikely.

Corals listed as threatened may remain legal to collect and own, although species-specific rules may also prohibit their collection and ownership. For example, the two Caribbean Acroporids (Acropora palmata and Acropora cervicornis) are currently listed as threatened but they are both illegal to collect and own. Note: In this proposal, NOAA is considering reclassifying these two species from threatened to endangered.

Proposed Endangered Species:

**Pacific**
- Millepora foveolata
- Pocillopora elegans (E Pacific)
- Acropora jacquelineae
- Acropora lokani
- Acropora rudis
- Anacropora spinosa
- Euphyllia paradivisa

**Caribbean**
- Staghorn coral (Acropora cervicornis)
- Elkhorn coral (Acropora palmata)
- Pillar coral (Dendrophyllia aculeata)
- Boulder star coral (Montastraea annularis)
- Mountainous star coral (Montastraea faveolata)
- Star coral (Montastraea franksi)
- Rough Cactus Coral (Mycetophyllia ferox)

Proposed Threatened Species:

**Pacific**
- Millepora tuberosa
- Pocillopora danae
- Pocillopora elegans (Indo-Pacific)
- Seriatopora aculeata
- Acropora aculeus
- Acropora acuminata
- Acropora aspera
- Acropora dundrum
- Acropora donei
- Acropora globiceps
- Acropora horrida
- Acropora listeria
- Acropora microclados
- Acropora palmerae
- Acropora paniculata
- Acropora pharaonis
- Acropora polystoma
Wow! Two meetings in a row where we had bidding wars over waterlilies. For me, a summer without a flowering waterlily in my yard is just not really summer. I was never a “flower guy,” but when I had a waterlily

bloom in one of my fish tubs a decade ago I was hooked for life. I HAVE to have a flowering lily in every one of my fish tubs. There’s something about this plant, from the floating pads to the rising and opening flower, which can soften even the heart of the most grizzled, cranky, curmudgeonly angry fish guy in the hobby. I’ve seen it happen several times.

*How and when* you plant your waterlily makes a big difference. We only get one shot at this per year, and its long autumn and winter to wait. Let’s make it count. Here’s how...

**The Great Compromise**
The purpose of using lots of plants in a summer fish tub is to create filtration and spawning sites / sanctuaries. Waterlilies are not particularly good water filters or spawning sites (unless you’re a gourami). If you attempt to use them as such, planting them in perforated baskets with gravel, you’ll get a flower or two in a season. They also need room to spread their pads or they weaken, and again, no flowers. Tropical waterlilies do a better job in this respect, but they are annual plants and timing and expense becomes an issue.

Waterlilies do provide shade for fish, and slow down evaporation and evaporative cooling of the water. But floating plants can do that too, and provide better filtration and spawning sites in their roots and leaves. They can also cover the edges better as soon as you plant them, protecting fish from jumping out. So if your main purpose is fish breeding, you may want to eschew waterlilies all together. But why would you want to miss out on such a beautiful thing?

**How to use Waterlilies in Fish Tubs**
So you’ve decided you want a waterlily AND breed fish successfully? Well, you can! You just have to know the rules. First off, research which lilies will do well in your size tub. Check the online catalogs from Trickers, Lilyblooms, e-waterlily, and Lilypons and look for lilies with a “small spread” or “good for a tub pond.” Another option is to “dwarf” your lilies – more on that later in the potting section. Once you select a waterlily, use the edges of your tub for the filtering/spawning plants. Favor things like Iris, Pickerel, Cattail, and Canna that put out extensive root systems and grow quickly. That’s a sure sign they are taking up nutrients in the water. Of course, you can always go with the old stand-by: floating Water Hyacinth. Your Waterlily will grow out from all directions from the center of the tub.

As an example, for a typical 20 gallon round barrel tub, I will use one or two of the bog plants, along with a Water Hyacinth or two, and let a dwarf waterlily have the rest of the surface. For a patio pond with shelves, I’ll do three bog plants and a few water hyacinth around the edges, pairing them with a dwarf or compact spread waterlily.

**Hardy or Tropical?**
Hardy Waterlilies are native to Europe, Northern Asia, and the Americas. They can be put out in early Spring and stay out as long as they don’t freeze solid. The red varieties are particularly suited to colder waters and more shade. You buy them once and they come back year after year. You can store them in a box (best for fish tubbing) or underwater. You can easily divide and sell or auction them in the Spring.
Tropical Waterlilies, by contrast, should not be put out until your water temperature hits 70F (around Memorial Day weekend). This is especially true of the Night Bloomers. I’ve had Tropicals go dormant for the whole season just because I put them out too early or too deep. Most people discard them each year and buy new ones (at a pop of $15-$50 each, plus shipping or sales tax). You can overwinter the round hard tubers that form near the root ball (korms) in your aquarium, however. But you’ll have to start them inside or wait a while for them to take off outside. And when they do grow, their leaf spread can reach 8 feet on most varieties with pads the size of dinner plates.

But for all their disadvantages, tropical waterlilies outperform their hardy cousins. They flower more easily and in more abundance, even if crowded in a small tub and given less than full sun. Not having a thick rhizome, they do fine in small pots, and can even be “dwarfed” (literally) in dixie cups to fit any size tub. They hold their flowers high above the water, and their fragrance in amazing. Some are viviparous, forming new plants all the time on their leaves, and flowering until frost.

**Potting a Waterlily for a fish tub**

There are more “recipes” for planting waterlilies than toppings at a Subway®. I even heard one NJAS guest speaker (from a local garden center several years ago), advocating planting them in expensive OTC fractured clay media (ridiculously expensive and nutritionally inert). My current method, which worked great last season, is based on my own trial and error for the past 15 years, discussions with fellow waterlily nut jobs on Koipen.com, and the standard bibles of the hobby. It’s just one way of doing it. But it works really well for me.

I use two kinds of pots from the Paint aisle of my local Home Depot: 5 qt paint pails for hardies, and 3 qt pails for tropica ls. I like these because they are cheap, and also have a steel handle for lifting the pots out of the water. I have also grown tropicals in 12 oz dixie cups, too, for dwarfing.

I use a quality, fertilizer-free, bagged topsoil, or alternatively, “backyard dirt” that I am sure has no pesticide or herbicide residues. I mix 3 parts soil to 1 part natural unscented CLAY kitty litter. This creates the loamy mixture waterlilies enjoy.

At the bottom of an empty pot I will sprinkle a layer of Osmocote® for Flowers and Vegetables. This is a time-released encapsulated fertilizer. Then I fill the pot half-way with the soil-clay mixture. I then add a fertilizer tablet. I prefer Highland Rim®, but Pondtabbs® is also a popular brand. More frugal hobbyists use Jobes® or Miracle-Gro® fertilizer spikes for vegetables or houseplants. The key with fertilizers is that you want the phosphorus content (MIDDLE number on the label) to be HIGHER than the nitrogen or potassium content. If not, you’ll get more leaf growth than flower development. Highland Rim has a VERY high phosphorus number (26).

I then place my water lily in the pot, spreading out the roots, and then cover with more soil-clay mixture to right below where the roots meet the crown of the plant. Press down the substrate all around the plant to remove any air pockets and compress the soil a bit. Then GENTLY add some water until it just covers the soil and wait 5 minutes. Repeat the process until the soil is saturated with no puddles. This key step will prevent your lily from popping out of its pot, and soil from floating around your tub.
Top off with ½ to 1 inch layer of small pea or aquarium gravel and then SLOWLY place the potted waterlily in your tub pond. For deeper tubs, I recommend placing your pot on top of an upside down perforated planting basket. The warmer water and brighter sun will speed up growth to the surface and flower development.

**Monthly Maintenance**
Once a month, poke a hole deep in the soil and add a fertilizer tablet. Cover the hole with some gravel or sand and replace the pea gravel topping. This monthly step cannot be underscored enough to ensure regular flowering. Since I plant around Memorial Day, I use the first day or first weekend of every month as a natural reminder for fertilizing my lilies (and adding mosquito control granules).

I hope this how-to guide in our on-going summer series was helpful, and inspires you to complement your fish breeding with some nice color and fragrance this summer. *How* and *when* you plant your waterlily makes a big difference, and we only get one shot at it. Let’s make it count!

**My Favorite Waterlilies for Summer Fish Tubs (so far):**

**HARDIES:**
Dwarfs: Helvola; Pygmae Rubra; Pygmaea Alba
Compact Spread: Chromatella; Pink Beauty (Luciana); Little Sue

**TROPICALS:**
Dwarfs: Colorata; St.Louis Gold; Nympaea stellata or other “aquarium” lily bulbs
Compact Spread: Queen of Siam; Dauben; Islamorada
Night Blooming: Emily Grant Hutchings

**PHOTOS WITHIN ARTICLE:** Pink Beauty (Luciana); Emily Grant Hutchings in a 35 gallon Patio pond; potting up a tropical waterlily; Little Sue in a 20 gallon barrel tub. All photos by Ted Coletti.

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**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

To view the list of available programs online visit:
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.

May

**May 16**
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Larry Jinks
“Breeding Catfish”
More info: [http://www.njas.net](http://www.njas.net)

**May 16**
Norwalk Aquarium Society (NAS)
Amanda Wenger
“The Exotic Plant Bornean Aroids”

**May 17**
Long Island Aquarium Society (LIAS)
Christine Williams Pasagelis
“When Aquariums Attack”

All meetings begin @ 8 pm and the speaker presentation begins @ 8:30pm. Endeavour Hall, Room 120, part of the Marine and Atmospheric Sciences bldg, of SUNY Stony Brook. Entrance doors to this bldg are locked between 8:30 and 8:45 pm.

**May 18**
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County (ACLC)
Todd Dutton
“The Aquarium Hobby and the Law”
More info: [http://www.aclcpa.org](http://www.aclcpa.org)

**May 20**
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Jim Caremark
“Adventures in the Aquarium Hobby”
**May 24**
Danbury Area Aquarium Society (DAAS)
Rosario LaCorte
“TBA”
More info: mailto:daas@northeastcouncil.org
Meet at Animal Kingdom USA
100 A Independent Way, Brewster, NY 10509
Phone: 845-278-6400

**June**

**June 5**
Greater City Aquarium Society (GCAS)
Leslie Dick
“Livebearers”
More info: http://www.greatercity.org/

**June 9**
Phil Costello
“Illumascape Lighting: Architectural & Landscape Lighting”
More info:
http://www.pioneervalleypondclub.com/meetings.html

**June 10**
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society
Lenny Mackowiak
“Killies”
More info: http://www.jerseyshoreas.org/

**June 11**
Otter Valley Aquarium Society (OVAS)
Joe Ferdenzi
“History of the Hobby”

**June 12**
New Hampshire Aquarium Society (NHAS)
Richard Pierce
“Tetras”
More info: http://www.nhaquariumsociety.com/
June 13
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington (TFCB)
Joe Ferdenzi
“Aquarium Hobby History”
More info: http://www.tfcb.org

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

June 17
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Tony Terciera
“Collecting Native fishes.......... A trip through Alabama, the Panhandle, and the East Coast Collecting”
More info: http://www.bostonaquariumsociety.org/

June 20
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Joe Ferdenzi
“A History of the Hobby in America”
More info: http://www.njas.net

June 21
Long Island Aquarium Society (LIAS)
Charles Flagg
“The Breach of Old Inlet”
More info: http://www.liasonline.org/
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June 28
Danbury Area Aquarium Society (DAAS)
Amin Rubirosa
“Wild Bettas”
More info: mailto:daas@northeastcouncil.org
July

July 11
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Rachel O’Leary
“Freshwater Invertebrates: A Primer for the Devoted Hobbyist”
More info: http://www.njas.net

2013 Club Events

OCTOBER 10TH THROUGH OCTOBER 13TH, 2013

NORTH JERSEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY’S

60th

DIAMOND JUBILEE EVENT!

REGISTER HERE:
http://www.njas.net/register60.html

Put Your Pond on the Tour!

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

Contact us if you would like to be on our tour:
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Sydney Brodeur: Phone: 413-562-6031 (E-Mail: sydb46@hotmail.com)
NJAS Collecting Trips

NJAS will be making several native fish sampling / collecting trips this year led by Ray Wetzel. All members of NEC clubs are welcome to join us for a fun day in the water!

The tentative schedule for our 3 outings is:

**Collecting Trip #1:** Saturday, May 11 - Bunker Hill Bogs & Horicon Lake
**Collecting Trip #2:** Saturday, May 25 - Bunker Hill Bogs & Horicon Lake
**Collecting Trip #3:** Saturday, June 22 - Pine Barrens Batsto Lake & Mullica River

Some species we’ve seen on past trips:
- American eel
- Chain Pickerel
- Creek Chubsucker
- Largemouth Bass
- Pumpkinseed Sunfish
- Banded Sunfish
- Blackbanded Sunfish
- Bluespotted Sunfish
- Pirate Perch
- Mud Sunfish
- Golden Shiner
- Banded Killifish
- White Perch
- Yellow Perch
- Tesselated Darter
- Swamp Darter
- Tadpole Madtom
- Bullhead Catfish

For more information, please e-mail mailto:field-trips@njas.net

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ray Wetzel at mailto:Sevensprinss@wmconnect.com or Bob Hicks at mailto:rchicks@optonline.net

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.
Otter Valley Aquarium Society

Spring Tropical Fish & Plant Auction & Bowl Show

1st Prize $100 - 2nd Prize $75 - 3rd Price $50

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

AT THE RUTLAND/ KILLINGTON HOLIDAY INN

Featuring Freshwater Fish, Aquatic Plants, Dry Goods & Rare & Hard to Find Livestock

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

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

For more Information contact Lee Scott at 802-537-2713 or Leebrianscoot@yahoo.com or www.ovasociety.com
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Boston Aquarium Society    BAS
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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
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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
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Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society  PVAS
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Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island  TFSRI
Upstate NY Killifish Association  UNYKA
Worcester Aquarium Society      WAS

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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)