

NEXT meeting is Sunday June 5th at 7PM. This is a general meeting, club delegates, club president and/or any other member are encouraged to attend and participate.

NEC Q4 General Meeting

Sunday, June 5th · 7:00 – 8:30pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/qkz-bgaw-jwr>

Or dial: (US) +1 401-903-8052 PIN: 248 699 709#

Share your club info, learn what other clubs are doing and planning, hear updates on NEC committees and events. You can join by computer or phone

Topics for Agenda:

Nominating committee

Convention 2023

Auction program

2022 NEC calendar

*General NEC meetings are held at 7:00 PM 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 calendar for your convenience. The NEC advertises for NEC clubs and National/International Organizations in the NEC calendar.

June 11th - CCA June FISH SWAP, Rockville, MD

June 25th - South Coast Tropical Fish Society swap meet, Fall River, MA

July 2nd – CCY – swap/picnic, Spring Grove, PA

July 16th – ACLC – picnic with auction, Lancaster, PA

July 27-31, 2022 – ACA, ALA, AKA, NA ANGFA: Combined Triple Crown Convention, Louisville, KY

Aug 5-6, 2022 – SJGG will host IFGA show

Aug 13 – UNYKA swap, Schenectady, NY

Sept 23-25, 2022 – Keystone Clash, Morgantown, PA

Oct 2 – NAS fall auction

Oct 7-9- All Aquarium Catfish Convention, Herndon, Virginia

Oct 30th – EAS fall auction, Erie, PA

See club websites or Facebook pages for more info, flyers also shared on NEC Facebook page

2022 NEC Meeting Calendar: The following dates were approved as the BOG and General Quarterly Meeting Schedule for 2021, all meetings are conf calls or online meetings:

BOG meetings at 7:30

~~1st quarter Wednesday, Jan 26~~

~~2nd quarter Wednesday, April 27~~

3rd quarter Wednesday, August 24

4th quarter Tuesday, Nov 15

General meetings @ 7PM

~~1st quarter Sunday, Feb 27~~

2nd quarter Sunday, June 5

3rd quarter Sunday, September 18

4th quarter Sunday, Dec 4

See google meet info above, you can just call in, or be on the computer with audio and camera.

Mailchimp signup for NEC leadership mailing list - <http://eepurl.com/hwi3zb>

General NEC mailing list - <http://eepurl.com/hV3Yqr>

2022 NEC Awards:

BPP – David Banks, Chair

2021

1st – Karen Haas, ACLC

2nd – Rob Hintze, TFCB

3rd – Ira Gardner-Morse, TFCB

Ira also reached the Senior Breeder plateau in 2021!!

Article Competition – Ted Coletti for Dave Hardenbrook

2021 Article Competition Awards

Open Category

1st ***Carpy Diem*** by Dan Radebaugh GCAS

A very interesting story of the long history of the development of the Goldfish by the Chinese and the Koi by the Japanese from the rather drab Carp species.

2nd ***Why Do We Keep Fish?*** by Abigail Weinberg GCAS

An well written investigation into the motivations that attract people to keep fish in a home environment. From a single tank to a dedicated fish house containing thousands of gallons and a multitude of aquariums.

3rd ***My Life With Fish*** by Jason Gold GCAS

The life story of an aquarist fifty year fascination with fish and plants that started at a very early age. Despite reticent parents, multiple moves and limited accommodations for fish keeping the author persisted and took advantage of whatever resource was available to satisfy his desire to be a fish keeper.

Breeding Category

1st ***Island Killifish*** by Joe Ferdenzi GCAS

A discussion of four Killifish varieties that are endemic to a particular Island, and their keeping in a home aquarium.

2nd ***Breeding the Black Cory*** by Dan McKercher

A story of the process to identify the cause of death of Cory fry and the formulation of a corrective treatment.

3rd ***The Hot Lip Hooligan*** by Karen Haas ACLC

A story about a rare and endangered Cichlid *Stomatepia marie* found in a Western Africa crater lake Barombi Mbo. . A very informative description of its native environment, its closest relatives, and the care and breeding in a home situation,

Humor Category

1st ***New York Harbor Is Alive*** by Jules Birnbaum GSCA

Although a stretch to be called humor this is an interesting article of the the multitude of ironic items found in the harbor.

2nd None Submitted

3rd None Submitted

Junior Category

1st None Submitted

2nd None Submitted

3rd None Submitted

Continuing Columns Category

1st *The Undergravel Rporter* by Anonymous GCAS

2nd *From the Editor* by Dan Radebaugh GCAS

3rd *President's Message* by Horst Gerber GCAS

Note: The sweep of this category by the Greater City Aquarium Society brings to mind the saying: ***You Have to Be Present to Win***

Photo Contest – Rich Pierce, Chair

2022 Photo Competition Results

Class 1. Single Subject - Advanced

1st: Don Lang – Melanistus Cory

2nd Richard Pierce – Leidy's Comb Jelly

3rd Zenin Skomorowski – OB Peacock

Class 2. Single Subject - Open Class

1st Kim Schofield – Red Devil

2nd Karen Haas - Amatitlania myrnae

3rd Laura Sederquest – Betta

Class 3 Aquatic Life - Advanced

1st Paul Loiselle – Xenotoca lyonsi Tamazula Splitfin consorting couple

2nd Richard Pierce – Odd Couple

3rd. Don Lang – Angel Fry

Class 4 Aquatic Life - Open

1st Kim Schofield – Chocolate Cichlid with Fry

2nd Kim Schofield - Jaguar Cichlid

3rd Kim Schofield – Chocolate Cichlid with Fry

Class 5. NEC Activities – People Pics – Open

1st Richard Pierce – Cichlid Spooktacular

2nd Richard Pierce – Cichlid Spooktacular

3rd Nancy Villars – Jason Set up

Class 6 Ponds and Water Gardens – Open

1st Richard Pierce – Lotus

2nd Karen Patist – Spike’s Froggies

3rd Zenin Skomorowski – Water Garden

Thanks to all who participated.

Betty Mueller – Janine Banks, Chair

The NEC Betty Mueller Honor means so much to me and to so many who have received this recognition in the past. It is not an award you can do something to “win.” Rather it is simply recognition for years of dedication to the hobby and years of work for and dedication to the Northeast Council.

The Betty Mueller Honor is bestowed annually to an individual who has shown significant dedication and support of the aquarium hobby as a whole, as well as specifically to the Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies. Past recipients of the award since its inception in 1979 have each been inimitable in their own esteem, and recognized with this high honor due to their unique and unequalled contributions to the aquarium hobby and the NEC.

I’ll share the list of all past recipients many of whom are present at this ceremony with us, but sadly, many of whom have passed away (*). So many people from so many clubs! At a normal NEC banquet we would read the names and have those present join me up on stage, but you see the list – many names you will recognize, like,,,,,

Quite a group that did an amazing amount of work for the NEC in their time – the NEC would not be what it is without them!

1979 Betty Mueller*	Exotic Fish Society of Hartford
1980 Martin Bernard	Norwalk Aquarium Society
1981 Penny Faul	Boston Aquarium Society
1982 Ray Horn*	Exotic Fish Society of Hartford
1983 Lee Finley	Elm City Aquarium Society
1984 Ann & Walter Howe*	Exotic Fish Society of Hartford
1985 Kathy Beebe	Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society
1986 Jack Adinolfi	Norwalk Aquarium Society
1987 Sandy Billings*	Exotic Fish Society of Hartford
1988 Al Faul*	Boston Aquarium Society
1989 Dave Quinn*	Tropical Fish Society of Rh. Island
1990 John Galvin*	Aqualand Aquarium Society
1991 John Stankevitch*	Norwalk Aquarium Society
1992 Bill Kenney	Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society
1993 Aline Brousseau	Tropical Fish Society of Rh. Island
1994 Faith Quinn	Tropical Fish Society of Rh. Island
1995 Tony Terciera	Tropical Fish Society of Rh. Island
1996 Don Johnson	Norwalk Aquarium Society
1997 Sue & Wally Bush	Aqualand Aquarium Society
1998 Diane Adinolfi	Norwalk Aquarium Society
1999 Chuck Davis	North Jersey Aquarium Society
2000 Aline Finley	Tropical Fish Society of Rh. Island
2001 Janine & David Banks	Tropical Fish Club of Burlington
2002 Wayne Leibel	North Jersey Aquarium Society
2003 Karen Randall	Boston Aquarium Society
2004 Mark & Anne Broadmeyer	Norwalk Aquarium Society
2004 Honoree, Ray Lucas	Many NEC Clubs
2005 James White*	Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society
2006 Rit Forcier	Aqualand Aquarium Society
2007 Christine & Frank* Policastro	North Jersey Aquarium Society
2008 Joe Masi	Danbury Area Aquarium Society
2009 Linda & David Giza	Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society
2010 Barbara Day	Aqualand Aquarium Society
2011 Bill Cole	Danbury Area Aquarium Society
2012 Claudia Dickinson	Greater City Aquarium Society
2013 Leslie Dick	Danbury Area Aquarium Society
2014 Richard Pierce	Tropical Fish Society of Rh. Island
2015 Rosario Lacorte	North Jersey Aquarium Society
2016 Nancy Villars/Hallgring	Jersey Shore Aquarium Society
2017 Barbara Romeo	Danbury Area Aquarium Society
2018 Fran Masi	Danbury Area Aquarium Society
2019 Joseph Ferdenzi	Greater City Aquarium Society
2019 Honoree Peach Reid	--
2020 Michael Liu	New England Cichlid Association
2021 Dr. Paul Loiselle	North Jersey Aquarium Society

So, on to this year's recipient.

Nominations can come from any club in the NEC, and the people who have received this award in the past and are still active in the hobby make the decision of who receives the recognition this year.

It is my pleasure to tell you about this year's recipient, **Joe Dinho** from the Danbury Area Aquarium Society. Joe has belonged to DAAS for 36 years and he was a founding member when the club was formed in 1986.

Adding to his roles, Joe volunteered to be Treasurer of the NEC for six years. He retired in 2016 but continued to fill in as treasurer for several years after.

He also supported the NEC by working the registration table for many NEC conventions, even as an assistant to his predecessor, and probably would still be at that table today if this was an in-person convention.

He was always happy to help out and throughout the years Joe traveled to various sister club auctions and worked the registration table for them as well. He likes to stay busy!

A trusted individual, a dedicated individual, and someone well deserving of the Betty Mueller Honor! Thank you for your contribution to the hobby and your hard work all these years, and congratulations Joe!!

NEC 2022 Aquatic e-Vention, it's a wrap!

Thank you for everyone that participated and helped with this event. We had what seemed like small numbers attending live, but the views kept climbing and far surpassed last years numbers! Thanks to all that purchased raffle tickets to support the event, and thanks to our sponsors. Please support our sponsors, Zoo Med, Cobalt, Amazonas. And a special thank you to fishmart for sponsoring our event this year and last year too! Also a special thank you to Greater City Aquarium Society for their sponsorship as they celebrate their 100th anniversary this year! Thank you Mike Schadle, The Pleco Feeder and Nancy Villars for also donating to the raffle.

This platform allowed us to bring in great speakers with minimal costs and we tried to take advantage of that. We had 4 international speakers on Saturday, and once we got the time zones figured out, all went seamlessly. Thanks to all of our speakers for their time and sharing of knowledge and experiences.

With the pending potential changes to the Lacey Act, we decided at the last minute to have a panel discussion featuring Matt Pedersen from Amazonas magazine, Jackie Anderson from

Project Piaba and Josh Jones for Pet Advocacy Network (formerly PIJAC). These changes could significantly change our hobby, please take action and get involved. You can watch the panel discussion <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nay3ZI-J1fU>

And lastly, thanks to Ira Gardner-Morse and all of the volunteers that made the online auction go so smoothly! We had a great day for the fish exchanges, and had lots of happy buyers and sellers!

While the YouTube videos are no longer publicly available, we do hope to add them to the NEC slide and video program for clubs to use for their club meeting sometime in the fairly near future.

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 will pay for standard postage to the requesting NEC club. Any NEC club requesting expedited delivery will need to pay for that postage. The NEC club requesting the program is responsible for postage back. 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: May 15, 2020 NEC Newsletter and on the NEC website: <http://northeastcouncil.org/basic-page/nec-lending-library>

Breeder Participation Program – please submit all entries to dbanks@together.net If you have questions let me know. If you have not participated in the past, it is never too late to start. Let other clubs know you have breeders in your club! Point can be submitted by individuals or clubs. Annual prizes for top breeders, and cumulative plateaus too.

Article Competition - Please send all submissions to: Dave Hardenbrook, Articles Chair, david.hardenbrook@cox.net

NEC MEMBER CLUBS:

Aquarium Club of Lancaster County ACLC
Boston Aquarium Society BAS
Brooklyn Aquarium Society BASNY
Bucks County Aquarium Society BCAS
Capital Cichlid Association CCA
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
Diamond State Aquarium Society DSAS
Erie Aquarium Society EAS
Greater City Aquarium Society GCAS
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society JSAS
Koi Organization International K.O.I.
Long Island Aquarium Society LIAS
Long Island Killifish Association LIKA
Metropolitan Area Killifish Association MAKKA
Nassau County Aquarium Society NCAS
New England Cichlid Association NECA
New England Fancy Guppy Association NEFG
Northeast Livebearers Association NELA
North Jersey Aquarium Society NJAS
Norwalk Aquarium Society NAS
Otter Valley Aquarium Society OVAS
PA Guppy Club PAGC
Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society PVAS
Pioneer Valley Water Garden & Koi Club PVWG&K
Skylands Aquarium & Water Garden Group SAWGG
South Jersey Guppy Group SJGG Southern
New England Killifish Association SNEKA
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington TFCB
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island TFSRI
Upstate NY Killifish Association UNYKA
Worcester Aquarium Society WAS

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