

NEXT meeting is Sunday June 6th at 7PM. This is a general meeting, all clubs are encouraged to attend and participate. Call: (712) 451-1055 (916159#)

Several key long serving board members have “retired” and the NEC has many openings that need to be filled. Please volunteer to keep the NEC active and here for all the member clubs.

2021 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 monthly calendar for your convenience. The NEC advertises for NEC clubs and National/International Organizations in the NEC calendar.

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

BOG meetings at 7:30

General meetings @ 7PM

1st quarter Wednesday, Jan 27

1st quarter Sunday, Feb 28

2nd quarter Wednesday, April 28

2nd quarter Sunday, June 6

3rd quarter Wednesday, August 25

3rd quarter Sunday, September 19

4th quarter Tuesday, Nov 16

4th quarter Sunday, Dec 5

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Sunshine:

NEC is saddened to announce that Dr Wayne Leibel passed away suddenly on May 16th. You can add memories to his tribute page at <https://ashtonfuneralhome.com/obituaries/wayne-stephan-leibel/>. You can also read about him on the Lafayette College page dedicated to him <https://today.lafayette.edu/2021/05/22/remembering-wayne-leibel/>

NEC Virtual Convention Review

This online convention boasted over 180 registered attendees from three countries and 24 states, with 107 coming from states in the northeast. There were five speakers and two additional panelists, on a wide variety of hobby topics. We also held a virtual NEC banquet with awards and recognitions. There were four main sponsors of the event, Cobalt Aquatics, San Francisco Bay Brand, Fish Mart/Segrest Farms and Zoomed Laboratories, and three virtual vendors offering their products to attendees. An online auction was also held in conjunction with the convention, which featured 151 registered users and 585 lots registered for the auction from 49 unique sellers, with over 90% of the lots selling to 90 buyers spread across seven lot exchange locations throughout the Northeast. Over 50% of the lots had bids from three or more bidders, and there were many “buy it now” options that were used by buyers to instantly win the bid. Thanks to all for making this unique event a success!

NEC 2020 Betty Mueller Award

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.

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.

Paraphrasing the nomination, here is what it said:

Many aquarists look forward to seeing him attend club meetings, club auctions, parties, picnics and conventions. We seek him out for his treasure trove of knowledge which includes his real life observation of fish in their biotopes, in his aquarium at home, and the pickled specimen. He freely shares his knowledge, peppered with humor, with all ages unbiased. He does this in many ways: books, live presentations at clubs around the world, and one on one. He promotes and supports local clubs, the NEC, and endangered species. He is always willing to speak at a club!

He has been involved in the aquarium hobby for many years and written numerous articles and books that advance our understanding of breeding and conservation of many species. He is an enthusiastic aquarist with over 50 years' of experience who has been fortunate to travel the world to places like West Africa, to the Rift Lakes, Mexico, Madagascar and the Peruvian Amazon making a study and a career of his love of tropical fish.

A founding member and Fellow of the American Cichlid Association, a crucial member of the CARES program since its inception, and a Lifetime member of the North Jersey Aquarium Society, **Dr. Paul Loiselle** has dedicated his life to the NEC clubs and to advancing the aquarium hobby and is this year's chosen recipient of the coveted Betty Mueller Honor!

NEC 2020 Breeder Participation Program

Due to the pandemic and the lack of auctions and club meetings, it was decided there would be no awards for most points for 2020. There were a few entries made, and two people reached new breeder milestones in 2020! Congratulation to Brian Scott and Rob Hintze. Here is a listing of all that have achieved a breeder plateau since the program began in 1985.

Club	Last Name	First Name	Plateau	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	2020 Placement
GHAS	Stone	Dave	Breeder												204	
TFCB	Scott	Brian	Breeder							5	33	52	81	25	224	
TFSRI	Gadoury	Leo	Breeder	16	31	11	11								235	
WAS	Fratoni	Mike	Breeder												247	
TFCB	Whitman	Ann	Breeder				37	28	37	31	27	25	37	25	247	
UNYKA	Echt	Mike	Breeder						0	203	4	23	25		255	
MSAS, NHAS	Furbish	George	Breeder												260	
DAAS	Pelikan	Robert	Breeder												316	
DAAS	Dick	Leslie	Breeder	55	28	28	95	24	3		43	47	5		430	
TFCB	Gardner-Morse	Ira	Breeder			9	56	18	44	31	20	48	162	68	456	
TFCB	Hintze	Robert	Senior Breeder	4							21	205	227	45	502	
ACLC	Haas	Karen	Senior Breeder			6				13	103	197	228		547	
PVAS	Parciak	Linda & Paul	Senior Breeder												611	
GHAS	Forcier	Rit	Master Breeder	77	130										1193	
GHAS	DeAngelis	John	Master Breeder												1226	
MSAS	Neal	Tom	Master Breeder L-2												1847	
TFCB	Banks	Dave & Janine	Master Breeder II	121	119	89	114	85	61	52	38	97	131	45	1901	
DAAS	Cole	Bill	Master Breeder IV	158	220	110	91	118	111	202	132	214	191		2500	

NEC 2020 Article Competition Results

OPEN CLASS

- 1st ANUBIAS Josept Ferdenzi GCAS
- 2nd Why Latin Joel Antkowiak ACLC
- 3rd Aquascaping Without Plants Joseph Ferdenzi GCAS

BREEDING CLASS

- 1st Corydoras atropersonatus Don Kinyon ACLC
- 2nd Wild Angels Jules Birnbaum GCAS
- 3rd Danakilia sp, shukoray Joseph Graffagnino GCAS

CONTINUING COLUMN CLASS

- 1st Undergravel Reporter Anonymous GCAS
- 2nd President's Message Horst Gerber GCAS
- 3rd From The Editor Dan Radebaugh GCAS

HUMOR CLASS

- 1st Ron Webb GCAS April
- 2nd Ron Webb GCAS July
- 3rd None

JUNIOR CLASS

- 1st None
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Legislation Update

PIJAC Legislative Update in Aquatics April 2021 <https://northeastcouncil.org/basic-page/pijac-legislative-update-aquatics-april-2021>

PIJAC Zebra Mussel guidance 04/07/21 <https://northeastcouncil.org/basic-page/pijac-zebra-mussel-guidance-040721>

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: <https://northeastcouncil.org/basic-page/nec-lending-library>

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 Organisation International K.O.I.
Long Island Aquarium Society LIAS
Long Island Killifish Association LIKA
Metropolitan Area Killifish Association MAKAA
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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