

103 Years of Educating Aquarists

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**FRIDAY, MARCH 14 @ 7:30 PM**

WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT

**Gene Ritter**

**DIVING IN  
NEW YORK  
HARBOR**



**Marine Fish, Aqua-cultured Corals,  
Freshwater Fish, Plants & Dry Goods Auction**

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**\$5 Donation for Non-members. Good towards membership that night only.**

**At New York Aquarium, Education Hall, Surf Ave. & West 8th St., Bklyn, NY**

**Held the 2nd Friday of each month @ 7:30PM except July & August**

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**Or Call BAS 24 Hr. Calendar of Events Hotline (718) 837-4455**

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**T**his February meeting was held despite the snow and ice, and our friend **Kathy Cardineau** finally was able to give her terrific presentation on *"Ponds – The Easy Way."* Last February, Kathy was scheduled to be our guest speaker, but we had to cancel the meeting because of the Nemo

blizzard. I really enjoyed her talk because I plan to install a large (for Brooklyn) pond in my backyard this spring. The weather this year has been terrible with over 66 inches of snow thus far and there is more on the way – seems like it's gonna be a long winter. This month's event marks our 103rd year in existence! Due to the weather, we have postponed our birthday cake celebration till next month.

Kathy put on a great presentation about ponds -- what to do and not do. She showed, in her Power Point presentation, how Hurricane Sandy devastated her pond and killed almost all of her fish. Thank God she survived and now has a beautiful pond and was able to redesign her yard as well. She donated a large 50-60 gallon plastic tub that is to be used as a pond filter – which I was able to win at the auction.

March is our next event and we have the great New York diver **Gene Ritter** coming to our Society as our special guest. Gene's topic for the evening will be *"Reef Diving in NYC."* Gene is the man who discovered the Steeplechase Pier bell in about 40 feet of water. The pier was destroyed in a fire in the early 1900's and all thought the bell was lost forever. Gene also discovered a sunken Army barge filled with ammunition at the base of the Verazano Bridge just a few years ago. Attend our event and be amazed at the stories Gene will expound upon.

Please visit our new <http://www.bas.org> website where you can read the *Bulletin* and enjoy a full color *Aquatica*. The interactive forums and sponsor sections are truly enjoyable.

**Provided you have given us your email address, you will be getting notifications of club events via email.**

I am asking for your help and support. If you want to see different speakers or try different things, please let me know. The elected officials of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society are here to serve **YOU!** Please let us know what you want and why. It would be helpful to everyone.

It is important that you visit and patronize our sponsors. It goes full circle: by helping them, they are also helping you as hobbyists and everyone is helping the Brooklyn Aquarium Society, so help us, help you!

For more information, please call our **BAS Hotline at (718) 837-4455**, or visit our modern website at **WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG.**

On a more personal note - Any member who desires to attend a Board meeting, which are held at the Education Center of the New York Aquarium on the 1st Friday of the month, please notify me at **(718) 238-1792** by the Tuesday previous to the meeting.

**Joe Graffagnino,**

BAS President

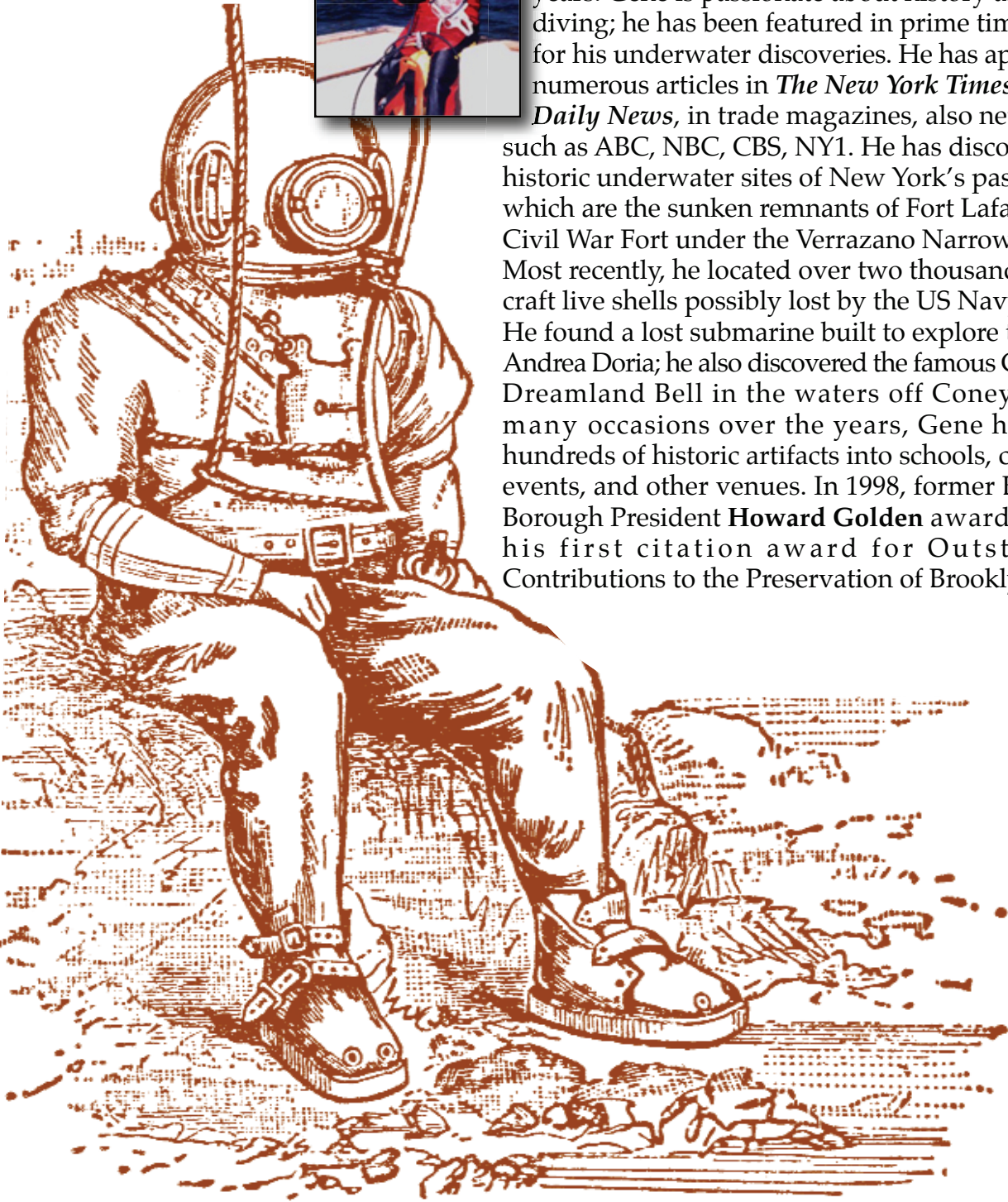




# THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER



Captain **Gene Ritter** is a commercial diver and president of his company, Research Divers, who holds a 100 ton USCG Master License and has been diving in New York Harbor for over 39 years. Gene is passionate about history as well as diving; he has been featured in prime time newscasts for his underwater discoveries. He has appeared in numerous articles in *The New York Times*, *NY Post*, *Daily News*, in trade magazines, also network news such as ABC, NBC, CBS, NY1. He has discovered many historic underwater sites of New York's past, among which are the sunken remnants of Fort Lafayette—a Civil War Fort under the Verrazano Narrows Bridge. Most recently, he located over two thousand anti-aircraft live shells possibly lost by the US Navy in 1954. He found a lost submarine built to explore the ill-fated Andrea Doria; he also discovered the famous Coney Island Dreamland Bell in the waters off Coney Island. On many occasions over the years, Gene has brought hundreds of historic artifacts into schools, community events, and other venues. In 1998, former Brooklyn Borough President **Howard Golden** awarded Gene his first citation award for Outstanding Contributions to the Preservation of Brooklyn's History.



# BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2014 - 15

### **MAR 14 Gene Ritter ~ Reef Diving in NYC ~**

Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

### **APR 11 Rachel O'Leary ~ Freshwater topic TBA ~**

Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

### **MAY 9 Giant Spring Auction ~**

Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods including a 55 gal. tank & stand.

### **JUN 13 Chuck Davis ~ Gizmos, gadgets and other good ideas ~**

Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction. BAS elections.

### **JULY/AUGUST - NO MEETINGS**

### **SEPT 12 Greg Sullivan ~ Saltwater for the squeamish ~**

Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

### **OCT 10 Giant Fall Auction ~**

Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a 55 gallon tank & stand.

### **NOV 14 James Fatherree ~ Reef Basics ~**

Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

### **DEC 12 Holiday Party ~ Members, their families and friends, all you can eat sit-down dinner**

• Fish Bingo & Prizes • BAS awards presentations.

## **2015**

### **JAN 9 TBA Freshwater ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.**

### **FEB 13 Joe Yaiullo - Marine TBD ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.**

### **MAR 13 Discus Hans - Discus ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.**

### **APR 10 Todd C. LaJeunesse The Intriguing Evolution of Palau Corals ~**

Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

### **MAY 8 Giant Spring Auction ~**

Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods including a 55 gal. tank & stand.

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**All BAS meetings begin at 7:30pm.**

No members, other than those donating their help setting up or items for the auction, will be allowed in before that time.

## COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

### EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS 2014

**MAR. 15 - TROPICAL FISH SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND TRIPLE CROWN FISH AUCTION** held at St Joseph's Parish Center, 1303 Mendon Rd, (Rte.122), Cumberland, RI. Doors open at 10AM Auction starts at 12PM. Free admission. For more information contact **Al Wagonblott 401-519-7805** or visit web site for directions [www.tfsri.net](http://www.tfsri.net)

**MAR. 28-30 - NEC AQUARIUM SOCIETIES' 39th Annual Convention** held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, CT. The 39th Annual Convention includes judged fish show, planted tank exhibition, speakers, a silent auction and buffet dinner. **SPEAKERS:** Rick Borstein, Ted Coletti, Ken McKeighen, Matt Pedersen, Roxanne Smolowitz, Mark Soberman, Kris Weinhold. For info: [www.convention.northeastcouncil.org](http://www.convention.northeastcouncil.org)

**Mar. 28-30 - CAFE 2014 - Columbus Area Fish Enthusiasts Convention.** Held at the Courtyard Columbus West, 2350 Westbelt Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43228. Anticipated **Speakers:** Eric Brodbeck, Ted Judy & Mike Hellweg. Gigantic Sunday Fish Auction! Swap Meet & Vendors! All event information is subject to change. We encourage you to visit event or organizer websites prior to attending to check for any updates. For info: [www.columbusfishclub.org/](http://www.columbusfishclub.org/)

**MAR. 30 - OCEAN STATE REEF AQUARIUM SOCIETY Second Annual Reef Conference 2014.** The conference is a great time for reef hobbyists to talk reef. Livestock booths are packed with healthy corals and fish. See exhibitors show the latest food, supplements and lighting help a reef tank grow. **SPEAKERS:** Albert Theil, the author of "Nano Reef Aquariums" and Sanjay Joshi. His topic is "Reef Lighting: Myths, Folklore and Science." The Crowne Plaza Hotel is a 5 star hotel, with special rates for conference. For info: [osras1@osrasconference2014.com](mailto:osras1@osrasconference2014.com)

**APR. 5-6 - MARINE AQUARIUM EXPO** held at the O.C. Fair & Event Center, Southern California, 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, Building #18. The 2014 Marine Aquarium Expo (MAX) is the LARGEST consumer event for the aquarium hobby in North America! Experience the latest innovative products in the aquarium hobby as well as shop for livestock and dry goods from over 70 exhibitors! MAX is extremely family-friendly and entertaining for hobbyists of all ages. For info: visit [www.marineaquariumexpo.com](http://www.marineaquariumexpo.com)

**MAY 15-18 - AMERICAN LIVEBEARER ASSOCIATION ALA Convention** held at the Crown Plaza, St. Louis, Missouri. Room rates are \$91 per night. To register; call (314)291-6700 Tell them it's for the ALA. To register for the convention go to ALA website [www.alaconvention2014.com](http://www.alaconvention2014.com). **SPEAKERS:** Dr. John Lyons, Dr. Bourne, Rick Borstein, Charles Clapsaddle, Mike Hellwig, Gary Lange, Jennifer Reynolds, Juan Miguel Artigas Azas. The Missouri AS and the American Livebearer Association invite you to come the legendary yearly gathering of *Ovoviviparous* and *Viviparous* fish fans from all over the world. There will be lectures on the science, husbandry and habitat topics of livebearers from all over the world. You'll enjoy a HUGE vendor's showroom, silent auction, raffles, the world's largest livebearer only auction, the Gonopodium Galleria, a nightly hospitality room and tours, along with all the great stuff St. Louis has to offer. For info: [www.livebearers.org](http://www.livebearers.org)

**MAY 23-25 - 2014 AMERICAN KILLIFISH ASSOCIATION National Convention** held at Sheraton Syracuse University, 801 University Avenue, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13210. The 2014 American Killifish Association National Convention is a three day show that includes 100s of killies for sale and auction, numerous speakers and a Saturday banquet with tons of other events during the course of the show. The banquet speaker for the show is **Stefano Valdesalici** from Italy.

**JUNE 6-8 - THE TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON CELEBRATES 25 YEARS.** Please join us. Held at the Holiday Inn, South Burlington, VT. There will be great seminars and **SPEAKERS:** Eric Bodrock, Regina Spotti, Rachel O'Leary, Stephan Tanner. We will have a tour of Vermont Microbreweries, a dinner cruise on Lake Champlain, Friday night social BBQ. Plus Sunday auction, raffles, vendors and much more. For more info, please visit: [www.tfcfb.org](http://www.tfcfb.org)

**JUNE 20-22 - NORTHAMERICAN DISCUS ASSOCIATION (NADA)** Held at Omni Austin hotel at Southpark 2012, 4140 Governor's Row, Austin, TX 78744, Ph: (512) 448-2222, Fax: (512) 442-8028 **SPEAKERS:** Cuneyt Birol, Paul Butler, Joe Gargas, Spencer Jack, University of Florida, Ed Nog. For info: [www.nadaaustin2014.com](http://www.nadaaustin2014.com)

**JULY 10 - 13 - AMERICAN CICHLID ASSOCIATION (ACA)** At Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Louisville airport. For reservations after Tues, July 30th 2013. Call 888-233-9527 ask for the American Cichlid Assoc. room block. The ACA hosts a fabulous, convention, with a spectacular collection of the finest cichlids. Enjoy an action-packed, non-stop weekend filled with world-renowned speakers, workshops, vendors, raffles, Study Groups, and Sunday's cichlid auction! The Louisville Convention Chair **Rusty Wessel** and his committee are happy to help you to plan for this event. Register today at: <http://www.ACA-Convention.com>

**OCT. 25-26 - CORALCON 2014** held at the Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, FL. Hosted by the Scariest Reef Conference In The World in Orlando, Florida. 100 vendors from around the world will be on display with the latest & greatest in reef fish, coral, foods and products. For information: visit: [www.coralcon.org](http://www.coralcon.org)



### DIRECTIONS TO THE NY AQUARIUM

**Directions by Car:** Take Belt Parkway to Ocean Parkway South (Exit 7S). Take Ocean Parkway approx. 1/2 mile. The New York Aquarium will be on your left.

**Directions by Subway:** Take either the Q or F trains to West 8th St., NY Aquarium Station. Follow signs to NY Aquarium.



# BAS NEWS & NOTES



## CORAL PROPAGATION KIT EcoTech Marine

[www.ecotechmarine.com](http://www.ecotechmarine.com)

EcoTech Marine has introduced its Coral Propagation Kit, a comprehensive kit of precision-crafted German stainless steel tools, frag plugs and Coral Glue that enables reef enthusiasts to fragment, affix and propagate hard and soft coral. The kit includes: exclusively designed kiln-fired ceramic coral frag plugs (18 pieces and 3 colors), coral glue (75 ml), tweezers (160 mm), scissors (150 mm), bone cutting forceps (190 mm) and soft coral clamps (255 mm). The tools fit inside a heavy-duty bamboo case that doubles as a cutting board and is secured with magnetic clasps.



## FISH POD,

[www.pawpods.com](http://www.pawpods.com)

Paw Pods has added the Fish Pod to its line of high-quality, all-natural pet burial pods. It is shaped like a fish and is the ideal size for burying pet fish. The Fish Pod is constructed of 100-percent biodegradable, all-natural materials, such as bamboo and rice husk. Each pod comes with a sympathy card and seeded leaf that can be planted with the pet and will bloom into wildflowers year-after-year as a living memorial.



## KDF 85/CATALYTIC GRANULAR ACTIVATED CARBON CARTRIDGE Aquatic Life

[www.aquaticlife.com](http://www.aquaticlife.com)

Aquatic Life has debuted its KDF 85/Catalytic Granular Activated Carbon cartridge, which is designed to reduce and remove iron and hydrogen sulfide from municipal or other water supplies. It is effective in controlling the build-up of bacteria, algae, fungi and scale. The high-quality media, consisting of a mix of KDF 85 and granular activated carbon, reduces the taste, odor and dissolved organic chemicals from water supplies, resulting in the removal of 99 percent of dissolved metals, including lead, mercury, nickel and chromium. The KDF

85/Catalytic GAC cartridge will provide aquarium and hydroponics hobbyists an affordable and effective water purification option. For more Info visit [www.aquaticlife.com](http://www.aquaticlife.com).



## PONDMASTER CLEARGUARD 5,500 PRESSURIZED POND FILTER Danner Manufacturing

[www.dannermfg.com](http://www.dannermfg.com)

The Pondmaster Clearguard 5,500 Pressurized Pond Filter, from Danner Manufacturing, is versatile and has seven functions. It can filter, backwash, rinse, winterize, empty, circulate and close. Its reusable pads remove fine debris and polishes water ash. It features a combination of biological and mechanical media for maximum water clarity and healthier ponds. It comes in 2,700, 5,500, 8,000 and 16,000 gallon sizes. Available with or without UV clarifier and includes both slip and barbed fittings.

## PETSMART NAMES NEW CEO, MANAGEMENT TEAM

**David Lenhardt** has been named the next president and CEO of PetSmart as part of a larger restructuring of its management team and organizational structure in conjunction with the retirement of **Joseph O'Leary**, president and chief operating officer.

## YOUR SOCIETY HAS DONATED AQUARIUM SETUPS TO TWO SCHOOLS IN MANHATTAN



BAS installed a 75 gallon aquarium to the Harlem Renaissance High School and donated fish and aquarium supplies to the City As School. Both schools are in Manhattan.

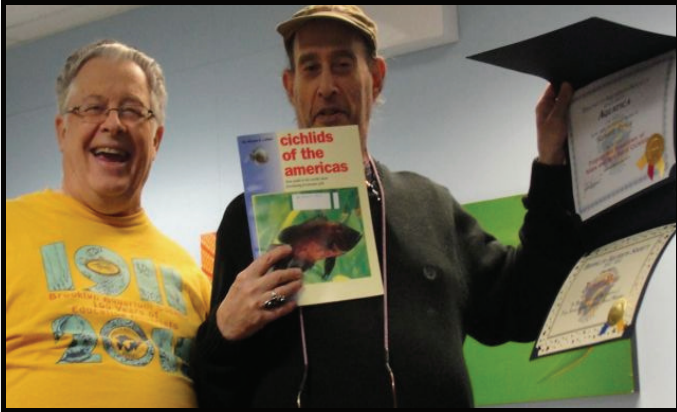
## SOME PICTURES FROM LAST MONTHS EVENT.



Our lovely and terrific speaker for February, **Kathy Cardineau** being introduced by **Joe Graffagnino**.



**Ginny Cahill** receiving her award for service to the Society. Ginny does a wonderful job designing our monthly flyers. You can see how happy Joe is to present her the award.



**Dr. Robert Price** holding up his awards for articles he wrote for the ***Aquatica*** and the book prize he received for writing them.



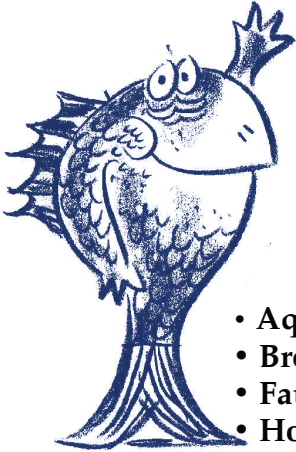
Happy new member of the BAS showing off their membership cards. **Kristina Giuffre, John DeRosa, Kraiss Alongi** and **Emily Wage**. We are just as happy to have them as members. They brought a lively spirit to the auction.

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Inc. is a non-profit organization 501(C) (3) for people interested in the aquarium hobby and the study of aquatic life. The Society meets the 2nd Friday of each month except July and August at the Educational Hall of the N.Y. Aquarium at Coney Island, Surf Ave. at West 8th St., at 7:30 PM. Meetings are open to visitors. Membership is \$25 per year family, \$20 individual, \$15 for students under 18. Send inquires or membership checks to Brooklyn Aquarium Society, c/o Membership Chairperson, P.O. Box 290610, Brooklyn, NY 11229-0011.

Note: The editor takes full responsibility for misspellings and punctuation errors.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

### FEBRUARY AUCTION DONORS



Kathy Cardineau  
Frank DeLuca  
John Fox  
Kristina Giuffre

#### PEOPLE:

Russell Leacock  
Kay Martin  
Steve Matassa  
Scott Peters

Dan Puleo  
Dorothy Russell

#### STORES/MFG.:

- Aquarium Village, Westbury, NY
- Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Bklyn, NY
- Fauna, New York, NY
- House of Fish & Pets, Jamaica, NY
- Marks Discus, Bklyn, NY

- Pacific Aquarium & Pet, New York, NY
- PetQua, New York, NY

#### Clubs:

- Kings County Divers

### Thank you for your donation

Yelena Siwinski donated a 10 gallon tank, light and air pump to the Society. Thank you

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society is a federally registered 501(C) (3) nonprofit organization.  
Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

## NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS

#### NEW MEMBERS ON THE INTERNET & JANUARY:

Irene Gokhman  
John Lee  
Russell Leacock  
John Lin  
Michael Paoli

Edward Shala

#### NEW MEMBERS FEBRUARY:

Krais Alongi  
Frank DeLuca  
John DeRosa  
Yenny Fernandez

Kristina Giuffre  
Gabriell & Phillip Kiernan  
Emily Wage

RENEWALS:  
Charlie Ridgeway

## • CAN YOU HELP? •

- **Can any members pick up fish at our sponsor stores** in New Jersey? These stores are **Absolutely Fish**, Clifton, NJ and **Pet Shanty**, Scotch Plains, NJ. If you can, please contact **JOE GRAFFAGNINO** at 917-922-5108.
- **We need a member that is skilled in video programming** to have our speaker videos taken from our video camera and put onto a portable hard drive, moved to a PC, edited, burned to a DVD and uploaded to Video Plus for our BAS Forum. If you can do this - please contact Joe. We have the equipment. We need someone with the knowledge to take care of the project.
- **New Photo Contest starting soon** - stand by for more info!



# THE BENEFITS OF BECOMING A SPONSOR OF THE BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY

- A**s a sponsor of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society, you get the following:
- An ad in our monthly publication, the *BAS Bulletin*, both in the printed and the online versions.
  - A write-up in our bi-monthly journal, *Aquatica*.
  - A banner on our web site that will have a link to your website.
  - A "room" on our web forum where you can advertise your product lines and have "questions and answers" with your customers and forum visitors.
  - A photo of your store or its interior on our annual web calendar for one month that will advertise your business.



We also accept donations from businesses that we offer at our monthly meetings and will have a "hands on" with your products for our members and guests. We mention your products and your company at our meetings that generally have 125-200 attendees, depending on whether it's a freshwater or marine guest speaker and the speaker's topic for the evening.

If you are interested in working with us to advance your business, the hobby and to Educate Aquarists for an annual sponsorship fee of \$200, please contact me to learn more about the benefits of sponsorship. Once you become a sponsor, our Editor and Webmaster will contact you and work with you to discuss the particulars for your ad, the banner and the forum, along with creating the links.

Come and join our growing family of Brooklyn Aquarium Society supporters and sponsors.

**Joe Graffagnino**, BAS President



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# 25th ANNIVERSARY

## TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON, VT

### WEEKEND BUS TRIP!

**T**he 25th Anniversary of TFCB trip to Burlington, VT will be leaving from Brooklyn at approx. 7AM on June 7 and returning Sunday evening June 8. We are attempting to put together an overnight trip that's for fish and non-fish people and supports **David & Jeanne Banks'** club as they have supported many of our clubs in the past.

#### **COSTS:**

**Round trip by bus:** To be determined.

**Holiday Inn Hotel:** \$99 plus tax for the special show rate, 1 night. (We need a people count to book rooms).

**Convention registration** for speakers & lunch on Saturday: \$30.

**Dinner cruise:** Saturday night 3 hr cruise on Lake Champlain \$60.

**Auction bidder cards:** free.

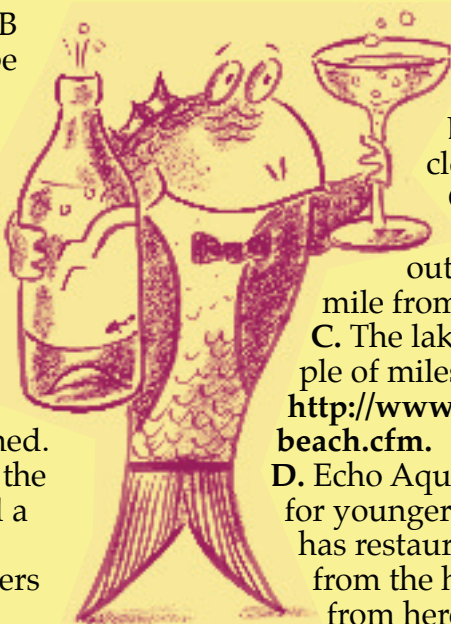
We are planning to join with other clubs in our area (North Jersey, Jersey Shore, Greater City and Nassau County Aquarium Societies) for a more fun trip. There will be a pick-up in Brooklyn and one in New Jersey. We plan on arriving in Burlington, VT. on Saturday around 1 – 2PM. We will arrive in time to attend the TFCB lectures Saturday afternoon.

The bus will take us R/T to the boat dock for a dinner cruise at 6PM and return us to the hotel at 9 PM. (We need a people count to book rooms). **Holiday Inn, 1068 Williston Rd., South Burlington, VT 05403 (802) 863-6363.**

On Sunday, you have the choice of attending fish or non-fish events. Viewing of auction items starts at 10:30AM. Auction starts at 12PM.

**Non-fish people have numerous options for entertainment:**

**A.** University Mall within walking distance of the



hotel (1 / 4 mile). Sears, Penney's, Kohl's, Bon-ton, plus many smaller stores.

**B.** Downtown Burlington has a closed off "Marketplace" on Church Street with lots of shopping & restaurants with outdoor seating. Located about a mile from hotel.

**C.** The lake and beaches are within a couple of miles of the hotel. North Beach:

<http://www.enjoyburlington.com/north-beach.cfm>.

**D.** Echo Aquarium & Science Center (great for younger kids) is on the waterfront which has restaurants & shopping . About a mile from the hotel; the dinner cruise leaves from here.

**E.** An outdoor bar & grill right ON the water, close to where the dinner cruise leaves from, <http://www.breakwatervt.com/images.html>.

**F.** The Shelburne Museum. Historical village – A walk back in time with all kinds of buildings, artifacts, quilts. Visit their website [www.shelburnemuseum.org](http://www.shelburnemuseum.org).

**We leave Burlington Sunday at approx. 4PM, stop in NY around 10PM, NJ by 11PM**

**It is important that we get an accurate count of who is interested in attending, so we can arrange the bus, contact the hotel and let TFCB know that we will be attending. Please send an email to [JOEGRAFFAGNINO@yahoo.com](mailto:JOEGRAFFAGNINO@yahoo.com) if you are interested. A 50% deposit (cruise, registration & hotel) will be required!**

**Let us know as soon as possible!**

**Joe**

# THE SAFE FISH CARRIER

## THE INSULATED CARRYING BAG

This is the new safe, convenient and modern way to transport fish from an auction or a store. It's not clumsy and bulky like a styro box, easy to carry and it folds up when not in use. They're perfect for carrying and protecting livestock home from Society auctions or store purchases

It has comfortable plastic handles and is constructed with eco-friendly P.E.T (Polyethylene terephthalate). The bag is made from post-consumer water bottles (85% from water bottles, 15% from other recycled materials). It's 22"H x 16"W x 11"D, big enough to carry lots of livestock bag, and folds up for flat easy storage. The bag is black with the BAS logo in gold and features a full Velcro closure to keep fish and corals safe in any type of weather. Cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

It's strong enough to carry several bags of fish.

**ONLY \$10.**

You can purchase one at our events

**KEEP YOUR FISH SAFE IN TRANSIT!**





**BAS SHOP HOP - A GREAT SUCCESS!  
IF YOU WERE THERE YOU GOT SUPER BARGAINS.  
IF NOT YOU MISSED A FUN DAY!**



The day started at Pat Donston's, **Absolutely Fish**. Over 2 dozen members went on the shop hop and had a great time filling their wish list of fish and corals.

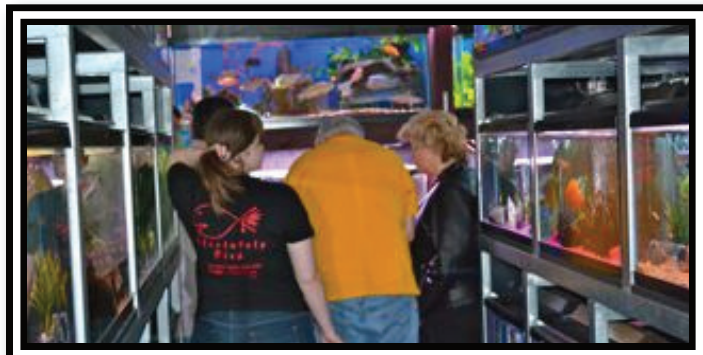


The guys taking a refreshing lunch break between shopping at **Absolutely Fish** and **The Pet Shanty**.

**Kay Martin** is either waving at the camera or wants another drink.



Before going into **The Pet Shanty** and more fish buying the gang poses for another picture... but can't wait to get to check out the fish bargains.



**Joe G.** checking out a tank of fish while **Denise Hershkowitz** looks on. A very patience **Absolutely Fish** associate looks on while Joe makes up his mind.



Time to pay up. **Joe G.** and other **BAS** members line up to get their special membership discount. All-in-all it was a great day with lots of members getting fish.

# BAS ONLINE FORUM A GREAT PLACE TO MEET OTHER AQUARISTS

**C**heck out our new forum on our web site at [www.basny.org](http://www.basny.org) and click on **Forum** at the top right of the page. Registration is free and easy to all, so take advantage of this opportunity to ask your fish related questions, or just discuss whatever fish related topic you want like questions on filters, lights, pumps or anything else. There is even a place to sell or trade your fish, tanks or equipment. So help yourself and help us keep our forum going -- join today.

**Steven Matassa**



## REGIONAL SOCIETY EVENTS FOR 2014

List your society events FREE in the monthly *BAS Bulletin*. E-mail a copy of your announcement to:  
**ITODDYBAS@AOL.COM** at least 1 month in advance of your event.

### **SAT. MAR 1 - NORTH JERSEY AS SPRING SHOP HOP - (Call for time)**

#### **THUR. MAR 20 MONTHLY MEETING - TBA**

General meetings are held 3rd Thursday of the month at 8pm; doors open at 7:30pm. This meeting will be held at the Elks Club, 242 Chestnut St. Nuttly, NJ 07110. Open to the public. Speakers, raffles, auctions. Info: Call (732)-541-1392 or call Kevin Carr @ (201)-724-9460 or visit on line for directions [www.njas.net](http://www.njas.net)

### **SUN. MAR 2 - NORWALK AS**

#### **• 36TH ANNUAL TROPICAL FISH & AQUARIUM EQUIPMENT BENEFIT AUCTION FOR EARTHPLACE - OPEN TO PUBLIC AUCTION BEGINS AT NOON**

Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 8:00pm at Earthplace, The Nature Discovery Center, 10 Woodside Lane, Westport, CT. Info: [Norwalkas.org](http://Norwalkas.org)

### **TUE. MAR 4- PIONEER VALLEY AS**

#### **• TBA**

Usually meets 1st Tuesday of the month at the Springfield Science Museum, 21 Edwards St., Springfield, MA at 7:00pm. Free parking in lot. Public welcome. For more information contact: Dave & Linda Giza (413)-283-8680 or email: [mike@berkshiredesign.com](mailto:mike@berkshiredesign.com), or for directions go to [pvas.net](http://pvas.net)

### **WED. MAR. 5 - GREATER CITY AS**

#### **• JOESPH FERDENZI THE GREATER CITY AS 90TH!**

Meets 7:30pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Queens Botanical Garden, except for January and February. The public is welcome! Speakers, publication, bowl show, raffles, door prizes, refreshments, plant and fish auctions. For information, contact Claudia Dickinson at: [ivyrose@optonline.net](mailto:ivyrose@optonline.net) or (631)-668-5125, or visit [www.greatercity.org](http://www.greatercity.org)

### **FRI. MAR 7 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION**

#### **• GREG BORARD - NAUTLUS RESEARCH**

Generally meets 1st Friday of the month at 8pm at Acan Lighting, 75 Austin Blvd, Commack, NY 11725.

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### **MON. MAR 10 - JERSEY SHORE AS**

#### **• GARY JONES - COLLECTING IN SOUTH AMERICA**

### **SUN. MAR 16**

#### **• 22ND ANNUAL TROPICAL FISH & DRY GOODS AUCTION**

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the Knights of Columbus, 70 E. Main St., Freehold, NJ. At 8pm. Speakers, Auction rare & exotic fish, aquatic plants, door prizes. For more details: [www.jerseyshoreAS.org](http://www.jerseyshoreAS.org); or (732)-859-5595; [mws71@yahoo.com](mailto:mws71@yahoo.com)

### **TUES. MAR 11 - NASSAU COUNTY AS**

#### **• TBA**

Generally meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at Kellenberg at Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre NY 8:00pm. Check web site for directions. <http://ncasweb.org/directions.php>. General meetings open to the public. Guest speakers, fish related events, raffles, mini-auction. Info: Mike Foran (516)-798-6766, or at [info@ncasweb.org](mailto:info@ncasweb.org)

### **THURS. MAR 13 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON**

#### **• CRISTEL KASSELMANN - VIDEO PRESENTATION NEW PLANTS (2005 NEC CONVENTION)**

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### **FRI. MAR 21 LONG ISLAND AS**

#### **• TBA**

Usually meets the 3rd Friday of the month. Meetings are now held at SUNY Stony Brook's Maritime Science area, Room 120 in Endeavor Hall (After you enter building, take hallway on the right. Room 120 is first room on the left) on the State University at Stony Brook Campus, Stony Brook, NY 11794. Doors open @ 7:30pm meeting starts @ 8pm. Speakers, auctions, refreshments, free parking. For info. go to [www.liasonline.org](http://www.liasonline.org)

### **TUE. MAR 25 - GREATER HARTFORD AS**

#### **• TBA**

Meets 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Lutz Children's Museum, 247 S. Main St. Manchester, CT. Call: (860)-643-0949

### **WED. MAR 26 - METROPOLITAN AREA KILLIFISH ASSOC. (MAKA)**

#### **• TBA**

Meets 4th Wednesday of the month at 8pm at the Meadowlands Environmental Center in Lyndhurst, NJ. Speaker and auction of fish eggs, plants and dry goods. Refreshments served. Info: [SLMACK@compuserve.com](mailto:SLMACK@compuserve.com)

### **FRI. MAR 28 - DANBURY AREA AS**

#### **• TBA**

Meets 4th Friday of the month at the Carmel Ambulance Corps Vink Dr., Carmel, NY. For more info: Rich Litsky (845) 228-0372 or Joe Masi (845)-896-4793 or [daas@notheastcouncil](mailto:daas@notheastcouncil).

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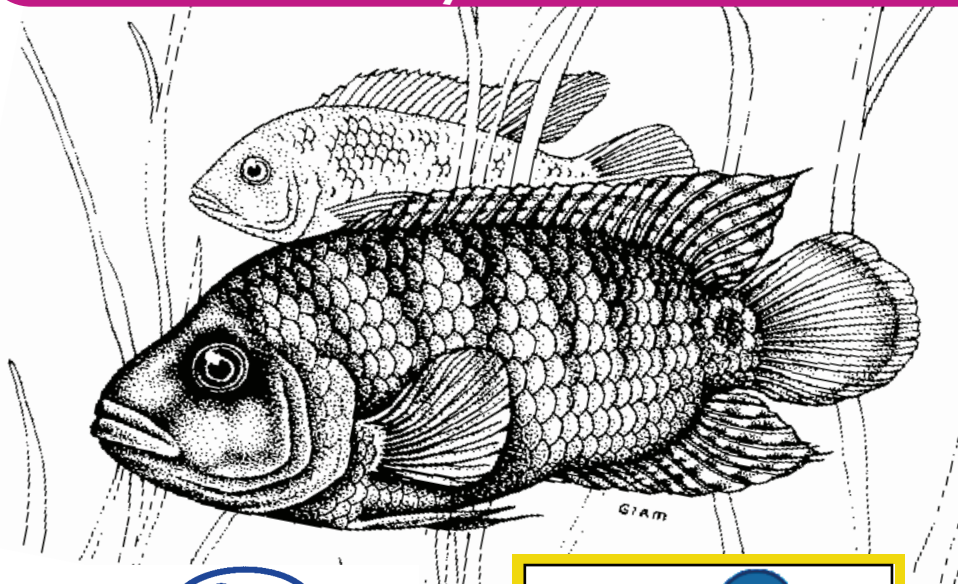
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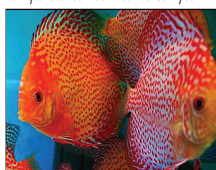


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