

105 Years of Educating Aquarists

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GIANT FALL

# AUCTION

All sorts of freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aquacultured corals & dry goods, including a new 55-gallon tank & stand. Rare & hard to find live stock & MUCH MORE! • View lots 7:30pm - 8:30 pm



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

Free Parking • Free Refreshments

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

For Information Visit [WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG](http://WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG).

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

## 105 Years of Educating Aquarists

# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



September is the start of another year at BAS, and it kicked off great. This is our 105th year, and we are still growing stronger and larger. With many familiar faces and plenty of new members joining our ranks, we had a great turn out as well as

beautiful weather. Speaking of familiar faces, our very own **Joe Graffagnino** gave a talk on his new fish room. The talk went over very well, as do most of our talks. Joe was very informative as to what was used and why, along with how he squeezed in tanks in every possible space. It was educational and very interesting on how he walked us step by step through the basement build out of his fish room from beginning to end.

**Next month is our Giant Auction**, so there is no speaker and no door charge. We will have many rare and hard to obtain livestock for freshwater and marine set ups, including soft and hard corals and plants. As always, free parking and refreshments. Doors open at 7:30pm. Bring your friends and family, as it is always a fun time for all. See you in October.

Please visit our website where you can read the *Bulletin* and enjoy a full color *Aquatica*. The interactive forums and sponsor sections are truly remarkable. 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. We need knowledgeable members to help fill the void for our Society's officers and Board members. **We have several positions open, such as 1st Vice President, Treasurer and Exchange Editor.** How will the loss of these positions affect you? We won't know what our sister clubs are doing without the Exchange

Editor; the 1st VP slot is our main coordinator for trips, breeders awards program, photo contest and many other things that our Society is involved with; without our Treasurer, there are no more 50/50 livestock events. **Please get involved - by helping us, you are helping yourself and what you have come to enjoy in our club.**

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 info, please call our BAS Hotline at (718) 837-4455, or visit our modern website at [WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG](http://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, September through June), please notify me at (347) 277-4793 by the Tuesday previous to the meeting.



# GIANT FALL AUCTION



October is Giant Auction month here at the BAS. Our Auctions always feature both freshwater and marine fish, including tough to locate fish and plants you won't find anywhere else, and they usually go for ridiculously low prices... I don't know how we're still "in business" with the great deals our members and attendees get at these auctions. Come on down and see for yourself! Arrive on time to get a good seat and to view auction items

## **THE AUCTION STARTS AT 8:30PM.**

We will auction a new 55-gallon tank & stand donated by our good friends at **Petland Discounts**. If you win the bid on it, you will receive a coupon for the tank and stand so you can pick it up at the Petland Discounts store of your choice. Our auctions are all cash, but we do accept personal checks from members and people we know.

Please stay seated once the auction has started. Runners will walk items down the aisles for your inspection. In addition, we're selling aquarium books at marked down prices, plus other aquarium products and there will be a special raffle. So come early for a terrific evening of great bargains.

**IF YOU HAVE FISH OR CORALS YOU NO LONGER WANT OR  
FISH THAT HAVE OUTGROWN YOUR TANK,  
YOU CAN DONATE THEM TO OUR AUCTION.  
WE WILL SEE THEY GET A GOOD HOME.**

The funds generated by your donations will help the BAS continue to Educate Aquarists.

Call **Steve Matassa** at (cell ph) 347-277-4793. Steve will give you more information on donating fish or equipment, in good condition, to the BAS.

## **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.

# BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016 ~ 2017

**OCT 14 Giant Fall Auction** ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a brand new 55-gallon tank & stand.

**NOV 11 Daniel Kopulos ~ How Collecting Practices Affect the Marine Hobby** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**DEC 9 Holiday Party ~ Members, their families and friends dinner • Fish Bingo & Prizes**  
• BAS awards presentations.

### 2017

**JAN 13 Michael Barber ~ Tropical Fish Collecting & Wildlife Expeditions** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**FEB 10 Pat Donston ~ Biodiversity Practices for Reef & Planted Exhibits** ~ aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**MAR 10 SPEAKER TBA Fresh** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**APR 14 SPEAKER TBA Marine** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**MAY 12 Giant Spring Auction** ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a brand new 55-gallon tank & stand.

**JUN 9 SPEAKER TBA Fresh** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**SEP 8 SPEAKER TBA** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

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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.

# THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE SEPTEMBER AUCTION

## INDIVIDUALS

Joe Graffagnino  
David Manual  
Scott Peters  
Dorothy Russell  
Denis Vardaro  
Larry Whitfield

## STORES & COMPANIES

- Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
- World Class Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY

## NEW BAS MEMBERS & RENEWALS SEPTEMBER 2016

### NEW MEMBERS

Sanmay Bandyopadhyay  
Ricardio Behlin  
Brenden Borel  
James Brooks  
Michael Brordy  
Bob D'Alessandro  
Darrin Dalley  
Robert Kolsky

Shmuel Kops  
Jermel McKinney  
Ramon A. Medina  
Thomas F. Philippe  
David Streithoist  
William Torres  
Victoria Wieslander  
Barry Yearwood

### RENEWALS

Al & Elizabeth Arroyo  
Walter Chow  
Hector Ottey  
Paolo Patrinicola  
John Todaro  
Amanda Vallon



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.

# COMING EVENTS

## EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS 2016 - 2017



### OCTOBER 9 - NORTH JERSEY AS GIANT FALL TROPICAL FISH AUCTION

At Days Hotel & Conference Center, 195 Rt 18, Turnpike Exit 9, East Brunswick, NJ. Auction starts at 12 Noon. Viewing from 11 am. For more information go to: [www.njas.net](http://www.njas.net)

**OCTOBER 9 - Allegheny River Valley Aquarium Society Annual Auction.** When: Sun, October 9, 11am - 5pm. Where: John Ash Community Center 112 N Barry Street, Olean, NY 14760. Large Aquarium Supplies Auction Registration starts at 10am and Auction starts at 11am. Ending time varies. More info: [arvasny.org](http://arvasny.org)

**OCTOBER 13 - 16 - ALL-AQUARIUM CATFISH CONVENTION** at Hyatt Dulles, 2300 Dulles Corner Boulevard, Herndon, VA 20171 Special Convention Rate: \$119 per night plus taxes. • The Potomac Valley AS is proud to present its 7th biennial All-Aquarium Catfish Convention. Early Admission. Speakers for Friday & Saturday: **Anton Lamboj, Narbie Fiorention, Brooks Burr, Eric Bodrock, Hans Evers, Ingo Seidel, Regina Spotti, Stephan Tanner.** Sunday, an all day auction. For Info: <https://www.facebook.com/catfishcon> for updates

**OCTOBER 23 - NEW ENGLAND CICHLID ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FALL TROPICAL FISH AUCTION.** Held at the Polish American Club, 9 1st St., Windsor Locks, CT. Free Admission, Refreshments, 50/50 Raffle. Doors open at 9:30 am for viewing and registering lots. Auction starts at 11:30 am. Bring all your fish (NOT JUST CICHLIDS) and new or "gently used" aquarium equipment. This is a \$3 per lot auction - NECA gets the first \$3, the seller gets the rest! **Visit New England Cichlid Association on Facebook for more information.**

**OCTOBER 30 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON GIANT AUCTION.** At Holiday Inn, 1058 Williston Rd, South Burlington, VT. Fish, Plants. New & Used Equipment, Fish Foods, Etc. For more information **David & Janine** 1 802 372-8716 [dbanks@together.net](mailto:dbanks@together.net) or **Ann Whitman** 1 802 434-3294 [awhitman@madriver.com](mailto:awhitman@madriver.com)

**NOVEMBER 4 - 6 - 4th AQUATICA EXPERIENCE - CHICAGO,** at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel, Schaumburg Convention Center, Chicago, Illinois. A product shopping mart featuring marine & freshwater interests as well as educational speakers for the hobbyist & industry.

**NOVEMBER 5 - 6 - WISCONSIN KILLIFISH ORG (WACO)** 36th annual egg-laying Toothcarp Jamboree. Held at the Day's Inn & Suites - Airport. Milwaukee, WI. This is a day AKA sanctioned Show & Auction. The featured speaker is **Ken Normandin.** Seminars, Raffles, 15 Classes, Judged Competition, Live Foods, Box Sales & Publications, Hospitality and Huge Auction. For more information: [www.wakoaka.org](http://www.wakoaka.org)

**NOVEMBER 5 - 6 - BOSTON AS 100TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND.** Event held at the Beverly Mass Elks Hall, 39 Bow Street, Beverly, Massachusetts. Open to the public. Free admission. Saturday: Fish shows and speakers, **Rick Bornstein, Mike Helweg, Mark Denaro, Ted Coletti, Rachel O'Leary.** Hourly Raffles, Boston Guppy Group Imported Guppies Group Buy. Silent auction. Sunday: Auction, bidding starts at 12 noon. Bidder card \$2. All items \$3 minimum bid. For more info: **Bill Gill** [BostonBreeder@BostonGuppyClub.Com](mailto:BostonBreeder@BostonGuppyClub.Com) or [Marksdonnam@hotmail.com](mailto:Marksdonnam@hotmail.com)

**NOVEMBER 6 - JERSEY SHORE AS FALL 2016 TROPICAL FISH & DRY GOODS AUCTION.** At the South Wall Fire Rescue Company, 2605 Atlantic Ave., Manasquan, NJ. Featuring rare and exotic tropical fish and a wide selection of aquatic plants, free goodies and door prizes all day long. Snacks and Refreshments available. For more info: **e-mail Russ White at** [rwhite8@option.net](mailto:rwhite8@option.net) or visit [jerseyshoreuas.org](http://jerseyshoreuas.org)

**JANUARY 21 2016 - FEBRUARY 3 2017 RIO NEGRO EXPEDITION.** An expedition to the Rio Negro River in Brazil, an experience of a lifetime, and observe all the aspects of the home aquarium fishery. The trip includes:

- 2 weeks on a well appointed live-aboard boat.
- Visit biological hotspots.
- Visit fishing communities.
- Participate in the Ornamental Fish Festival of Barcelos.
- Visit home aquarium fish export facilities.
- Visit the world-famous Manaus Opera House.

Contact **Scott Dowd** for more information and to reserve your spot for the expedition. [SDowd@NEAq.org](mailto:SDowd@NEAq.org) or (617) 973-5243



# NEWS & NOTES

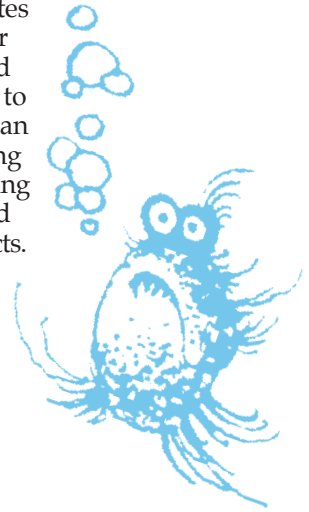
## Aquatic Life Flow Swing Wavemaker



Designed to create a dynamic water flow in any aquarium, the Flow Swing Wavemaker

by Macro Aqua, from Aquatic Life, simulates wave movements, connecting to the water return line to spread nutrients to coral and plants throughout the tank while helping to eliminate dead spots in the aquarium. It can oscillate 100 degrees, continuously pushing water through in different directions, creating wave-like currents to spread nutrients and sweep away excess debris and waste products.

The Flow Swing Wavemaker is quiet, maintenance-free and available in three different models to accommodate varying plumbing sizes.



# BAS SPRING BUS TRIP!



In response to members' request for a bus trip to popular aquariums, we provide this option sheet. The locations are the **Boston Aquarium**, **Baltimore Aquarium** or the **Riverhead Aquarium**. The location with the most votes will be investigated for costs and time factors.

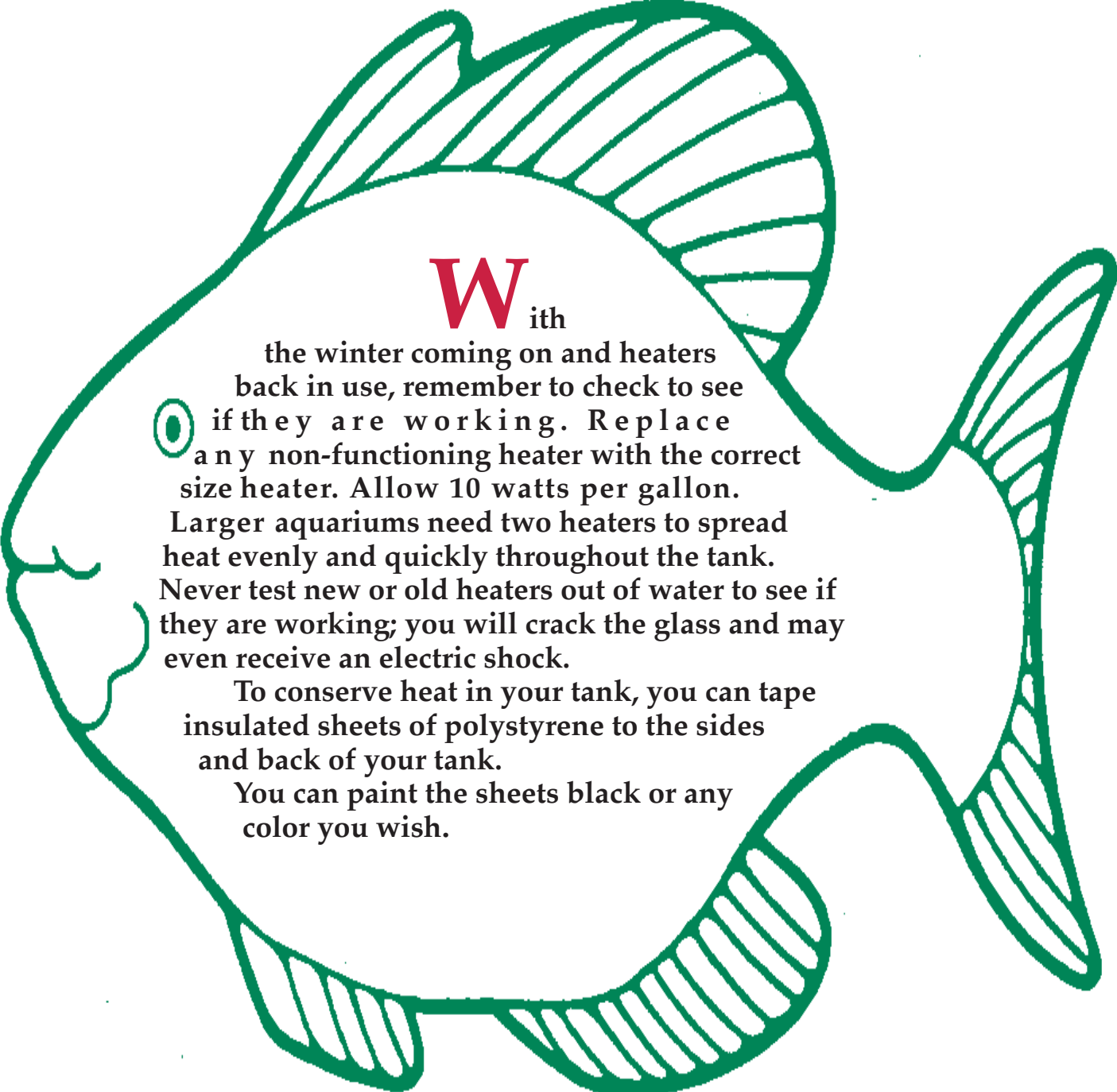
These are really great fun day trips, the sort of trip most of us would never do on our own. We leave & depart from NY Aquarium

early in the morning and arrive back at the NY Aquarium that evening. The trip is planned for the spring, on a weekend, either in April or May, 2017.

At the October 14 & November 11 meetings, we'll have questionnaires to see what dates would be best for members. The selected location will be announced at our January event, along with the associated costs. Full payment must be received by the March 10th event.

**BAS will provide coffee, donuts, bagels and juice, leave & depart from NY Aquarium and will pay a portion of the cost for the bus.**

# TIP OF THE MONTH



**W**ith the winter coming on and heaters back in use, remember to check to see if they are working. Replace any non-functioning heater with the correct size heater. Allow 10 watts per gallon. Larger aquariums need two heaters to spread heat evenly and quickly throughout the tank. Never test new or old heaters out of water to see if they are working; you will crack the glass and may even receive an electric shock.

To conserve heat in your tank, you can tape insulated sheets of polystyrene to the sides and back of your tank.

You can paint the sheets black or any color you wish.



# BAS BREEDER POINTS & STANDINGS

## 2015-2016

Name	Points	Title
Larry Jinks	5,480	Grand Pubah Yoda
Joseph Graffagnino	2,745	Senior Premier Breeder
Frank Nell	2,160	Senior Premier Breeder
Tom Miglio	1,400	Senior Grand Master Breeder
Lisa Quilty	1,185	Senior Grand Master Breeder
Vincent Babino	695	Grand Master Breeder
Michael Roman	480	Master Breeder
Roger Schillizzi	220	Advanced Breeder
Pauline Griffin	200	Advanced Breeder
Artie Platt	190	Advanced Breeder
Izzy Zwerin	170	Advanced Breeder
Steve Matassa	135	Advanced Breeder
Adam Engerow	65	Breeder
William Amely	55	Breeder
Mike Boscia	55	Breeder
Gary Vander Putten	50	Hobbyist
Al DiSpigna	45	Hobbyist
John Todaro	40	Hobbyist
Robert Strazzulla	30	Hobbyist
Seth Kolker	25	Hobbyist

### Breeder Program Point Structure

Points Necessary	Title
25 pts to 50 pts	Hobbyist
51 pts to 99 pts	Breeder
100 pts to 299 pts	Advanced Breeder
300 pts to 499 pts	Master Breeder
500 pts to 749 pts	Grand Master Breeder
750 pts to 999 pts	Advanced Grand Master Breeder
1,000 pts to 1,499 pts	Senior Grand Master Breeder
1,500 pts to 1,999 pts	Premier Breeder
2,000 pts to 3,999 pts	Senior Premier Breeder
4,000 pts +	Grand Pubah Yoda

### Specialty & Maintaining Species Program Awards

<b>Tom Miglio</b>	Old World Cichlids, Cyprinids, Catfish, Characins, Killies, Livebearers
2001	
<b>Larry Jinks</b>	Livebearers and Old World Cichlids
2005	Catfish, Cyprinids, Anabantoids, New World Cichlids
	Senior Specialist Award (4 different species group)
2009	Killifish, Expert Specialist Award (7 different species group)
<b>Frank Nell</b>	2005 Old World Cichlids
2008	New World Cichlid, Livebearers
2009/10	Catfish
	Senior Specialist Award (4 different species group)
<b>Lisa Quilty</b>	
2003	Catfish
2007	Livebearer, Characin
2012	Cyprinids
	Senior Specialist Award (4 different species group)
<b>Joseph Graffagnino</b>	
2004	Old World Cichlids
2005	Livebearers, Catfish
2006	Cyprinids
	Senior Specialist Award (4 different species group)
2007	Anabantoids
2008	New World Cichlids, Invertebrates
2009/10	Killiefish
	Expert Specialist Award (7 different species group)
<b>Izzy Zwerin</b>	2008 Invertebrates
<b>Pauline Griffin</b>	2009/10 Catfish
<b>Vincent Babino</b>	2009/10 Cyprinids, Livebearers
<b>Michael Roman</b>	2012 Livebearers

### Horticultural Award Program

Name	Points	Title
<b>Izzy Zwerin</b>		Senior Grand Master Aquatic Horticulturist 1010
<b>Joseph Graffagnino</b>		Master Aquatic Horticulturist 720
<b>Steve Matassa</b>		Senior Aquatic Horticulturist 220
<b>Mike Roman</b>		Senior Aquatic Horticulturist 110
<b>Tom Miglio</b>		Aquatic Horticulturist 75
<b>Frank Zillitto</b>		Aquatic Horticulturist 70
<b>Vincent Babino</b>		Beginner Aquatic Horticulturist 45

### Horticultural Program Point Structure

Points Necessary	Title
25 pts to 50 pts	Beginner Aquatic Horticulturist
51 pts to 99 pts	Aquatic Horticulturist
100 pts to 299 pts	Senior Aquatic Horticulturist
300 pts to 499 pts	Expert Aquatic Horticulturist
500 pts to 749 pts	Master Aquatic Horticulturist
750 pts to 999 pts	Grand Master Aquatic Horticulturist
1,000 pts +	Senior Grand Master Aquatic Horticulturist

### Coral Award Program

Name	Title	Points
<b>Steve Matassa</b>	Master Coral Propagator	690
<b>Bernard Deren</b>	Senior Coral Propagator	215
<b>Ralph D'Allessandro</b>	Senior Coral Propagator	210
<b>Michael Roman</b>	Coral Propagator	100
<b>Peter Kazlaukas</b>	Coral Propagator	50

### Coral Program Point Structure

Points Necessary	Title
25 pts to 50 pts	Beginner Coral Propagator
51 pts to 99 pts	Coral Propagator
100 pts to 299 pts	Senior Coral Propagator
300 pts to 499 pts	Expert Coral Propagator
500 pts to 749 ps	Master Coral Propagator
750 pts to 999 pts	Grand Master Coral Propagator
1,000 pts +	Senior Grand Master Coral Propagator



## **BAS WINS 10 AWARDS IN THE FEDERATION OF AMERICAN AQUARIUM SOCIETIES 2015 PUBLICATION AWARDS**

- **FIRST PLACE:** Best Editor & Publication 6 or fewer issues.  
**JOHN TODARO** - *Aquatica*
- **FIRST PLACE:** Best Article on a Species of Fish.  
**ANTHONY KROEGER** - *Notable Natives: An American beauty, The Rainbow Darter*
- **FIRST PLACE:** Best Marine Article - Fish.  
**ANTHONY KROEGER** - *Can I Keep 2 Angels in My Tank?*
- **FIRST PLACE:** Best Humorous Article.  
**ANTHONY KROEGER** - *Laughter in the Pet Store.*
- **FIRST PLACE:** Best Article all other Categories.  
**ANTHONY KROEGER** - *Tetras & Toughies: How to Mix Tetras and Cichlids*
- **SECOND PLACE:** Best Changing Cover: Original Art  
**JOHN TODARO** - *Aquatica*
- **SECOND PLACE:** Best General Article in Society management.  
**VIRGINIA CAHILL** - *The Tank Corp.*
- **SECOND PLACE:** Best Continuing Column by a Single Author  
**JOHN TODARO** - *Recipes.*
- **SECOND PLACE:** Author of the Year.  
**ANTHONY KROEGER** - *Aquatica*
- **HONORABLE MENTION:** Best Spawning Article 500 to 1000 words.  
**ANTHONY KROEGER** - *Breeding Checkerboard Barbas: Living Jewels*

# REGIONAL SOCIETY EVENTS - 2016

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



**CHECK ALL TIMES AND DATES  
BEFORE ATTENDING**  
If listed **TBA** (to be Announced), the Society has not gotten a speaker or has not updated their calendar of events.



## TUE. OCT 4 - PIONEER VALLEY AS • TBA

Usually meets 1st Tuesday of the month at the **The First Congegational Church, 20 Lathrop St, West Springfield, MA @ 7:00pm**. Free parking in lot. Public welcome. For more information email: **Jacob Guinasso**, [jguinasso@pvas.net](mailto:jguinasso@pvas.net) or **Martha Morris**, [martha\\_morris@hotmail.com](mailto:martha_morris@hotmail.com). For directions go to [pvas.net](http://pvas.net)

## WED. OCT 5 - GREATER CITY AS • MARK DUFFILL - LOACHES

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, please contact **Claudia Dickinson** at: [ivyrose@optonline.net](mailto:ivyrose@optonline.net) or (631)-668-5125, or visit [www.greatercity.org](http://www.greatercity.org)

## THU. OCT 6 - BUCKS COUNTY AQUARIUM SOCIETY. • MARK DUFFILL - LOACHES

Meetings begin @ 7:30 pm & doors open @ 7:00 pm on the 1st Thursday of every month except August, at The Churchville Nature Center, 501 Churchville Lane, Churchville, PA. Annual membership is \$20 for single membership, and \$10 for each additional family member who wishes to have voting privileges and the ability to participate in the BAP program. For Info visit our web site: [bcasonline.com](http://bcasonline.com)

## FRI. OCT 7 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION • TBA

Generally meets 1st Friday of the month @ 8:00pm at Acan Lighting, 75 Austin Blvd, Commack, NY 11725. For directions & info: <http://www.LongIslandReef.org>

## MON. OCT 10 - JERSEY SHORE AS • TBA

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the Knights of Columbus, 70 E. Main St., Freehold, NJ. @ 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)

## THU. OCT 11 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON • HANS EVERS - STORIES FROM A TROPICAL LIVING ROOM, HABITATS OF CORYDORAS CATFISH

Special meeting held the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Holiday Inn, Williston Rd. VT starting @ 6:30pm. Free door prizes, bowl show (warmer months), monthly auction, fish discussions and a good time! New members are always welcome! For more info. contact **David Banks** at [dbanks@together.net](mailto:dbanks@together.net) or [www.tfc.org](http://www.tfc.org)

## TUE. OCT 11 - NASSAU COUNTY AS • TBA

Molloy College. 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre NY @ 8:00pm. Meets 2nd Tue. of the month. 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 [info@ncasweb.org](mailto:info@ncasweb.org)

## THU. OCT 20 - NORWALK AS • TBA

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

## THU. OCT 20 - NORTH JERSEY AS • TED JUDY - THE GENUS PELVICACHROMIS

Usually meeting held @ 7:45pm every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Quality Inn, 10 Polito Ave., Lyndhurst, NJ. NJAS one of the largest and most well respected aquarium clubs in North America. Since 1953, NJAS has provided a friendly outlet for the exchange of aquarium-related ideas and information and recognizes the accomplishments of local hobbyists. For info: [www.njas.net/](http://www.njas.net/)

## FRI. OCT 21 - LONG ISLAND AS • MICHAEL MARCOTRIGIANO - CONFESSIONS OF AN "UN-NATURALIST": HIGHLY DOMESTICATED SHOW GUPPIES

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. [www.liasonline.org](http://www.liasonline.org)

## TUE. OCT 25 - GREATER HARTFORD AS • TBA

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

## WED. OCT 26 - METROPOLITAN AREA KILLIFISH ASSOC. (MAKA) • TBA

Meets 4th Wednesday of the month @ 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. OCT 28 - DANBURY AREA AS • TBA

Meets 4th Friday of the month at 7:30pm at Laura Sprain Memorial Cornerstone park, 1 Fair St. Carmel, NY 10512 For more info: **Rich Lit-sky** (845) 228-0372 or **Joe Masi** (845)-896-4793 or [daas@notheastcouncil.com](mailto:daas@notheastcouncil.com).



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Brooklyn Aquarium Society,  
c/o Membership Chairperson, P.O.  
Box 290610, Brooklyn, NY 11229-0011.

# HATS, SHIRTS & PATCHES



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(Black only)  
One size fits all.  
Only **\$10** each



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(Small to XL) **\$12** each  
(XXL & XXXL) **\$14** each



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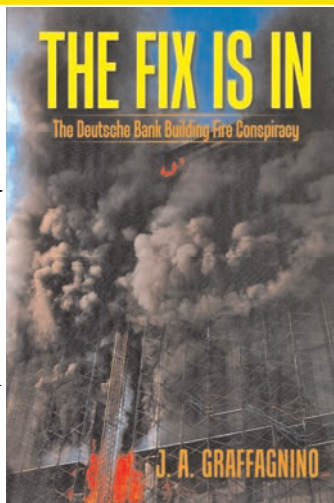
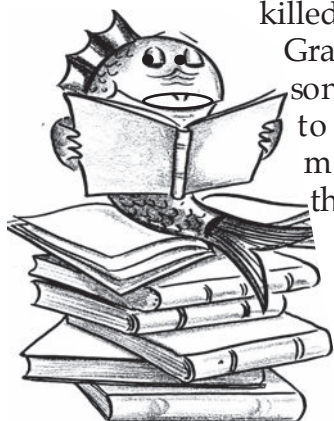


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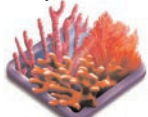


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Meetings are held at the NY Aquarium Education Hall on the 2nd Friday of the month at 7:30pm. Knowledgeable speakers on fish care and culture, door prizes, raffles, and fish auctions. All meetings are free to members. Visit us on line: [WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG](http://WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (DAY) \_\_\_\_\_ (EVE) \_\_\_\_\_ (FAX) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE & LENGTH of MEMBERSHIP: (CHECK ONE)

INDIVIDUAL FAMILY [ ] \$15 STUDENT 1 YEAR

1yr. \$20	2yr. \$36	3yr. \$51	4yr. \$68	1yr. \$25	2yr. \$45	3yr. \$63	4yr. \$85	(UNDER 18 YEARS)
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\*If family membership, please list all family members. Only first two listed will have voting rights.

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tanks [ ] marine [ ] freshwater [ ] Do you breed fish?  
 [yes] [no]

If yes, what types do you breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Special interest (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about BAS [friend] [dealer] [flyer] [AquatICA] [mag ad] [online] other \_\_\_\_\_

To volunteer check [yes] [no] A board member will contact you if you check yes.

On occasion, the Brooklyn Aquarium Society uses its mailing list to send notices of interest to our members.

If you **DO NOT** wish to receive these mailings please check here [ ]

#### Official use

Member number: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of membership [F] [I] [S] Date  
 paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Board approved date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal/member since \_\_\_\_\_