

108 Years of Educating Aquarists

BAS BULLETIN

Brooklyn Aquarium Society Monthly Online Newsletter

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FRIDAY NOV. 8 @ 7:30 PM

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Presents

REEF **Chemistry** **Made Easy** with Lou Ekus



AUCTION AFTER THE SPEAKER FEATURES:

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

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

Free Parking • Free Refreshments

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

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

For Information Visit WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG.
Or Call BAS 24 Hr. Calendar of Events Hotline (718) 837-4455

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society entered the Fall season with a big bang – namely our Giant Auction! We had lots of items of interest for our members and friends – plants, corals, marine fish and invertebrates, freshwater fish and invertebrates like shrimp and snails. We had many items at our sales tables, including BAS shirts, hats and patches. We had aquarium and fish books, filters, pumps, aquatic decorations, fish food – you name it and it was there. A cool evening brought in the crowd and we warmed them up with our knowledgeable auctioneers – Bill Amely, Dan Puleo and Dennis Alestra. They worked the audience like a well oiled machine! There were many familiar faces and some new attendees, and everyone left with a smile.

All this would not be possible without our sponsors, such as local stores and manufacturers. When you go to the local pet shops let them know you are a BAS member. They need to know we are giving back to them. We also have many members donate to our club every meeting. If you have old tank, equipment (that still functions), or healthy livestock that you wish to



donate you can bring them to any meeting.

Our next meeting is November 8th at the New York Aquarium Education Hall. We will have Lou Ekus of Tropic Marin. Lou's topic for the evening will be "Reef Chemistry Made Easy." As always FREE parking and FREE refreshments for our members. Hope to see you there.

New BAS shirts arrived and they were selling like hotcakes! Many of you noticed that the BAS officers and Board members wore the regular BAS shirt with the word TEAM on the back. We did this to identify our members that work and help organize our events. We also have new BAS hats in a light blue color.

If you want to see different speakers and learn about different aquatic systems, fish, plants and marine life, 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, because 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.

On a more personal note – any member who wants to attend a Board meeting, which is held at Education Hall 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 before the meeting.



HOLIDAY PARTY DEC. 13

There's no regular meeting in December.

We must know if you are coming and how many in your group. \$20/each, \$10 for kids under 13.

Bring payment to the Nov. 8 meeting or contact Marie Licciardello at 718-377-7749

See page 10 for all the details!

Steven Matassa
President

Steven

This Month's Speaker

LOU EKUS is CEO of Tropic Marin USA and, along with his wife, Leslie, are responsible for all Tropic Marin products, product support and aquarist assistance in the US and Canada. Lou has been actively involved in the marine aquarium industry for over 22 years. He frequently works with aquarists, helping them with system issues big and small from large public aquariums to ½ gallon nano reefs.

Lou has been a salt water aquarist most of his life. As an adult, he designed and built a multi-tank system in his home consisting of a 150 gallon mixed reef tank, a 150 community fish only tank and a 90 gallon predator tank. This system also incorporated a custom lighting and filtration systems all designed and built by Lou. Due to time and traveling constraints, Lou has downsized and is enjoying the ease of care of a

150 gallon African Cichlid tank and is currently working on a small, 29 gallon, mangrove ecosystem experiment.

Lou is an avid saltwater fly fisherman, holds a commercial hot air balloon license and is an antique car enthusiast, often taking trips in their 1931 Ford Roadster, named Irma, with Leslie. There's no telling where the three of them will show up!

Lou and Leslie have recently taken on the management of Aquarium Munster USA as well.



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.

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.

Brooklyn Aquarium Society

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019 - 2020



**Nov. auction is
50/50!
See page 11 for
more info!**

- NOV 8 Lou Ekus - [Tropic Marin] Reef Chemistry Made Easy ~ Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.
- DEC 13 Holiday Party ~ Members, their families & friends • Fish Bingo & Prizes • BAS awards presentations.
2020
- JAN 10 Luis Morales - Fish Photography ~ Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.
- FEB 14 Joe Yaiullo [topic TBA] Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.
- MAR 13 Jason D'Ambrosio - Stingray Husbandry ~ Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.
- APR 12 Robert Stark - 25 Years of B-Ionic Reef Keeping and the Simplicity Beyond Complexity ~ Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.
- MAY 8 Giant Spring Auction ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.
- JUN 12 Chad Clayton - Copepods are Changing the Face of Aquaculture ~ Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.
- NO MEETINGS JULY & AUGUST**
- SEPT 11 Harry Faustmann - Live Foods ~ Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.
- OCT 9 Giant Fall Auction - Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.
- NOV 13 TBA
- DEC 11 Holiday Party ~ Members, their families & friends • Fish Bingo & Prizes • BAS awards presentations.

REGIONAL SOCIETY EVENTS

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. Before attending a meeting please check their web site for more information.



TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5 PIONEER VALLEY AS

• TBA

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at The First Congregational Church, 20 Lathrop St, West Springfield, MA @ 7:00 pm. Free parking in lot. Public welcome. Info: Jacob Guinasso, jguinasso@pvas.net or Martha Morris, martha_morris@hotmail.com, or pvas.net

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6 GREATER CITY AS

• JIM CUMMING - MADAGASCAN AND INDIAN CICHLIDS

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month @ 7:30 pm 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.
Info: Claudia Dickinson at: ivyrose@optonline.net or (631)-668-5125, or www.greatercity.org

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7 BUCKS COUNTY AS

• TBA

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month except August. Meetings start @ 7:30pm doors open @ 7:00 pm, 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. Info: bcasonline.com

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1 LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION

• TBA

Meets the 1st Friday of the month @ 8:00 pm at Acan Lighting, 75 Austin Blvd, Commack, NY 11725.
Info: <http://www.LongIslandReef.org>

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12 NASSAU COUNTY ASA

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Usually meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre NY @ 8:00 pm. 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 or <http://ncasweb.org/directions.php>.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 10 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON

• ANN WHITMAN - TERRARIUMS

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at the VFW Hall, 73 Pearl St., Essex Junction, VT. Meetings start @ 6:30 pm. Door prizes, bowl show (warmer months), monthly auction, fish discussions and a good time! New members are welcome! Info: David Banks at dbanks@together.net or www.tfcfb.org

MONDAY NOVEMBER 11 JERSEY SHORE AS

• TBA

Usually meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the South Wall Fire Rescue Co., 2605 Atlantic Ave., Manasquan, NJ. @ 7:30 pm. Speakers, auction rare & exotic fish, aquatic plants, door prizes.
Info: www.jerseyshoreAS.org; or (732)-859-5595 or mws71@yahoo.com

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21 NORWALK AS

• TBA

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

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15 LONG ISLAND AS

• TBA

Meets the 3rd Friday of the month 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 @ 7:30 pm, meeting starts @ 8:00pm. Speakers, auctions, refreshments, free parking.
Info: www.liasonline.org

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16 NORTH JERSEY AS

• ANTON LAMBOJ - WEST AFRICAN CICHLID HUSBANDRY / AFRICAN TRAVELOGUE

Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month 12:30 pm sharp at the Clark Public Library Union County just off the Parkway at exit 135. 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.
Info: www.njas.net/

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26 GREATER HARTFORD AS

• TBA

Meets 4th Tuesday of the month @ 7:00 pm at the Lutz Children's Museum, 247 S. Main St., Manchester, CT.
Info: (860)-643-0949

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER - METROPOLITAN AREA KILLFISH ASSOC

• TBA

Meets 4th Wednesday of the month @ 8:00 pm at the Meadowlands Environmental Center, Lyndhurst, NJ. Speaker and auction of fish eggs, plants and dry goods. Refreshments served.
Info: SLMACK@compuserve.com

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22 - DANBURY AREA AS

• PETER IZZO - KEEPING SUB-TROPICAL FISH

Meets the 4th Friday of the month @ 7:30 pm at Laura Sprain Memorial Cornerstone park, 1 Fair St. Carmel, NY 10512.
Info: Rich Litsky (845) 228-0372 or Joe Masi (845)-896-4793 or daas@northeastcouncil.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER - BIG APPLE GUPPY CLUB

• TBA

Meets: the last Tuesday each month (except Jan, Feb, July, and August) @ 7:30 to 10:00 pm. Alley Pond Environmental Ctr., 228-06 Northern Blvd., Queens, NY. Info: Donald Curtin (718) 631-0538 or twindon1@aol.com

COMING EVENTS

2019 • EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS • 2019

NOVEMBER 22, 24 - 25th ANNUAL OHIO CICHLID ASSOCIATION EXTRAVAGANZA.

Held at the Holiday Inn, Strongville, 15471 Royalton Rd, Strongville, OH. This three day event celebrating cichlids and catfish. Holiday Inn, 15471 Royalton Road, Strongville, Ohio 44136, Phone: 440-238-8800.

The hotel is conveniently located at I-71 and Route 82, just 10 minutes south of Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. Room rate (registered attendees): \$74 per night (up to 4 people per room). Book by calling the hotel directly at 1-440-238-8800. Overflow rooms available at the Super 8 - Strongville, Ohio, 1-440-238-0170. Registered attendees will see world class speakers; Hans Georg Evers, Ad Konings, Oliver Lucanus and Melanie Stiassny. Manufacturer booths, vendor booths, a large fish show, a hospitality suite and fish being sold throughout the hotel. Saturday features a swap meet, informal awards dinner and an auction with brand new goods donated by aquarium manufacturers. There will be a Kid's Tank Decorating Event and silent auctions. The family-friendly weekend culminates in an awesome fish auction on Sunday, where over 1,000 bags of cichlids and catfish are sold. For info: <http://www.ohiocichlid.com/extravaganza.extravaganzainfo>

APRIL 17 - 19 - NEC 45th ANNUAL CONVENTION 2020.

Held at the Red Lion Hotel Cromwell, 100 Berlin Ave., Cromwell, CT 06414 Conveniently situated off I-91 With fitness center open 24 hours or unwind in the solarium's sauna or hot tub, or explore Cromwell's charming downtown. The Red Lion Hotel is a smoke-free and pet-friendly hotel. Check in: 3pm Check out: 11am. For reservations, call 860-288-4985 for our room rate of \$109 per night (excluding occupancy tax) please mention you are attending the NEC Convention with user code NECN0411. PLEASE TAKE NOTE: In order to receive the NEC's room rate, you MUST register with the hotel on or before MARCH 20, 2019. After that date, you will be charged the "going rate" of hotel rooms. NOTE: the hotel has extended our special room rate until Monday March 25th! For info: northeastcouncil.org

AUGUST 28, 30 - MACNA 2020. Held at Phoenix Convention Center, next door to Phoenix's largest hotel, the Sheraton Grand Phoenix. This will be the 32nd annual MACNA. By supporting MASNA and MACNA, you show the marine aquarium industry that you support MACNA's mission of Education, Trade, and Community, as well as support the goals and programs of MASNA. For info.



THE FOLLOWING MADE GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE OCTOBER AUCTION. THANK YOU!



INDIVIDUALS

Tomasz Liz
 Steve Matassa
 Michael Mazzone
 Galina Mironyuk
 Kai Nguyen
 Paolo Patrinicola

Scott Peters
 Dan Puleo
 Artem Sergey
 Peter Tannis
 Taso Theodosiadis

STORES

All In One Pet Shop, Brooklyn, NY
 Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
 Monster Aquarium, Queens, NY
 Pacific Aquarium & Pet, New York, NY
 Petqua, New York, NY
 Tri-County Tropicals, Queens, NY

MANUFACTURES

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| • Tunze | Magnet, chemicals | • Omega | Fish food |
| • LifeGuard | Air Pump | • Sera | Food and test kits |
| • Pan World Pumps | Pump | • Hydor | Chemicals |
| • Live Aquaria | Salt mix | • Manhattan Aquarium | Various products |
| • Aquatic Gardners | Membership & books | • Aqua Ultraviolet | Coupons |
| • House of Fins | 200 Gift Card | • Bulk Reef Supply | RO filter |
| • Central Pets | Tank, stand, lights, gravel vac | | |

OCTOBER NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS

Meraym Tori
Tim Armstrong

RENEWALS

Howard Dressler, James Longo, Jay Rogoff,
Jerry Schwartz, Mariana Miller-D'Alessandro,
Mike Gillespie, Syed Karim, Denis Vardaro

PROUD TO HAVE YOU AS
BAS MEMBERS



HOLIDAY PARTY!



FRIDAY
DEC. 13
7 p.m.

Legends Bar & Grill

2128 Flatbush Ave. (off Quentin Road)

\$20 for members, friends and family, \$10 for children 13 and under

Buffet style: 3 appetizers:

Buffalo wings, Stuffed mushrooms, Mozzarella sticks

Entrees: London broil, Chicken Francese, Flounder

Rice pilaf, Penne pasta, salad, mixed vegetables, bread & butter

Soda, coffee and cookies

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NEWS & NOTES



John Joseph Todaro 1938 - 2019

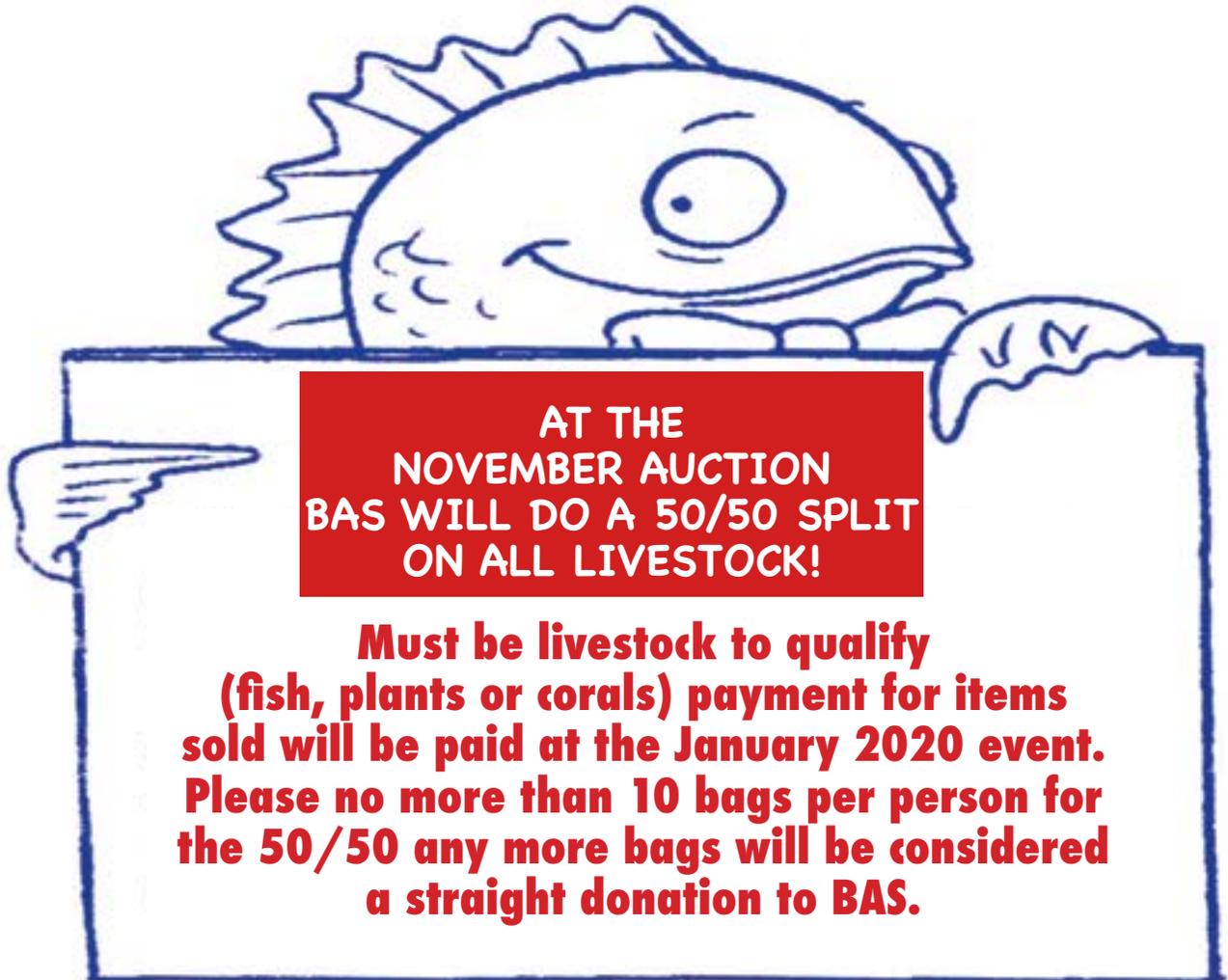
Born and raised in New York City, John Todaro served in the U.S. Army in Fort Rucker, Alabama. John published a children's book – Phillip the Flower Eating Phoenix. He was an art director for the McCann, Erikson and Ted Bates advertisement agencies. A man of creative pursuits, his hobbies included photography, pottery, watercolors, woodworking and tropical fish.

John's passion and love for the Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BAS), of which he was a club member for greater than 50 years, combined his creative genius and his leadership abilities. John was the Corresponding Secretary, Exchange Editor and Editor of two of the Societies publications The Bulletin and The Aquatica (The Brooklyn Aquarium Society was the only club in the United States to publish two aquatic magazines

thanks to John). John became President of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society in 2001 through 2003. As President, John created the club's Education Program which brought aquariums to public and private schools throughout New York City and allowed our talented members to provide presentations to schools, community centers and senior citizen facilities. As President Emeritus, he created the Centennial Journal of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society and the 100th Birthday party at the New York Aquarium in 2011.

In 2004 John and his son Andrew moved to Vermont. John passed peacefully in his home on Thursday, October 17, 2019. He was 81 years old. John is succeeded by his three children (Christie Potter and Andrew and Anna Todaro) and his two grandchildren (Riley and Ella Potter). A beloved husband, father and great man!

NEWS & NOTES

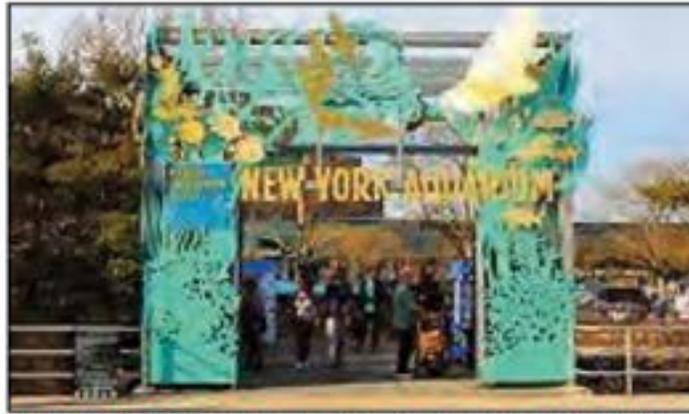


BAS MEMBERS CAN BUY & SELL ON THE BAS FORUM

Any BAS member can place a **free** ad to sell or to buy any fish type item. The item to sell or buy is to be entered into the BAS Forum which is located on our BAS website: <http://WWW.BrooklynAquariumSociety.org>. The Forum entry point is located on the top right side of our websites main page.

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 NY 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.

NEWS & NOTES



OCEAN WONDERS AT THE NY AQUARIUM

SHARKS Over 115 marine species, 18 different kinds of sharks and rays, an unforgettable experience. The Donald Zucker and Barbara Hrbek Zucker Ocean Wonders: Sharks! the exhibit brings some of the most misunderstood animals out of the depths and nose-to-nose with you!

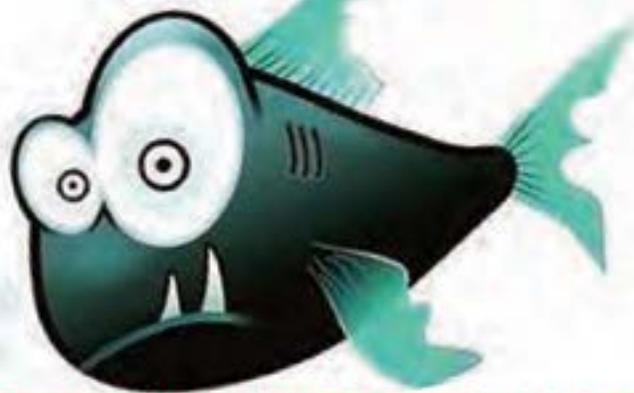
CORAL REEFS Sometimes tunnel vision is a good thing. Like when it puts you smack dab in the middle of this colorful coral reef, surrounded by blacktip reef sharks, butterflyfish, and zebra sharks swimming above you.

DAILY SCHEDULE

10:00 AM - Aquarium Opens
 10:30 AM - Penguin Feeding 15 minutes
 11:00 AM - Aquatheater Show 15 minutes
 11:30 AM - Sea Lion Feeding 15 minutes
 11:45 AM - Harbor Seal Feeding 15 minutes

1:00 PM - Aquatheater Show 15 minutes
 1:30 PM - Otter Feeding 15 minutes
 2:45 PM - Harbor Seal Feeding 15 minutes
 3:00 PM - Sea Lion Feeding 15 minutes
 3:15 PM - Aquatheater Show 15 minutes

4:00 PM - Penguin Feeding 15 minutes
 4:00 PM - Last Entry
 5:00 PM - Aquarium Closes



**We really need a Treasurer and a Recording Secretary.
 If you are interested in helping the Society please contact me
 for information and details on these positions
 Steven Matassa at (347) 277-4793**

NEWS & NOTES

Monster Bucket Giveaway!

The Club gave away 100 5-gallon buckets to attendees at our Giant Fall Auction.

Thank you Monster!







Auction Tip

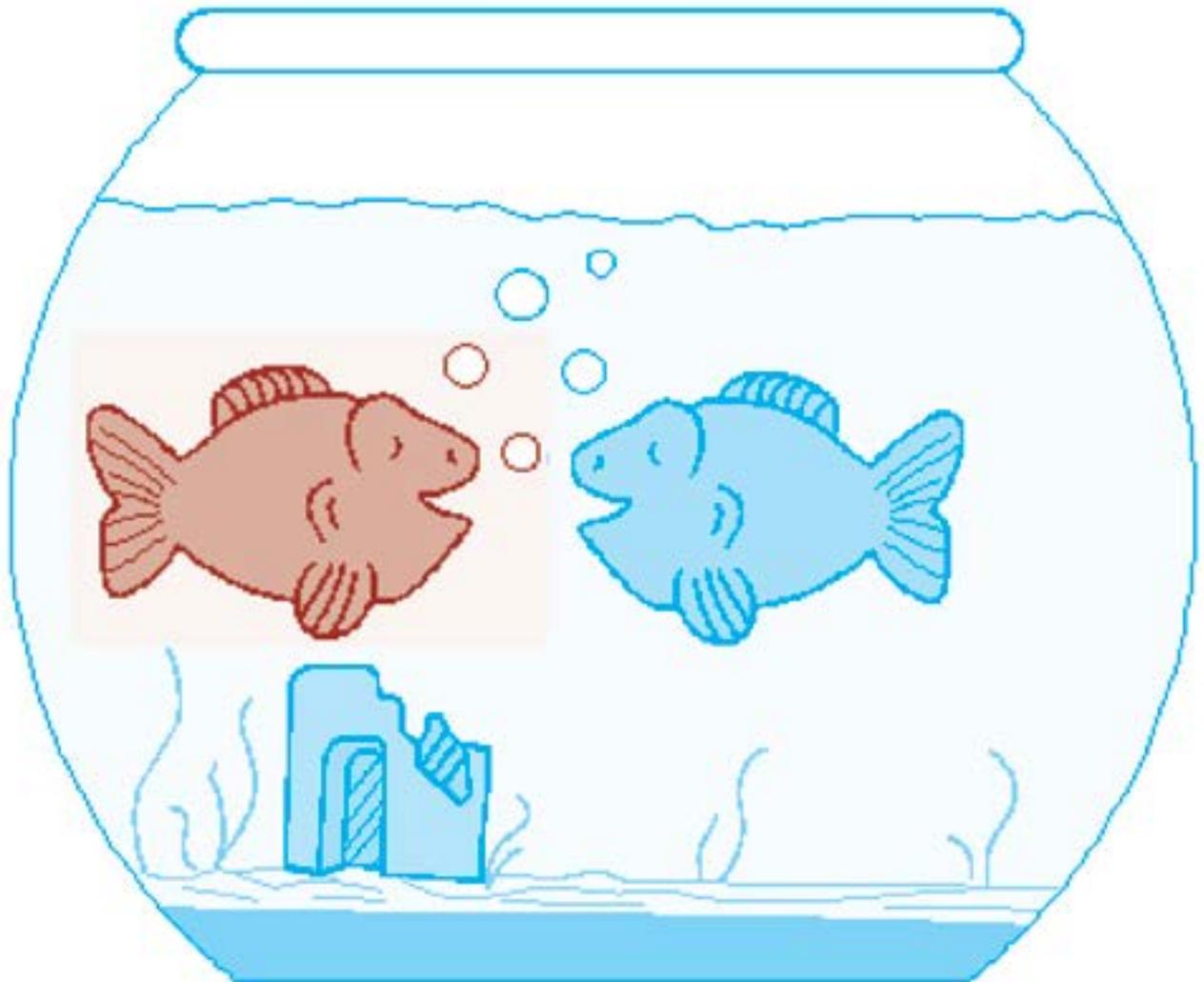
There is scrap paper at the fish table with pens and pencils for you to record what bag numbers you're interested in. Bags are not auctioned off in order, so you need to write down what numbers you'll want to bid on.



TIP OF THE MONTH

Do you need CO₂ to grow plants?

You do not have to add carbon dioxide to grow beautiful aquatic plants. ... All that your aquatic plants need is a reasonable balance of NUTRIENTS and LIGHT. Carbon dioxide is important for aquatic plant growth, but it is in the water even if you don't put it there yourself.



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**Educating Aquarists
Since 1911**



**A FEW BLACK
BAS T-SHIRTS LEFT**

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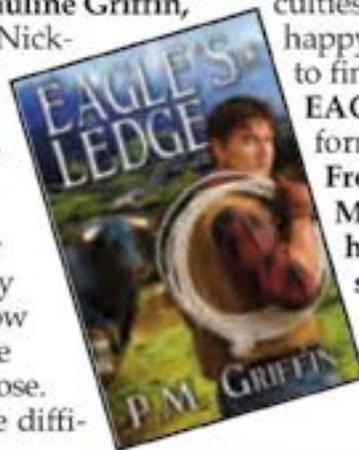
BOOKS BY OUR TALENTED MEMBERS



P. M. GRIFFIN

P.M. Griffin, better known to us as **Pauline Griffin**, lives in Brooklyn, N Y, with her cat Nick-olette and two tropical fish aquariums and devotes just about every 'spare' moment to writing, research, and reading.

Pauline is an award winning well known science fiction and fantasy writer with some 28 novels and story collections under her belt. She has now branched out and written a romance novel, featuring two farms, one purpose. Two hearts, one love, but there are diffi-



culties in plenty to challenge any hope of a happy conclusion. You have to read this novel to find the answer.

EAGLE'S LEDGE is available in electronic format from the following sources:

From the publisher,

MuseItUp Publishing, at

<https://museituppublishing.com/bookstore/index.php/coming-soon/february-2018/eagle-s-ledge-detail#top>

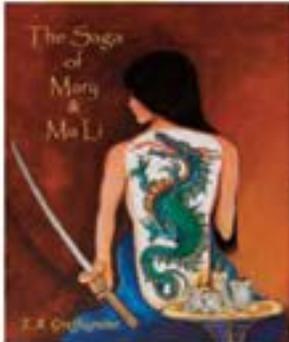
Also available at: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, ibooks, Scribd, 24Symbols.



BOOKS BY OUR TALENTED MEMBERS

NEW

JOE GRAFFAGNINO



The Saga of Mary & Ma Li is the final piece of a fantasy and adventure trilogy. A ruthless Chinese billionaire industrialist and his gorgeous homicidal maniac enforcer convince the leaders of China to support their plan to manipulate the world's stock markets and thus control the world. With China's political and military might behind them, it seems that nothing can stop their plan of world conquest. As fate would have it, their accountant is a CIA undercover mole operative. Mary and the Carrington Protection and Recovery Agency are hired by the CIA and the Chinese billionaire without each sides knowledge, to find and return the elusive agent and the secret documents he possesses that prove China's involvement.

The story unites modern China and feudal Japan in turmoil. Old enemies and new ones become allies to destroy Mary and Ma Li. Unknown to the spirit sisters, a bet between a demon and an archangel centuries before was the catalyst that created both Mary and Ma Li and the mystical swords that became their weapons. These same elements are needed by demons to open a chasm between the world of humans and the demon realm to start an unholy revolution.

Mary and Ma Li are thrown into a fight for survival in both the mortal and spirit worlds. Friends' loyalties are tested and enemies are forced to trust each other. Ancient prophecies are fulfilled, but not the ones written by man, but the original vows witnessed by long-dead spirits and enforced by demons and angels. The saga now comes full circle for Mary and Ma Li. The past and the present combine to decide their own fate. But, who will decide the survival of supportive friends, loving family, Mary's children?



Ma Li & Mary

A bet between a demon and an angel created the existence of Ma Li, a 15th century warrior priestess and Mary, a 20th century Taoist priestess. The trials and experiences these two women endured; the battles they fought and the people they met in their travels were merely guideposts along their preordained path. Separated by five centuries the connection they shared survived and strengthened. Both women learned and grew from their spiritual bond.

The story of Ma Li & Mary is one of love, loyalty, betrayal and survival at all costs.

Mary Petrovich's mother was a Sioux Indian cryptologist working for the U.S. government in Moscow, and her Russian Secret Police father, were forced to flee to Chicago to escape Soviet and American government agents in the 1980's. They took refuge with her Uncle, a crazed, sadistic gangster. He murdered her parents and repeatedly beat and raped her before she escaped at the age of twelve.

• Local book stores have it as well as **Amazon, Barnes and Nobles** and my publisher **AuthorHouse**.

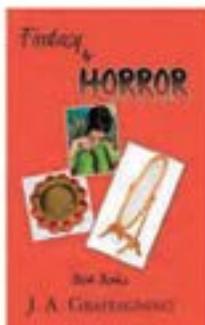
Soft cover is priced at \$13.99 and Kindle/Nook version at \$3.99. I will bring some to the next meeting for those who want autographed copies.

Fantasy & HORROR SHORT STORIES

In addition to his fantasy/adventure novel "The Journey of Mary/Ma Li". His latest book has 13 short stories under the title of "Fantasy & Horror Short Stories". These 13 stories draw readers into a compelling web of intrigue and suspense. Some are funny, others sad, and still others capture the inner conflicts that torment us yet hint at hope for a brighter tomorrow. Readers immediately identify with the bigger-than-life fictional characters that make us ponder our inner selves, fantasies, dreams and passions, and question how far we're willing to go to get what we want.

"Fantasy & Horror Short Stories" is available at all book retailers and is available in hardcover, softcover and electronic editions. **Amazon has it in Kindle and Barnes and Noble has it in Nook versions for \$3.99.**

Please visit Joe's web site www.JAGraffagnino.com to purchase either book, in any of the listed formats. Also visit his web site for contests, **FREE** giveaways and information about other soon-to-be-released works from the author.



GET TO KNOW OUR SPONSORS

Our local aquarium shops are important friends of the fishkeeping hobby. They're here to serve your immediate needs - medications, live foods, or a replacement part for a filter, and best of all, you can inspect the fish you want to buy in person, plus most shops will special order fish for you.

MOST GIVE BAS MEMBERS DISCOUNTS.

"Get to know our sponsors and do your shopping with them!"

We are happy to welcome a new sponsor to the BAS family

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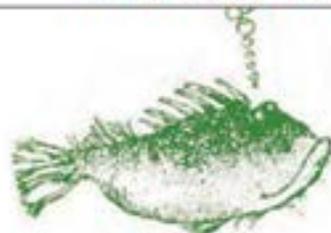
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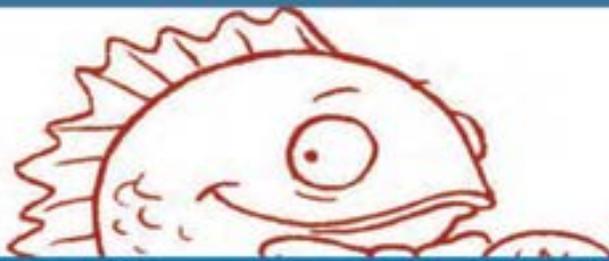
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