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FRIDAY, JUNE 8 @ 7:30 PM

Todd Gardner

Aquiculturist at the L.I. Aquarium & Exhibition Center

GETTING STARTED IN MARINE AQUACULTURE

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The May giant auction was a huge success.

We had over 200 items up for grabs and a packed house of members and friends looking for (and finding) great deals. We had an enormous selection of marine fish, invertebrates and corals, as well as freshwater plants, fish and interesting

shrimp and snails. We needed our three auctioneers because there were so many items that their voices were getting tired really fast. **Dennis Alestra**, **Bill Amely** and former President, **Seth Kolker** all pitched in and made like a tag team, giving breaks to each other when needed.

We also had several tables represented by Your Fish Stuff manned by **Bill Arndt** and his lovely wife (who won the 50/50 drawing), Python Products, and **Charles Stein** aquatic supplies, in addition to BAS equipment with a special \$1 only table. Members and friends departed the evening with many great deals.

June will be our final event for the year. As always, we shall finish it off with a big bang and who better to end the year with than **Todd Gardner**, whose topic for the evening will be *"Getting Started In Marine Aquaculture."* Todd is an aquaculturist at the **Long Island Aquarium & Exposition Center**. For a great night of educational fun, join us on June 8 at 7:30 PM. As always, there is free parking and free refreshments.

We are planning a bus trip to Long Island Aquarium & Exhibition Center, Riverhead, NY, on Saturday July 28, 2012. Anyone interested in attending, please let me know at the June 8 event.

I am asking for your help and support. If you want to see different topics offered, please let me know. June is elections month; please consider running for a position as an Officer or a Board member. If anyone is interested in running for a position, please let me know at the beginning of the June meeting. Believe me, we need all the help we can get.

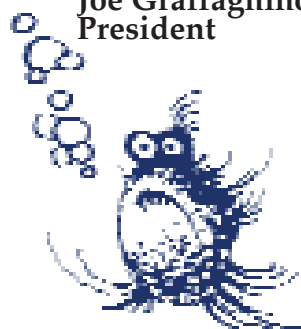
It is important that you visit and patronize our sponsors. It goes full circle: by helping them, they are also helping you as hobbyists and everyone is helping the Brooklyn Aquarium Society, so help us, help you!

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 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

Joe Graffagnino
President



THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Todd Gardner is an aquaculturist at the Long Island Aquarium & Exhibition Center. He was spawned and reared in Centerport, New York. His aquarium-keeping habit started around age 6, encouraged by his parents and an abundance of local marine life. Within a short time, Todd's fish room had reached such proportions that his 4th grade class took a field trip to visit it. Not to be hindered by the high price of the hobby, Todd survived on donations of used aquarium supplies from friends and neighbors. He even collected his own specimens when every family vacation and trip to the beach turned into a collecting expedition. In 1988, Todd attended East Stroudsburg University where he founded the ESU Marine Science Club. This gave him a great excuse to mount more serious collecting expeditions with like-minded students, which helped keep the ESU aquarium room well stocked with an array of marine life. In 1991, while working as an intern at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Todd became acquainted with the techniques of algae and rotifer culture, two skills that would open up a whole new world to him.

He graduated from East Stroudsburg University with a bachelor's degree in biology and marine science. After graduation, he spent a year working for Blue Earth Films, assisting in the production of a National Geographic Explorer feature film about coastal marine life. His job was to collect and maintain the creatures for filming in aquaria. It was in those tanks that Todd experienced his first successes in the spawning and rearing of marine fish. He found fish culture to be so

addictive that he felt he had little choice but to devote his life to it. After extensive research, Todd made a list of the world's most interesting-sounding fish hatcheries, and sent a resume to each one. A few months later, he received a letter from **Bill Addison**, inviting him to come to Puerto Rico for the challenge of his life: to save C-quest, a company that had been losing an average of \$20,000 each month for the previous 8 years. Todd spent 3 years at C-quest where he worked on developing technology for the production of new marine species.

His most spectacular contribution was the development of a technique for commercial scale production of the *Pseudochromids* (dottybacks), allowing for the first widespread availability of several species including *Pseudochromis fridmani*, *P. aldabrensis*, *P. flavivertex*, and *P. springeri*. In September, 1998, Todd decided it was time to get more serious about aquaculture research, and with much regret, left C-quest behind to pursue a master's degree in biology at New York's Hofstra University. Studying under **Dr. Eugene Kaplan**, Todd has recently completed construction of a marine ornamental fish culture facility in the basement of Hofstra's biology building, where he is carrying out his research on the culture of our local seahorse, *Hippocampus erectus*.

Todd's talk will be on getting started in marine aquaculture. If you are setting up a marine aquarium or have been thinking about making the move to a marine aquarium, this talk by an expert marine fish breeder is a must attend event!

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 IN 2012

June 9 Saturday - Call for Presenters for the 34th Annual Conference of the New York Marine Education Association (NYSMEA) Exploration, Conservation and Education. Held at SUNY Maritime College, Bronx, NY. Share your expertise with formal and informal educators and marine enthusiasts and join us for a great event. Please submit your proposal to be a speaker at:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dGtGdkpHUWpVWGRKb3FiUHF5YOpGSHc6MQ#gid=O>

July 11 - 15, 2012 American Cichlid Association 2012 Convention. Hosted by the Circle City Aquarium Club. For more information:
<http://www.aca2012indy.com/>

July 13 - 15 - Fish & Reptile Expo Northern Nevada @ the Grand Sierra Resort/Casino, Reno, NV. In addition to the guest speakers, educational seminars, events & exhibits, there's also going to be several raffles, totaling in excess of \$5,000 worth of merchandise! Between the games, gear and animals, it's going to be the largest event of its kind. ever! For Info: **Paul Sampson:** 775-291-5008 cvfpaul@yahoo.com or for complete Info log on to www.nnfre.com.

September 28 - 30 - 2012 MACNA held in beautiful Dallas/Fort Worth TX. at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel. Over 100 vendors selling corals and displaying cutting edge equipment. Chat with your favorite authors, vendors, or reef enthusiasts from around the country. **Speakers list:** Julian Sprung, Christine Williams, Scott Fellman, Tony Vargas, Joe Yaiullo, Justin Credabel, Paul Whitby, Matt Pedersen, Bob Fenner, Marc Levenson, Sanjay Joshi, Richard Ross. Discounted rate of \$114 per night (\$75 early departure fee). Self parking discounted to \$8 per day. Complimentary in-room Internet access. 10% off all food, beverage and shopping outlets on site during your stay. Booking MUST be made on our Sheraton Stargroups website:
<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1109065095&key=3D49> to receive the special rate and benefits. Special rate until September 12, 2012. Subject to availability.

October 18-21 2012 - All-Aquarium Catfish Convention Held at Hyatt Dulles Herndon, VA. The Potomac Valley AS is proud to present its fifth bi-annual All-Aquarium Catfish Convention. Join us for an exciting convention as we "Bring 'Em Back Alive" at a new, expanded location in Herndon, VA. **Speakers List:** Heiko Bleher, Hans-Georg Evers, Ian Fuller, Mark Sabaj Perez, Eric Bodrock.
 Registration is available as a Convention Package for \$150 if registered prior to October 4th. After October 4th, the Convention Package is \$160. The Convention Package includes admission to Speakers, Friday Night Dinner, Saturday Lunch, Saturday Banquet, and Pizza Lunch Sunday. T-shirts; \$10 – 20 ea. See their web site for more information: catfishcon.com
 Registration Payment Options: Check, cash, or PayPal. Hotel Special Rate: \$109 per night plus taxes. The easiest way to make reservation is to book through the hotel's website. Use the following link to book: **Hyatt Dulles Reservation Dashboard** If you reserve by phone, call the phone number above and use keyword: CATFISH with your reservation for the special rate.
Hyatt Dulles, 2300 Dulles Corner Boulevard, Herndon, VA 20171, Ph: 888-421-1442

The cut-off date for hotel reservations is October 7th. After the cut-off date, rooms will be based on availability.



BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2012 - 2013

JUN 8 Todd Gardner ~ Getting Started in Marine Aquaculture ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

JULY/AUGUST - No MEETINGS

SEPT 14 Mike Hellwig ~ Fish Breeding Contest with Ted Judy ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

OCT 12 Giant Fall Auction ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a 55 gal. tank & stand.

NOV 9 Gene Ritter ~ Reef Diving ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

DEC 14 Holiday Party ~ Members, their families and friends, all you can eat sit-down dinner • Fish Bingo & Prizes • BAS Awards presentations.

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JAN 11 Joe Yaiullo - Marine/Reef Presentation ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

FEB 8 Kathy Cardineau - Ponds the Easy Way ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

MAR 8 Kevin Kohen - Saltwater talk ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

APR 12 Mark Denaro - Where Rare Species are Common ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

MAY 10 Giant Spring Auction ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods including a 55 gal. tank & stand.

JUN 14 Laura Birenbaum ~ Dry Shipping Coral & Invertebrates ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

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JUNE IS 50/50 AUCTION MONTH FOR MEMBERS!

The BAS will be doing a 50/50 for the June event for MEMBERS only that bring in fish in good health for our auction. [They have to state that they want it....]

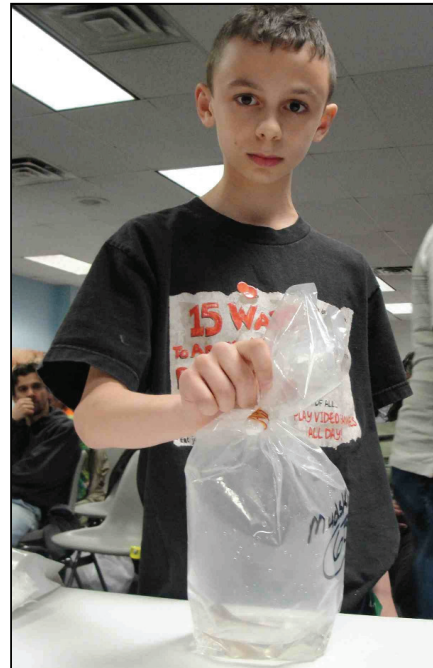
Members that bring in fish for the auction will receive a check for their share of the selling price at the following BAS event (September 14th) or they can pick it up at the July 13th Board meeting that starts at 7:30 pm and is held at the Aquarium's Education Hall (the same place we meet).



Joe Graffagnino at the podium trying to make an announcement. Steve Matassa on the left checking out the crowd. Our auctioneer, Dennis Alestra at the table charming a young lady. Bob DeBonis checking is raffle tickets and Marie Liccardello rushing off to solve a problem.



Members intensely following the bidding at the May auction.



Young BAS member, is delighted with the mud skipper he won at the May Giant Spring Auction

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

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS & BOARD FOR 2012 - 2013

All members in good standing who have been in the Society for 6 months are eligible to run for any office on the Board. As you know, we are always looking for members to help run this great Society. If you have the time and want to help the Society in its second century of operation, please run for a position.

At the June Event, you can still be nominated by a fellow member or nominate yourself. Just because you have been nominated does not mean you have to run, but we wish you would. New people bring new ideas and enthusiasm to the Society. The positions and members who are running are listed below. Call **Joe G.** for information on the duties of the position you're interested in running for.

John Todaro, Editor

**THESE ARE THE MEMBERS RUNNING FOR OFFICE.
YOU CAN STILL BE NOMINATED AND RUN AT THE JUNE EVENT.**

President:

Joe Graffagnino

1st Vice President:

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Charles Stein

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Editor: **John Todaro

* Up to 5 Board members are elected by the membership. 5 more can be selected by the President and approved by the Board.

**Webmaster & Editor are selected by the President & approved by the Board.



WE NEED MEMBERS TO JOIN THE BOARD AND HELP RUN THE SOCIETY!

Our Treasurer, **Denise Hershkowitz**, and her husband **Stu**, Exchange Editor, will be moving to Florida's sunshine soon and we need members to step up and handle these essential jobs. We also need a member to fill the post of Corresponding Secretary. This important position entails handling all external correspondence, soliciting donations, obtaining ads for our online publications, handling other Board and Society business.

Being a Board member is a great way to meet other hobbyists and speakers. If you're interested, please contact me;

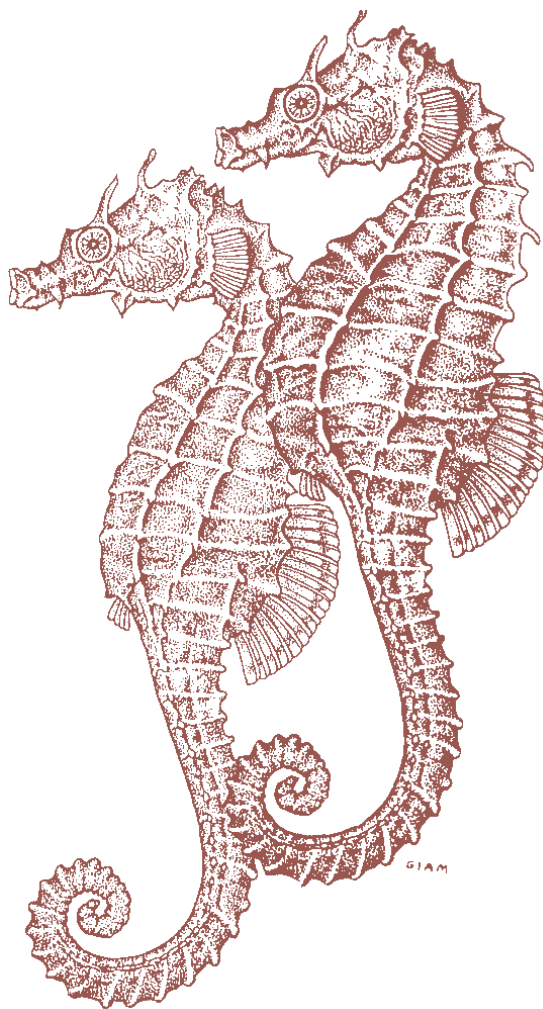
Joe Graffagnino at 917 922-5108, and I will fill you in on the offices.

Guys...this is not rocket science and there are great personal rewards to those who help guide the Society for its next 100 years of Educating Aquarists. Hope to hear from some of you soon! **Joe Graffagnino**

PIJAC PetAlert: Dwarf Seahorses May Be Listed As Endangered Species - Public Comment Due July 3, 2012

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) published its 90-day findings in the Federal Register (F.R.) in response to a Petition submitted by the Center for Biological Diversity to list the dwarf seahorse (*Hippocampus zosterae*) as threatened or endangered and designate their habitat as "critical habitat" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). NMFS concluded that the Petition and information in NMFS files indicates that there is "substantial scientific or commercial information indicating" that protecting the dwarf seahorse under the ESA may be warranted. However, NMFS recognizes some gaps in the data at hand and is seeking additional information. See Federal Register Notice (77 F.R. 26478-26486, May 4, 2012).

The Impact: A listing would ban trade in Dwarf seahorses. A ban would prohibit not only U.S. imports and exports but also all interstate movements. The Petition claims, among other things, that Dwarf seahorses are endangered because: Florida's seagrass habitat has diminished by more than 50% since 1950 – losses in some areas as high as 90%; Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and the Bahamas are encountering "dra-



matic" habitat losses; Gulf of Mexico has been adversely impacted by oil spills; and significant population depletion caused by commercial collection for ornamental fish trade, curios, and traditional medicines. **PIJAC Position:** PIJAC is conducting a review of the NMFS Notice to determine the accuracy and quality of the findings made by NMFS. The Notice indicates several areas where NMFS is not convinced that the petitioner's information is sufficient. It also states that some of the materials relied

upon are limited in scope and contain some dated or incomplete data. Furthermore, the sampling methodologies are far from clear and may not be appropriate to support the conclusions related to the species low abundance or decline.

Recommended Action: Prior to making its final decision, NMFS is seeking additional scientific and commercial information to ensure that a final decision is based on the best available information. **NMFS is specifically seeking:**

Historical and current distribution and abundance data of *H. zosterae* throughout its

range. Historical and current population status and trends. Life history in marine environments Curio, traditional medicine, and aquarium trade or other trade data. Any current or planned activities that may adversely impact the species. Historical and current seagrass trends and status. Ongoing or planned efforts to protect and restore the species and their seagrass habitats. Management, regulatory, and enforcement information. Any biological information on the species. PIJAC seeks input from interested persons as to any information they possess that may be incorporated in PIJAC's response to questions raised by NMFS. Anyone willing to share data as to the number of dwarf seahorses they handle (please separate information regarding wild harvested vs. captive/tank raised), as well as economic impact, please send to Marshall Meyers. **All information received by PIJAC is considered proprietary and will not be released. PIJAC also needs data on the volume of Dwarf seahorses harvested for: ornamental fish trade curio trade, traditional medicine trade, other trade areas; volume of intra-US trade of US harvested or cultured specimens; volume of US exports and imports; and captive-breeding initiatives underway in the U.S. and elsewhere. Such information should be submitted to PIJAC by no later than June 20, 2012.** We encourage those concerned with this issue to review the following documents for accuracy and completeness and submit written comments to NMFS by the July 3, 2010 deadline: NMFS 90-Day Findings, Center for Biological Diversity Petition NMFS is seeking further information to buttress its preliminary findings; therefore, it is important to carefully review the underlying Petition as well as the materials NMFS references in its findings. In conducting

your review be sure to evaluate the materials to see if the comments made regarding the original source materials are accurate and reliable, and that the source materials contain sufficient information upon which to make the determinations made by the petitioner of NMFS. **Specific areas to focus on for accuracy and completeness of NMFS findings:** Analysis of underlying Petition --- F. R. pages 26480-26482, Species Description – F.R. page 26480, Present/Threatened Destructions, Modification or Curtailment of Species Habitat or Range – F.R. pages 26482-26483, Overutilization – F.R. pages 26483-484, Inadequacy of Existing Regulatory mechanisms – F.R. pages 26484-26485, Natural or Man-made factors impacting species – F.R. pages 26485-26486.

When responding to the above areas: Be as specific as you can; Explain the sources you are relying upon and provide references to documents when possible. Include personal observations; and include relevant articles. A copy of the Federal Register notice and other pertinent documents can be found in the NOAA-NMFS-2012-0101 Docket Folder of the regulations.gov website or in the update field of this PetAlert on the Breaking News page of the PIJAC website. Comments may be mailed directly to NMFS or submitted electronically. If mailed, your comments should be mailed to:

**NMFS, Southeast Regional Office,
263 13th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33701**

****Please forward a copy of your comments to
PIJAC**

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New Members:

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You can now join or renew on line using PayPal. Simply go to the BAS site and click on Membership, then on Sign Up Online. Fill out the sign-up form and click Submit. It's that easy!

BAS MEMBERS EXCHANGE

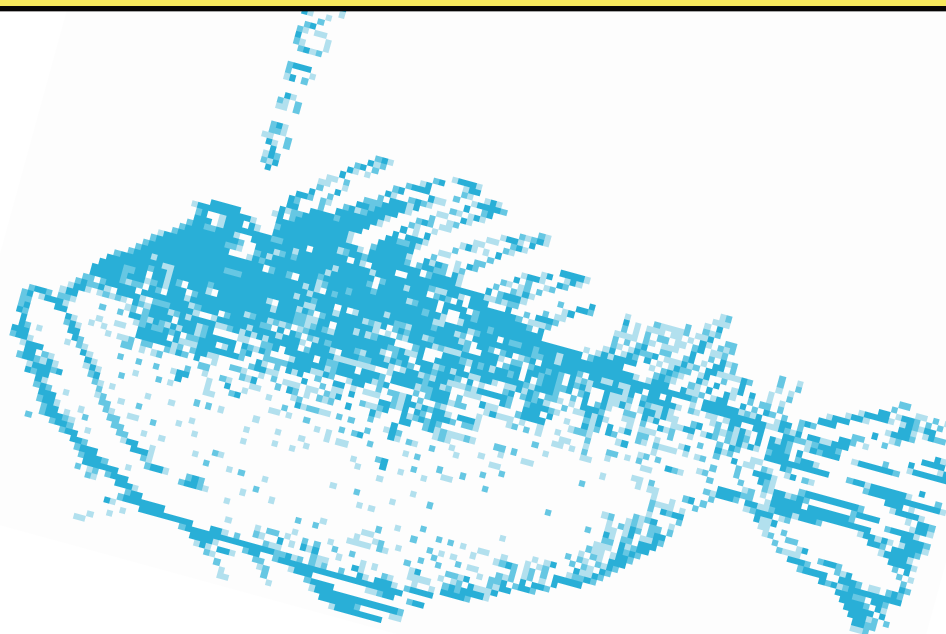
FOR SALE:

Stuart Woods complete collection

I've really enjoyed searching for & reading all of Stuart Woods mystery books. I'd like to make it easier for someone else to enjoy his books without all the searching. 17 Hardcover, & 32 Paperbacks, in excellent condition (all hardcovers have their paper dust sleeves). All that's missing is his latest - "Unnatural Acts". An impressive collection of fictional excitement worthy of any home library. Sadly, my recent move from B'klyn. to a Westbury condo offers me no place to keep my prized collection. I probably spent close to \$300 for these books that retail for about \$660.

My fair but firm price is \$100.

You can email me at martykarfinkel@aol.com,
or call my cell (917) 951-8482 Marty



**PLEASE HELP US STOP FUNDING CUTS TO THE BRONX ZOO & NY AQUARIUM.
SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO BE FORWARDED BY
WCS TO CITY HALL WITH THIS SUGGESTED TEXT:**

In previous years, you have helped stop funding cuts to the Bronx Zoo and NY Aquarium. Once again, we are looking for your support. The Mayor released the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 and it is grim. The proposed cut of more than 55% will be devastating to the Bronx Zoo, NY Aquarium and to other City cultural institutions.

We're asking you to complete the support letter. [All the details of how to complete this request are in the letter below]. These letters have worked previously to show how the community values the Bronx Zoo and NY Aquarium. We'll compile the letters and forward them to the Mayor's Office after the release of the Executive Budget in late May.

Thank you again for your support. Please let

me know if you have any questions.

Best, Kate Fitzgerald

Manager, Community Affairs, WCS

1) Put the suggested text on your organization's letterhead.

2) Mail, Fax or email to

Kate Fitzgerald,

New York Aquarium,

Surf Avenue at West 8th Street,

Brooklyn, NY 11224.

Or fax 718-265-3482 or email to

kfitzgerald@wcs.org

*****DO NOT send to the Mayor's Office!**

We will compile and forward it to his office along with other letters we receive.

The Honorable Michael Bloomberg
Office of the Mayor
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

I am writing today as [insert your title and organization name] to respectfully request that you restore funding to our city's 33 cultural institutions including the Bronx Zoo and New York Aquarium. The proposed budget cuts by the City will devastate institutions big and small, and could lead to the end of culture in New York City as we know it.

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) is a valued partner in our community and helps to strengthen our programs. [Please personalize your connection to the Bronx Zoo and the Aquarium, and why you think it is important that the city restore funding to cultural institutions.]

I realize that the City faces challenging fiscal realities, but cultural institutions need the support of the City. I ask that you recognize their important and unique role to New York City's quality of life.

Therefore, I respectfully request that you restore funding to the Bronx Zoo and New York Aquarium in your proposed FY 2013 budget.

Sincerely,
Your Name

REGIONAL SOCIETY EVENTS

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

FRI. JUNE 1 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION

• **CHRISTNE WILLIAMS** Generally meets 1st Friday of the month at 8pm at Dickens Inc, 75 Austin Blvd, Commack, NY 11725. For directions & info: <http://www.LongIslandReef.org>

TUE. JUNE 5 - 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, or for directions go to pvas.net

WED. JUNE 6 - GREATER CITY AS

• **VIRTUAL FISHROOM TOURS-JOE FERDENZI & JULES BIRNBAUM** 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 or 631-668-5125, or visit www.greatercity.org

WED. JUNE 11 - JERSEY SHORE AS

• **TBA** 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; 732-859-5595; mws71@yahoo.com

SUN. JUNE 12 - OTTER VALLEY AS

• **TED JUDY - TFH BREEDING CONTEST** Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Maclure Library, Pittford, VT. The public is welcome. Refreshments, plant and fish auction, free parking. For information contact: **John Todaro** at: jtoddybas@aol.com

TUE. JUNE 12 - NASSAU COUNTY AS

• **FISH JEOPARDY** 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

FRI. JUNE 15 - LONG ISLAND AS

• **TBA** Meets the 3rd Friday of the month. Meetings are now held at SUNY Stony Brook's Maritime Science area, Room 120 in Endeavor Hall 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

SUN. JUNE 17 - SOUTH JERSEY GUPPY CLUB -

• **TBA** Consists of 50 members with many years of maintaining, breeding & producing show quality / winning guppies. Meetings 3rd Sunday every month at 1 p.m. at Griggstown Volunteer Fire Co at Griggstown, NJ. See South Jersey Guppy Club website for further info: www.guppysa2z.com

WED. JUNE 20 - TROPICAL FISH SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND

• **TBA** General meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 at the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals building at 186 Amarat Street, Riverside, RI 02915. For info: tfri.net15

THUR. JUNE 21 - NORTH JERSEY AS

• **TBA** General meetings are held 3rd Thursday of the month at 8pm; doors open at 7:30pm. This meeting will be held at the Meadowlands Environmental Center. At the Elks Club, 251 Park Ave. Lyndhurst, NJ. 07071. 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 or <http://www.meadowlandsstate.nj.us/directions.html>

THUR. MAY 21 - NORWALK AS

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

SUN. JUNE 22 - DANBURY AREA AS

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

TUE. JUNE 26 - GREATER HARTFORD AS

• **TBA** Meets 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Lutz Children's Museum, 247 S. Main St Manchester CT 06040. Call 860-643-0949.

WED. JUNE 27 - METROPOLITAN AREA KILLIFISH ASSOC. (MAKA)

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CHECK ALL TIMES & DATES

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