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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12@ 7:30 PM**

**THE BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY**

**PRESENTS THE FALL**

## **Giant Auction**

Featuring all sorts of Freshwater Fish, Marine Fish, Aqua-cultured Corals, Plants & Dry Goods,  
Including a New 55 Gal. Tank, Rare & Hard to Find Live Stock  
and Much More



**VIEWING LOTS**  
7:30pm - 8:30pm  
**AUCTION STARTS**  
8:30pm

- Free Admission
- Free Parking
- Free Refreshments
- Discount Books & Sales Items
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**Marine Fish, Aqua-cultured Corals,  
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**At New York Aquarium, Education Hall, Surf Ave. & West 8th St., Bklyn, NY**

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

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the start of our new season. Our guest speaker was most probably the best fish breeder in the United States, if not the world.

Mike Hellweg came in from St. Louis, Missouri to discuss his fish breeding contest with Ted Judy.

Mike bred 169 species of fish in one year. The contest was sponsored by *Tropical Fish Hobbyist* magazine. The first question on everyone's mind was "Would you do it again?" Mike's answer was "Definitely not!" It was a grueling 12 months of non-stop water changes, feeding fish and changing fish into various tanks. The discussion and presentation was educational and very enlightening, especially to people who enjoy breeding fish. Mike was very generous with his ideas and success stories and even spoke on some not so successful spawns. The Q & A went on for a long time. It was interesting to note that several members procured a couple of Mike's books via our website link to Amazon.com. Mike was happy to autograph each book during the meeting.

**October brings our Fall Giant Auction** featuring marine fish and corals, freshwater plants, fish and invertebrates. As always, we will have many bags of your favorite species. Great bargains will be available, so make sure you **come to the greatest fish and aquatic plant auction in New York on October 12.**

Our unique sales tables will be open for shirts, hats, books, magazines and other aquarium equipment and supplies. Doors open at 7:30 and the giant auction will start at 8:30 PM sharp! As always, there is free parking and free refreshments.

People still ask me why haven't they received the *BAS Bulletin* and *Aquatica* in the mail. The reason is that they are now on our web site in vibrant

color! So please visit our new website where you can read the *Bulletin* and enjoy a full color *Aquatica* (You can also download them if you would like a hard copy). 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.

Speaking of our interactive Forum ([HTTP://FORUM.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG/](http://forum.brooklynaquariumsociety.org/)) – we are having a contest every month for the most posts on our Forum. Please post aquarium-related questions and help provide answers to other hobbyists. You can also post items for sale and ask for items you need. There will be a \$25 BAS BUCKS first prize and a \$10 BAS BUCKS second prize for the most posts! It is a great place to web connect with other members and a fun location to interact and share information. Several of our wonderful sponsors have "rooms" within our Forum, such as Air, Water & Ice, Zoo Med and Reefs2Go

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 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, please notify me at (718) 238-1792 by the Tuesday previous to the meeting.

*Joe*

Joe Graffagnino, President

## THIS MONTH'S EVENT

**O**ctober is **Giant Auction** month here at the BAS. Our Auctions always feature both freshwater and marine fish...hard to find, rare fish and plants you won't find anyplace 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 public 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 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. The Auction starts at 8:30pm.

We will, as usual, auction a new 55-gallon tank and stand donated by our good friends at Petland Discounts. If you intend to bid on it, keep in mind that you will receive a coupon for the tank and stand so you can pick it up at a 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 isles for your inspection. In addition, we're selling aquarium books at marked down prices, plus other aquarium products, along with official BAS hats, T-shirts, and there will be a special raffle. So come early for a great evening with friends and great bargains at the auction.

**Do you have fish or corals that have outgrown your tank? We will find them a good home at the auction!**

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 our 1st VP, **Steve Matassa at (cell) 347 277-4793**. Steve will give you more information on donating to the BAS.



**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

**October 6 - NY Aquarium** The WCS Run for the Wild is a wonderful way to spend a fall day in Coney Island where you can run or walk along the historic boardwalk, visit walruses and other aquatic animals at the NY Aquarium, enjoy two free rides at Luna Park and receive a free WCS Run for the Wild™ and a T-shirt, all that and helping walruses, too! The run is dedicated to walruses. As part of the Brooklyn community, we are extending a special discount offer for the WCS Run for the Wild™. There are two start times, one for 5K runners at 8am, and a second for our Family Fun Run at 8:45 am. Online Registration is \$30 for adults. Discounts apply for members, children and seniors. More info. [WCSRUNFORTHEWILD.ORG](http://WCSRUNFORTHEWILD.ORG)

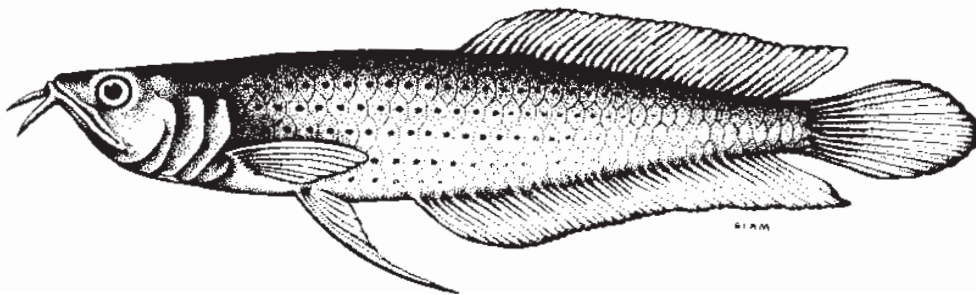
**October 14, 2012 - New Hampshire AS 20th Annual Auction held at the Newington Town Hall Nimble Hill Rd., Newington, NH** Auction begins 12 Noon. Arrive early for viewing. Donations accepted or sell your extra fish & equipment, 60/40 split. For more info. Call **Bill Janetos (603) 749-2667** or E-mail at [w.janetos@janco-electronics.com](mailto:w.janetos@janco-electronics.com). Or **Chuck Smith (603) 659-0386** or E-mail [Charles.Smith@unh.edu](mailto:Charles.Smith@unh.edu)

**Directions:** From 95 Northbound: Take Exit 4 to Rte 16 Spaulding Turnpike, go northbound on Spaulding; you'll see a sign for Exit 4 Newington Village Nimble Hill Rd. Take exit and follow road; it will lead you back up onto highway. Stay in the right lane, take first Exit 4S Newington Village Nimble Hill Rd. Go up Nimble Hill Rd. approx. ¾ of a mile. You'll come to a 4-way intersection. Go straight through. Town Hall is on left; take first driveway on left, into parking lot.

**Directions - Southbound** From Rte 16 Spaulding Turnpike: Go over General Sullivan Bridge. As you come off the bridge, Exit 4S will be on right. Take Exit 4S Nimble Hill Rd. Go up Nimble Hill Rd. approx ¾ of a mile; you'll come to a 4-way intersection. Go straight through and the Town Hall will be on your left; take the first driveway on left into parking lot

**October 18-21 2012 - All-Aquarium Catfish Convention held at Hyatt Dulles Herndon, VA. The Potomac Valley AS** presents its 5th 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. See their web site for more info.: [catfishcon.com](http://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 this link to book: **Hyatt Dulles Reservation Dashboard**. If you reserve by phone, call **Ph: 888-421-1442** and use keyword: CATFISH for the special rate reservation. **Hyatt Dulles, 2300 Dulles Corner Boulevard, Herndon, VA 20171.** The cut-off date for hotel reservations is October 7th. After the cut-off date, rooms will be based on availability.



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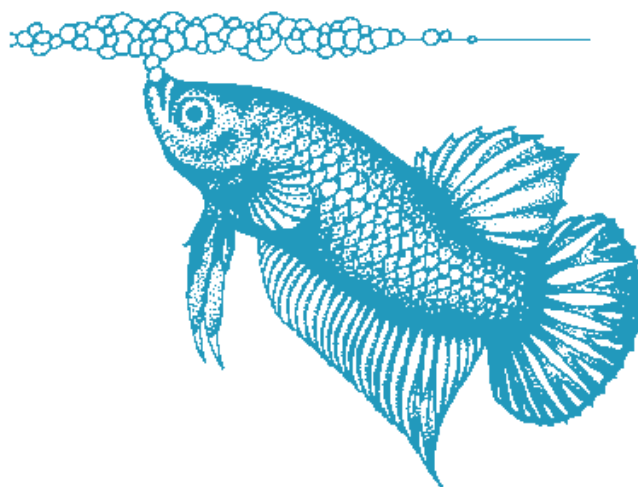
**October 19 -21 2012 - NorthEast Weekend (NEW) Upstate New York Killifish Association (UNYKA)** in Albany, NY at the Ramada Inn Plaza. The NY Killifish Association is hosting. There will be a Saturday Banquet. A hospitality room Friday & Saturday evenings. UNYKA will provide a keg of beer, other alcohol must be brought in or purchased at the bar. Open box sales Sat. morning. Speakers will begin after noon. We expect three seminars on Saturday and a banquet speaker. Check-in of show fish begins Friday noon and continues until 10am Saturday. Judging will be at 11am. There are 7 classes this year. NEW is part of the AKA Killifish Exhibitor of the Year program, so send in some entries. Sunday's auction begins at 10am. All fish will be sold early enough for everyone to get home at a decent hour. UNYKA's affiliation with the NorthEast Council, we expect some non-killies in the auction this year, but there will be restrictions. We'll also allow drygoods. For more info: go to the New York Killifish Association web site.

**October Sunday 21 - New England Cichlid Association Annual Tropical Fish Auction** at the Polish American Club, 9 First Street in Windsor Locks, CT. Auction starts at 12 noon. Doors open

at 9:30am for viewing and registering lots. Bring your fish and new or "gently used" aquarium equipment for 50/50 split (nonmembers) or 70/30 split for members. Donations are great too! More information: [www.necichlids.com](http://www.necichlids.com)

**November 2 - 4 - North Jersey AS "AWE" Aquarium Weekend Expo** at the Lyndhurst Elks Club, 251 Park Ave., Lyndhurst, NJ 07071. Guest Speakers Friday Night & all day Saturday. Silent Auction, Vendors, Giant Sunday Plant & Fish Auction. Viewing starts at 11am. Auction starts at 12 noon. Weekend Registration \$25 includes bidder card. Show entries \$2.50 ea. Sunday Bidder Card \$5. More information: **Bobby Larsen 201.406.0857, Rick Bolger 973.975.6159** or [www.njas.net](http://www.njas.net)

**November 3 - 4 2012 - The 32nd AKA Annual Show & Auction Hosted by the Milwaukee Area Killifish Organization, WI** held at the Ramada - Airport Hotel. •15 Classes • Huge Auction • Hospitality Room • Box Sales • Seminars: Guest Speaker, **Matt Bielski**, will focus on a comparison of different types of lighting and how the new LED lighting can help you raise Killies. More info: [www.aka.org/wako](http://www.aka.org/wako) or email: [wikilifish@aol.com](mailto:wikilifish@aol.com) **Jim & Gis Gasior (414) 425-7754**



# BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2012 - 2013

**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 in NYC** ~ 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.

### 2013

**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 - Shipping Coral & Other Invert's** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

### JULY/AUGUST - NO MEETINGS

**SEPT 13 TBA**

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

## A letter from Bob Goemans a living legend of the marine aquarium world

Hi Joe,

As you know, I've been in the aquarium hobby for over sixty years and have written for numerous magazines and published/ written many books; with the last being the TFH/ Microcosm published *The Marine Fish Health & Feeding Handbook*. I've also been a speaker at your club several times in the past.

Just recently (about 60 days ago), a magazine, *Marine Habitat* in England said the following, which I think your marine members would be highly interested in hearing about; "Aquarium Industry FIRST!

*"Marine Habitat is pleased to be the first publication in the world to inform its readership that one of its contributors, Bob Goemans, has uploaded to his website salt-corner.com a massive/complete book he has written over the past several years that covers the marine hobby from A - Z! It's comprised of about 300,000 words and contains over 1100 photos that actually depict what is discussed, and its there for all to read for free! Yes - FREE! Furthermore, it can be read in many languages other than English! The book is titled The LIVING Marine Aquarium Manual because it will periodically be updated to remain in focus with today's hobby!"*

*Visit his website and also explore there, its Aquarium Library with over 4000 marine fish, invertebrates, algae and other interesting species each with their own photo and specific species information, its hundreds of articles and book reviews from various icons in the trade, its Gallery where many hobbyists have photos and information about their aquariums (yours also if you wish!), and much more including this newly installed highly informative book!"*

**Bob Goemans**

**Congratulations Bob, an immense gift to all hobbyists! Thanks for this information. I will certainly pass it along for inclusion on our web site and also in our publication *Aquatica* so all of our members and visitors can obtain this free educational information. Thank you again for thinking of us.**

*Joe*

**Thanks, and you guys have the 'BEST' aquarium society that I know of!!!**

*Bob*

# BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY FORUM



**M**embers, our web Forum is relatively new. We want to promote our Forum and have our members use BAS web forum as a daily educational and information tool. To improve participation, we have decided to introduce a monthly contest as to who can apply the most posts per month.

The initial contest period is from September 16 thru October 10, 2012. The next monthly contest starts on October 13 and runs to Midnight of November 7.

The most posts winner will receive \$25 in BAS BUCKS and the runner up will receive \$10 in BAS BUCKS. Let us all try to add as many posts concerning aquatic and Society information as possible. Remember, this is not just about asking and answering questions. You can also buy and sell aquatic items there as well. Several of our great sponsors have their own rooms on our Forum to discuss and advertise their unique products. These vendors include **Air, Water & Ice, Zoo Med and Reefs2Go**. Please help us and our wonderful sponsors in making the Brooklyn Aquarium Society Forum the best that it can be.

**From our club's website, you can go to the top of the web page (right side corner) and click on the word forum and that will take you there, or you can use the link:**

**<http://forum.brooklynaquariumsociety.org/>**

Thanks, Joe

# FROZEN FISH

## AND HOW TO AVOID THEM THIS WINTER

Frank Greco, Senior Aquarist, New York Aquarium

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**A**fter an extended mild autumn, the cold weather is finally here. Can snow and ice and, with them, the danger of power outages, be far behind? When winter is upon you, it's a good idea to make plans for maintaining your aquarium during a power or heat outage. Even a short power outage can lead to disaster and loss of animals if you are not prepared.

The first thing to do in an outage is to unplug your filters. If the power is off for a long time, toxins such as hydrogen sulfide and ammonia build up in the filter. When the power comes back on, the filter will spew this toxic cocktail back into your tank, perhaps killing the fish. Once power is restored, clean out all filters before using them.

Preserving biological filtration is another matter. If you use rotating biowheels, remove them from the unit and submerge them in the tank proper. For fluidized bed filters, remove as much water as possible from the unit, leaving the sand covered by only 1/4" to 1/2". For trickle filters, you can pour water through them once an hour or so or wrap them in plastic film in order to maintain humidity. Hooking any of these filters up to a 12-volt bait pump (small bilge pumps) will ensure their continued operation.

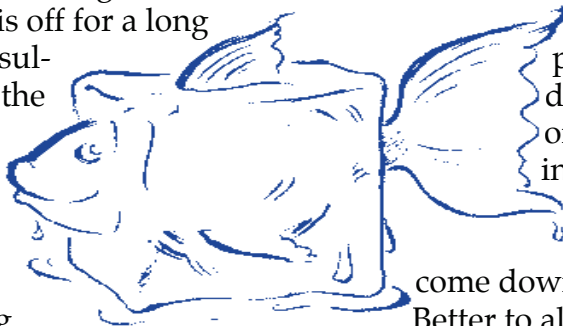
During a cold-weather heat or power failure, maintain your tank's water temperature as best you can. Since glass is a poor insulator, heat loss can be rapid as the house temperature drops. The easiest way to prevent heat loss is to wrap the tank in Styrofoam or some type of insulating blanket (the thermal type, such as are used to in-

sulate water heaters). Styrofoam can be purchased in sheets and cut to fit the size of the tank. Make sure it is a tight fit, and use duct tape to fasten the pieces together. Do not forget to insulate the bottom of the tank (if it is exposed) and the top. Punch a few small holes in the top for the air lines. If you use an insulating blanket, wrap it around the tank, using duct tape to keep

it in place. While neither of these methods will entirely prevent heat loss, it will slow it down. Never heat tank water on the stove and pour it back into the tank! Such wide temperature swings will virtually ensure that your fish will

come down with a parasitic infestation. Better to allow the temperature to slowly drop, since your fish will adjust to it—to a point—better than they would such a temperature change seesaw caused by pouring heated water in the tank.

Once you've figured out a way to keep your tank water warm, work on aeration and filtration. The simplest way to aerate is to remove buckets (or cups, if it's a small tank) of tank water and pouring them back into the tank from a height of 6 inches. Do this at least once an hour, more if the animals seem to need it. Another simple method involves hooking an air stone to a bicycle pump and pumping air into the tank as above. The addition of 1 cc of 3% hydrogen peroxide per 10 gallons once an hour can also be used, but this is good only for short power outages since the addition of too much peroxide will destroy the biological filter. The hydrogen peroxide method should be used only as a last resort.



# DONORS TO OUR SEPTEMBER AUCTION

We gratefully thank the following members and sponsor stores for their generous donations.

## Individual Donors:

Bill Amely  
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- Absolutely Fish, Clifton, NJ
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- Sean Casey Animal Rescue



## SPECIAL DONATION THANKS

The Board and the Presdinet of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society thanks **William (Bill) Amely** and **John Wilson** for their very generous donations to the Society. These donations are tax decuctable.

Thank you again. **The Board**

## NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS

### New Members:

Efrain Arroyo  
 Rick Behlin  
 Renee Joseph  
 Jerry Martinez  
 Alfred Turrisi

### Renewals:

Frank Campo  
 Bill Clark

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# BAS MEMBERS EXCHANGE

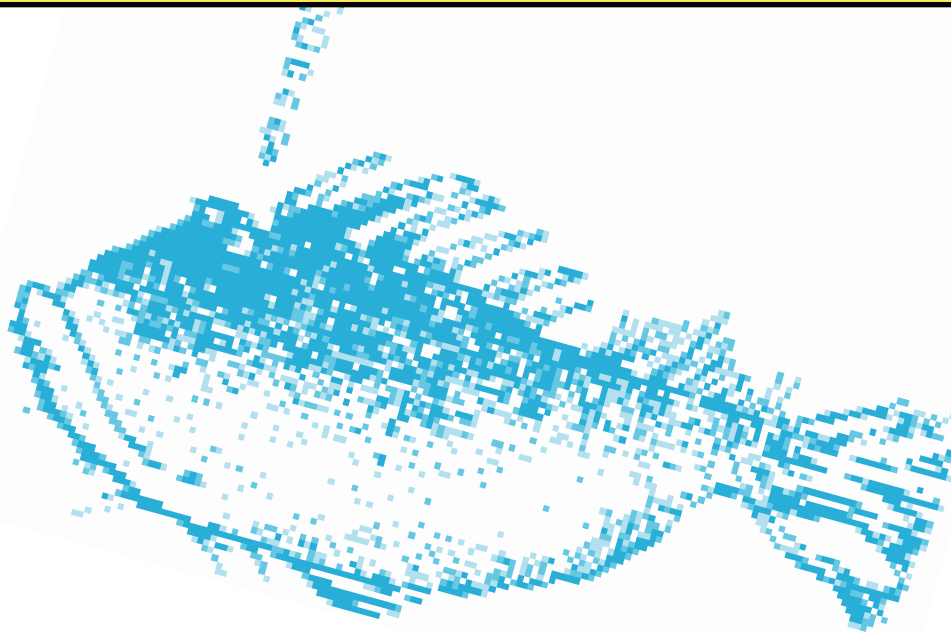
## FOR SALE:

**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](mailto:martykarfinkel@aol.com),  
or call my cell (917) 951-8482 **Marty**



## EASY MEMBERSHIP RENEW ON-LINE

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!

# AQUARIUM FISH INTERNATIONAL HAS STOPPED PUBLICATION!

**B**owtie Press has decided to cease publication of *Aquarium Fish International* magazine! Their last issue was the October issue. The reason for ceasing publication of AFI and *Bird Talk* is lack of demand for a monthly fish and bird magazine and the increasing costs of printing and mailing.

On hearing this disturbing news, I sent an email to my friend **Clay Jackson**, the editor of AFI. He replied... *"It is a shame that*

*after 24 years AFI is no more. But we live in troubled times and nothing's a sure bet anymore, unfortunately. One of my best experiences while at the helm was meeting you fine BAS gentlemen at the NEC a couple of years ago. Thanks for everything. Perhaps we'll cross paths again someday."*

Clay

Bowtie will still publish their yearly magazine *Aquarium USA*.

## Nassau County AS Tropical Fish Auction

St. David's Lutheran Church 20 Clark Blvd. Massapequa Park, NY

Saturday, November 10, 2012

**Auction Entries & Viewing:**

**9:30AM to 10:45 AM Auction Begins: 11 AM • \*\$2.00 Bidder Card Donation\* (Free card for donors)**

**Fish, Plants, and Dry Goods will be available. Come on Down to Bid or Enter Items!**

Attention all Hobbyists: Items may be brought in for 100% donation, 50/50 split or 60/40 split if donating 6 or more bags of fish.

- **From Southern State**, East or West: Proceed South on Broadway (Exit 30 South), approximately 1.5 miles. Make a left onto Clark Blvd. (Traffic light at intersection with Friendly's Ice Cream on corner.) Take Clark Blvd. To first traffic light. (Appr. 1/2 mile) St. David's will be on the right. At light make a right turn onto Lake Shore Drive. Parking for St. David's is on the side of the church.

- **From Sunrise Highway**, East or West: Take to Broadway South (Massapequa Diner/ North Fork Bank on south side of Sunrise Highway. LIRR Massapequa Station on north side of Sunrise Highway) Proceed North on Broadway, to the third traffic light. At the light make a right onto Clark Blvd. (Friendly's on Corner) Turn right at first traffic light onto Lake Shore Drive. Parking is on the side of the Church. **Please avoid parking on local streets**

More Info E-mail us at: [president@NCASWEB.org](mailto:president@NCASWEB.org) or visit our website: <http://www.ncasweb.org>

## REGIONAL SOCIETY EVENTS

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

### TUE. OCT 2 - 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. OCT 3 - GREATER CITY AS

#### • RACHEL O'LEARY - SEAHORSES

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

### FRI. OCT 5 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION

#### • GREG METZGER - DESIGNING A 2200 SQ FT WET LAB

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>

### MON. OCT 8 - 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](http://www.jerseyshoreAS.org); 732-859-5595; [mws71@yahoo.com](mailto:mws71@yahoo.com)

### TUES. OCT 9 - NASSAU COUNTY AS

#### TBA

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)

### TUES. OCT 9 - OTTER VALLEY AS

#### • MEMBERS HAPPY & UNHAPPY FISH STORIES

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the MacLure Library, Pitford, VT. The public is welcome. Refreshments, plant and fish auction, free parking. For information contact: **John Todaro** at: [jtoddybas@aol.com](mailto:jtoddybas@aol.com)

### THUR. OCT 18 - NORWALK AS

#### • TBA

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](http://Norwalkas.org)

### THUR. OCT 18 - 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](http://www.njas.net) or <http://www.meadowlandsstate.nj.us/directions.html>

### SUN. OCT 21 - 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](http://www.guppysa2z.com)

### FRI. OCT 19 - 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](http://www.liasonline.org)

### TUE. OCT 23 - GREATER HARTFORD AS

#### • TBA

Meets 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 pm a the Lutz Children's Museum, 247 S. Main St. Manchester, CT Call: 9860) 643-0949

### FRI. OCT 26 - 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).

#### CHECK ALL TIMES & DATES

For site listing of these and other Societies in the New York area go to:

[HTTP://Fins.actwin.com/dir/clubs.php?c=1&r=42](http://Fins.actwin.com/dir/clubs.php?c=1&r=42)

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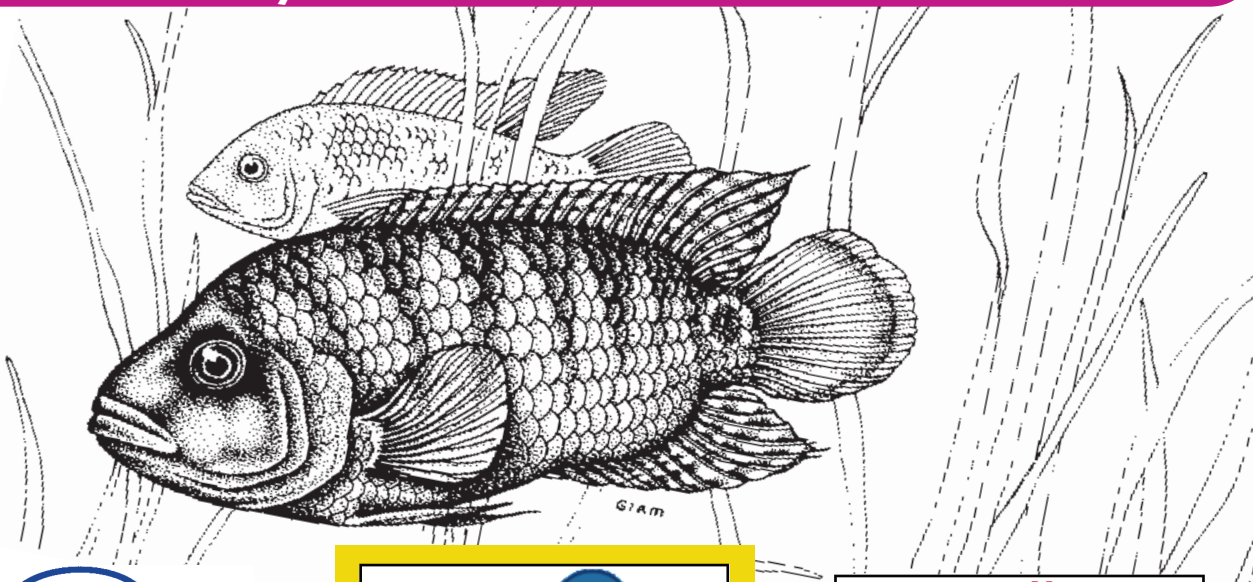
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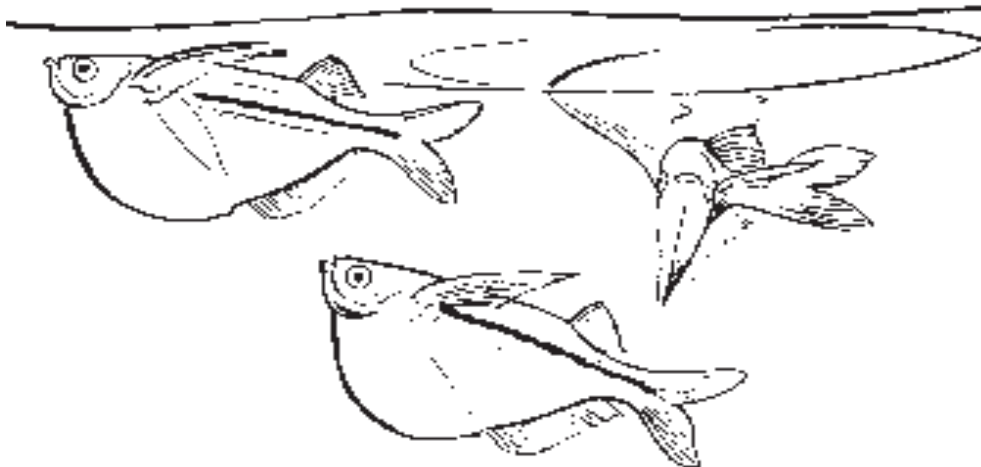
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