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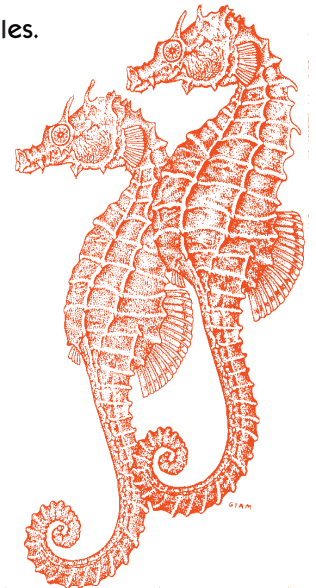
**FRIDAY, MARCH 8 @ 7:30 PM**

The BAS is Proud to Present

## KEVIN KOHEN

In the hobby for more than 20+ years  
Director of LiveAquaria.com • Author of numerous fish articles.  
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Freshwater Fish, Plants & Dry Goods Auction**

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# 102 Years of Educating Aquarists

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



February's meeting never happened. Unfortunately, no one was able to hear and see **Kathy Cardineau's** presentation on *"Ponds – The Easy Way."* I personally was looking forward to enjoying her lecture because I want to have a large (for Brooklyn) pond in the back yard of my new house this spring.

We had another BAS disappointment because of terrible weather, the first time ever that that two meetings in the same fiscal year were cancelled because of dramatic weather conditions.

November was ruined because of Hurricane Sandy and February destroyed because of Blizzard Nemo. I certainly hope that this will be the end of event-closing weather conditions. This month is our 103rd year in existence – wow, just saying that is a major exciting moment.

March will be an exciting event, weather permitting; our guest speaker will be **Kevin Kohen of Live Aquaria, Doctors Foster and Smith**. Kevin's topic for the evening is *"Superstar Fishes for Reef Aquaria."*

We will carry the 50/50 for livestock donations that should have taken place this past month into the upcoming event. By livestock I mean live fish, corals or plants. I do not mean fish food, filters, equipment, etc.

Please visit our new website where you can read the *BAS Bulletin* and enjoy a full color *Aquatica*. The interactive forums and sponsor sections are truly enjoyable. Provided you have given us your email address, you will be getting notifications of club events via email.

I am asking for your help and support. If you want to see different speakers or try different

things, please let me know. The elected officials of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society are here to serve YOU! Please let us know what you want and why. It would be helpful to everyone.

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

For more 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 Graffagnino,**  
President



Everyone who received a bottle of **STARTSMART COMPLETE** for either fresh or marine aquariums, please send your product evaluation to the BAS P.O. Box or email it to me at [JoeGraffagnino@yahoo.com](mailto:JoeGraffagnino@yahoo.com).

## THIS MONTHS SPEAKER

**K**evin Kohen earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Wright State University and is an avid marine life photographer, life-long aquarist and marine fish enthusiast. He was one of the early pioneers maintaining live corals in captivity back in the early 80's. He began his professional career in the marine fish industry working in a retail fish store and then moved on to manage the operations of one of the largest freshwater and marine fish wholesale and import/export businesses in the Midwest for over eight years.

From there, he ventured on to launch the [LiveAquaria.com](http://LiveAquaria.com) web site, and designed and oversaw the installation of the **Drs. Foster &**



**Smith Aquaculture Coral & Marine Life Facility.** He currently oversees the operations of the facility, and is responsible for the acquisition of the animals, as well as their husbandry. Kevin writes articles for various aquarium publications and speaks to reef clubs throughout the country.

UPDATE: Kevin has recently successfully paired and spawned several batches of eggs from the rare McCulloch's clownfish at the [LiveAquaria.com](http://LiveAquaria.com) facility in Rhinelander, WI! This has only ever been successfully accomplished by one other person in the world, and Kevin is the 1st in the U.S.

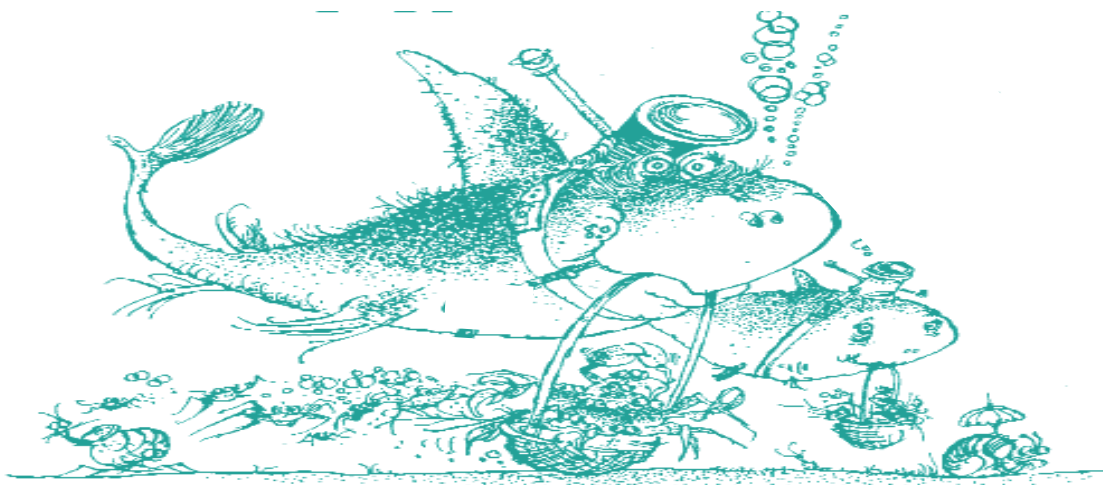


**All BAS meetings begin at 7:30pm.**

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 2013



**SUNDAY - MARCH 10 JERSEY SHORE AS 21ST ANNUAL TROPICAL FISH & DRY GOODS AUCTION** at the **Knights of Columbus, 70 E. Main St., Freehold, NJ.** Rare & exotic fish, a wide selection of aquatic plants. Free goodies & door prizes all day long. Snacks & refreshments available. Open to public - free admission (\$2 bidder fee). Viewing items 10am - 11:45am. Auction starts 12 Noon. **Info: e-mail [allaboutpetsllc@yahoo.com](mailto:allaboutpetsllc@yahoo.com), call (732)223-4530 or visit [www.jerseyshoreas.org](http://www.jerseyshoreas.org)**

**SATURDAY - MARCH 16 TROPICAL FISH SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND - TRIPLE CROWN FISH AUCTION** at **St. Joseph's Parish Center, 1303 Mendon Rd (Rte. 122), Cumberland, RI.** Free admission! Doors open at 10am. Auction starts at 12 Noon.  
**Directions to Auction:** Rte 295 to Rte 122. (exit 10). Take a left off ramp, proceed past Burger King on left & Rte 116 on right. Continue on Rte 122, approximately 1 mile. St Joseph's Church will be on your left. Turn left into driveway before the church, follow the driveway around rear and proceed to top of hill. The Parish center will be on your right. **For more info: Al Wagonblott (401) 619-7805 or visit: [mr\\_wiggles\\_sr@hotmail.com](mailto:mr_wiggles_sr@hotmail.com).**

**FRIDAY - Sunday, April 5-7 NEC CONVENTION** at the **Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, CT.** **Speakers include: Lee Finley, Mark Denaro,**

**Todd Gardner, Rachel O'Leary, Charles Clapsaddle, Andre Carletto, Greg Steveeves, Richard Poerce, Amanda Wanger.** Convention rate is \$99 per night (plus tax) for nights of April 5 - 7. This special rate is available through March 31, 2013. Please make hotel reservations by using the link listed. **[https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_ei\\_new&eventID=9602169](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=9602169)** or call **1-860-635-2000 or 1-877 2 CROWNE (1-877-227-6963).** Mention code **NFQ.** **Contact Leslie Dick** by e-mail if you have any questions or concerns.

**SATURDAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 6 - 7 MARINE AQUARIUM EXPO,** at the **O.C. Fair & Event Center 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.** The **Marine Aquarium Expo ("MAX")** is the largest consumer event for the hobby in North America! You'll see the latest innovative products in the hobby as well as purchase livestock and dry goods from over 70 exhibitors! **Speakers include: Marc Levenson, Ret Talbot, Aviad Ben-Zekry, Bob Fenner, Mark Callahan & Dr. Timothy Hovanec.** MAX is family-friendly. Our signature "Fin-Zone" includes an 8ft Touch Tank to introduce kids to exotic marine animals, an H.D. theater, contests, prizes, and many other activities for a day of entertainment! Admission is \$15 for Adults, \$10 for Seniors & Military, \$5 for HS Students & FREE for Children 12 & under. **More information: [www.marineaquariumexpo.com](http://www.marineaquariumexpo.com).**



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### EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS IN 2013

**APRIL 12-14 MAIS SPRING FLING FISHY THING** at the St. Louis Airport Crowne Plaza Hotel. Our speakers are Eric Hanneman, Mike Wickham, Rusty Wessel and Mike Hellweg. We have a talk scheduled for Fri. evening with a pizza party/hospitality room to follow. Talks all day Saturday with our annual banquet that evening. Our spring auction would be on Sunday. Once again, Ray "Kingfish" Lucas will be set up in our vendor room and others will be announced as they commit. There will also be a show this year. **More information:** Scott Bush at 314-486-8872.

**SUNDAY - APRIL 28 -NORTH JERSEY A S, TROPICAL FISH FLEA MARKET VENDOR DISPLAY & AUCTION** held at Quality Inn, 10 Polito Ave., Lyndhurst, NJ. Rooms \$99. For information, 201-933-9800 or [www.njas.net](http://www.njas.net).

**SUNDAY - MAY 19 OTTER VALLEY A S ANNUAL TROPICAL FISH & PLANT AUCTION & PEOPLES CHOICE'S BOWL SHOW** at the Rutland/Killington Holiday Inn located on US Route 7 near the junction of Rte 4. **IMPORTANT DRIVING INFO:** The GPS systems will not recognize their physical address. We highly recommend you use 1 Holiday Drive, Rutland, VT 05701. **Make it a Weekend Getaway. Enjoy Beautiful Vermont, then attend the Auction on Sunday. Special room rates for the Auction weekend \$92 per night including breakfast.** For reservations call 800 462-4810 or [info@hivermont.com](mailto:info@hivermont.com). Viewing lots 9:30am - 11:30am • Auction starts 12 noon. Free Admission • Refreshments Available. **For more information, contact Lee Scott at 802-537-2713 or [Leebrianscott@yahoo.com](mailto:Leebrianscott@yahoo.com) or [www.ovasociety.com](http://www.ovasociety.com).**

**Friday - Sunday - MAY 24-26 2013 The American Killifish Association 52nd Annual National Convention** held in Portland, Oregon at the Red Lion Hotel on the River, 909 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland OR 97217. **Speakers:** Bela Nagy Adventures Collecting Killifish, • Marc Bo-gaerts The Search for A. cameronense • Ken Normandin Panama Killifish • Jason Podrabsky Annualism in Killifish • Frans Vermeulen The Moroa Expedition 2012 - Killies on Ice-A Killie Guy on Aruba. **Hotel Info:** For reservations call the hotel at 1-503-283-4466 or use this link Convention 2013 at: [www.aka.org](http://www.aka.org). To get the special rate of \$94 per night this rate is guaranteed up to May 2nd.

**Registration info:** Go to the AKA website at [www.aka.org](http://www.aka.org).

**AUGUST 30th - SEPTEMBER 1st MARINE AQUARIUM CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICA**, held at the Westin Diplomat Hotel, 3555 South Ocean Dr, Hollywood, FL 33019. Phone: (954) 602-6000. Group rates available until August 7, 2013. Subject to availability. Choose beachfront surf & sand or a more intimate stay surrounded by golf course greens and a full-service spa. **Speakers:** Tony Vargas, Morgan Moore, Matt Wittenrich, Matt Wandell, Kevin Kohen, Julian Sprung, Jake Adams, Craig Bingman, Colin Foord, Ching Chai, Sanjay Joshi, Martin Moe, Vincent Chalias. Full access Pass \$109. Vendors/Speakers Day Pass \$30, Friday Reception Pass \$20, Saturday Banquet Pass \$30. If you have a question about tickets or registering, please send your emails directly to [registration@macna2013.com](mailto:registration@macna2013.com).

# BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2013 - 2014

**MAR 8 Kevin Kohen - Superstar Fishes for Reef Aquaria** ~ 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 - Coral & Marine Inverts' Tolerances for Dry Shipping** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

### JULY/AUGUST - NO MEETINGS

**SEPT 13 Joe Graffagnino ~ Knowledge of Useless S - - t I Acquired Over the Years** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**OCT 11 Giant Fall Auction** ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a 55 gal. tank & stand.

**NOV 8 John Coppolino ~ Modern Fish Keeping in Reef Aquaria** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**DEC 13 Holiday Party** ~ Members, their families and friends, all you can eat sit-down dinner • Fish Bingo & Prizes • BAS Awards presentations.

### 2014

**JAN 10 Pat Donston ~ Marine/reef TBA** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**FEB 14 Chuck Davis ~ Topic TBA** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**MAR 13 Gene Ritter ~ Reef Diving in NYC** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**APR 12 Rachel Oleary ~ Freshwater topic TBA** Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**MAY 9 Giant Spring Auction** ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods including a 55 gal. tank & stand.

**JUN 14 TBA**

### JULY/AUGUST - NO MEETINGS

**SEPT 12 TBA FRESHWATER EVENT**

**OCT 10 Giant Fall Auction** ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a 55 gallon tank & stand.

**NOV 14 James Fatherree ~ topic TBA Marine** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**DEC 12 Holiday Party** ~ Members, their families and friends, all you can eat sit-down dinner • Fish Bingo & Prizes • BAS awards presentation.

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Inc. is a non-profit organization 501(C) (3) for people interested in the aquarium hobby and the study of aquatic life. The Society meets the 2nd Friday of each month except July and August at the Educational Hall of the N.Y. Aquarium at Coney Island, Surf Ave. at West 8th St., at 7:30 PM. Meetings are open to visitors. Membership is \$25 per year family, \$20 individual, \$15 for students under 14. Send inquires or membership checks to Brooklyn Aquarium Society, c/o Membership Chairperson, P.O. Box 290610, Brooklyn, NY 11229-0011.

# IN REMEMBRANCE

It is with sadness that I report to our members that former  
BAS president (2003-2007) Al DiSpigna's  
brother

**Joseph DiSpigna**

passed away February 7, 2013

He was 85 ~ 1928~2013

*Please keep him in your prayers.*

# COLD WEATHER HELP FOR YOUR FISH FROM BAS

**W**ith cold weather setting in, transporting livestock home can be a problem. If you know you're going to buy fish or corals, you should have an insulated bag to carry them home. The BAS has developed a great insulated carrying bag for members; with a reflective aluminum foil interior. It has comfortable plastic handles and is constructed with eco-friendly P.E.T (Polyethylene terephthalate). The bag is made from post-consumer water bottles (85% from water bottles, 15% from other recycled materials). It's 22"H x 16"W x 11"D. Big enough to carry lots of livestock bags. It also folds up for flat easy

storage. The bag is black with the BAS logo in yellow on one side, and features a unique full Velcro closure to keep your fish and corals safely in and the elements out. Members cost is only \$10. You can purchase one at one of our events

They'll be going fast, so a word to the wise...get yours at the next event. Keep it in your car, so you'll always be ready to protect any fish or corals you get this winter.

They're perfect for carrying and protecting livestock home from Society auctions or store purchases.

Get one at the next event!

**A GREAT INSULATED CARRYING BAG FROM BAS!  
ONLY \$10  
KEEP YOUR FISH AND CORALS WARM THIS WINTER.**





I received this invitation from one of  
the clubs I exchange with,  
The Sacramento AS.  
If you ever dreamt about collecting  
fish in the wild, here's a  
perfect opportunity.

## *Joe Graffagnino*

**I**nterested in going to the Peruvian Amazon to collect fish and then bring them back? Copa Airlines has great prices on round trip tickets - LAX to Iquitos for \$700. You will fly from LAX to Panama City, Panama and then a direct flight from PC to Iquitos. I just purchased mine. Will be leaving LAX on Friday, 15 March (take a red eye out of LA and arrive in Iquitos the next day at 2:30 PM) and returning Saturday, 23 March.

The cost break down will look something like this: **Flight** - \$700.00  
**Hotel** - \$20 - \$40/day depending on where people stay. The hotel I stay at is \$40 a night, which includes a small kitchenette with fridge and ac, and hot shower. They also have a few of two bedroom places, but am not sure of the cost.

**Food** - \$15-\$35/day depends on what you like to eat. Grilled chicken and fries around \$7.00

**Guide** - \$15/day

**Transportation** - \$10-\$15/day

You will also have a chance to visit some of the fishermen's houses and exporters to purchase fish that you may be interested in. If you are interested, contact me directly for the information.

**Anthony I. Mazeroll, Ph.D.**  
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# BAS Forum Post Contest Winners for February

**T**he 1st place winner of last months BAS Forum contest: *WHO CAN APPLY THE MOST POSTS PER MONTH* was:

**Steve Matassa**, he received \$25 worth of BA\$ Buck\$. **John Fox** took 2nd and received \$10 in BA\$ Buck\$

**The March contest is on now.**

To participate in the March BAS Forum contest, with the chance of winning BA\$ Buck\$ go to 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/>

Good luck     Joe

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

**A**s a sponsor of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society, you get the following:

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

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

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

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

**Joe Graffagnino,**  
BAS President





# **MARCH AUCTION**

## **50/50 SPLIT!**

At this month's meeting there will be a 50/50 split for fish, corals and plants, that you bring in for the auction.



## BIG DONATION. BIG THANKS TO BROOKLYN ZOO

**T**hanks to **The Brooklyn Zoo** for their generous donation and their continued support to the Brooklyn Aquarium Society. Please visit their website at <http://brooklynzooandaquarium.com/> Remember to show them your BAS membership card to both show your support and get their BAS membership discount. Once again, thank you!

## DONATIONS RECEIVED

**I**n December we received 2 aquariums (55 hex and a 75 gallon with glass canopy's) from **Anthony DeNicola** and we received in Jan. over 16 aquarium books from **Russ Novac**.

**THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROUS DONATIONS.**

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society is a federally registered 501c3 nonprofit organization.  
Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

## NEC'S 38th ANNUAL CONVENTION APRIL 5th - 7th REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

**T**he NEC CONVENTION will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, CT. This is a great event for hobbyists. I have attended the convention for all three days and found it a great way to meet fellow hobbyists, hear great speakers and attend a super tropical fish auction.

Speakers include: **Lee Finley, Mark Denaro, Todd Gardner, Rachel O'Leary, Charles Clapsaddle, Andre Carletto, Greg Steveeves, Richard Porce, Amanda Wanger.** Convention rate is \$99 per night (plus tax) for nights of April 5 - 7. This special rate is

available through March 31, 2013. Make hotel reservations by using the link listed.

[https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_ei\\_new&eventID=9602169](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=9602169) or call 1-860-635-2000 or 1-877-227-6963. Mention code NFQ. Contact **Leslie Dick** by e-mail if you have any questions or concerns.

Take my word for it -- you'll have a great time. I've already booked to attend. Hope to see you there!

**John T.**

## 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!

## REGIONAL SOCIETY EVENTS FOR 2013

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.

### FRI. MAR 1 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION

#### • REEF GARAGE SALE - GOT STUFF? SELL IT HERE!

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. MAR 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](mailto:mike@berkshiredesign.com), or for directions go to [pvas.net](http://pvas.net)

### WED. MARCH 6 - GREATER CITY AS

#### • TBA.

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)

### MON. MAR 11 - JERSEY SHORE AS

#### • AMERICAN WATER CO. - WATER QUALITY AND YOUR TOWN

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. MAR 12 - 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)

### TUE. MAR 12 - OTTER VALLEY AS

#### • TBA

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](mailto:jtoddybas@aol.com)

### FRI. MAR 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](http://www.liasonline.org)

### SUN. MAR 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](http://www.guppysa2z.com)

### THUR. MAR 21 - 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. MAR 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](http://www.njas.net) or <http://www.meadowlandsstate.nj.us/directions.html>

### TUE. MAR 26 - GREATER HARTFORD AS

#### • TBA

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

### FRI. MAR 22- 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).

### WED. MAR 27 - METROPOLITAN AREA KILLIFISH ASSOC. (MAKA)

#### • TBA

Meets 4th Wednesday of the month at 8 pm 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)

## CHECK ALL TIMES AND DATES BEFORE ATTENDING

If listed TBA (to be Announced), that means the society has not gotten a speaker or has not updated their calendar of events as of the printing of this list.



## MARINE TIP OF THE MONTH

When feeding marine fish, remember that they will often accept aquatic live foods that are used to feed freshwater fish, but keep in mind that these live foods may not live as long in sea water. Livebearer fry may survive longer than other freshwater fry.

Also, remember that many marine fish need to have green matter in their diets. Others may be herbivorous and will only eat green matter. So keep a bright light on your tank to help encourage lush growths of algae for these fish to feed on.

Keep an eye on the fish when you feed them and remove any uneaten food; otherwise, it will begin to pollute the water. Never overfeed. Fish are not like people; they do not have to eat three times a day.

For freshwater fish, the same holds true. Do not feed them more than they can consume in 5 to 15 minutes. Smaller feeding at regular intervals throughout the day is better than one big feeding.

If you have nocturnal feeders, Loaches, etc., feed them at night when the lights are out with sinking food pellets so that they get to feed without competition from the day feeders.

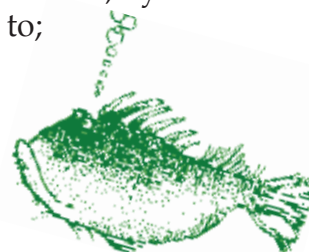


## FRESHWATER TIP OF THE MONTH

Many aquarists start breeding their fish at this time of year. Keep written records. You can use these records in writing articles for *Aquatica*.

These articles help others in breeding fish. Records should contain such information as pH, temperature, size of tank, cycle of light, feeding schedule, etc. Email your articles to;

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The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Inc. is a non-profit organization 501(C) (3) for people interested in the aquarium hobby and the study of aquatic life. The Society meets the 2nd Friday of each month except July and August at the Educational Hall of the N.Y. Aquarium at Coney Island, Surf Ave. at West 8th St., at 7:30 PM. Meetings are open to visitors. Membership is \$25 per year family, \$20 individual, \$15 for students under 14. Send inquires or membership checks to Brooklyn Aquarium Society, c/o Membership Chairperson, P.O. Box 290610, Brooklyn, NY 11229-0011.

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