

103 Years of Educating Aquarists

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 11 @ 7:30 PM**

WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT

## Rachel O'Leary

Freshwater Nano Diversity  
The Ins, Outs, & In-betweens



Photograph by Tomasz Lis -  
winner of 2013 BAS photo  
contest for best Nano Tank

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

**Open to the Public • Free Parking • Free Refreshments**

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

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

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

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our March event brought in a different type of guest speaker. **Gene Ritter**, an experienced diver in NYC waters, was our guest for the evening. His topic was *"Reef Diving in NYC."* Gene's presentation and videos were fascinating. He spoke of his many different exploits and findings beneath the

waves in our own back yard. He discussed the finding of the Steeplechase Pier bell, a sunken Army barge filled with ammunition at the base of the Verrazano Bridge, and having celebrities take dives in the waters surrounding New York – which included our NY Aquarium Director **Jon Forrest Dohlin**. Gene discovered several Revolutionary warships that were sunk in the East River and a World War II fighter plane that went down off of Westchester. The fighter plane on a training mission crashed without a trace. Many years later, a relative of the pilot was convinced he knew where the plane was located. He talked Gene into the search and before long they did discover the aircraft 40 miles away from where it should have been. A coincidence or a voice from beyond? You decide.

Since poor weather kept some members away last month, we decided to have our 103rd birthday party at our March event. It was a beautiful and delicious cake (proof of that was there was not one piece left). A good time was had by all!

Next month's event brings **Rachel O'Leary** as our guest speaker. Rachel is a most sought after speaker. She will be speaking on *"Freshwater Nano Diversity – The Ins, Outs and In-Betweens."* Rachel is an invertebrate expert, so I'm sure she will talk on snails and shrimps and what fish species would go well with them. Put it on your calendar to be at the NY Aquarium Education Hall for April 11 at 7:30 PM. As always, there is Free Parking and Free Refreshments.

Please visit our new website where you can read the *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**.

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**  
BAS President



# THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

## Rachel O'Leary

**R**achel O'Leary has been in the hobby since childhood, but has gotten increasingly active in the past decade. She is currently operating over seventy tanks with interests that range from the micro to monster. She has a special focus on dwarf freshwater invertebrates including snails, shrimp, crayfish and aquatic crabs, as well as all freshwater nano fish. Rachel is currently raising over one hundred different species, all of which are in the nano category. She also has a passion and interest in gar and *polypterids* and houses several species.

Rachel is currently breeding catfish, many species of shrimp, snails, *pseudomugil* rainbows, dwarf crayfish, West African dwarf cichlids, discus, *ancistrus* and *hypancistrus plecos*, as well as a range of livebearers and egg scatterers. Her tanks range in size from 10 gallons to 220 gallons.

Rachel is an active member and on the board of the Capital Cichlid Association. In addition, she is a global moderator on Aquaria Central and at MonsterFishKeepers, actively attends conventions and travels to speak at clubs on her invertebrate and micro fish interests.

She imports from around the world to redistribute and help share with aquarists around the country. A mother of two, she actively donates livestock to schools in her area and around the country.

Rachel is an exciting speaker with a wide range of aquatic knowledge. This is an event you just can't miss.

See you at the meeting.



# BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2014 - 15

**APR 11 Rachel O'Leary ~ Freshwater Nano Diversity: The Ins, Outs and In-Betweens ~** 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 13 Chuck Davis ~ Gizmos, gadgets and other good ideas ~** Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction. BAS elections.

### **JULY/AUGUST - NO MEETINGS**

**SEPT 12 Greg Sullivan ~ Saltwater for the squeamish ~**

Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**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 ~ Reef Basics ~** 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 presentations.

### **2015**

**JAN 9 TBA Freshwater ~** Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**FEB 13 Joe Yaiullo - Marine TBD ~** Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**MAR 13 Discus Hans - Discus ~** Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**APR 10 Todd C. LaJeunesse The Intriguing Evolution of Palau Corals ~** Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**MAY 8 Giant Spring Auction ~** Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods including a 55 gal. tank & stand.

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**OCT 9 Giant Fall Auction ~** Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a brand new 55 gallon tank & stand.

**NOV 13 TBA ~** Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

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

No members, other than those donating their help setting up or items for the auction, will be allowed in before that time.

## COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

### EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS 2014

**APR. 5-6 - MARINE AQUARIUM EXPO** held at the O.C. Fair & Event Center, Southern California, 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, Building #18. The 2014 Marine Aquarium Expo (MAX) is the LARGEST consumer event for the aquarium hobby in North America! Experience the latest innovative products in the aquarium hobby as well as shop for livestock and dry goods from over 70 exhibitors! MAX is extremely family-friendly and entertaining for hobbyists of all ages. For info: visit [www.marineaquariumexpo.com](http://www.marineaquariumexpo.com)

**May 15-18 - AMERICAN LIVEBEARER ASSOCIATION ALA Convention** held at the Crowne Plaza, St. Louis, Missouri. Room rates are \$91 per night. To register, call (314)291-6700. Tell them it's for the ALA. To register for the convention, go to ALA website [www.alaconvention2014.com](http://www.alaconvention2014.com). Speakers: Dr. John Lyons, Dr. Bourne, Rick Borstein, Charles Clapsaddle, Mike Hellwig, Gary Lange, Jennifer Reynolds, Juan Miguel Artigas Azas. The Missouri AS and the American Livebearer Association invite you to come to the legendary yearly gathering of Ovoviviparous and Viviparous fish fans from all over the globe. There will be lectures on the science, husbandry and habitat topics of livebearers from all over the world. You'll enjoy a HUGE vendors' showroom, silent auction, raffles, the world's largest livebearer only auction, the Gonopodium Galleria, a nightly hospitality room and tours, along with all the great stuff St. Louis has to offer. For info: [www.livebearers.org](http://www.livebearers.org)

**MAY 23-25 - 2014 AMERICAN KILLIFISH ASSOCIATION National Convention** held at Sheraton Syracuse University, 801 University Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210. The 2014 American Killifish Association National Convention is a three day show that includes 100s of killies for sale and auction. Fish room sales start at 7:30am in the Comestock Room. It is being hosted by the following clubs: Southern New England Killifish Association (SNEKA), Long Island Killifish Association (LIKA) and Upstate New York Killifish Association (UNYKA).

**Speakers:** Harry Faustmann (a BAS member) Mike McNamee, Lenny Mackowiak and more speakers to be announced. A Saturday banquet with tons of other events. The Sunday Auction will start at 11AM. The banquet speaker for the show is Stefano Valdesalici from Italy. For hotel reservations, call (315) 475-3000. (\$115. per night. Tell them it is for the AKA national convention.) For information or to register for the event and banquets & buffets, visit [2014AKANationalConvention.com](http://2014AKANationalConvention.com).

**JUNE 6-8 - THE TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON CELEBRATES 25 YEARS.** Please join us. Held at the Holiday Inn, South Burlington, VT. There will be great seminars and speakers: Eric Bodrock, Regina Spotti, Rachel O'Leary, Stephan Tanner. We will have a tour of Vermont Microbreweries, a dinner cruise on Lake Champlain, Friday night social BBQ, Plus Sunday auction, raffles, vendors and much more. For more info, please visit: [www.tfcb.org](http://www.tfcb.org)  
**SEE DETAILS ON THIS EVENT/TRIP ON PAGE 4.**

**JUNE 20-22 - NORTH AMERICAN DISCUS ASSOCIATION (NADA).** Held at Omni Austin hotel at Southpark 2012, 4140 Governor's Row, Austin, TX 78744, Ph: (512) 448-2222, Fax: (512)

442-8028 Speakers: Cuneyt Birol, Paul Butler, Joe Gargas, Spencer Jack, University of Florida, Ed Nog.  
For info: [www.nadaaustin2014.com](http://www.nadaaustin2014.com)

**JULY 10 - 13 - AMERICAN CICHLID ASSOCIATION (ACA)** At Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Louisville airport. For reservations, call 888-233-9527 ask for the American Cichlid Assoc. room block. The ACA hosts a fabulous convention with a spectacular collection of the finest cichlids. Enjoy an action-packed, non-stop weekend filled with world-renowned speakers, workshops, vendors, raffles, Study Groups, and Sunday's cichlid auction! The Louisville Convention Chair Rusty Wessel and his committee are happy to help you to plan for this event. Register today at: <http://www.ACA-Convention.com>

**OCTOBER 25-26 - CORALCON 2014** held at the Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, FL. Hosted by the Scariest Reef Conference In The World in Orlando, Florida. 100 vendors from around the world will be on display with the latest & greatest in reef fish, coral, foods and products. For information: visit: [www.coralcon.org](http://www.coralcon.org)

**NOVEMBER 7 - 9 AQUATIC EXPERIENCE** held at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel, Schaumburg Convention Center, Chicago, Illinois. Everything aquatic under one roof. 48,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space, displays, latest products, show specials, education seminars and networking. Both freshwater and saltwater. Speakers: Jake Adams, Heiko Bleher, Charles Delbeek, Patrick Donston, Bob Fenner, Ted Judy, Oliver Knott, Oliver Lucanus, Steve Lundblad, Brandon McLane, Joe Olenik, Jen Reynolds and Rusty Wessel. Weekend pass \$99 (show floor and early access to all seminars all weekend, Saturday, Speaker Meet & Greet and Keynote Banquet) - See more at: <http://aquaticexperience.org/tickets/#sthash.bPrkBAWw.dpuf>. Hotel \$105 per night, plus 14% sales tax • Complimentary parking • 2 Restaurants • Bar/lounge • free guest room internet • room service • complimentary fitness center • parking is FREE! • valet parking available for \$14.00 a day. Info at: <http://aquaticexperience.org/hotel-travel/#sthash.FgwPiNUq.dpuf>. Reservations deadline is Oct. 17 call 1-877-303-0104  
More information visit [www.aquaticexperience.org](http://www.aquaticexperience.org).

### 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.**

# BAS 2014 PHOTO CONTEST

PRINT & SAVE IF YOU ARE ENTERING THE CONTEST

**NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN**

## HOW TO ENTER:

The 2nd Brooklyn Aquarium Society Photo Contest will be announced Friday, May 9th, 2014 at the monthly BAS meeting. All entries will be accepted starting Friday, August 1st, 2014 through Sunday, October 13th, 2014. The results of the Contest will be announced on Friday, November 14th, 2014, at the awards ceremony held at the Society's monthly meeting. Digital photos must be submitted to [basnyphotocontest.weebly.com](http://basnyphotocontest.weebly.com) in JPEG format. Photos submitted must be 6 MP or greater. As a condition of registration, you will be required to fill out all spaces marked with an asterisk (\*) to signify that you accept and agree to be bound by these Official Rules. With each submission, participants must include the following: 1) Name of Photographer, 2) Phone Number, 3) Email, 4) Screen name under which they wish to appear, 5) Category in which photo is to be entered, and 6) Scientific and Common Name of Subject in Photo.

## CATEGORIES:

### FRESH WATER

- Best Aquascape
- Best Nano Aquarium (2 ½ - 10 gallons)
- Best Med-sized aquarium (12 - 40 gallons)
- Best Large aquarium (50 + gallons)
- Spectacular Freshwater Fish
- Most Fabulous Plant
- Most Amazing Freshwater Invert
- Best Freshwater Photo (any category)
- Awesome Ponds
- Best Fully Aquatic Creature in Their Environment

### SALT WATER

- Best Aquascape
- Nano Aquarium (2 1/2 -10 gallons)
- Best Med-sized aquarium (12 - 40 gallons)
- Best Large aquarium (50 + gallons)
- Spectacular Saltwater Fish
- Most Breathtaking Coral Reefs
- Most Amazing Saltwater Invert
- Best Saltwater Photo (any category)
- Best Fully Aquatic Creature in Their Environment

## PHOTO ELIGIBILITY:

To enter, you must be a member of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society in good standing or an active (at least 5 posts in the prior 3 months) member of the BAS Forum. No age restrictions. BAS judging individuals and their immediate family are not eligible. Entries that fail to comply with the Official Contest Rules will be disqualified.

## IMAGE MODIFICATIONS:

Minor digital enhancement is permitted, but images that have been significantly modified or appear unnatural will be disqualified.

## NUMBER OF ENTRIES:

An individual may submit a maximum of three (3) photos per category.

## PHOTO SUBJECT RESTRICTIONS:

Photos must be appropriate for category entered. Photos unrelated

to the contest or of questionable content will not be considered. BAS retains sole discretion as to what constitutes appropriate content. Photos must not contain people or other objects other than the subject for the category entered.

## DEADLINE:

Contest ends midnight Sunday October 19th, 2014. Any late entries will not be considered.

## PRIZES:

Prizes for each category to be announced during the September 12th, 2014 BAS meeting, on the [basnyphotocontest.weebly.com](http://basnyphotocontest.weebly.com) site, on the Brooklyn Aquarium Society Facebook page, and on our web site ([www.brooklynaquariumsociety.org](http://www.brooklynaquariumsociety.org)). No substitution or transfer of prize permitted by winner. Sponsors reserve the right to substitute prize of equal or greater value.

## JUDGING:

Entries will be judged on the basis of overall photographic quality, showing clarity and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and/or unique character of the object in their respective categories. A panel of judges consisting of representatives of the Contest's sponsors as well as members of the BAS Board will judge the entries and all contest decisions are final.

## WINNERS:

The judging panel will select 19 winning entries (one per category). Winners and all prizes will be announced and presented during the BAS November 14th, 2014 meeting. For any winner not able to attend the meeting, the prize will be kept at BAS until the December 12th, 2014 meeting. If the winner/s fails to collect the prize as mentioned earlier, the prize/s will be mailed to the contestant.

## PHOTOGRAPHER/COPYRIGHT:

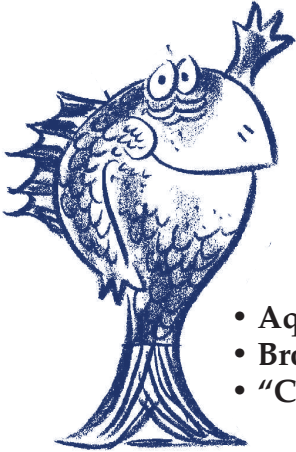
Entries must be submitted by the original photographer. Do not submit a photo taken by someone other than yourself. You must be the sole owner of the image submitted. By submitting your photo, you guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo. The contestant waives all rights upon submission and therefore has no recourse whatsoever in the use of the photo. Winner agrees by submitting photos for consideration that they may be used by the sponsors of our contest who donate the prizes, in their advertising or other promotional efforts at no additional remuneration. Winning entries will be published in BAS publications and on our Web site.

## ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

BAS is not responsible for computer system, hardware, software, or program malfunctions or other errors, failures, or delayed computer transactions or network connections that are human or technical in nature. Furthermore, BAS is not responsible for: (i) lost, misdirected, misplaced, illegible, unintelligible, incomplete, or late entries or (ii) any act, failure to act, or delay regarding the transmitting or processing of entries. BAS reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel or suspend all or any portion of this contest without notice. BAS is entitled to interpret these rules as needed and its decisions are final. BAS reserves the right to disqualify any entrant that BAS has reason to believe is not the original work of entrant, or does not otherwise meet the contest rules.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

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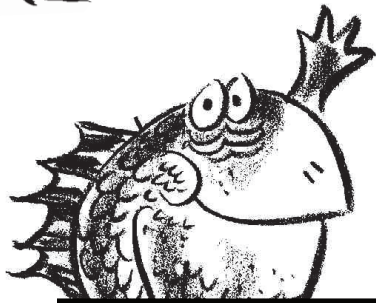
## NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS

#### NEW MEMBERS

Aleksandr Aleshintsev  
Shui W. Kwong  
Joshua Lang  
Roberto Morales  
Sal Morales

#### RENEWALS:

Raymond Camacho  
Frank Campo  
Robert Conroy  
Danyale English  
Charlie Ridgeway  
Arthur Rutigliano



## • CAN YOU HELP? •

• **Can any members pick up fish at our sponsor stores** in New Jersey? These stores are **Absolutely Fish**, Clifton, NJ and **Pet Shanty**, Scotch Plains, NJ. If you can, please contact **JOE GRAFFAGNINO** at 917-922-5108.

• **We need a member that is skilled in video programming** to have our speaker videos taken from our video camera and put onto a portable hard drive, moved to a PC, edited, burned to a DVD and uploaded to Video Plus for our BAS Forum. If you can do this - please contact Joe. We have the equipment. We need someone with the knowledge to take care of the project.

• **New Photo Contest starting soon** - stand by for more info!

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Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

# 25th ANNIVERSARY

## TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON, VT

### WEEKEND BUS TRIP!

**T**he 25th Anniversary of Burlington, VT bus trip. Leaving from Brooklyn at approx. 7:00AM on June 7 and returning Sunday evening, June 8. We are attempting to put an overnight trip together that is for both fish and non-fish people and supports David and Jeanne Banks' club, as they have supported many of our clubs in the past. If we don't have enough people to go, the deposit will be refunded!

#### **COSTS:**

Round trip by Bus: **FREE FOR BAS MEMBERS** (\$50- non-members)

Holiday Inn Hotel: \$99 plus tax. (Your Cost)

Convention registration: for 2 speaker seminars and Saturday night 3 hour dinner cruise on Lake Champlain: \$50. (Your Cost)

Auction bidder card: **FREE.**

We are planning to join with other clubs in our area (North Jersey, Jersey Shore, Greater City and Nassau County Aquarium Societies) for a more fun trip. There will be a pick-up in Brooklyn and one in New Jersey. We plan on arriving in Burlington, VT on Saturday around 2:00PM. We will arrive in time for anyone who wants to attend the later TFCB lectures Saturday afternoon.

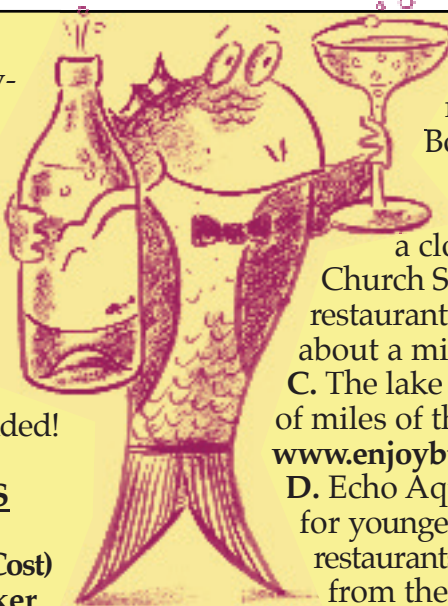
The bus will take us R/T to the boat dock for the dinner cruise at 6:00PM and return at 9:00PM

We will then check in at the hotel with a special convention rate of \$99. We will need a count to book rooms for the Holiday Inn, 1068 Williston Rd., So. Burlington, VT 05403 (802) 863-6363.

On Sunday, people on this trip have the choice of attending fish or non-fish events:

**Sunday Auction: No charge to attend the auction.**

Viewing of auction items starts at 10:30AM  
Non-fish people have numerous options for entertainment:



**A.** University Mall within walking distance of the hotel (1 / 4 mile). Sears, Penney's, Kohl's, Bon-ton, plus many smaller stores for shopping.

**B.** Downtown Burlington has a closed off "Marketplace" on Church Street with lots of shopping & restaurants with outdoor seating. Located about a mile from hotel.

**C.** The lake and beaches are within a couple of miles of the hotel. North Beach: <http://www.enjoyburlington.com/northbeach.cfm>.

**D.** Echo Aquarium & Science Center (great for younger kids) is on the waterfront has restaurants & shopping. About a mile from the hotel; the dinner cruise leaves from here.

**E.** An outdoor bar & grill right ON the water, close to where the dinner cruise leaves from.

<http://www.breakwatervt.com/images.html>.

**F.** The Shelburne Museum. Historical village – A walk back in time with all kinds of buildings, artifacts, quilts. Visit their website: [www.shelburnemuseum.org](http://www.shelburnemuseum.org).

We leave Burlington Sunday at approx. 4PM, stop in NY around 10PM, NJ by 11PM.

It is important that I get an accurate count of who would be interested in attending so I can arrange the bus, contact the hotel and let TFCB know that we are attending. Please send an email to

[JOEGRAFFAGNINO@yahoo.com](mailto:JOEGRAFFAGNINO@yahoo.com) if you are interested. A 50% deposit (cruise/registration) & hotel for room count only will be required! (People must make their own hotel reservations).

**WE MUST HAVE INFO ON WHO WILL ATTEND, WITH DEPOSIT, BY OUR APRIL EVENT (4/11/14).**

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



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# THE SAFE FISH CARRIER

## THE INSULATED CARRYING BAG

This is the new safe, convenient and modern way to transport fish from an auction or a store. It's not clumsy and bulky like a styro box, easy to carry and it folds up when not in use. They're perfect for carrying and protecting livestock home from Society auctions or store purchases

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 bag, and folds up for flat easy storage. The bag is black with the BAS logo in gold and features a full Velcro closure to keep fish and corals safe in any type of weather. Cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

It's strong enough to carry several bags of fish.

**ONLY \$10.**

You can purchase one at our events

**KEEP YOUR FISH SAFE IN TRANSIT!**



The BAS wishes Chuck Davis a speedy recovery.

GET WELL SOON CHUCK!



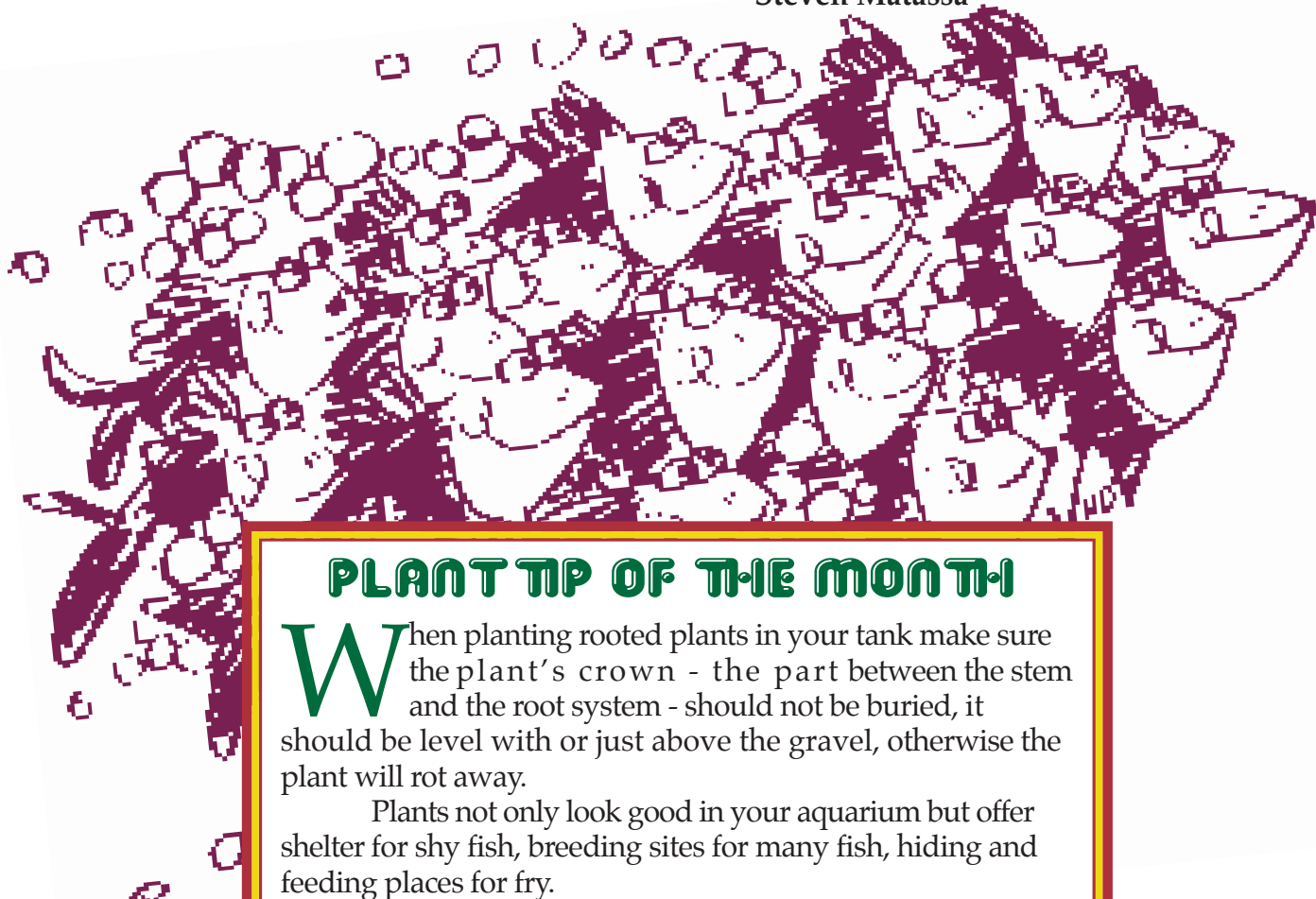
Chuck's making great progress. For those who don't know, **Chuck Davis** is the recipient of the world's first fish -human heart transplant.

He received the heart from that very red-tailed cat, Whiskers, his beloved pet of many years. He is recovering nicely and is expected to make a complete recovery. He reports an insatiable craving for sushi and has developed a strange croaking sound, but no other side effects to speak of.

# BAS ONLINE FORUM A GREAT PLACE TO MEET OTHER AQUARISTS

**C**heck out our new forum on our web site at [www.basny.org](http://www.basny.org) and click on **Forum** at the top right of the page. Registration is free and easy to all, so take advantage of this opportunity to ask your fish related questions, or just discuss whatever fish related topic you want like questions on filters, lights, pumps or anything else. There is even a place to sell or trade your fish, tanks or equipment. So help yourself and help us keep our forum going -- join today.

Steven Matassa



## PLANT TIP OF THE MONTH

**W**hen planting rooted plants in your tank make sure the plant's crown - the part between the stem and the root system - should not be buried, it should be level with or just above the gravel, otherwise the plant will rot away.

Plants not only look good in your aquarium but offer shelter for shy fish, breeding sites for many fish, hiding and feeding places for fry.

Many bunch plants can be propagated by cuttings and can be planted in the gravel and will root. These fine leaved plants are great for fry to hide in and are also often nibbled by herbivorous fish. As you can see live plants serve many important functions in the aquarium.

## REGIONAL SOCIETY EVENTS FOR 2014

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

### TUE. APR 1 - 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. APR 2 - GREATER CITY AS

#### • ROSARIO LACORTE- THE FISH I'VE WORKED WITH

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### FRI. APR 4 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION

#### • TBA

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

### TUES. APR 8 - NASSAU COUNTY AS

#### • TBA

Generally 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)

### THUR. APR 10 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON

#### • TBA

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at the VFW Hall in Essex Junction starting at 6:30pm. Free door prizes, bowl show (warmer months), monthly auction, fish discussions and a good time! New members are always welcome! For more information contact **David Banks** at [dbanks@together.net](mailto:dbanks@together.net)

### MON. APR 14 - JERSEY SHORE AS

#### • DISCUSSION ON AQUATIC PLANTS

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); or (732)-859-5595; [mws71@yahoo.com](mailto:mws71@yahoo.com)

### THUR. APR 17 - 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. APR 17 - NORTH JERSEY AS

#### • TBA

Meeting at 7:45pm every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Nutley Elks Lodge, 242 Chestnut St., Nutley, NJ 07110. NJAS one of the largest and most well respected aquarium clubs in North America. Since 1953, NJAS has provided a friendly outlet for the exchange of aquarium-related ideas and information, and recognizes the accomplishments of local hobbyists. For more info: [www.njas.net/](http://www.njas.net/)

### FRI. APR 18 - LONG ISLAND AS

#### • TBA

Usually meets the 3rd Friday of the month. Meetings are now held at SUNY Stony Brook's Maritime Science area, Room 120 in Endeavor Hall (After you enter building, take hallway on the right. Room 120 is first room on the left) on the State University at Stony Brook Campus, Stony Brook, NY 11794. Doors open @ 7:30pm meeting starts @ 8pm Speakers, auctions, refreshments, free parking. For info. [www.liasonline.org](http://www.liasonline.org)

### TUE. APR 22 - GREATER HARTFORD AS

#### • TBA

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

### WED. APR 23 - METROPOLITAN AREA KILLIFISH ASSOC. (MAKA)

#### • TBA

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

### FRI. APR 25 - 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).

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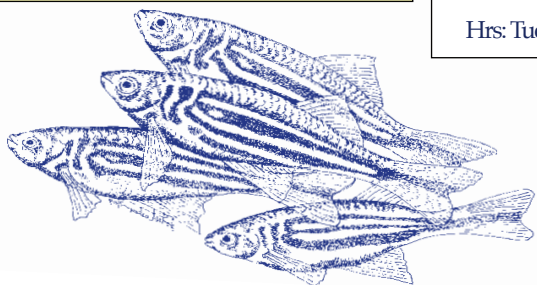
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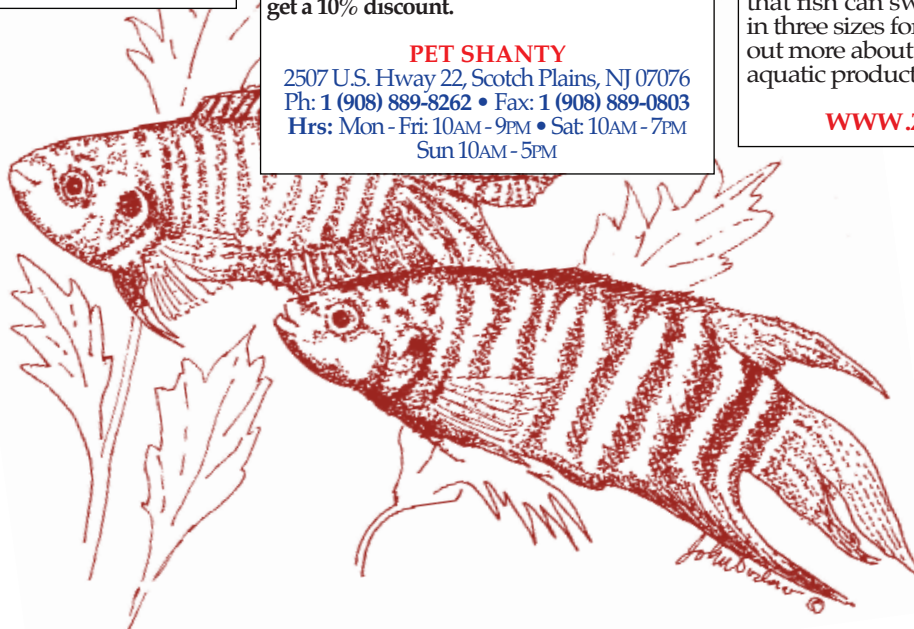
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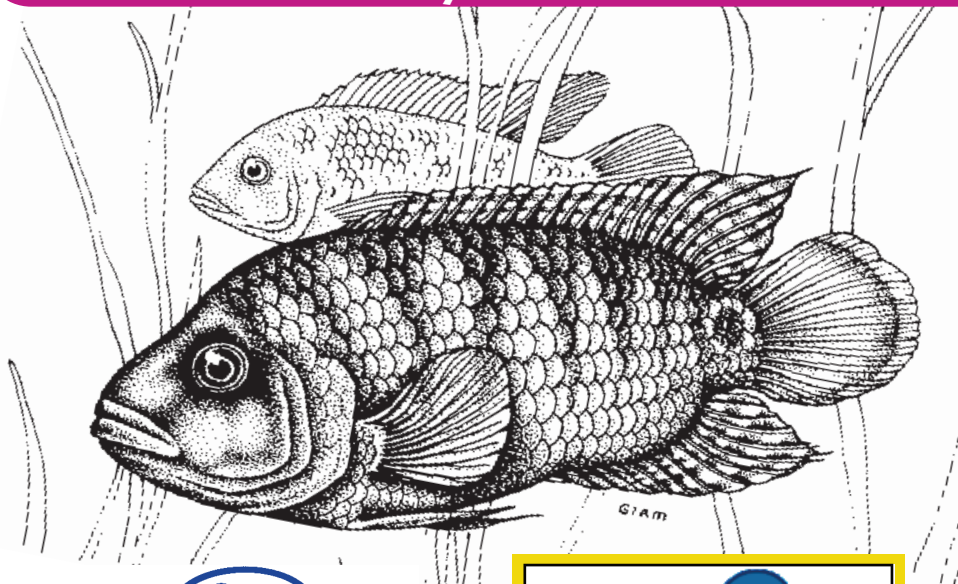
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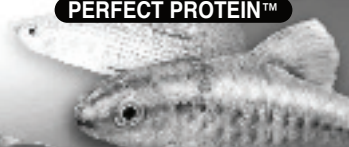
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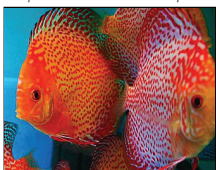
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