

103 Years of Educating Aquarists

BAS BULLETIN

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 @ 7:30 PM

IT'S HOLIDAY PARTY TIME



Join us for
our Annual
Holiday &
Awards
Party.
Great food
&
fish friends!

BRING A DISH - ALL YOU CAN EAT - SIT DOWN DINNER

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

For Information Visit WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG.

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

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We had a fun time at this month's event! **James Fatherree** was our speaker and he delved into his topic of "Reef Basics" head first. He showed how easy it was to set up and maintain a marine aquarium. Just keep it simple and stay with the basics. He had a great presentation and stayed late to answer the audience's questions. Everyone got a

real education thanks to James.

Our auction was very diversified with marine livestock, plants and freshwater fish. Members who brought in fish, corals and plants were able to go 50/50 at the auction. We only have this twice each year – November and April. This is our way of giving back to our members and also sharing the livestock with others so everyone can benefit.

We had the winners of our 2014 Photo Contest come up and accept their fantastic prizes. Our wonderful sponsors provided high quality products so everyone was happy they participated. More on this later in the *Bulletin*.

Just because our Photo Contest is over doesn't mean there aren't more exciting things going on at BAS. We still have our **Forum Q & A contest**. Submit questions and/or provide answers on fish, corals and plants to win prizes. We plan on having this contest 3 times each year, so get involved and try to stump our Forum members.

You do not have to be a BAS member to enter.

We had a terrible tragedy befall our club at Halloween. One of our young members, just 7 years old, died from an allergic reaction to something he ate. **Joseph DeNicola** was always an active participant at our meetings. I don't know how he managed to stay awake and continue to help with his big brother and his dad, but he never stopped. This month, we passed around the hat for a collection for his family as our way of fostering solidarity that we are one family. Little Joey will be sorely missed by everyone!

December is our **Holiday Party** so please bring enough food for all of us to enjoy. The last

couple of years the food quantity has been replaced with soda, cookies and desserts. **Please contact our 2nd Vice President, Marie Licciardello** as to what you want to bring or she can recommend a dish of food that you and your family can bring. [See separate article in this *Bulletin* for Marie's contact information.] Please keep in mind that we cannot have any alcoholic beverages on the premises. What we will have is our award ceremony where hard working members who toiled all year will get their rewards. Also, lest we forget, we will have our wonderful Fish Bingo, administered by our wonderful Marie Licciardello. You must participate in order to win our great fishy prizes.

As always, the meetings will be at the NY Aquarium Education Hall. Doors open at 7:30 PM. And, as always, there is Free Parking and Free Refreshments. Be alert to detours to Ed Hall during construction.

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 remarkable. 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 especially 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, September through June, please notify me at (718) 238-1792 by the Tuesday previous to the meeting.

Joe

Joe Graffagnino
President



DECEMBER 12

IT'S HOLIDAY PARTY TIME



The holidays are almost here! Start thinking about setting aside December 12th to attend this year's gala BAS Holiday party and what tasty dish you'll be bringing for members to share. Our talented members bring delicious hot dishes ranging from pasta, chicken, sausage & peppers and salads, plus a fabulous array of ethnic foods and lots of mouth watering desserts.

The BAS always supplies basics like roast turkey and trimmings, a couple of main dishes, desserts, coffee, milk, juices and soda and anything else we can think of.

The party takes place at our usual meeting place, the Education Hall of the NY Aquarium.

We set up tables and chairs so it's a sit-down dinner party for members, their families and significant others.

The doors open as usual at 7:30pm and the buffet dinner starts at 8pm. Please wait before you serve yourselves; we need a little time to set up the arriving dishes on the buffet tables. If you jump the line, you may miss some fantastic dishes and we know you don't want to do that!

We play fish bingo with aquarium-related prizes. We also honor members who have served the Society for the past year and members who have written articles for *Aquatica* with awards and gift books.

It's all great food and fun...so mark your calendar now

-- **December 12th, 7:30pm** -- start thinking of the dish you're going to donate. We welcome all members in good standing and their families. **We only ask you to bring enough food or dessert to cover the amount of people in your party and sufficient to share with others.**

Please confirm with **Marie Licciardello** at **718 377-7749** as to what you're thinking of bringing, so we don't have lots of duplicate dishes or just boxes of cookies!

REMEMBER! Anyone who does not bring food will be asked to pay \$10 per adult in your party at the door (kids under 10 years old excepted).

Please note that your donated food is your entry fee and should be enough to serve your party and other members!

YOU MUST BRING A DISH OR PAY A COVER CHARGE OF \$10 PER ADULT IN YOUR PARTY.

All your food donations are always acknowledged in the *BAS Bulletin*.

Thank you and Happy Holiday!

Brooklyn Aquarium Society



BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2014 - 2015



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

Please note:

Your donated food is your entry fee to the party and should be sufficient to serve you, your guests and other members, or you must pay a cover charge at the door of \$10 per adult in your group.

2015

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

FEB 13 Joe Yaiullo - Reef water flow - How much is too much? ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

MAR 13 Discus Hans - Discus ~ Raising 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 brand new 55 gal. tank & stand.

JUN 12 Lou Ekus (Tropic Marin USA)~ Basics of Reef Chemistry ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

JULY / AUGUST - NO MEETINGS

SEPT 11 TBA ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

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 Bob Fenner ~ Reef Stocking ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

DEC 11 Holiday Party ~ Members, their families and friends, all you can eat sit-down dinner • Fish Bingo & Prizes • BAS awards presentations.

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

NEW! BAS ONLINE FEATURE - QUESTION & ANSWER FOR PRIZES.

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society's **Educating Aquarists Q & A** feature is located on our Forum. Anyone may participate by registering and choosing a screen name. You may post any question related to fish, invertebrates, equipment or aquatic diseases. By posting a relevant question, you will receive 5 points. Post your question as a normal online post in the Q & A section. Anyone may post an answer and get 1 point. The answer is posted as a reply. The question remains open for a week. The author of the best answer gets an additional 3 points. If the question is not answered or is incorrect by the end of that week, the experts on our Board of Directors will choose or provide a best answer. The first round of Q & A begins at our October event and runs until December 31, 2014. The persons with the most points for answers and for questions will each win \$20 in BA\$ Bucks, or a free 1 year (individual) BAS membership or a one year subscription to an aquatic magazine. (In the event a subscription cannot be obtained, a prize of equal or greater value will be supplied at the discretion of the BAS Board of Directors.) The winners of each category will be given the option of choosing their prize. The 2nd round of Q & A's begins at our January 2015 event and runs until March 31. There are no carry-over points; all participants start with zero. The 3rd round will begin at our April 2015 event and run until June 30. Summaries and final results will appear in the *BAS Bulletin*, and *Aquatica*. The posting scores will be announced at our events.

(**Note:** All sarcastic, insulting posts or foul language will be deleted. Answers supplied by the BAS experts will not receive any points.)

Q & A RULES -

1. Anyone may participate, Members and Non-Members.
2. Ask an aquatic question by posting a thread under the Q & A logo. You get 5 pts for just posting a question.
3. Questions may be about fish, coral, inverts or any aquatic topic. Please keep the Q & A less than 1 page.
4. Anyone answering a question gets 1 point.
5. Within a week, our expert panel will pick the best answer. The author of the best answer gets 3 extra points, plus the 1 point for answering the question
6. The persons with the most Question points and the person with the most Answer points will be announced at the next BAS event. The winners, if present, will choose their prize. If not present, they will be notified via the Forum and can respond back for their prize selection.
7. In the event that no one answers your question, an expert from our panel will post an answer. (*Expert's answers do not receive points.*)
8. You can ask or answer the same question only once for points.
9. You can edit your question or answer the same day.
10. You can ask or answer no more than 10 questions a day.
11. You cannot ask and answer your own question.
12. Current standings will be posted monthly in the *Bulletin*.
13. The winners will be posted in both the *Bulletin* and *Aquatica* and announced at our events.

COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS 2015

JANUARY 18, 2015 - DANBURY AREA AQUARIUM SOCIETY 30TH ANNUAL AUCTION. HELD AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL #6318, 10 FAIR ST. CARMEL, NY 10512. View of lots 8:30am to 11:15am Auction starts at 11:30am to 5pm. 50/50 Raffle, Food and Refreshments available.

MARCH 20 - 22, 2015 NORTHEAST COUNCIL OF AQUARIUM SOCIETIES 40TH ANNUAL CONVENTION held at the Sheraton Hartford South, located at 100 Capital Blvd., Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Speakers: Ariel Bornstein, Pam Chin, Mark Denaro, Mike Hellwig, Shane Linder and Brian Perkins. **Hotel Registration:** Room rates are just \$99 per night. You may make reservations by calling 1-888-627-8263 and mention the Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies 2015 Convention. Remember to check their website for updates at www.northeastcouncil.org

APRIL 10 - 12, 2015 AMERICAN GARDENER'S ASSOCIATION CONVENTION. More information to follow.

MAY 1 - 3, 2015 AMERICAN LIVEBEARER ASSOCIATION CONVENTION HELD AT THE LANCASTER HOST RESORT. Hosted by the Aquarium Club of Lancaster County, PA. More info to follow.

MAY 22 - 24 2015 AMERICAN KILLIFISH ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONVENTION Held at Sheraton Detroit Airport, 8000 Merriman Rd, Romulus, MI The theme is Killifish Conservation in the Americas. Tentative Speakers: Charlie Grimes, banquet speaker, Arcadio Valdes, Dave Koran, Frans Vermeulen, Chris Martin, Marc Bogaerts, Ken Normandin. There will be fish room sales, fish raffle, rare fish, vendors, trips to downtown Detroit. Contact Info: **ARCH MARTIN (248) 207-8066 OR ERIC BEYER (248) 298-9576**

JULY 30 - AUGUST 2, 2015 ACA 2015 ANNUAL CONVENTION held at the Sheraton Hotel - Springfield, Mass. Vendors Room, Show Competition, Hospitality Suite, Kids' Tank Decorating, Boston Day Trip, Old Sturbridge Village Banquet, Giant Sunday Cichlid Auction. Speakers: Wayne Leibel, Laif Demason, Oliver Lucanus, Ad Konings, Dr. Paul Loiselle, Rusty Wessel, Al Sabetta, Jaap-Jan de Greef, Charley Grimes, Dr. Hubert Kuerzing. Register at: ACACONVENTION2015.COM

In Remembrance

We extend our thoughts and prayers to the family of Anthony DeNicola on the passing of

Joseph DeNicola

3/18/07 ~ 11/04/14

Little Joey, 7 years old, joined the angels on November 4th, 2014, after being in a coma caused by an allergic reaction to some Halloween candy.

God bless his dad, Anthony, for the courageous and unselfish act of having his precious son Joseph live on in other children via organ transplants. Joseph, you were given a very special name! Rest in Peace, Little Angel, and thanks to you and dad for the gift of life to eight others who will live on because of Joey.

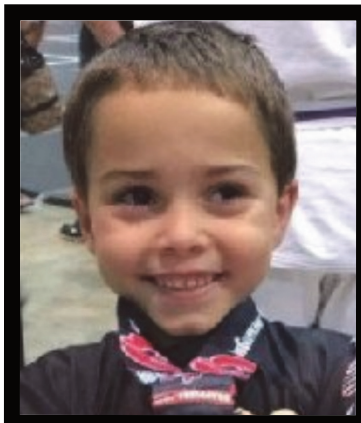
Little Joey loved the Brooklyn Aquarium Society, where he enjoyed helping out by showing the fish around to members of the audience and bringing the livestock bags to the auctioneer. To have someone pass away

at such a young age is terrible beyond what words can describe.

Our prayers go out to them as a family and whatever support they need, we will provide in addition to our prayers.

Viewing was on November 8th & 9th at Scarpaci Funeral Home, 1401 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Mass was Monday November 10th at 11am at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 5371 Amboy Road, Staten Island, NY 10312.

Cards and donations can be sent to Anthony DeNicola, 23 Dover Green, Staten Island, NY 10312.



BAS BREEDER POINTS & STANDINGS 2013-2014

NAME	TITLE	POINTS
Larry Jinks	Grand Pubah Yoda	4,830
Joseph Graffagnino	Premier Breeder	2,325
Frank Nell	Senior Grand Master Breeder	1,840
Tom Miglio	Senior Grand Master Breeder	1,400
Lisa Quilty	Senior Grand Master Breeder	1,010
Vincent Babino	Grand Master Breeder	695
Michael Roman	Master Breeder	480
Roger Schillizzi	Advanced Breeder	220
Pauline Griffin	Advanced Breeder	200
Izzy Zwerin	Advanced Breeder	170
Steve Matassa	Advanced Breeder	135
Adam Engerow	Breeder	65
William Amely	Breeder	55
Mike Boscia	Breeder	55
Gary Vander Putten	Hobbyist	50
Al DiSpigna	Hobbyist	45
John Todaro	Hobbyist	40
Robert Strazzulla	Hobbyist	30
Seth Kolker	Hobbyist	25

BREEDER PROGRAM POINT STRUCTURE

Points Necessary	Title
25 pts - 50 pts	Hobbyist
51 pts - 99 pts	Breeder
100 pts - 299 pts	Advanced Breeder
300 pts - 499 pts	Master Breeder
500 pts - 749 pts	Grand Master Breeder
750 pts - 999 pts	Advanced Grand Master Breeder
1,000 pts - 1,499 pts	Senior Grand Master Breeder
1,500 pts - 1,999 pts	Premier Breeder
2,000 pts - 3,999 pts	Senior Premier Breeder
4,000 pts +	Grand Pubah Yoda

SPECIALTY & MAINTAINING SPECIES PROGRAM AWARDS

- **Tom Miglio 2001** - Old World Cichlids, Cyprinids, Catfish, Characins, Killies, Livebearers
- **Larry Jinks 2005** - Livebearers & Old World Cichlids, Catfish, Cyprinids, Anabantoids, New World Cichlids, Senior Specialist Award (4 different species group)
- **2009 Killifish**, Expert Specialist Award (7 different species group)
- **Frank Nell 2005** - Old World Cichlids
- **2008 New World Cichlid**, Livebearers
- **2009/10 Catfish**, Senior Specialist Award (4 different species group)
- **Lisa Quilty 2003** - Catfish
- **2007 Livebearer**, Characin
- **2012 Cyprinids** Senior Specialist Award (4 different species group)
- **Joseph Graffagnino 2004** - Old World Cichlids
- **2005 Livebearers**, Catfish
- **2006 Cyprinids** Senior Specialist Award (4 different species group)
- **2007 Anabantoids**
- **2008 New World Cichlids**, Invertebrates
- **2009/10 Killifish**, Expert Specialist Award (7 different species group)
- **Izzy Zwerin 2008** - Invertebrates
- **Pauline Griffin 2009/10** - Catfish
- **Vincent Babino 2009/10** - Cyprinids, Livebearers
- **Michael Roman 2012** - Livebearers

HORTICULTURAL PROGRAM POINT STRUCTURE

Points Necessary	Title
25 pts - 50 pts	Beginner Aquatic Horticulturist
51 pts - 99 pts	Aquatic Horticulturist
100 pts - 299 pts	Senior Aquatic Horticulturist
300 pts - 499 pts	Expert Aquatic Horticulturist
500 pts - 749 pts	Master Aquatic Horticulturist
750 pts - 999 pts	Grand Master Aquatic Horticulturist
1,000 pts +	Senior Grand Master Aquatic Horticulturist

HORTICULTURAL AWARD PROGRAM

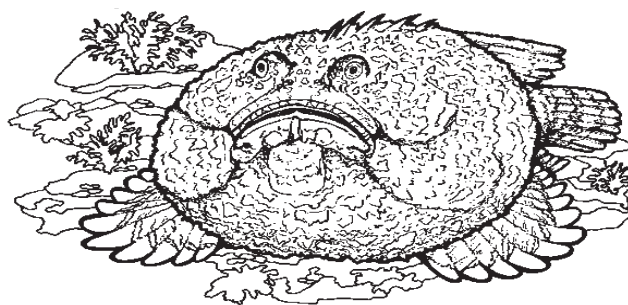
NAME	TITLE	POINTS
Izzy Zwerin	Senior Grand Master Aquatic Horticulturist	1,010
Joseph Graffagnino	Master Aquatic Horticulturist	700
Steve Matassa	Senior Aquatic Horticulturist	220
Tom Miglio	Aquatic Horticulturist	75
Frank Zillitto	Aquatic Horticulturist	70
Vincent Babino	Beginner Aquatic Horticulturist	45
Mike Roman	Beginner Aquatic Horticulturist	25

CORAL PROGRAM POINT STRUCTURE

Points Necessary	Title
25 pts - 50 pts	Beginner Coral Propagator
51 pts - 99 pts	Coral Propagator
100 pts - 299 pts	Senior Coral Propagator
300 pts - 499 pts	Expert Coral Propagator
500 pts - 749 pts	Master Coral Propagator
750 pts - 999 pts	Grand Master Coral Propagator
1,000 points +	Senior Grand Master Coral Propagator

CORAL AWARD PROGRAM

NAME	TITLE	POINTS
Steve Matassa	Master Coral Propagator	690
Bernard Deren	Senior Coral Propagator	215
Ralph D'Allessandro	Senior Coral Propagator	210
Michael Roman	Coral Propagator	85
Peter Kazlaukas	Coral Propagator	50



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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS NOVEMBER DONATIONS

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK
THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS



"Big Al"
Dennis Alestra
Bill Amely
Moshe Amir
Bonnie Biancardi
Walter Chow
John Fox

PEOPLE

Gene Kogan
Tom Lis
David Manuel
Sabrina Mashburn
Chris Matassa
Steve Matassa
Scott Peters

Dylan Preston
Lisa Quilty
Mike Roman
Vito Sacchieri
Al Turco
Daniel Vargas

STORES

- Absolutely Fish, West Clifton, NJ
- Aquarium Village, Westbury, NY
- Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
 - Fauna, Manhattan, NY
- Manhattan Aquarium, Manhattan, NY
- Pacific Aquarium & Pet, Manhattan, NY
- World Class Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society is a federally registered 501(C) (3) nonprofit organization.
Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS

NEW MEMBERS:

Godfrey Clarke
Ricardo Decan
Martin Derylo
Tim Ercolano
Joseph Felder
Raymond Francis
Arthur Layne
Gerard Megna Jr
Crown I Prince

Barbara Romeo
Cliff Russell, Jr.
Terrance Rutlesge
Dennie Sargeant
Anan Suthiwong
Bojan Veselic

RENEWALS:

Bill Amely
Joe De Gregorio

Lita Goldberg
Bob Halligan
Gene Kogan
Marie Licciardello
Nick Lynch
Kay Martin
Frank Matassa
Howie Moskowitz
Al Turco & Al Turco Jr
Al Turrise



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 18. Send inquiries or membership checks to Brooklyn Aquarium Society, c/o Membership Chairperson, P.O. Box 290610, Brooklyn, NY 11229-0011.

BAS NEWS & NOTES

REBUILDING AND TRANSFORMING THE NY AQUARIUM.

Roller coasters, fireworks, hot dogs. Eleven million people visit Coney Island each year to enjoy its local treasures. But just off the boardwalk, there is other, less familiar one. Sea turtles, sharks, and harbor seals. Deep-sea canyons and soaring seamounts. The New York Aquarium begins a new chapter in its history; we are bringing New Yorkers closer to the ocean wonders in their own backyard, connecting the Brooklyn boardwalk with its seascape like never before.

The New York Aquarium is poised to play a pivotal role in building a stronger, more resilient New York. Ground has been broken on the exciting transformation. And it comes at the perfect time. Since Hurricane Sandy struck our shores in October 2012, we've seen the city rally around smarter coastal planning, renewable energy solutions,

and marine conservation. The future looks bright.

The New York Aquarium's Ocean Wonders: Sharks! exhibit will introduce the city to some of its most remarkable residents. Our mission to conserve the New York seascape will be woven into the exhibit, inspiring visitors to join us in protecting the local waters that are so crucial to wildlife and humans alike.

Wrapping the entire exterior of Ocean Wonders: Sharks! will be the shimmer wall, a mesmerizing work of art. Its individual tiles use wind and reflective sunlight to create a fluid, glittering surface reminiscent of ocean waves and schools of fish. The shimmer wall will be the centerpiece of our new home, a beacon to the millions of visitors inspired by our ocean treasures and dazzling shoreline. We invite you to be part of the transformation.

More information. at:
www.nyaquarium.com/

U.N. ISSUED ENDANGERED FISH SPECIES STAMP

On 23 October 2014, the U.N. Postal Administration (UNPA) issued a set of 12 stamps depicting endangered species. The series was launched in 1993 to highlight the need for the protection of endangered species. This year's Endangered Species feature marine life:

- The US \$1.15 stamps depict these endangered species: *Hippocampus denise* (Denise's pygmy seahorse), *Rhincodon typus* (Whale shark), *Sphyrna lewini* (Scalloped hammerhead), *Scleropages formosus* (Asian arowana).



- The CHF 1.40 stamps depict these endangered species:



Pristis pristis (Largetooth sawfish), *Acipenser baerii* (Siberian sturgeon).

- The € 0.70 stamps depict these endangered species:

Cheilinus undulatus (Humphead wrasse), *Carcharodon carcharias* (Great white shark), *Manta birostris* (Giant manta ray), *Polyodon spathula* (Paddlefish).



The artist, **Amadeo Bachar** (USA) has had a strong curiosity for the physical and biological processes that make our world. For Amadeo one of the best ways to understand those things was to illustrate them. Working with renowned organizations such as National Geographic, Scientific American, California Department of Fish and Wildlife he was able to bring these skills to public. His fish identifications are done in truly mixed medium of graphite, watercolor and Photoshop.

For more information on collecting these stamps go to:
<https://unstamps.org/product-category/endangered-species/>

THE SAFE FISH CARRIER THE INSULATED CARRYING BAG MAKES A GREAT GIFT

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!

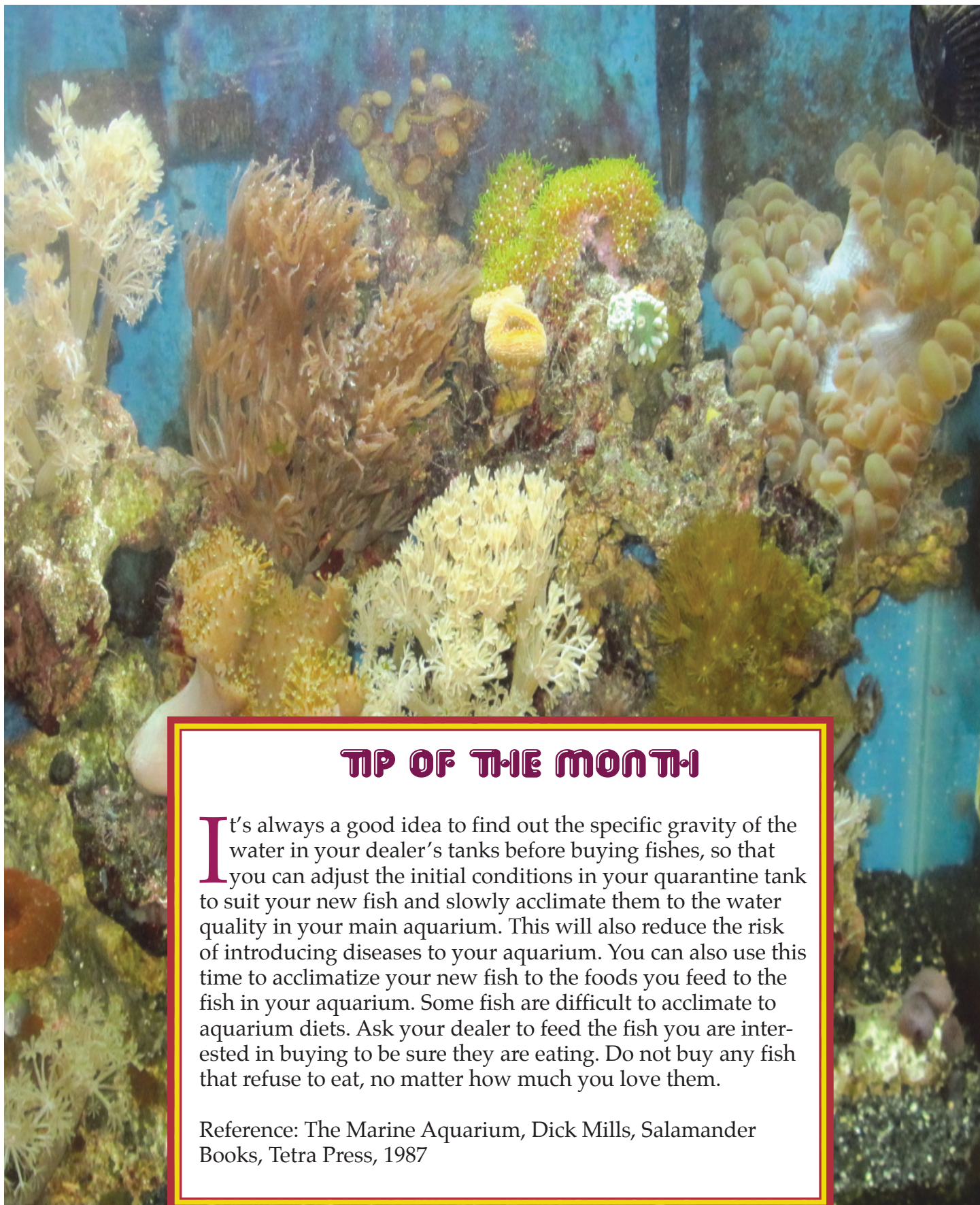


BAS ONLINE FORUM A GREAT PLACE TO MEET OTHER AQUARISTS

Check out our new forum on our web site at 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





TIP OF THE MONTH

It's always a good idea to find out the specific gravity of the water in your dealer's tanks before buying fishes, so that you can adjust the initial conditions in your quarantine tank to suit your new fish and slowly acclimate them to the water quality in your main aquarium. This will also reduce the risk of introducing diseases to your aquarium. You can also use this time to acclimatize your new fish to the foods you feed to the fish in your aquarium. Some fish are difficult to acclimate to aquarium diets. Ask your dealer to feed the fish you are interested in buying to be sure they are eating. Do not buy any fish that refuse to eat, no matter how much you love them.

Reference: The Marine Aquarium, Dick Mills, Salamander Books, Tetra Press, 1987

REGIONAL SOCIETY EVENTS FOR 2014

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

TUE. DEC 2 - PIONEER VALLEY AS • TBA

Usually meets 1st Tuesday of the month at the New location: The First Church UCC of West Springfield, 20 Lathrop St, at 7:00pm. Free parking in lot. Public welcome. For more information email: Jacob Guinasso, jguinasso@pvas.net or Martha Morris, martha_morris@hotmail.com. For directions go to pvas.net

WED. DEC 3 - GREATER CITY AS • HOLIDAY PARTY & AWARDS BANQUET

Meets 7:30pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Queens Botanical Garden, except for January and February. The public is welcome! Speakers, publication, bowl show, raffles, door prizes, refreshments, plant and fish auctions. For information, please contact Claudia Dickinson at: ivyrose@optonline.net or (631)-668-5125, or visit www.greatercity.org

FRI. DEC 5 - LONG ISLAND AS

• HOLIDAY PARTY - SUNNY BUFFET CHINESE RESTAURANT
The Annual Holiday Party will be held at the Sunny Buffet Chinese Restaurant 72 E. Main Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 (631) 665-6050. It will be an all you can eat Chinese buffet. The cost for members is only \$7. Children, \$5 and non members \$10 each. Please RSVP to Margaret Peterson at (631) 224-391, so we can let the restaurant know how many people to expect. Usualy 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

FRI. DEC 5 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION • HOLIDAY PARTY

Generally meets 1st Friday of the month at 8:00pm at Acan Lighting, 75 Austin Blvd, Commack, NY 11725. For directions & info: <http://www.LongIslandReef.org>

MON. DEC 8 - JERSEY SHORE AS • HOLIDAY PARTY

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; or (732)-859-5595; mws71@yahoo.com

TUE. DEC 9 - NASSAU COUNTY AS • HOLIDAY PARTY

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

THU. DEC 11 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON • HOLIDAY PARTY

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at the VFW Hall, 73 Pearl St. in Essex Junction, VT 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 or www.tfcg.org

SUN. DEC 14 - NORTH JERSEY AS • HOLIDAY PARTY AT DON PEPE'S-COST IS \$20 PER PERSON

Usually meeting held at 7:45pm every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Nutley Elks Lodge, 242 Chestnut St., Nutly, 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/

THU. DEC 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

TUE. DEC 23 - 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. DEC 24 - 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

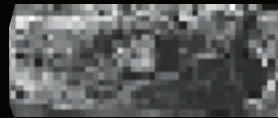
FRI. DEC 26 - DANBURY AREA AS

• 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

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This is a "must visit" store.

Their hours are **Mon - Sat 11 - 9 • Sun 11-6.**

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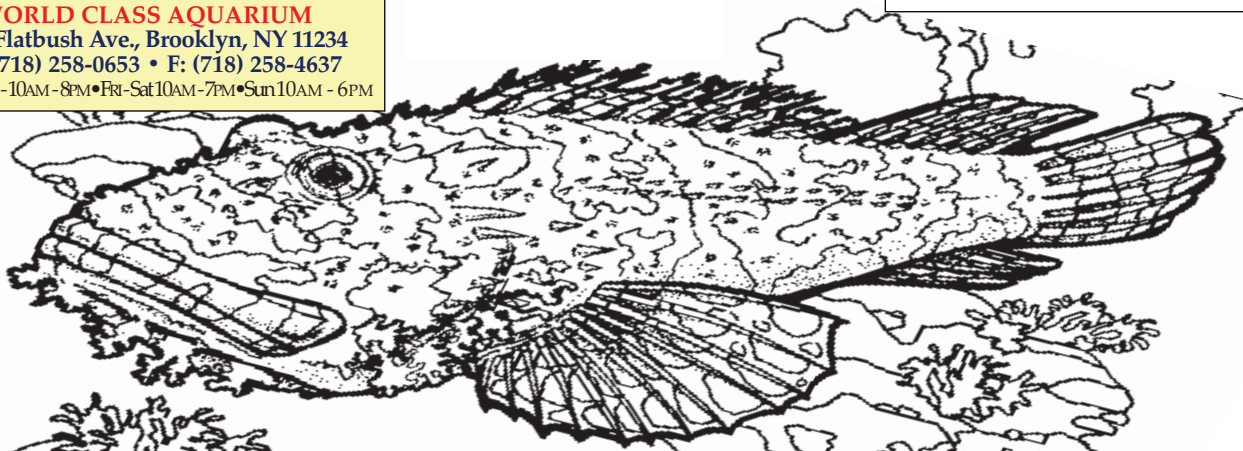
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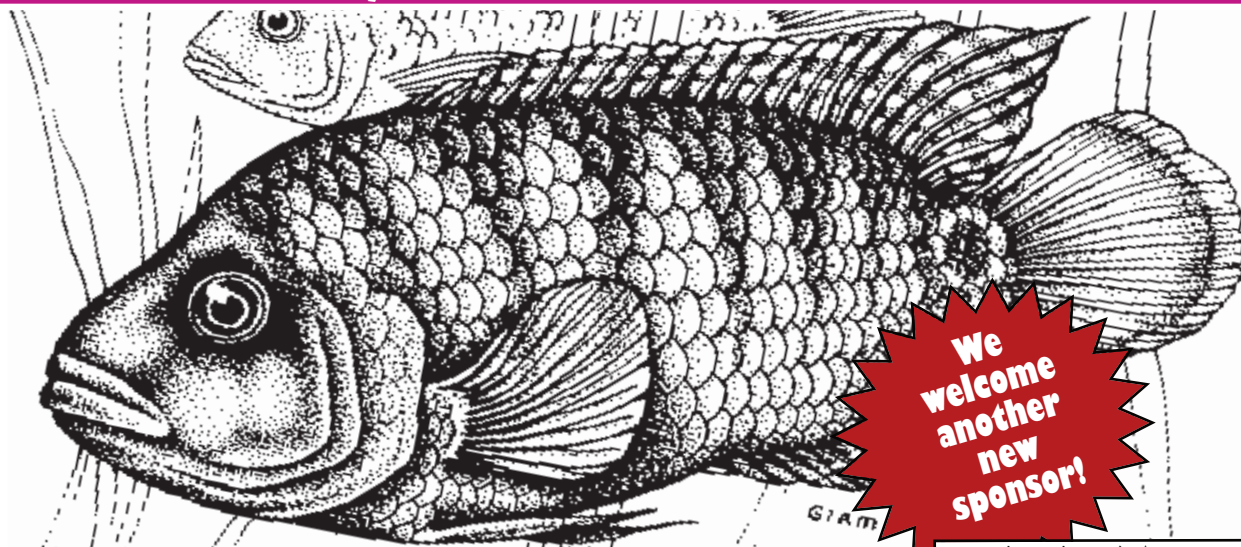
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