

103 Years of Educating Aquarists

BAS BULLETIN

Brooklyn Aquarium Society Monthly Online Newsletter

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FRIDAY, JUNE 13 @ 7:30 PM

WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT

Chuck Davis

GIZMOS, GADGETS & OTHER GOOD IDEAS



**Marine Fish, Aqua-cultured Corals,
Freshwater Fish, Plants & Dry Goods Auction
BAS ELECTIONS**

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

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



Our Spring Giant Auction was a huge success. We had aquarium products such as lighting, filters, canopies and aquariums. We also had rock backgrounds, gravel, pumps, and the list goes on. The plants were beautiful and varied, from aquarium plants to pond plants.

The livestock selection was amazing and contained

quite a variety of invertebrates for both marine and freshwater species. The fish were beautiful, such as a red flame angel (marine) and *Betta ocellata* and *Betta smaragdina* (rare freshwater). Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the cake and cookies that our auctioneer **Dennis Alestra** brought.

Our next and final event of the season brings in **Chuck Davis**, who is a personal favorite of mine as he has helped and advised me over the decades in the proper care and maintenance of aquariums and the varied livestock that they could contain. Chuck's topic for the evening will be "*Gizmos, Gadgets and Other Good Ideas.*" Chuck Davis is much sought after and an excellent banquet speaker with his hilarious sense of humor. His sharp wit spares no one, so be careful or you will be on the receiving end of his puns and jokes.

If you want a fun time with an enjoyable group, then come on over. **June is also the month for election of officers and Board members for the coming year.** If anyone wants to run for a position on the Board, please let me know. The only requirement is that you are a member in good standing (paid your dues) and have at least 6 months as a club member. We hope to see you on June 13. As always, the meetings will be at the NY Aquarium Education Hall. Doors open at 7:30

PM. and, as usual, 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.

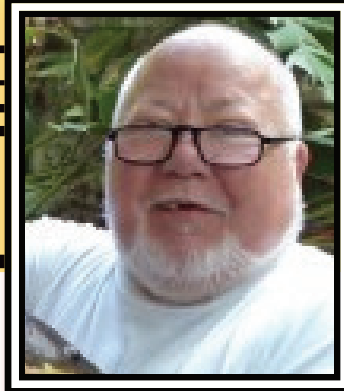
On a more personal note - Any member who desires to attend a Board meeting, which are held at the Education Center of the New York Aquarium on the 1st Friday of the month, please notify me at (718) 238-1792 by the Tuesday previous to the meeting.

Joe Graffagnino

BAS President



THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER



Chuck Davis has been keeping tropical fish since age nine, 57 years ago. Now approaching his Diamond Anniversary in fish keeping, he's come to realize that he'll never have enough time to learn all of what he'd like know in this hobby. Chuck owned two retail pet stores and one wholesale operation. He's now semi-retired, but keeps active in the hobby for fun, relaxation and meeting good people.

He's been active with organized aquarium clubs since 1971, wrote the "Society News" column for *Aquarium Fish Magazine* from its beginning until 2000, and was editor of the North Jersey AS monthly publication for over 25 years.

Chuck served on the boards of the American Cichlid Association, NJAS, FAAS, GCAS and the Catfish Association. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment was leading the first aquarists group collecting trip to Peru in 1987. Chuck specializes in catfish and cichlids, and currently maintains 27 large aquariums in his one bedroom condo in Florida, where he enjoys all sorts of tropical fish, fish collecting, sleeping and eating.

Chuck is a great speaker; his talks have always been fun to attend. This month he will expound on Gizmos, Gadgets and Other Good Ideas. We're happy to welcome Chuck, who has made great progress recovering from a medical procedure.

Please come to this event and welcome Chuck.

BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2014 - 15

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.

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JAN 9 Mark Soberman ~ 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.

JUN 12 Lou Ekus ~ TBA ~ 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.

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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

JUNE 6-8 - THE TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON CELEBRATES 25 YEARS. Held at the Holiday Inn, South Burlington, VT. There will be seminars and speakers: **Eric Bodrock, Regina Spotti, Rachel O'Leary, Stephan Tanner.** We'll have a tour of Vermont Microbreweries, a dinner cruise on Lake Champlain, Friday night BBQ. Plus, Sunday auction, raffles, vendors and more. For info, please visit: www.tfcfb.org.

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

JUNE 28-29 NEW ENGLAND FANCY GUPPY ASSOCIATION, sanctioned Fancy Guppy Show. Held at the Luther Burbank Middle School 1 Hollywood Dr., Lancaster, MA 01523 at the junction of Rt. 70 & Rt. 117. Saturday: Registration of fish 9am - 2:30pm. Judging 3pm until done. Public may silently observe judging. Sunday Auction 10am until done. Viewing of auction fish starts at 9am. Come join us and consider becoming a member of the New England Fancy Guppy Association. Visit web site for more info. www.newenglandsnugguppies.org. More info. **E. T. Mellor 413-549-0478 or Greg Billings, 978-870-2593.**

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 this convention with a collection of the finest cichlids. Action-packed weekend with renowned speakers, workshops, vendors, raffles, Study Groups, and Sunday's cichlid auction! Louisville Convention Chair **Rusty Wessel** is happy to help you plan for this event. Register today at: <http://www.ACA-Convention.com>

JULY 12-13 TEXAS AREA KILLIFISH ASSOCIATION Held at Hampton Inn & Suites, 575 Texas 46, New Braunfels, Texas 78130 Reservations can be made at (830)-609-0123. Sunday there will be an auction. For more info. contact **Arthur J.J. Leuterer**, Ph.D at (713) 822-0896.

SEPTEMBER 27-28 MICHIGAN KILLIFISH ASSOCIATION, MOTER CITY REVIEW. Held at Quality Inn Troy, 2537 Rochester Ct., Troy MI 48083. This is an AKA sanctioned show. All Saturday there will be box sales. Raffles held all weekend long. Awards will be given for first, second & third place in each class along with best of show. Sunday's auction will start at 11am. For room reservations at \$67 per night, call hotel (248) 689-7500, mention MKA by Sept. 20 to get this rate. For more info. check <http://mka.aka.org> or contact

Karl Doring (586) 774-2245, Kilikarl@wowway.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, on display with the latest & greatest in reef fish, coral, foods and products. For information: visit: www.coralcon.org.

NOVEMBER 1 - 1st ANNUAL AL FAUL TROPICAL FISH SHOW & FALL BREEDERS AUCTION. Boston will be holding it's first NEC sanctioned Tropical Fish Show in almost 20 years. There will also be an awards dinner with a speaker later that evening. BAS will also be holding it's annual Fall Breeder's Auction featuring a 70/30 Mega split. The seller keeps 70% of the selling price of their item. More info to come. www.boston-aquariumsociety.org.

NOVEMBER 2 - THE AQUARIUM CLUB OF LANCASTER COUNTY GIANT FALL AUCTION Held at Witmer Fire Hall, 455 Mt. Sidney Rd, Witmer PA 17585 less than 2 miles off US Rt. 30. For some GPS units, you may need to use Lancaster as the city. Registration 9am to 12 noon. Auction starts at 12 noon. New and rare species for auction. Free bidder cards. For more info. visit: www.aclcpa.org.

NOVEMBER 7 - 9 AQUATIC EXPERIENCE held at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel, Schaumburg Convention Center, Chicago, IL. 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 • Complimentary fitness center • Free parking • valet parking available for \$14 a day. Info at: <http://aquaticexperience.org/hotel-travel/#sthash.Fgw-PiNUq.dpuf>. Reservations deadline is Oct. 17. Call 1-877-303-0104 More information visit www.aquaticexperience.org.

BAS 2014 PHOTO CONTEST

OFFICIAL RULES

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 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 site, on the Brooklyn Aquarium Society Facebook page, and on our web site (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.

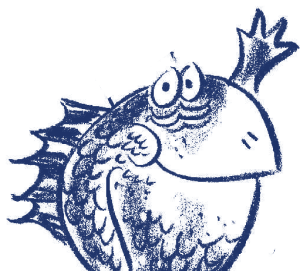
PHOTOGRAPHER/COPYRIGHT:

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 MAY DONATIONS



Dennis Alestra
Bill Amely
Benjamin Basile
Frank DeLuca
John Fox
Joe Graffagnino

PEOPLE:

Ronnie Izzo
Angela Lazaro
David Manuel
Joe Morra
Jerry O'Farrell
Ken Purcaro

Dan Puleo
Lisa Quilty
Dan Smith
Theresa/Thomas Spoto
Cap Streeter

STORES/MFG:

- A.T.I sponge filters, Decatur, GA
- Absolutely Fish, West Clifton, NJ
- Air Water And Ice, Fort Pierce, FL
- Amazonas magazine, Shelburne, VT
- Aqua Fx, Winter Park, FL
- Aqua Ultraviolet, Temecula, CA
- Aquarium Village, Westbury, NY
- Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
- Cichlid News, Miami, FL
- Cobalt Aquatics, Rock Hill, SC
- Deep Blue Professional Aquarium, City of Industries, CA
- Fauna, Manhattan, NY
- Ginger Products, Toledo, Ohio
- House of Fins, Greenwich, CT
- Marine Aquarist magazine
- Mushkan/Khan Tropicals, Queens, NY
- Pacific Aquarium & Pet, Manhattan, NY
- Pet Solutions, Beavercreek, Ohio
- Petland Discount, NY, NJ & CT
- PetQua, Manhattan, NY
- Pet Shanty, Scotch Plains, NJ
- Ray "Kingfish" Lucas, Boston, NY
- Sera North America, Inc., Montgomeryville, PA
- That Pet Place, Lancaster, PA
- TriCounty, Wholesalers, Queens, NY
- Tropic Marin USA, Inc., Montague, MA
- World Class Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY

NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS

NEW MEMBERS:

Reginald DeWitt
Jill Flaton
Alberto Gonzalez
William Hunt

Gerrard Lindsey

Shuan Liu
James Ng
Daniel Vargas

RENEWALS:

Clemson Brown
Bill & Marie Clark
Jason Gold
Stu Hershkovitz

Anthony Kroeger

Colin McDonald
Jerry O'Farrell
Omar Sutherland

• 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.

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

BAS NEWS & NOTES

The Officers, Board and BAS Members
extend our sincere condolences to

Dennis Alestra

on the passing of his mother

Helen Alestra

May 1, 2014

Her wake was held May 3rd & 4th at
the John Vincent Scalia's Funeral Home,
28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, NY
Mass was held Monday, May 5, 2014 at
St. Josephs, St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church
followed by interment at
Resurrection Cemetery.

AQUATICA WON THE FOLLOWING FEDERATION OF AMERICAN AQUARIUM SOCIETIES 1ST PLACE PUBLICATION AWARDS

Best Editor & Publication
6 Issues or Less
AQUATICA
JOHN TODARO

Best Review Article
The Dangers of Breathing Bags
They Don't Tell You About
JOHN TODARO

Best Spawning Article,
500 - 1000 Words
Tilpia Mariae -
The Tiger Tilapia
JOE GRAFFAGNINO

The FAAS publication awards will be presented to the winners at our
December 12th Holiday Party and Awards Dinner.
Congratulations to all the winners.

Best Spawning Article
More than 1000 words
Bumblbee Gobies -
A Hobbyists Perspective
LISA QUILTY

Best Traveling Aquarist Article
Raleigh Aquarium Society 28th
Aquarium Workshop
JOE GRAFFAGNINO

Best Continuing Column
by a Single Author
The Practical Plant
IZZY ZWERIN



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.

KollerCraft Teams with Mars Fishcare KollerCraft has partnered with Mars Fishcare to bring innovative aquarium kits and accessories under the API brand to the market. "We're thrilled to be manufacturing aquariums under the API brand, as our beliefs in the fish-keeping hobby and developing quality products are something both companies embrace and share," said **Rand Kollman**, vice president of sales and marketing at KollerCraft. The partnership will focus on fish tanks, equipment and accessories made in the U.S.

THE BENEFITS OF BECOMING A SPONSOR OF THE BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY

As 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.

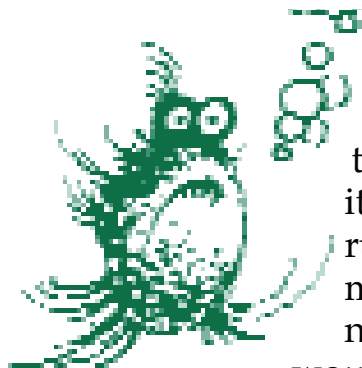
ONLY \$10.

You can purchase one at our events

KEEP YOUR FISH SAFE IN TRANSIT!



ELECTIONS FOR OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS AT THE JUNE MEETING



All members in good standing who have been in the Society for 6 months are eligible to run for any office on the Board. We are always looking for members to help run this great, 103-year old Society. If you want to help the Society in its second century of Educating Aquarists, please consider running. At the June Event, you can be nominated by a fellow member or nominate yourself. Just because you have been nominated does not mean you have to run, but we wish you would. New people bring new ideas and enthusiasm to the Society.

The positions and members who are running are listed below. **Contact Joe Graffagnino** for info. and details on the positions.

**Please consider running for a position on the board.
You will be working with a great bunch of people and
helping to guide the Society in its second century of
*Education Aquarists!***

- President:
Joe Graffagnino
- 1st Vice President:
Steve Matassa
- 2nd Vice President:
Marie Licciardello
- Recording Secretary:
Kay Martin
- Treasurer:
Denise Hershkowitz
- Membership Chairperson:
Christina Cingari
- Corresponding Secretary:
Dan Smith
- Sgt. At Arms:
Lita Goldberg
- Exchange Editor:
Stuart Hershkowitz

BOARD MEMBERS:*
Bill Amely
John Fox
Marty Karfinkel
Gennady (Gene) Kogan
Dr. Robert M. Price
Alfred Turrisi

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

*Web Master: **Bernard Deren**

*Editor: **John Todaro**

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

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



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. JUNE 3 - PIONEER VALLEY AS

• TBA

Usually meets 1st Tuesday of the month at the Springfield Science Museum, 21 Edwards St., Springfield, MA at 7:00pm. Free parking in lot. Public welcome. For more information contact: **Dave & Linda Giza (413)-283-8680** or email: mike@berkshiredesign.com, or for directions go to pvas.net

WED. JUNE 4 - GREATER CITY AS

• JOSEPH FERDENZI - AQUASCAPING

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. JUNE 6 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION

• MITCH CARL - ACAN LIGHTING

Generally meets 1st Friday of the month at 7:30pm at Acan Lighting, 75 Austin Blvd, Commack, NY 11725. For directions & info: <http://www.LongIslandReef.org>

MON. JUNE 9 - JERSEY SHORE AS

• PAUL LOISELLE - DWARF CICHLIDS

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. JUNE 10 - NASSAU COUNTY AS

• MARK DENARO - TALK TBD

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. JUNE 6-8 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON • 25TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT: HOLIDAY INN, S. BURLINGTON

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THU. JUNE 19 - NORTH JERSEY AS

• TBA

Meeting 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. JUNE 19 - 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

FRI. JUNE 20 - 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

TUE. JUNE 24 - 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

FRI. JUNE 27 - 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.

WED. JUNE 25 - METROPOLITAN AREA KILLIFISH ASSOC. (MAKA)

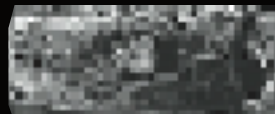
• TBA

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

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THE GIANT SPRING AUCTION

Just some of the over 95 attendees to the very successful BAS Giant Spring Auction on May 9th. There was a large variety of invertebrates both freshwater and marine and a marine flame

angel, plus pairs of rare freshwater fish; *Betta ocellata* and *Betta smaragdina*. A great selection fish, plants and dry goods where up to auction.



Board member, **Al Turrisi** (center back) numbering auction items, as members check out the fish and plant lots that will soon up for auction. Sitting in front is **Ron Wiesnfeld**, Treasurer of Greater City AS.



Joe G. announcing Society business to the members. **Ginny Cahill** in the back.



Ashley Cingari, one of our younger members who is always a great help at our meetings Here she is charming members to buy raffle tickets at the auction.

Joe Graffagnino and **Christina Cingari**, BAS Membership Chaiperson going over Society business.



Board member **Bill Amely** stepping in to give our auctioneer, **Dennis Alestra** a well deserved break.



An artistic interpretation of our logo symbol painted by **Anthony Kroeger** one of our members, who donated it to the auction. The gold framed and matted watercolor was auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Beginners luck!
A new member who joined the Society that night showing off his winnings.



Two young new members, who joined the Society at the auction. Happy to have you as members!



Board member, **Tom Lis** at the mike making an announcement to the members at the auction.

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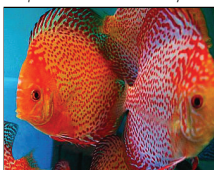
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