103 Years of Educating Aquarists

# Brooklyn Aquarium Society Monthly Online Newsletter

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## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 @ 7:30 PM

**BAS PRESENTS** 

# THE GIANT FALL



Freshwater fish, plants. marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a new 55 gal. tank & stand. Rare & hard to find live stock & MUCH MORE!



**AUCTION STARTS** 8:30PM



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

Open to the Public • Free Parking • Free Refreshments

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



## 103 Years of Educating Aquarists

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



elcome back!
After a long and beautiful summer, it is great to be talking fish again. All of us at BAS hope that everyone had a very enjoyable summer. We started our year with a marine guest speaker – Greg Sullivan. Greg's topic for the evening was "Saltwater For The Squeamish."
Greg gave his presentation

the old fashioned way – he spoke about his topic and took questions and answers from the audience to elaborate or give more detailed information to our members. It was a great talk as evidenced by the multitude of questions from our audience.

We have a couple of new projects going on at BAS. One is the **2014 Photo Contest**. There are 19 categories and fantastic prizes from our sponsors. **Each prize has a minimum of a \$100.00 value**. So come on and enter your photos because the contest ends on Sunday, Oct. 13. The winners will be announced at our Nov.14 event. Please **see page 7** or go to our web site for all information regarding this contest.

The Photo Contest ends in Oct. and our new Forum Questions & Answers section starts in Oct. and runs through Dec. This contest will have 3 different time frames. Oct. through Dec., Jan. through March, and April through June. Let's see who can ask and who can answer the most questions. Prizes are at the selection of the winners. We will have a winner for the most amount of questions and another winner for the most amount of answers. Please see page 6 or our web site for more information.

We had mentioned the possibility of bus trips to the Catfish Convention in Virginia for this October and another bus trip to Ohio for the 20th Anniversary Cichlid & Catfish Convention in Cleveland. However, due to high costs for registration, hotel rates and bus costs, we have had to cancel the bus trips. We will try to have more trips available in the near future

Our upcoming event is our **Giant October auction!** On Friday, October 10th, we will once again have an auction only meeting with no speaker. Anticipate a couple of hundred items of equipment and livestock in both freshwater and marine fish, plants and invertebrates. It will be an event you don't want to miss.

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**. **NOTE:** There is a construction project going on in the usual parking lot on the right, so we had to park in the Aquarium lot to the left, go up the ramp to the Boardwalk and enter Education Hall directly from the Boardwalk for the September meeting. We anticipate this might be necessary for the next few months, so watch for signs at the entrance to the Aquarium.

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 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 Graffagnino President

## THIS MONTH'S EVENT



ctober is Giant Auction month here at the BAS. Our Auctions always feature both freshwater and marine fish and hard to find fish and plants you won't find any-place else, and they usually go for ridiculously low prices...I don't know how we're still "in business" with the great deals our members and attendees get at these Auctions. Come on down and see for yourself!

Arrive on time to get a good seat and to view auction items between 7:30pm to 8:30pm.

## THE AUCTION STARTS AT 8:30PM.

We will, auction a new 55-gallon tank & stand donated by our good friends at **Petland Discounts**. If you intend to bid on it, keep in mind that you will receive a coupon for the tank and stand so you can pick it up at a Petland Discounts store of your choice. Our auctions are all cash, but we do accept personal checks from members and people we know.

Please stay seated once the auction has started. Runners will walk items down the aisles for your inspection. In addition, we're selling aquarium books at marked down prices, plus other aquarium products and there will be a special raffle. So come early for a great evening of great bargains.

IF YOU HAVE FISH OR CORALS YOU NO LONGER WANT OR FISH THAT HAVE OUT GROWN YOUR TANK, YOU CAN DONATE THEM TO OUR AUCTION. WE WILL SEE THEY GET A GOOD HOME.

The funds generated by your donations will help the BAS continue to educate aquarists.

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



## BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIET

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2014 - 2015



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 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 ~ 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.

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.

## ID REMEMBRANCE

The Officers, Board and Members extend our sincere condolences to

## **Ruth Stein & family**

on the passing of her loving husband, our dear friend and long serving Board member,

## **Charles Stein**

It is with heartfelt sadness and regret that we must notify you that Charles passed away early on the morning of September 25, 2014.

He had been fighting Lou Gehrig's Disease for some time. Charles served with distinction on the BAS Board for many years as membership chairperson and volunteered to help in other Board positions. Charles will be soerly missed.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning, September 28th, at Kehila Chapels, 60 Brighton 11 Street, Brooklyn, NY 11235. Shiva was at Charles daughter's (Madelyn McNamara) homeon Monday 9/29. Burial was in New Jersey.

Please keep Charles in your prayers.



## COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS 2014

OCTOBER 16-19 - ALL-AQUARIUM CATFISH CONVENTION presented by the Potomac Valley AS. Held at the Hyatt Dulles, 2300 Dulles Corner Blvd, Herndon. VA 20171 Phone 888-421-1442.

Special Convention Rate: \$115 per night plus taxes. Reserve your room before the hotel fills up. Use this link to book for the special rate: **Hyatt Dulles Reservation Dashboard.** If you reserve by phone, use keyword: CATFISH for the special rate. Registered AACC14

Attendees may sell fish, plants, hobby-related items, from their hotel rooms. Speakers: Friday: Ian Fuller, "Collecting Corys"; Julian Dignall, "Suckers Around the World"; Ingo Seidel, "Hypancistrus,"; Saturday: Birger Kamprath, "Synodontis"; Hans Evers, "Brochis,"; Julian Dignall, "Collecting India"; Ingo Seidel, "Whiptail Cats"; Ian Fuller, "ID'ing Corys," Melanie Stiassny, "Congo Fishes." Banquet speaker: Hans Evers, "Collecting Asia." Sunday: All-Day Auction. For more info: catfishcon@pvas.com or webmaster@pvas.com

**OCTOBER 19 - NEW HAMPSHIRE AQUARIUM SOCIETY 22**th Annual Tropical Fish Auction. (Fish & Dry Goods) Held at the Newington Town Hall, Nimble Hill Rd., Newington, NH. Auction starts at noon, please arrive early to view lots.

OCTOBER 26 - NEW ENGLAND CICHLID ASSOCIATION Fall Tropical Fish Auction Held at the Polish American Club, 9 1st street in Windsor Locks, CT. Door Prizes, 50/50 Cash Raffle, Free admission, Refreshments. Auction starts at 12 noon. Doors open at 9:30am for viewing and registering. More info. visit www.necichlids.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 2 - THE JERSEY SHORE AQUARIUM SOCIETY Fall 2014 Tropical fish & Dry Goods Auction. Held at the Knights of Columbus at 70 East Maine St. in Freehold, NJ. View 10am to 11:45am Auction starts at 12 noon sharp. For more info e-mail Russ White at rwhite8@optonline.net or call (732) 928-2838, or visit www.jerseyshoreas.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. Info. visit: www.aclcpa.org.

NOVEMBER 7 - 9 AQUATIC EXPERIENCE held at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel, Schaumburg Convention Center, Chicago, IL.

## **CALL FOR ENTRIES:**

Inaugural Aquascaping Live! Contest at Aquatic Experience Chicago \$3,900 DOLLARS IN PRIZE MONEY AVAILABLE. Judging during Aquatic Experience.

The Aquascaping Live! Contest is sanctioned and presented by The Aquatic Gardeners Association (AGA) and will include celebrity judges Oliver Knott, Oliver Lucanus, Brandon McLane, Karen Randall and Bailin Shaw. Contestants will compete in two categories (Small or Large Tank) for \$3,900 in prize money and certificates. All contestants will receive free admission to the show floor at Aquatic Experience.

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: Anton Lamboj, Bob Fenner, Brandon McLane, Charles Delbeek, Chris Lukhaup, Eric Bodrock, Francis Yupangco, Heiko Bleher, Jake Adams, Jen Reynolds, Joe Olenik, Jonathan Dooley, Julian Sprung, Karen Randall, Kevin Kohen, Oliver Knott, Oliver Lucanus, Patrick Donston, Rusty Wessel, Sandy Moore, Sanjay Joshi, Steve Lundblad and Ted Judy. Weekend pass \$89 (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.FgwPiNUq.dpuf. Reservations deadline is Oct. 17. Call 1-877-303-0104. More information visit www.aquaticexperience.org.

## NOVEMBER 20 - 23 OHIO CICHLID ASSOCIATION SHOW &

AUCTION is the largest celebration of cichlids and catfish on the planet. This 4 day event is the weekend before Thanksgiving. Cichlid enthusiast, make the trip to Strongsville, Ohio to enjoy a weekend of all things cichlid and catfish. Attendees will see world class speakers, manufacturer and vendors, a fish show with 150+ entries, and fish sold throughout the hotel. Saturday features a swap meet, informal awards dinner, and an auction featuring brand new goods donated by prominent manufacturers. Speakers: Ad Konings, Felipe Cantera, Barbie Fiorentino, Melanie Stiassny and Wayne Leibel. The extravaganza is held at: Holiday Inn, 15471 Royalton Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136. Phone: 440-238-8800. The hotel is located at I-71 and Route 82, just 10 minutes south of Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. Room rate (registered attendees): \$69.00 per night (up to four people per room). Book by calling the hotel directly at 1-440-238-8800 extension 283. For Information: www.ohiocichlid.com/Extravaganza

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.





## **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.





## 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.



## **PEOPLE:**

## WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS

Bill Amely Dr. Doreen Amen Bonnie Biancardi Walter Chow Bob Conroy Tom Conroy Joe Graffagnino David Hinds Kay Martin Steve Matassa

Lilya Nielsen Scott Peters Lisa Quilty Vito Sacchieri

Thank you **Tom Conroy** for your donation of *TFH* and other aquarium magazines and to **Bob Conroy** for plants to the September auction.

## **STORES**

- Aquarium Village, Westbury, NY
- Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
- Pacific Aquarium & Pet, Manhattan, NYPetqua, New York, 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:**

Moshe Amir Henry Berrios Donna Braithwaite Dennis Brown Carmine Desanto Richie Gilligan Preston Harts Joshua Lessmann Larry Lewis Kiva Miller Darryl Stevens

## **RENEWALS:**

Efrain Arroyo Marlon Baptiste Norman Benjamin Anthony Dinicola Nicolas Martinez Joe Meyers Joseph Morra Paolo Patrinicola Michael Roman Ken Walsh



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



## **BAS NEWS & NOTES**

## 36th Annual Conference of the New York State Marine Education Association

**October 25, 2014** - at Rachel Carson High School for Coastal Studies and the New York Aquarium, Coney Island, NY

## COASTAL TREASURES & TROUBLES: RESTORING, MANAGING AND MONITORING OUR RESOURCES

## **JOIN US FOR:**

Professional Development Credit • Keynote Speakers • Hands-on Workshop • Behind-the-scenes Tour • Field Trips • Exhibitors.

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:**

**Dr. Stephen Pekar:** Associate Professor, Antarctic Climate History/Queens College, Looking back at our future: How studying past climate changes can show us the future of NYC's coastal areas.

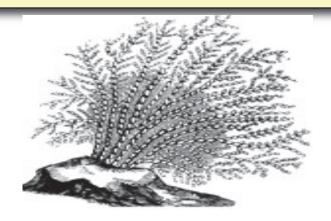
**Kate Orff:** Founding Partner, *SCAPE* landscape Architecture, integrating sustainable development with design Living Breakwaters.

## Early Bird Registration deadline: October 1st

**Learn more at:** http://www.swagrant.eunysb.edu/nysmea/annual-conference.php

**NYSMEA** is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to educating others about marine and freshwater environments and conservation. We hold an annual conference, along with field trips, lectures, tours, boat trips and restoration events. Check us out at:

WWW.NYSMEA.ORG



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

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  $22''H \times 16''W \times 11''D$ , 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.

You can purchase one at our events

## **KEEP YOUR FISH SAFE IN TRANSIT!**





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The party was held at **Steve Matassa's** house.





L-R: **Tina Cingari, Bob Strazzulla**, behind Bob is **Steve Matassa** (closing garage door), **Joe G**., **Lita Goldberg**, and behind Lita is **Dr. Robert Price**.

L-R: Joe Graffagnino, our president cutting his birthday cake, Gene Kogan, Denise Hershkowitz, & Al Turrisi.



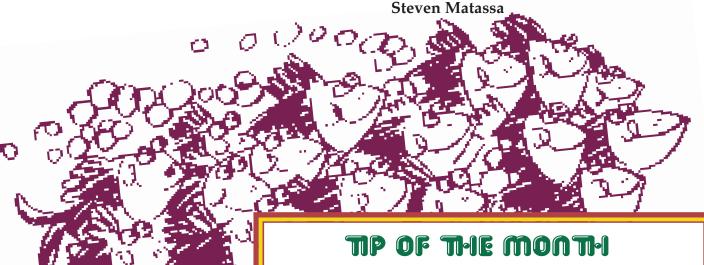
L-R: In back is **John Fox**, in front of John is **Tori Manual, Marie Licciardello**, **Denise** & **Stu Hershkowitz.** 



L-R: Lita Goldberg, Marie Licciardello's daughter Marlene, behind her (whose face you can't see) is Marty Karfinkle, next to Marty is David Manual and his daughter, Tori, behind her is John Fox.

# BAS ONLINE FORUM A GREAT PLACE TO MEET OTHER AQUARISTS

heck out our new forum on our web site at <a href="www.basny.org">www.basny.org</a> 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.



Then buying fish, reject fish that are too thin or have obvious physical problems or will not eat. Note that not all marine fish swim with erect fins, so clamped fins may not necessarily be a sign of ill health.

Also when buying fish for your aquarium make sure that you choose compatible fishes. Remember big fish may eat smaller fish or boisterous fishes will intimidate shy ones. Even fishes which shoal in the wild may not always tolerate each other in captivity

## Reference:

*The Tetra Encyclopedia of The Marine Aquarium, Dick Mills.* 1987



## **REGIONAL SOCIETY EVENTS FOR 2014**

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

## WED. OCT 1 - GREATER CITY AS • DAN PULEO - THE LFS REPORT

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

## SAT. OCT 4 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION • KEVIN KOHEN - LIVE AQUARIA

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

## TUE. OCT 7 - PIONEER VALLEY AS

## • OCTOBER STORE TRIP IN PLACE OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Usually meets 1st Tuesday of the month at the **New location: The First Church UCC of West Sprinfield, 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** 

## THU. OCT 9 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON DWIGHT MOODY - MONEY SAVING TIPS

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at the VFW Hall, 73 Pearl St. 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 or www.tfcb.org

## SAT. SUN. OCT 11 - 12 - NORTH JERSEY AS

## • TROPICAL FISH WEEKEND AT DAYS HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER RT 18, EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ

Speakers: Ad Konings, Wayne Leibel, Charles Clapsaddle, etc. Event registration \$30 includes bidder card.

## For more info: visit rjg100@comcast.net

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/

## MON. OCT 13 - JERSEY SHORE AS - BILL LOACH - NEW PRODUCTS

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. OCT 14 - NASSAU COUNTY AS

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

## CHECK ALL TIMES AND DATES BEFORE ATTENDING

If listed **TBA** (to be Announced), the Society has not gotten a speaker or has not updated their calendar of events.

## THU. OCT 16 - NORWALK AS • RUSTY WESSEL - FISHES OF THE MAYA!

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. OCT 17 - LONG ISLAND AS

- STEVE DeSIMONE (Director of Cold Spring Harbor Lab)
- KEEPING TEMPERATE FRESHWATER FISH.

Ususally 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

## WED. OCT 22 - 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. OCT 24 - 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.

## TUE. OCT 28 - GREATER HARTFORD AS

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



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Visit their website for information and lots of pictures.

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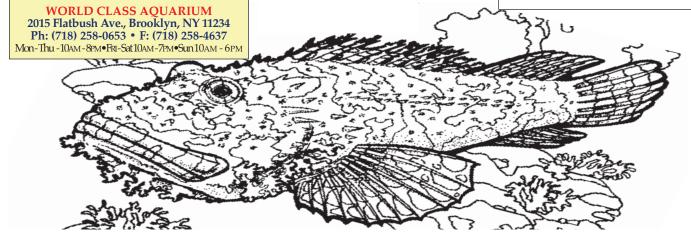
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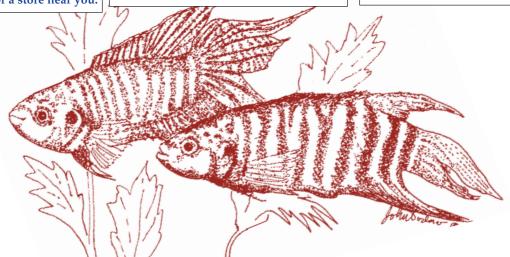
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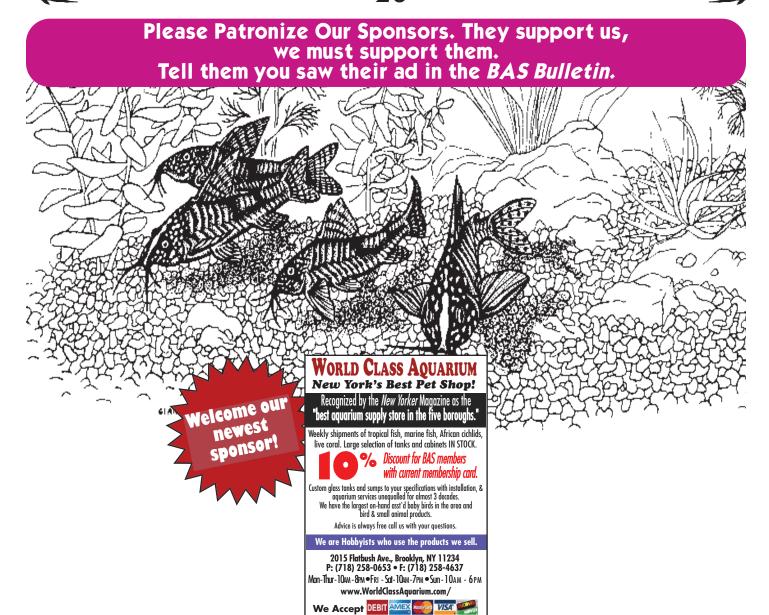
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