

104 Years of Educating Aquarists

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 @ 7:30 PM**

**The Brooklyn Aquarium Society**

# GIANT

## Fall

**AUCTION  
STARTS  
8:30PM**



**FRESHWATER FISH, PLANTS, MARINE FISH, AQUA-CULTURED CORALS & DRY GOODS,  
INCLUDING A NEW 55 GALLON TANK & STAND.**

**RARE & HARD TO FIND LIVE STOCK & MUCH MORE!**

**VIEW LOTS 7:30PM - 8:30PM**

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

**Free Parking • Free Refreshments**

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

**For Information Visit [WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG](http://WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG).**

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



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# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**W**e had a great night weather wise, and not too bad fish wise either. We started our September event with **Rick Borstein** as our guest speaker. Rick spoke on ideas for the aquarium, titled *"60 Tips in 60 Minutes."* Rick has spoken at our club before and was remembered and well

received by our members. We thank him for taking the time from his busy schedule, and hope to see him again soon.

We had another busy night at our auction, with over 100 bags of fish and plants donated from local fish store sponsors and members; the night was a real success. **Next month will be our Giant Auction. We anticipate lots of rare livestock and all types of freshwater, marine, coral and plant items, as well as lots of dry goods.** There will be no speaker at our Giant Auction, so come early to check out our livestock, aquatic supplies and equipment. We always have free parking and free refreshments, so mark your calendar. See you next month.

Please remember, if not for our local pet store sponsors, BAS would not be able to survive, so please patronize our loyal sponsor stores --- they keep us up and running. Show your membership card for applicable discounts and to let them know we support them.

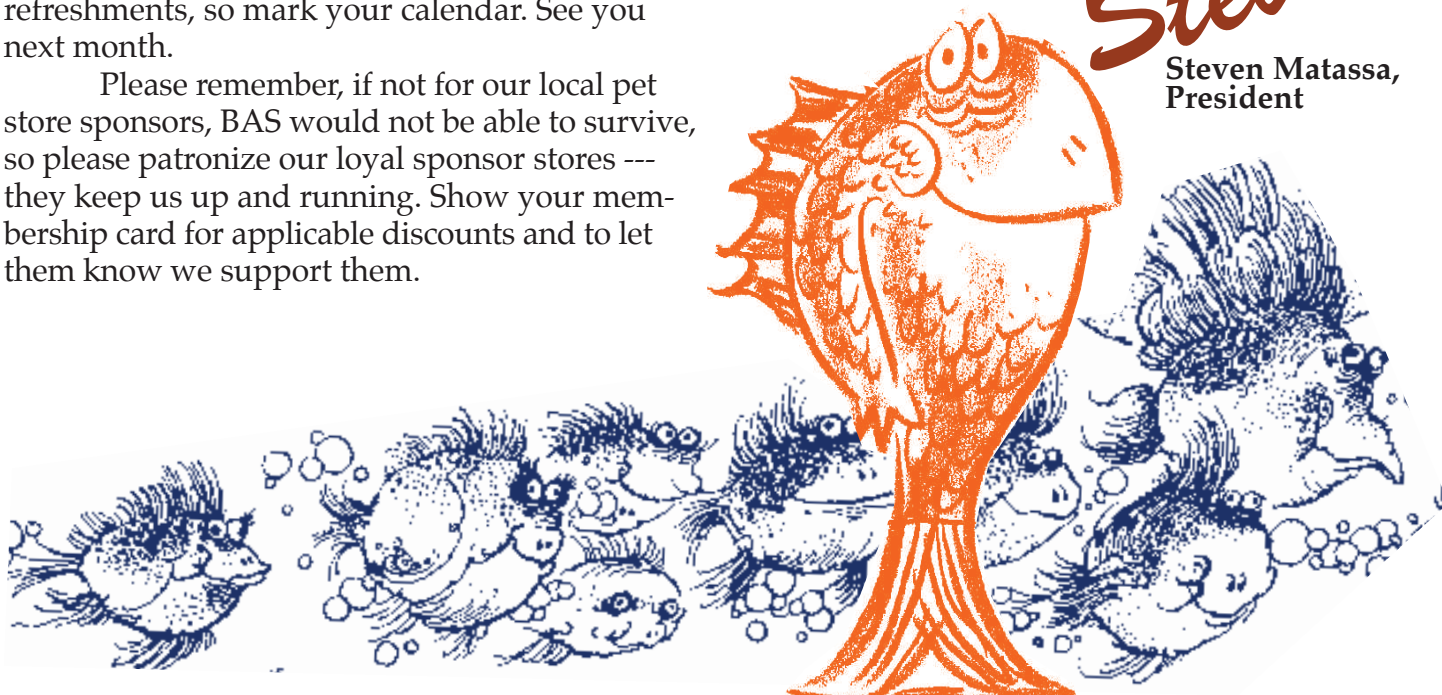
We have been making announcements about our annual photo contest, which started in June, and ends on October 18th, so get those photos in right away. As always, we have lots of great prizes, so clean up those tanks and get your photos ready. See our Web site for instructions on how to enter.

If any of our members have a topic they want to hear speakers talk on or have ideas about our events, we want to hear them. We need your feedback to keep our club going strong. Members can contact us at our **hotline (718) 837-4455** or visit our web site **www.bas.org** where you can find upcoming events or join our BAS forum. The forum is a great place for your questions and answers, and to buy or sell aquarium items.

Members can also bring up new ideas at our Board meeting on the first Friday of the month in the NY Aquarium Education Hall. **If you want to attend a Board meeting** to help out or just to bring us your thoughts, you are always welcome. Please **call Joe Graffagnino (718) 238-1792.** **You must call by the Tuesday previous to the meeting.** The next Board meeting is Oct. 2, 2015. Hope to see you there.

*Steven*

Steven Matassa,  
President



# GIANT FALL AUCTION



October is **Giant Auction** month here at the BAS. Our Auctions always feature both freshwater and marine fish, including tough to locate fish and plants you won't find anywhere 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 win the bid on it, you will receive a coupon for the tank and stand so you can pick it up at the 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, **Alfred Turrisi** at (cell) 516-633-8806.

Al will give you more information on donating to the BAS.



# BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2015 - 2016

### IT'S HERE...OUR SPECTACULAR GIANT FALL AUCTION

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

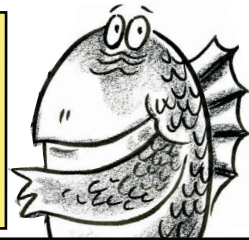
**NOV 13 Bob Fenner ~ Reef Stocking** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**DEC 11 Holiday Party ~ Fish Bingo & Prizes • BAS awards presentations.**

This year our annual holiday party, Friday Dec. 11, will be held at the **Seaport Buffet Chinese Restaurant, 2027 Emmons Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11235.**

The party starts at 8:00 PM. Cost per member or guest will be \$15 and \$10 per child (ages 3-8). There will be no payment allowed at the door. All who wish to attend must be fully pre-paid by the Nov. 13 Event.

There's free parking in the back and lots of free street parking after 7:00 PM. Come and enjoy the food, fun and fish friends!



**Make your reservations NOW!**

### 2016

**JAN 8 Jeff Bollback ~ Getting Rich Breeding Fish** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**FEB 12 Joe Caparatta ~ Triton Method** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**MAR 11 Sal Silvestri ~ Breeding & Maintaining *Apistogramma* Genus and Other S. America Dwarf Cichlids** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**APR 8 Richard Pierce ~ Seahorses, Pipefish & Sea Dragons** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**MAY 13 Giant Spring Auction** ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a brand new 55 gallon tank & stand.

**JUN 10 Rit Forcier - Goodeid Livebearers** ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auctions. BAS Elections.

**JULY/AUGUST - NO MEETINGS**

### 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.

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

**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.

# BREEDER POINTS & STANDINGS

Name	Title	Points
Larry Jinks	Grand Pubah Yoda	4,830
Joseph Graffagnino	Senior Premier Breeder	2,635
Frank Nell	Senior Premier Breeder	2,065
Tom Miglio	Senior Grand Master Breeder	1,400
Lisa Quilty	Senior Grand Master Breeder	1,125
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
Artie Platt	Hobbyist	25

## BREEDER PROGRAM POINT STRUCTURE

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



## SPECIALTY & MAINTAINING SPECIES PROGRAM AWARDS

### **Tom Miglio**

2001 Old World Cichlids, Cyprinids, Catfish, Characins,  
Killies, Livebearers

### **Larry Jinks**

2005 Livebearers and Old World Cichlids  
Catfish, Cyprinids, Anabantoids, New World Cichlids  
Senior Specialist Award (4 different species group) Killifish,  
2009 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 AWARD PROGRAM

Name	Title	Points
Izzy Zwerin	Senior Grand Master Aquatic Horticulturist	1010
Joseph Graffagnino	Master Aquatic Horticulturist	720
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

## HORTICULTURAL PROGRAM POINT STRUCTURE

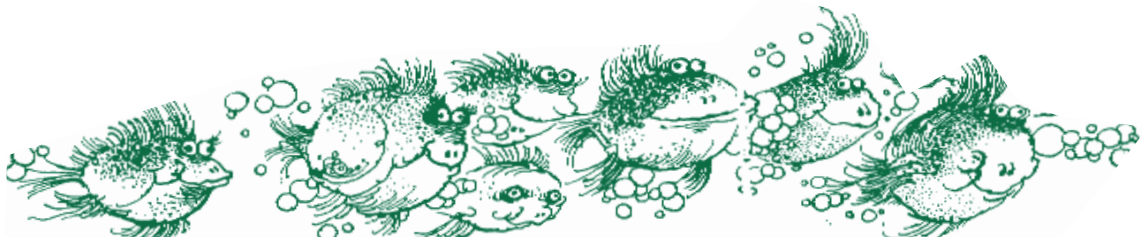
Points Necessary	Title
25 points to 50 points	Beginner Aquatic Horticulturalist
51 points to 99 points	Aquatic Horticulturist
100 points to 299 points	Senior Aquatic Horticulturist
300 points to 499 points	Expert Aquatic Horticulturist
500 points to 749 points	Master Aquatic Horticulturist
750 points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

## 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

## CORAL PROGRAM POINT STRUCTURE

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



## NEW HATS, SHIRTS & PATCHES ON SALE AT THE OCTOBER AUCTION.



**NEW!**

Official caps with embroidered  
BAS logo.  
(Black only) One size fits all.  
Only **\$10** each

**NEW!**

Official BAS embroidered patches that  
can easily be ironed onto any shirt, hat,  
jacket or article of clothing you wish.  
Only **\$4** each



**NEW!**

Official BAS T-Shirts. (Black only)  
(Small to XL) **\$12** each (XXL & XXXL) **\$14** each



**FRONT**

**BACK**





# THE 3RD EDITION OF THE BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY'S PHOTO CONTEST IS OFFICIALLY OPEN!

Once again, we are very fortunate to have such a generous outpouring of support of our club and our contest from our sponsors who have provided us with numerous, truly fantastic prizes. All entries will be accepted starting Saturday, June 13th, 2015 until Sunday October 18th, 2015. The website made specially for the contest ([www.http://basnyphotocontest.weebly.com](http://basnyphotocontest.weebly.com)) is ready to go to accept your photo submissions – don't wait! Take photo of your tanks, plants, fish and post them whenever inspiration takes over. Just click on the "Register Here" tab, fill out the necessary contact information and upload your photos, easy as that. Please don't forget to indicate which category the submitted photo is to be placed in. We ask that submitted photographs are to be minimum 720 pixels wide or 720 pixel tall.



In order to give all participants of the contest enough space to showcase their treasures - we have increased the number of photos a participant can post in a given category, from 3 photos to 5. The Photo Contest is open to all members of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society in good standing, please make sure you have renewed your membership in order to post your photos and win the fabulous prizes.

All winning photos will be published in our Brooklyn Aquarium Society's publications as well as on our club's website. All submitted photos in the 2015 Photo Contest will be archived on the contest's website, as are all photos from our 2014 Photo Contest. Become a part of the club's history for all to admire!

**Tom Lis**

## OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN

### HOW TO ENTER:

The 3rd Brooklyn Aquarium Photo Contest will be announced Friday, June 12th 2015 at the monthly Society's meeting, all entries will be accepted **starting Saturday, June 13th, 2015 until Sunday October 18th, 2015**. The results of the Contest as well as the award ceremony will take place on November 13th, 2015 at the Society's monthly meeting. Digital photos must be submitted to [basnyphotocontest.weebly.com](http://basnyphotocontest.weebly.com) in JPEG format. As a condition of registration, you will be required to click on the 2015 "Register Here" tab and fill out all space marked with an asterisks (\*) 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 they wish to appear, 5) Category of Freshwater or Saltwater the photo is to be entered 6) Scientific and Common Name of Subject in Photo.

### PHOTO ELIGIBILITY:

To enter, you must be a member of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society in good standing, no age restrictions. BAS judging individuals and their immediate family are not eligible to participate in this contest. 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. Submitted photographs are to be minimum 720 pixels wide or 720 pixel tall.

### NUMBER OF ENTRIES:

An individual may submit a maximum of five (5) 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. All submitted photos are to be of the participant's own tanks or a tank you setup (no stores or public aquariums) except the 2 following categories: Fascinating Creatures In Their Environments (both Freshwater and Saltwater).

### DEADLINE:

Contest ends midnight Sunday October 18th, 2015. Any late entries will not be considered.

### PRIZES:

Prizes for each category to be announced during the November 13th,

2015 BAS meeting, and on the [basnyphotocontest.weebly.com](http://basnyphotocontest.weebly.com), on the **BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY** Facebook page and on our web site ([WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG](http://WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG)). No substitution or transfer of prize permitted by winner.

### 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 13th, 2015 meeting. If a winner of a category is not able to attend the meeting, the prize will be kept at BAS until the February 12th, 2016 meeting. If the winner/s fails to collect the prize as mentioned earlier, the prize/s will be auctioned during the February 12th, 2016 meeting. No prizes will be shipped.

### 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. By submitting, 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.

## COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

### EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS 2015

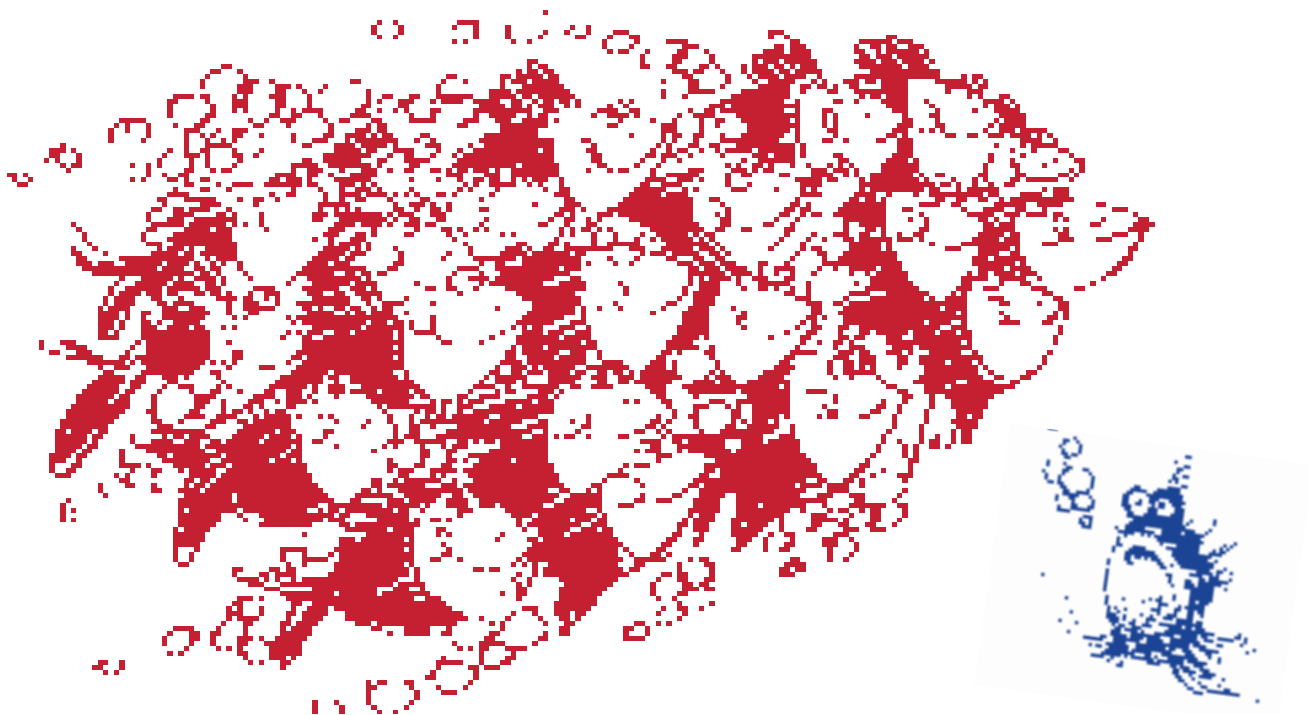
**OCTOBER 9, 10 & 11 - NORTH JERSEY AS WEEKEND WONDERLAND.** Held at Days Hotel & Convention Center 195 RT. 18 South, East Brunswick, NJ 08816. NJ Turnpike Exit 9. Rooms \$69 per night. Call 732-828-6900 Weekend Registration \$65. **SPEAKERS:** Stephan Tanner, Dr. Paul Loiselle, Sandy Moore, Rachel O'Leary. Fish Show • Planted Tank Show • Aquarium Art • Vendors Room • Fish Auction. Pizza Party, Hospitality Room, Bidders Cards. For info: [Finaddicts of NJAS \(Facebook\)](#) or [www.njas.net](http://www.njas.net)

**OCTOBER 16, 17 & 18 THE MIDWEST'S PREMIER CATFISH CONVENTION - CATAclysm** Hosted by the Madison Area Aquatic Hobbyists and held at Howard Johnson Madison, 3841 E. Washington Ave, Madison, WI 53704, (608)-244-2481 • **Friday:** fish fry • Ted's fish room open house • **Saturday:** Rare fish auction. **SPEAKERS:** Barbie Fiorentino, Loricarid Nutrition & Breeding Loricarids. Oliver Lucanus, Collecting South American & African Catfish. Mike Hellweg, Breeding Oddball Catfish & Live Foods. **VENDORS:** Aquatic Clarity • Mark of Excellence, live plants. • [Plecocaves.com](http://Plecocaves.com) • Fish Factory, books • Pleco Pete, fish • Swiss Tropicals • Room sellers welcome. Free food with registration • Goodie bags. **Sunday:** Swap meet. For more info. [MadisonAreaAquaticHobbyists.Com](http://MadisonAreaAquaticHobbyists.Com)

**OCTOBER 25 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON - GIANT AUCTION.** Fish, plants, new & used equipment, fish foods, etc. VFW Hall 176 South Winooski Ave., Burlington. More Info. [dbanks@together.net](mailto:dbanks@together.net)

**OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 1 - WISCONSIN AREA KILLIFISH ORGANIZATION** announces its 47th WAKO ANNIVERSARY 35TH ANNUAL EGG LAYING TOOTH CARP JAMBOREE. Held at the Ramada Hotel - Airport Milwaukee, WI. 15 Classes, 2 speakers: **Jim Gasior** and **John Lyons**. More info coming soon: [www.aka.org/wako](http://www.aka.org/wako).

**NOVEMBER 6 - 8 - AQUATIC EXPERIENCE** held at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel, Schaumburg Convention Center, Chicago, IL. Everything Aquatic under one roof: Educational speakers for the hobbyist and industry. Blue Zoo Radio Host **Frank Reece** is keynote speaker. Seminars on hobbyist and retail topics will feature: **George Blasiola, Heiko Bleher, Charles Delbeek, Patrick Donston, Hans-Georg Evers, Sanjay Joshi, Oliver Knott, Paul Loiselle, Oliver Lucanus, Steve Lundblad, Joe Olenik, Julian Sprung, Tony Vargas** and **Greg Wittstock**. Dozens of fresh & salt water exhibitors. 125 Exhibitors. Tickets on sale: \$10 Daily Individual Tickets (exhibits & show floor activities) \$30 All Day Pass (one day access to show floor & all seminars) \$25 Daily Family Pass (up to 2 adults, up to 4 kids, exhibits and show floor activities) \$89 Weekend Pass Advance Purchase Rate by June 29 (show floor & access to all seminars all weekend, Saturday Keynote Banquet) \$60 Saturday Dinner & Keynote. Kids 5 and under FREE Info: <http://aquaticexperience.org/tickets/#sthash.V8qp5DoLdpuf> Info. & to buy tickets, visit: [www.aquaticexperience.org](http://www.aquaticexperience.org).



## WE SINCERELY THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE SEPTEMBER AUCTION

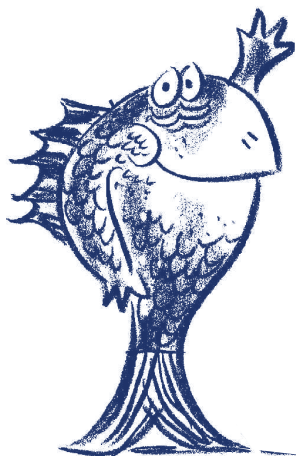
### INDIVIDUALS:

Louise Bergstresser  
Ginny Cahill  
Frank Campo  
Nick Caputo  
John Fox  
Joe Graffagnino

Dexter Hanes  
Steve Matassa  
Scott Peters  
Dan Puleo  
Denis Vardaro

### STORES

- Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
  - Fauna, New York, NY
  - Monster Aquarium, Queens, NY
- Pacific Aquarium & Pet, Manhattan, NY
- World Class Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY



### DONATORS TO THE SOCIETY

**W**e would like to thank the following people who have made income tax donations (\$100 or more) to the BAS.

**Ralph D'Allessandro & Henry Camuso**

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 SEPTEMBER 2015

### NEW MEMBERS

Colette Barotti  
Frank Boday  
Peabo Burton  
Ethan Clarke  
Louis Devino  
Erwin Eady  
Manuel Enriquez  
Phillip Liebman

### Johnny Morales

Andrew Otto  
Eric Shvartser  
Wayne Sinkler  
Amanda Vallon

### RENEWALS

Bill Amely  
Efrain Arroyo  
Frank Campo  
Michael Gallo  
Irene Goldman  
Mariana Miller-D'Alessandro  
Paolo Patrinicola

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



### ClearFlo Kits Laguna

lagunaponds.com

Laguna's ClearFlo Kits make it easy to maintain a clean pond. Each kit includes Laguna's Pressure Flo Filter and Max-Flo Waterfall and Filter Pump, which keep ponds up to 4,000 gallons in size clear and healthy with minimal maintenance. The Pressure Flo Filter and Max-Flo Pump work in tandem to clear solids, then filter and clean water. The Max-Flo Pump circulates water with moderate amounts of solid particles and transports it to the filter. The filter collects water with a pressurized vortex, where durable foam filters intercept and trap dirt and debris.



### SkyAqua LED Lighting

Series Aquatop

www.aquatop.com

The new SkyAqua LED Lighting Series, from Aquatop, is an energy-efficient LED lighting system that provides general illumination with the shimmer of natural daylight and will operate for years without a bulb change. It can be mounted directly on any tank with the built-in leg mounts, or installed using the included lock-screw leg mounts. The fanless lighting system operates silently and has a protective splash guard. It is available in 20-in., 24-in., 36-in. and 48-in. sizes and has daytime and lunar modes.

### WEIGHT OF WATER

1 US gallon of water weighs 8.33 pounds or 3.78 kilograms.  
One liter of water weighs 1 kilogram or 2.2 pounds.



## In Remembrance

Our Auctioneer, Dennis Alestra's Brother,  
**Johnny Alestra**

Passed away August 24, 2015. As many of you know, he has been battling lung cancer for 4 years. His passing was peaceful. He loved life, his wife May Louise Helland, and all of us who were fortunate to know him.

## In Remembrance

**Elisabeth Reeves**

Passed away September 12, 2015 at 94.  
She was a BAS member & mother-in-law of  
BAS president, **Al DiSpigna** (2003 - 2007).  
Elisabeth, you will be missed. RIP.



# THE SAFE FISH CARRIER THE INSULATED CARRYING BAG

**T**his 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 many bags of fish.

**ONLY \$10**

You can purchase one at our events

**KEEP YOUR FISH SAFE IN TRANSIT!**



## RULES FOR POSTING ON BAS FACEBOOK

**I**n an effort to control the posts that David Lund and I have noticed hitting the various groups advertising other items and merchandise, these rules basically address what members and followers can and cannot post on our pages such as spam, fraudulent products and direct mail to our member lists.

- We strive to keep this group as spam and drama free as possible. You can help by reporting spam and offensive content.
- Trolling & Spam will not be tolerated. Any post that an Administrator suspects is posted for the purpose of creating conflict may be deleted and the poster may be removed from the group. The same goes for offensive content.

### PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FOR GROUP INTERACTIONS:

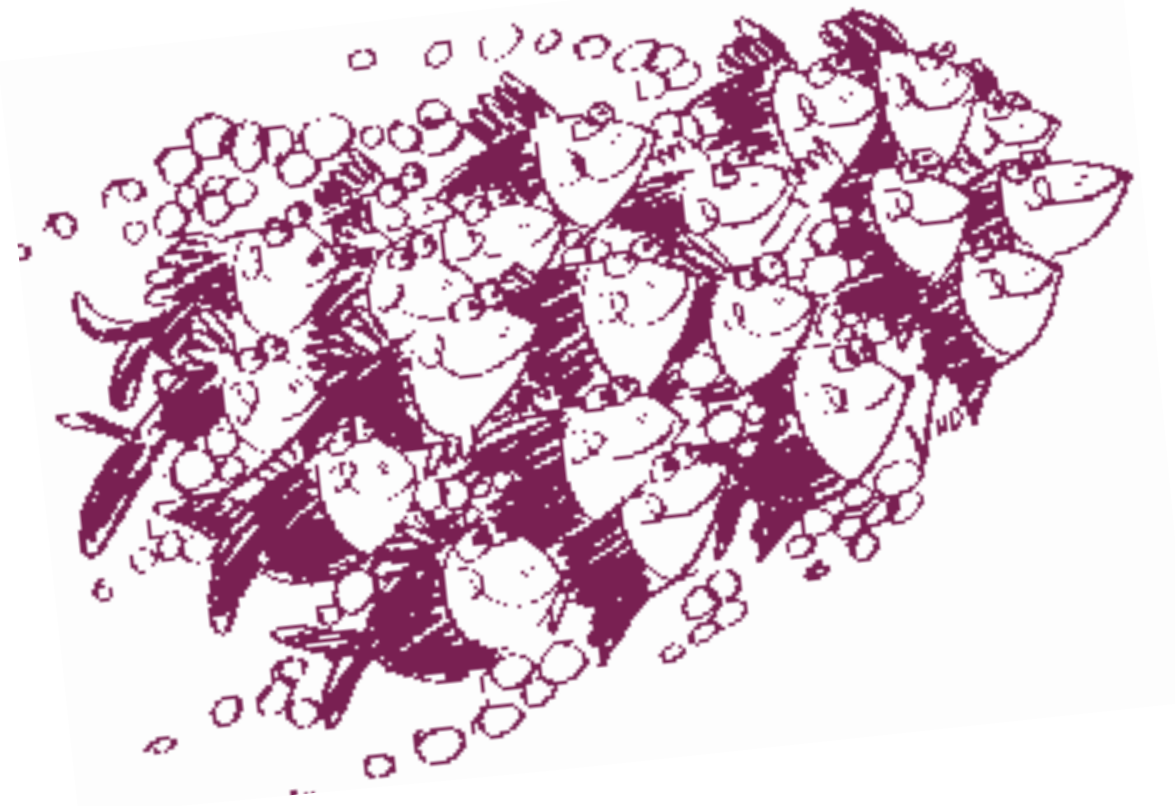
- If someone else bothers you: Block them. (Site Administrators would be the Exception; sorry, cannot allow blocking of any Administrator.) If they say something you think violates FB rules: Report them and/or block them.
- If they post spam: Report the account & report the post to Administrator.
- If someone is being inappropriate: Report the post to the Administrator and/or to FB.
- Trolling: Directed emails soliciting site members may be blocked. If you received excessive requests to follow another site, please report to us via private message to the Administrator. Thanks!
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Steven Matassa



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Joe's work has been published by Dreams Publishing Company.

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You can obtain Joe's novel via his website – [www.JAGraffagnino.com](http://www.JAGraffagnino.com) which links to Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com. Amazon also has a Kindle version for \$7.99.

## TIP OF THE MONTH

When setting up your aquarium, be sure to place your tank in an appropriate place. First is the location, keep it away from direct sunlight or you will be raising algae instead of fish.

Second, be aware of the weight of the tank. A general rule of thumb is the water, tank, light, filter, and gravel will usually average about 10 lb per gallon. So a tank as little as 20-gallons, can weigh as much as 200 lb. Pick a stand that will hold the weight.

Third, consider temperature, drafts, unheated garages, or basements these will all affect the temperature of the water in the tank. Use the appropriate size heater for the tank. A general rule for heaters is 3-5 watts per gallon, and a tight fitting canopy will help maintain the temperature.

**Steven Matassa**



## REGIONAL SOCIETY EVENTS FOR 2015

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

### 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.

#### THUR. OCT 1 - BUCKS COUNTY AQUARIUM SOCIETY. • TBA

Meetings begin at 7:30 pm & doors open at 7:00 pm on the 1st Thursday of every month except August, at The Churchville Nature Center, 501 Churchville Lane, Churchville, PA. Annual membership is \$20 for single membership, and \$10 for each additional family member who wishes to have voting privileges and the ability to participate in the BAP program. For directions, visit our web site: [bcasonline.com](http://bcasonline.com)

#### FRI. OCT 2 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION • MARC LEVENSON - TBA

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>

#### TUE. OCT 6- PIONEER VALLEY AS • TBA

Usually meets 1st Tuesday of the month at the The First Congregational Church, 20 Lathrop St, West Springfield, MA at 7:00pm. Free parking in lot. Public welcome. For more information email: [Jacob Guinasso, jguinasso@pvas.net](mailto:jguinasso@pvas.net) or Martha Morris, [martha\\_morris@hotmail.com](mailto:martha_morris@hotmail.com). For directions go to [pvas.net](http://pvas.net)

#### WED. OCT 7 - GREATER CITY AS • KEVIN CARR - MONSTER CICHLIDS

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](mailto:Claudia.Dickinson@ivyroseoptonline.net) at: [ivyrose@optonline.net](mailto:ivyrose@optonline.net) or (631)-668-5125, or visit [www.greatercity.org](http://www.greatercity.org)

#### THUR. OCT 8 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON • TBA

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](mailto:dbanks@together.net) or [www.tfcb.org](http://www.tfcb.org)

#### MON. OCT 12- JERSEY SHORE AS • BILL LOACH & ZOOMED - NEW PRODUCTS PLUS BOWL SHOW

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the Knights of Columbus, 70 E. Main St., Freehold, NJ. At 8pm. Speakers, auction rare & exotic fish, aquatic plants, door prizes. For more details: [www.jerseyshoreAS.org](http://www.jerseyshoreAS.org); or (732)-859-5595; [mws71@yahoo.com](mailto:mws71@yahoo.com)

#### TUE. OCT 13 - NASSAU COUNTY AS • RIT FORCIER - COLLECTING IN FLORIDA

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 [info@ncasweb.org](mailto:info@ncasweb.org)

#### SUN. OCT 11 NORTH JERSEY AS • GIANT AUCTION- SAYS HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, 195 RT 18 S, EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816. NJ TURNPIKE EXIT 9

#### THUR. OCT 15 NORTH JERSEY AS PAUL SHERMAN - UNIQUE LIVEBEARERS

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#### THUR. OCT 15 - NORWALK AS • MARK DENARO - PROGRAM TBA

Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 8:00pm at Earthplace, The Nature Discovery Center, 10 Woodside Lane, Westport, CT. Open to public. Info: [Norwalkas.org](http://Norwalkas.org)

#### FRI. OCT 16 - LONG ISLAND AS • TBA

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

#### FRI. OCT 23 - DANBURY AREA AS • TBA

Meets 4th Friday of the month at the Carmel Ambulance Corps, Vink Dr., Carmel, NY. For more info: Rich Litsky (845) 228-0372 or Joe Masi (845)-896-4793 or [daas@notheastcouncil](mailto:daas@notheastcouncil).

#### TUE. OCT 27 - 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. OCT 28 - METROPOLITAN AREA KILLIFISH ASSOC. (MAKA) • TBA

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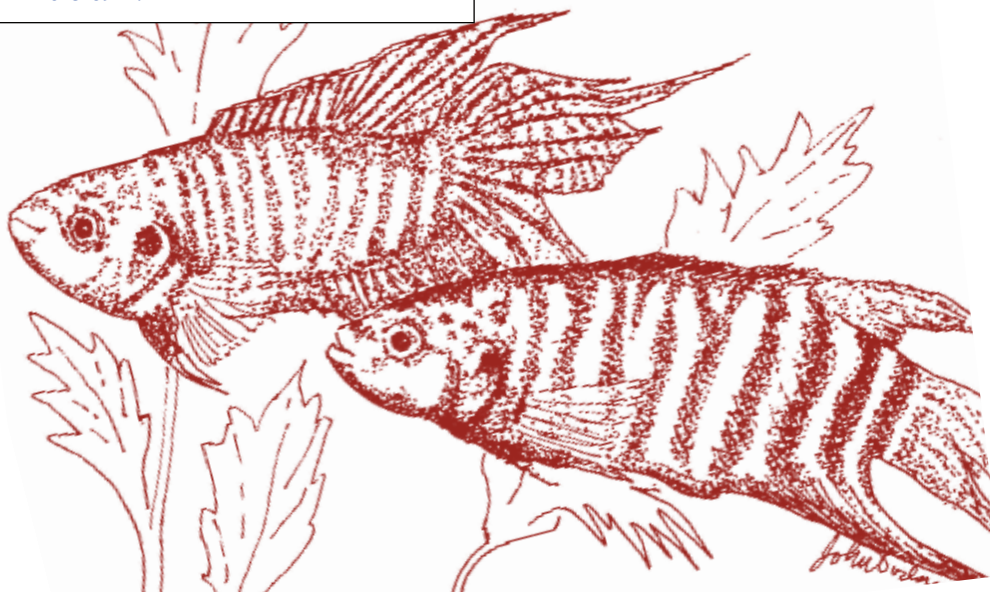
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\*If family membership, please list all family members. Only first two listed will have voting rights.

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tanks [ ] marine [ ] freshwater [ ] Do you breed fish?  
 [yes] [no]

If yes, what types do you breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Special interest (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about BAS [friend] [dealer] [flyer] [Aquatica] [mag ad] [online] other \_\_\_\_\_

To volunteer check [yes] [no] A board member will contact you if you check yes.

On occasion, the Brooklyn Aquarium Society uses its mailing list to send notices of interest to our members.

If you **DO NOT** wish to receive these mailings please check here [ ]

#### Official use

Member number: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of membership [F] [I] [S] Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Board approved date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal/member since \_\_\_\_\_