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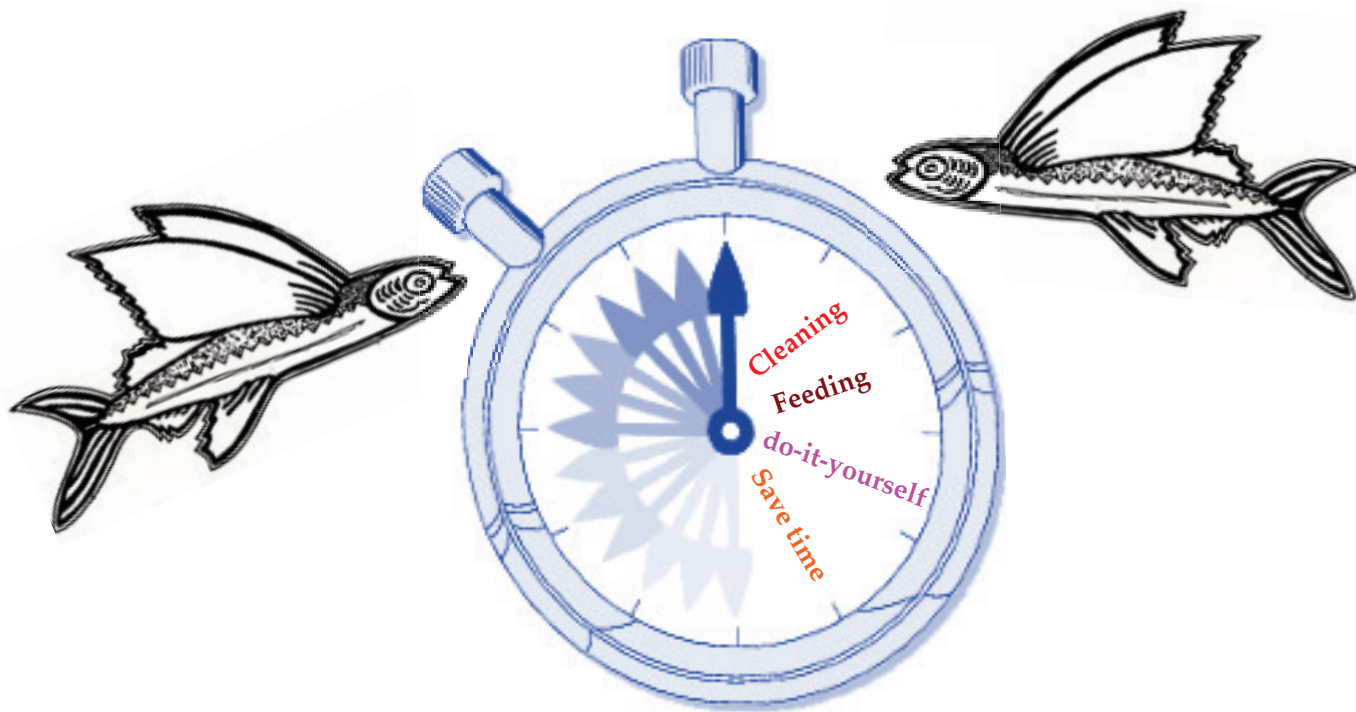
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 @ 7:30 PM

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society is
Proud to Present

RICK BORSTEIN

60 TIPS in 60 MINUTES



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

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

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

Free Parking • Free Refreshments

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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JOE'S OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



June is one of the more enjoyable months of the year and it was made more so by our guest speaker **Lou Ekus**. Lou brought his family with him and a warm, fun family they are. Lou is a great guy and a very knowledgeable speaker on **Reef Chemistry**, which was his subject for the

evening. Lou is the manager for **Tropic Marin** in the United States. His talk was very entertaining and made the complicated chemicals and their interaction very basic. We had a crowded meeting thanks to Lou. Our auction and raffles contained many interesting items and products from our sponsors, donators and members. As always, everyone went home happy.

June is election time for BAS. After the smoke cleared, we found many new faces in various Board and Officer positions. The new people and their positions are listed in the *Bulletin* (page 5). This was my last year as your President. I had a wonderful time for the past 8 years and I thank you, the members, officers and Board members for making it so. I thank you from the bottom of my heart! I am not traveling off into the sunset, but will still help out and attend meetings; however, my personal life has caused my priorities to shift.

We will be taking the months of July and August off and will return in September with a new group of speakers and other fun things that we shall do together as BAS members. Our September speaker will be **Rick Borstein**, who is the FAAS [Federation of American Aquarium Societies] President and an officer in the Greater Chicago Cichlid Association.

As always, the meetings will be at the NY Aquarium Education Hall. Doors open at 7:30 PM, and there is Free Parking and Free Refreshments.

Please visit our 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.

We are asking again for your help and support. If you want to see different speakers or try different things, please let us know. The elected officials of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society are here to serve YOU! Please tell us what you want and why. It would be helpful for 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**.

In addition: Any member who desires to attend a Board meeting, held at Education Hall of the New York Aquarium on the 1st Friday of the month, September through June, please notify **Steve Matassa** at (347) 277-4793 by the Tuesday previous to the meeting.

Joe Graffagnino

Joe



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My name is **Steven Matassa**, and for all that do not already know, I was elected as the next President of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society. I have been the First Vice President alongside **Joe Graffagnino** for the past 8 years.

I have some large shoes to fill, as Joe has made great strides with our club in that time. Joe has taken us, with the help of our great Board, into the 21st Century. As most of you know, we have branched out to social media; we have a great web site, forum, a photo contest; we are on Facebook; we have installed tanks in schools and community centers, and, as always, we have our award winning publications - *Aquatica* and the *BAS Bulletin*. This would not be possible without our Board members' tireless efforts. I hope to have their continued support, just as Joe did; without it, we could not function. We urge anyone who wants to help to come join us. There is always work to do. **Anyone that wants to help out, please call me at 347 277-4793**; our Board meetings are on the first Friday of the month.

Anyone who has a recommendation or idea about our club, please bring it to our attention. We are always looking for ways to improve. If you have comments about our speakers, good or bad, or if you would like to hear a specific topic, let us know. We are always looking for ways to improve our club, but without your voice, it can't happen.

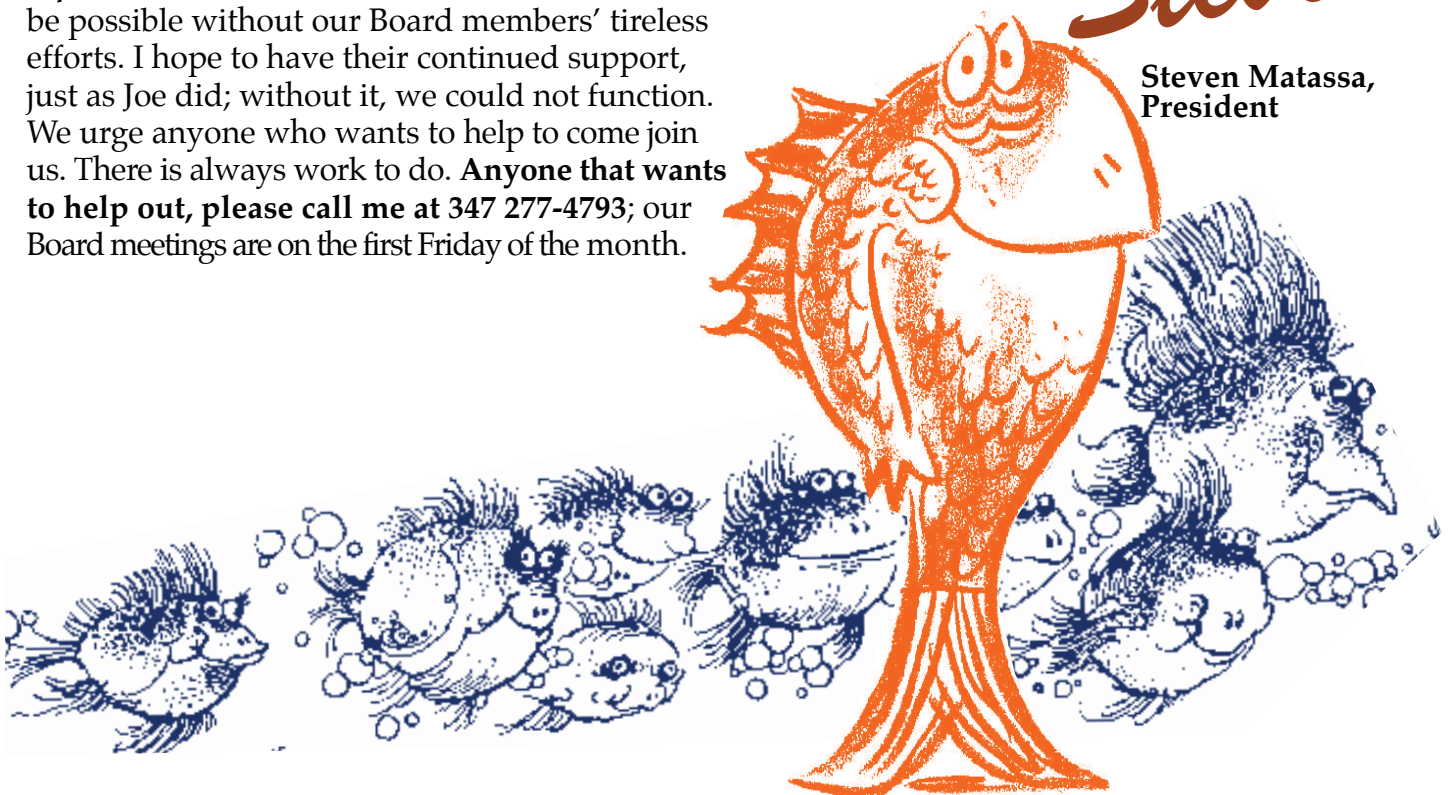
We also accept donations at every meeting. If you have anything fish related -- tanks, equipment, even livestock, we will always accept it. If you are unable to bring it in, let us know and we will try to make arrangements. Just please have your donation clean.

Our next meeting is on September 11, and we will have **Rick Bornstein** speaking on "**60 Tips in 60 Minutes**." It will be held in the NY Aquarium Education Hall in Coney Island, free parking and refreshments as always.

Hope to see you all there.

Steven

**Steven Matassa,
President**



THIS MONTHS SPEAKER



***60 tips in
60 minutes***

Rick Borstein is the Webmaster of the Greater Chicago Cichlid Association (GCCA), President of the Chicago Livebearer Society (CLS) and President of the Federation of American Aquarium Societies (FAAS). Rick was the Chairman of the successful 2006 American Cichlid Association Convention held in Chicago, IL.

Rick has spawned over 225 species of cichlids and is one of only twelve people to hold the title of Master Breeder in the GCCA.

Rick's basement fish room has 36 tanks ranging in size from 5 gallons to 125 gallons. Rick is primarily interested in cichlids and livebearers.

In this month's talk, Rick will give us ***60 tips in 60 minutes***.

Tons of tips to make it easier, faster, more fun to manage, maintain and breed your fish - that you can use right-a-way, whether you have one tank or a fish-room full of tanks.

This is a picture driven presentation offering tips and do-it-yourself tips on better ways to feed, change water, pack and ship tropical fish and tons more!

I suggest you bring a pad and pencil and be ready to jot down the tips that will make your fish keeping easier.

I wish I did when I attended Rick's presentation at the NEC Convention a couple of years ago.

By the way, welcome back to a brand new season of great fish events, auctions and friends.

John Todaro

BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2015 - 2016

**"WE HOPE YOU HAD A RESTFUL SUMMER AND ARE READY FOR
A GREAT NEW SEASON OF SPEAKERS AND EVENTS!"
"WE ARE!!!!!"**

SEPT 11 Rick Borstein ~ 60 Tips in 60 Minutes ~ 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 ~ Fish Bingo & Prizes • BAS awards presentations.

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

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

OCT 14 TBA ~ 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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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.

OUR NEW BAS OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

- President:
Steve Matassa
- 1st Vice President:
Alfred Turissi
- 2nd Vice President:
Marie Licciardello
- Recording Secretary:
Kay Martin
- Treasurer:
Denise Hershkowitz
- Membership Chairperson:
David Manuel
- Corresponding Secretary:
Dan Smith
- Sergeant at Arms:
Lita Goldberg
- Exchange Editor:
Tomasz Lis

BOARD MEMBERS:*

Bill Amely
Stu Hershkowitz
Marty Karfinkel
Gene Kogen
Mike Roman
Vito Sacchieri

*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.



NEW HATS, SHIRTS & PATCHES ON SALE AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.



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) **\$10** each (XXL & XXXL) **\$12** 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 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, on the **BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY** Facebook page and on our web site (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

SEPTEMBER 3 - 7 18TH WORLD GUPPY CONTEST.
Held at the Crowne Plaza Tampa Hotel Westshore,
5303 W. Kennedy Blvd, Tampa, Florida 33609.

Sponsored by the Florida Fancy Guppy Club. Reservations booked before August 4th qualify for the discounted rates of \$82 a night plus taxes. Reservations can be made by calling Passkey Reservation Line at 888-233-9527 or 843-760-5839 (International). Use the Passkey block code FFQ when making your reservations. Speakers: Roy Yanong - Fish Diseases; Logan Randolph Phd. - Plants; Alan Bias - Genetics. Events: Friday 4th: Fish Farm Tour. Saturday 5th: Judging, Speakers awards banquet, Hospitality Room. Sunday 6th: Auction, Raffle. Monday 7th: Fish Collecting Trip. There is no fee for show entries. Package fee: booked before August 4th is \$95 and includes fish farm/lab tour, commemorative book of show pictures and awards banquet. Collection trip is a separate fee of \$35 per person, plus a license fee of \$18. More info. worldguppycontest2015@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 4 -6 - MACNA 27 held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington DC. Rooms \$124.99 per night. World class speakers • hundreds of exhibitors • 3 days of raffles • Saturday banquet and much more. For Info. macnaconference.org/2015

SEPTEMBER 18 - 20 - UPSTATE NEW YORK KILLIFISH ASSOCIATION KILLIFISH WEEKEND. Albany Best Western, 200 Wolf Road, Albany, NY, 12205. Ph: 518 458 -1000 For reservations \$90 per night. Make sure you mention the killifish convention. Speakers: **Richard Pierce** on *Fundulopanchax*, **Tony Pinto** on his Collecting Trips, **Mike Lucas** on Collecting Natives and **Tom Grady** on Updating the Nothos. Saturday Banquet. Sunday all species auction will begin at 10AM **Event Registration:** \$30. Saturday Italian buffet banquet: \$30. Send payment to: PayPal: unyka@aka.org or make checks out to **Tom Grady** (27 Webster St., Malone, NY, 12953)
Info. Auctionwebsite (<http://unyka.killienutz.com>)

SEPTEMBER 26 - CLASH OF THE CICHLIDS 3 Held at 50 Northeast Street, Spring Grove, PA 17362. Featuring CCY fund raiser, huge cichlid show, food, live auction, silent auction, raffle and much, much more. For more info: www.clashofthecichlids.com

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

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 • 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

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

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 1 - WISCONSIN AREA KILLIFISH ORGANIZATION announces its **47th WAKO ANNIVERSARY 35TH ANNUAL EGG LAYING TOOTHCARP 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.

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.

**WE SINCERELY THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR
THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE JUNE AUCTION**

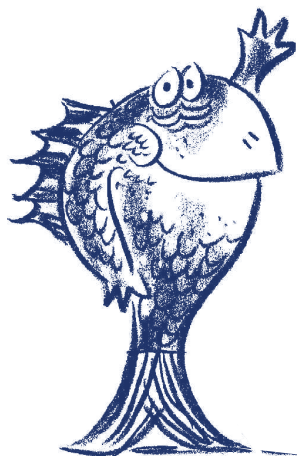
INDIVIDUALS:

John Fox
Dexter Haynes
Gabrielle Kiernan
Gene Kogan
Steve Matassa

Dan Puleo
Lisa Quilty
Dorothy Russell
Ken Walsh

STORES

- Absolutely Fish, West Clifton, NJ
- Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
- Pacific Aquarium & Pet, Manhattan, NY
 - Tropic Marin USA
- World Class Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY



DONATORS TO THE SOCIETY

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

Michael Roman & Harry Udit

NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS APRIL 2015

NEW MEMBERS

Abraham Aranda
Reginald Barometre
Lam Chi Keung
Peter Colon
Terrell Courteney
Travis Greaves
Franqy Jean-Charles
Hector Jimenez
Aaron Kops

Moshe Levy
Fran Sonuston
Richard Tenia
Eugenio Vazquez

RENEWALS

Gennady Blanket
Walter Chow
Marty Karfinkel
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Gene Kogan
Donita Maynard
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John Todaro

**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.**

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.

NEWS & NOTES

Edward C. Taylor - *Pet Business*, September 2014

There is a massive push in the industry to sell small table-top or personal tanks, in the range of two to eight gallons. They are made from plastic rather than glass. Retailers that stock these and make attractive live-fish displays are guaranteed to sell more bettas, neon tetras, glowlight tetras and other small species that can survive in close quarters. Most of these are relatively inexpensive, unless you get into the newer micro-species coming from Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

A really big livestock trend plays into the nano-tank theme very well. Most of the rest of the world is way ahead of us in falling in love with exotic freshwater shrimp. They have been around for years in Asia and Europe, but they are just starting to surge in popularity in the U.S. The desktop tanks work great for most of the shrimp species.

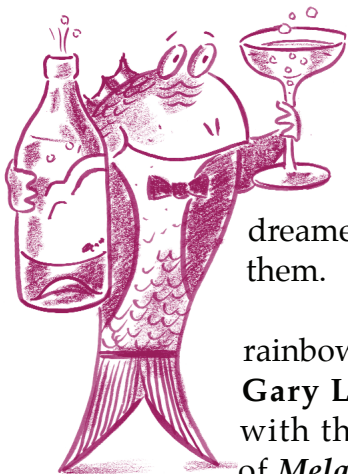
Only a few are so big or aggressive that they require larger quarters.



Halo LED Reef Fixtures Aquatic Life aquaticlife.com

Two new Halo LED Reef Fixtures, from Aquatic Life, stimulate the blue light spectrum often found in marine environments. The Halo LED pendants feature two channels of LEDs and a high-performance glass lens that allow complete control over the light intensity and spectrum output with well-defined emission angles. Available in two units, the deluxe unit includes a built-in programmable timer and dimmer, and the basic unit can be connected and controlled by the deluxe unit or any other controllable light unit with a zero to 10-volt output to replicate the control settings through simple connection of a plug/play control cable.

THE BAS CONGRATULATES RAINBOWFISH EXPERT **GARY LANGE** WHO WAS HONORED WITH A NEW SPECIES NAME!



There are more than a few aquarists and ichthyophiles who have dreamed of this happening to them.

The world-renowned rainbowfish expert and breeder **Gary Lange** was honored with the species description of *Melanotaenia garylangei*.

The description was published in the May 2015 issue of *Fishes of Sahul*, Volume 29, Number 2,



by Johannes A. Graf, Fabian Herder & Renny K. Hadiaty. *Fishes of Sahul* is the quarterly publication of the Australia New Guinea Fishes Association.

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 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

In 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:

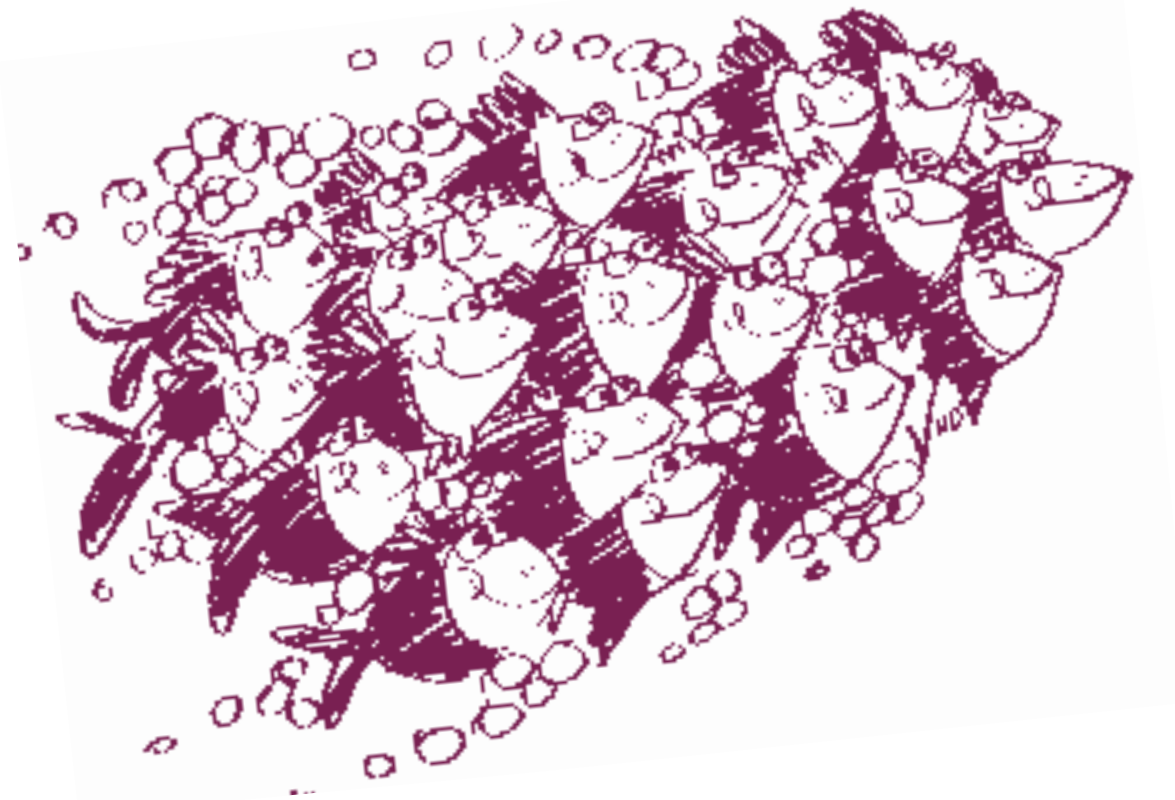
- If someone else bothers you: Block them. (Site Administrators would be the Exception; sorry, cannot allow blocking of any Administrator.) If they say something you think violates FB rules: Report them and/or block them.
- If they post spam: Report the account & report the post to Administrator.
- If 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!
- Also: Buyer beware. If you are buying/trading with members in the group, take time to research what you are buying to make sure it is what you really want; if using PayPal or similar, make sure the method of payment you are using is typical. The group will not be responsible for inter-member transactions. You can bring any items for exchange to one of our monthly club events in person.
- We strive to promote the exchange of information and trade of aquatic equipment, but fraudulent solicitations or spamming will not be tolerated and will result in immediate ejection from the group.
- Thank you for helping us foster a warm and fruitful environment for you and all the members.



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



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JOE GRAFFAGNINO, RETIRED BAS PRESIDENT HAS HAD HIS FIRST NOVEL PUBLISHED.



Besides running the largest general aquarium society in the country Joe created a fantasy action adventure novel entitled *The Journey of Mary/Ma Li*.

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

The novel follows the adventures of two women; Mary Petrovich, who exists in the 20th century and Ma Li Chin a 15th century Chinese warrior priestess. Their spirits have been linked since birth and their destiny foretold. Both women seek revenge and to correct the wrongs done to them and their families. They must find mystical weapons to bond their existence. They team up as mercenaries to continue their quest and to survive in the spirit realm as well as the world of flesh and bones.

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



TIP OF THE MONTH

Plants not only look nice but they provide shelter and breeding sites for different fish. Many plants can be easily propagated with cuttings, which can be planted and will root quickly in the tank's gravel. Tall and fast growing plants are best used in the background; small and slow growing plants are often used in the foreground. When planting an aquarium, have the water level at 3/4 full. Remember to read about the plants you wish to keep in your aquarium. Not all plants tolerate the same water conditions and some will not grow well together.

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 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.

TUE. SEPT 1 - 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** or **Martha Morris, martha_morris@hotmail.com**. For directions go to pvas.net

WED. SEPT 2 - GREATER CITY AS

• TOM KEEGAN - HOW FISH GET HERE AND ALMOST ANYWHERE

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 info. contact **Claudia Dickinson** at: ivyrose@optonline.net or (631)-668-5125, or visit www.greatercity.org

THU. SEPT 3 - 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

FRI. SEPT 4 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION

• 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. SEPT 8 - NASSAU COUNTY AS

• TBA

Generally meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at Kellenberg at Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre NY 8:00pm. Check web site for directions. <http://ncasweb.org/directions.php>. General meetings open to the public. Guest speakers, fish related events, raffles, mini-auction. Info: **Mike Foran** (516)-798-6766, or at info@ncasweb.org

THU. SEPT 10 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON

• KAREN RANDALL - PLANTS

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at the VFW Hall, 73 Pearl St. in Essex Junction, VT starting at 6:30pm. Free door prizes, bowl show (warmer months), monthly auction, fish discussions and a good time! New members are always welcome! For more information contact **David Banks** at dbanks@together.net or www.tfcfb.org

MON. SEPT 14 - JERSEY SHORE AS

• LARRY JINKS - CATFISH BREEDING

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

THU. SEPT 17 - NORTH JERSEY AS

• LARRY JINKS - BREEDING FISH

Usually meeting held at 7:45pm every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Quality Inn, 10 Polito Ave., Lyndhurst, NJ. 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. SEPT 17 - NORWALK AS

• TBA

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

FRI. SEPT 18 - LONG ISLAND AS

• TBA

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

TUE. SEPT 22 - GREATER HARTFORD AS

• TBA

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

WED. SEPT 23 - METROPOLITAN AREA KILLIFISH ASSOC. (MAKA)

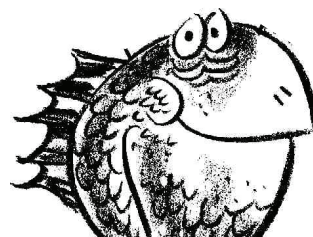
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Meets 4th Wednesday of the month at 8pm at the Meadowlands Environmental Center in Lyndhurst, NJ. Speaker and auction of fish eggs, plants and dry goods. Refreshments served. Info: SLMACK@compuserve.com

FRI. SEPT 25 - DANBURY AREA AS

• TBA

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







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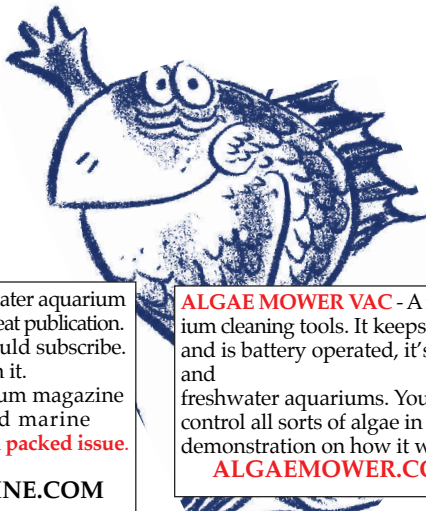
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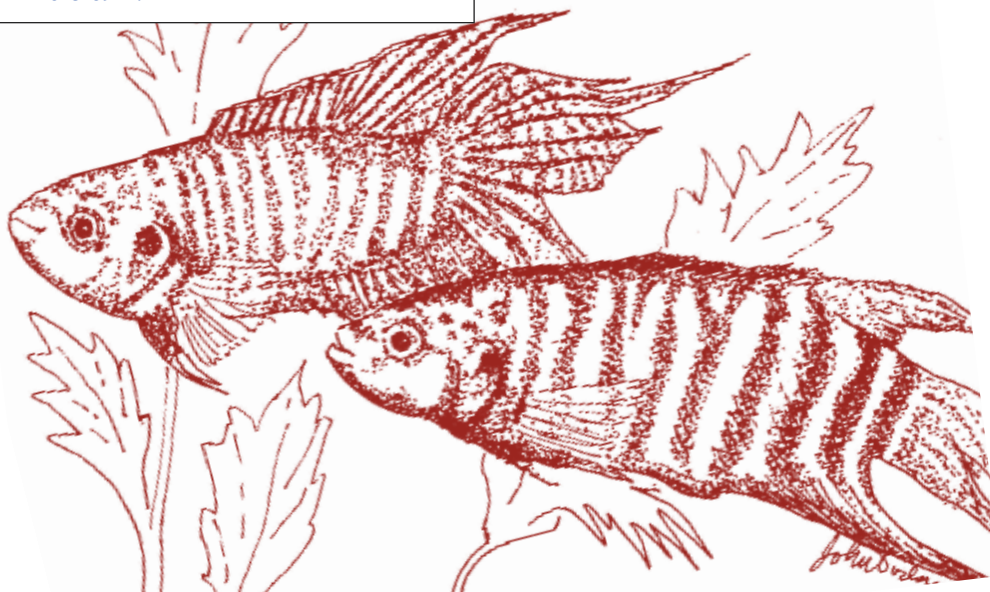
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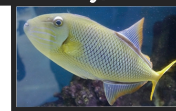
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