

105 Years of Educating Aquarists

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9@ 7:30 PM

**THE BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY
PRESENTS**

Joe Graffagnino

**“Building
My New
Fish Room”**

fun fact
Joe Graffagnino
has been a member
of BAS
for more than
40 years!

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

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

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

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

For Information Visit WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG.
Or Call BAS 24 Hr. Calendar of Events Hotline (718) 837-4455

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our final meeting of our fiscal year brought Rit Forcier as our guest speaker. Leslie Dick of the executive committee of the Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies (NEC) accompanied him to our event to provide moral support. Rit's topic for the evening was *"Goodeid Livebearers."*

His presentation was interesting and brought out many facts about this little known live-bearer. It was a great ending to a wonderful year of amazing speakers and exciting topics.

June is also our elections night. This is where you, the members, have a say in who is running your club. **Surprisingly, this year we have several vacant slots that remain unfilled such as 1st Vice President, Exchange Editor and Treasurer. There is also a threat that our Sergeant-At-Arms may be moving out of state in November. Having these positions open will create a negative impact on what the club can do for our members.**

AS WITH ANY ORGANIZATION, LESS PEOPLE MEANS LESS GETS DONE. THIS IS YOUR CLUB AND WE ARE ASKING YOU TO STEP UP AND HELP OUT.

Believe me, it makes a huge difference as to what we can provide to you, our members! PLEASE HELP OUT.

There will be no events scheduled for July and August, as we take the summer off. We hope everyone has a fun-filled, safe and enjoyable summer and we shall see you again in September.

For our next event in September, we will have former president Joe Graffagnino speaking on his new fish room. Joe has been bragging about how his fish room was built and how it operates, so now we will be able to see just what he is talking about. Knowing Joe, I'm sure it will be about breeding fish and raising fry. His topic for the evening is called

"Building My New Fish Room."

As always, there will be free parking and refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Entry is free to all active members, non-members are asked to donate \$5.00 at the door to help offset expenses; however, that donation is good towards annual membership that night. Members with active membership cards receive discounts at most of our sponsoring stores and free entry to all our events.

Anyone wishing to donate any healthy livestock (fish, plants or live corals) or dry goods can bring them to any general meeting. Donations are always welcome and appreciated – it's what keeps your club healthy!

Also, if you want to see different speakers and learn about different aquatic systems, fish, plants and marine life, please let me know. The elected officials of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society are here to serve YOU! So please let us know what you want and why, because 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 **HYPERLINK** ["http://WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG"](http://WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG) **www.brooklynaquariumsociety.org.**

On a more personal note – any member who wants to attend a Board meeting, which are held at Education Hall of the New York Aquarium on the 1st Friday of the month, September through June, please notify me at **(347) 277-4793** by the Tuesday before the meeting.

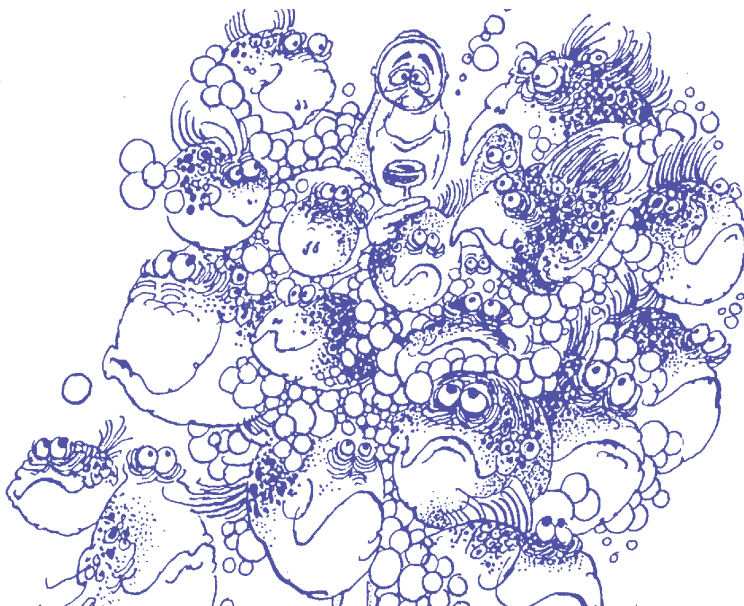
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**Steven Matassa,
President**

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Joe Graffagnino has been a hobbyist of freshwater fish for over 40 years. He enjoys breeding all species of tropical fish and sharing them with fellow hobbyists. Joe has written extensively on breeding and raising fish and has been published in various magazines, such as *Tropical Fish Hobbyist*, *Aquarium Fish*, and *Freshwater and Marine Aquarium (FAMA)*. Joe has also been published in the American Cichlid Association publication *Buntbarshe Bulletin* and in many local aquarium society publications throughout the United States and England. He also enjoys fish photography.

Joe lives in Brooklyn, NY with his wife and currently maintains 34 aquariums of various sizes containing killifish, anabantoids, characins, cyprinids, livebearers, cichlids and catfish both Old and New World, and has an outdoor pond with koi and goldfish. Joe is a former president of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society; prior to that position, Joe was the Society's Corresponding Secretary. He joined the Brooklyn Aquarium Society in 1975.



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.

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.

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

ELECTED OFFICES AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2016-2017

- President:
Steven Matassa
- 1st Vice President:
Position open
- 2nd Vice President:
Marie Licciardello
- Recording Secretary:
Kay Martin
- Treasurer:
Position open
- Membership Chairperson:
David Manuel
- Corresponding Secretary:
Dan Smith
- Sgt.-At-Arms:
Lita Goldberg
- Exchange Editor:
Position open

BOARD MEMBERS:*

Bill Amely
Marty Karfinkel
Gennady (Gene) Kogan
Michael Roman
Vito Sacchieri
Bob Strazzulla
Web Master:** **Bernard Deren**
Editor:** **John Todaro**

*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.

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

BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016 ~ 2017

We hope everyone had a fun-filled, safe and enjoyable summer!

SEPT 9 Joe Graffagnino ~ Building My New Fish Room ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

OCT 14 Giant Fall Auction ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a brand new 55-gallon tank & stand.

NOV 11 Daniel Kopulos ~ How Collecting Practices Affect the Marine Hobby ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

DEC 9 Holiday Party ~ Members, their families and friends dinner • Fish Bingo & Prizes
• BAS awards presentations.

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JAN 13 Micheal Barber ~ Tropical Fish Collecting & Wildlife Expeditions ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

FEB 10 Pat Donston ~ Biodiversity Practices for Reef & Planted Exhibits ~ aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

MAR 10 SPEAKER TBA Fresh ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

APR 14 SPEAKER TBA Marine ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

MAY 12 Giant Spring Auction ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a brand new 55-gallon tank & stand.

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

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE JUNE AUCTION

INDIVIDUALS

Bill Amely
Rit Forcier
Joe Graffagnino

David Hinds
Steve Matassa
Lilja Nielsen

Dorothy Russell
Dennis Vardaro
Victoria (Surf & Turf table)

STORES & COMPANIES

- Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
- Pacific Aquarium & Pet, Manhattan, NY
- Thousand Island Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
 - World Class Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY

NEW BAS MEMBERS & RENEWALS JUNE 2016

NEW MEMBERS

James Alden
Frank Tramuth

RENEWALS

Denis Alestra
Gennady Blanket

Mark Galperin
Jack Schier

**We welcome our new members and thrilled to have
our loyal members renew their membership!**

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.



COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS 2016

SEPTEMBER 9- 11 The 2016 Marine Aquarium Conference of North America. Come be a part of the first MACNA ever in America's Finest City! Join us in beautiful San Diego, CA at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego 92108. Phone (619-291-7131) for the biggest and best marine aquarium conference, attracting speakers, vendors, and visitors from all over the world. We've arranged for a MACNA 2016 room rate of \$134 a night, with no resort fee and only \$5.00 per day parking! Register early while rooms are still available in this room block! Every room booked at the special conference room rate benefits MACNA 2016 by helping to keep our costs low. IMPORTANT: You MUST register online using [THIS LINK](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=14084344) to get the special conference room rate:

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=14084344 Full registration for the event is \$149. **SPEAKERS:** Craig Bingman, Mark Callahan, Charles Delbeek, James Fatherree Bab Fenner, Todd Gardner, Dr. Anthony Gill, Justin Grabel. David Hammontree, Austin Lefevre, Dr. Sanjay Joshi, Marc levenson, Dr. Richard Pyle, Dana Riddle, Luiz Rocha, Richard Ross, Dr. Sonia J. Rowley, Wayne Scott, Walt Smith, Laura Simmons, Ret Talbot, Dr. Sandy Trautwin, Ramon Villaverde, Matt Wandell. For more information: <http://macnaconference.org/2015/registration/>

SEPTEMBER 9 -11 THE TROPICAL FISH AS OF RHODE ISLAND 46th ANNUAL AQUARIUM SHOW & AUCTION. Held at St. Joseph's Parish Center, 1303 Mendon Rd (Rte, 122) Cumberland, RI. **Schedule of events: Friday 12 noon - 8 pm show setup • Saturday 9 am -12 noon - show setup & viewing • Sunday 9 am doors open, show viewing, 10am -11:45 am vendor registration & lot viewing • 12 noon auction starts, ends when last lot is sold.**

For more information contact: Al Wagonblott 401 847-3364 or mr_wiggles_sr@hotmail.com. or visit www.tfsri.net for complete show & auction rules

OCTOBER 9 ~ NORTH JERSEY AS GIANT FALL TROPICAL FISH AUCTION At Days Hotel & Conference Center, 195 Rt 18, Turnpike Exit 9, East Brunswick, NJ. Auction starts at 12 Noon. Viewing from 11 am. For more information go to: www.njas.net

OCTOBER 13 - 16 - ALL-AQUARIUM CATFISH CONVENTION at Hyatt Dulles, 2300 Dulles Corner Boulevard, Herndon, VA 20171 Special Convention Rate: \$119 per night plus taxes. • The Potomac Valley AS is proud to present its 7th biennial All-Aquarium Catfish Convention. Early Admission Registration from January 1, 2016, through June 30, 2016, is \$45. Speakers for Friday & Saturday: Anton Lamboj, Narbie Fiorention, Brooks Burr, Eric Bodrock, Hans Evers, Ingo Seidel, Regina Spotti, Stephan Tanner. Sunday, an all day auction. For Info: <https://www.facebook.com/catfishcon> for updates

OCTOBER 23 ~ NEW ENGLAND CICHLID ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FALL TROPICAL FISH AUCTION. Held at the Polish American Club, 9 1st St., Windsor Locks, CT. Free Admission, Refreshments, 50/50 Raffle. Doors open at 9:30 am for viewing and registering lots. Auction starts at 11:30 am. Bring all your fish (NOT JUST CICHLIDS) and new or "gently used" aquarium equipment. This is a \$3 per lot auction - NECA gets the first \$3, the seller gets the rest! **Visit New England Cichlid Association on Facebook for more information.**

OCTOBER 30 ~ TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON GIANT AUCTION. At Holiday Inn, 1058 Williston Rd, South Burlington, VT. Fish, Plants. New & Used Equipment, Fish Foods, Etc. For more information **David & Janine** 1 802 372-8716 dbanks@together.net or **Ann Whitman** 1 802 434-3294 awhitman@madriver.com

NOVEMBER 5 - 6 ~ WISCONSIN KILLIFISH ORG (WACO) 36th annual egg-laying Toothcarp Jamboree. Held at the Day's Inn & Suites - Airport. Milwaukee, WI. This is a day AKA sanctioned Show & Auction. The featured speaker is **Ken Normandin**. Seminars, Raffles, 15 Classes, Judged Competition, Live Foods, Box Sales & Publications, Hospitality and Huge Auction. For more information: www.wakoaka.org

JANUARY 21 2016 - FEBRUARY 3 2017 RIO NEGRO EXPEDITION. An expedition to the Rio Negro River in Brazil, an experience of a lifetime, and observe all the aspects of the home aquarium fishery. The trip includes:

- 2 weeks on a well appointed live-aboard boat.
- Visit biological hotspots.
- Visit fishing communities.
- Participate in the Ornamental Fish Festival of Barcelos.
- Visit home aquarium fish export facilities.
- Visit the world-famous Manaus Opera House.

Contact **Scott Dowd** for more information and to reserve your spot for the expedition. SDowd@NEAq.org or (617) 973-5243



NEWS & NOTES

Lifegard Aquatics PG 9000 Pump

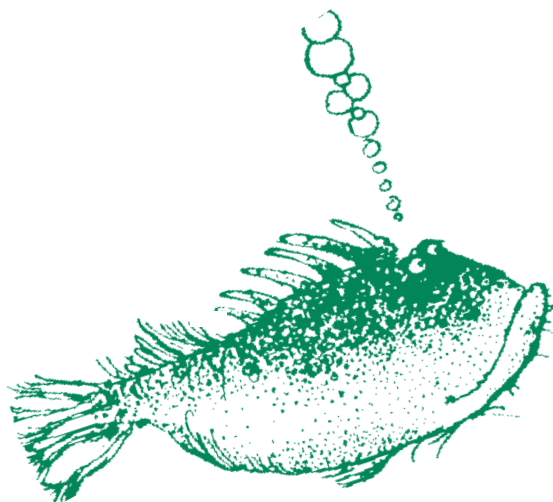
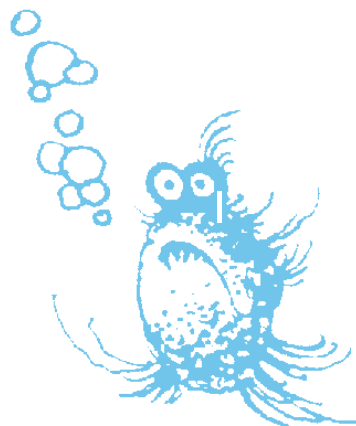


To complement the popular Quiet One pump line, Lifegard Aquatics has introduced the new high-flow-rate, affordably priced Lifegard PG 9000 pump. The energy efficient pump has a small footprint and is designed for submersible or external applications such as freshwater ponds, fountains, waterfalls, hydroponic systems, irrigation systems and water features. The PG 9000 features wet rotor / wet bearing technology that enables cooler running, while the included pre-filter screen handles large particles for less maintenance.

Aquatop AGV-08L Gravel Vacuum



Aquatop has debuted the AGV-08L Gravel Vacuum, which is designed to easily remove unwanted waste and help aquarists maintain optimum water quality. The tool includes a siphon pump to quickly and easily siphon water and detritus. The gravel head comes with a unique intake chamber to sift substrate and includes a gravel/fish guard to prevent the accidental siphoning of gravel or aquatic creatures from the tank. It also comes with a 7-ft. hose, allowing plenty of slack for taller tanks, and an on/off flow control valve allowing complete control over the flow.



Aquatic Life Flow Swing Wavemaker



Designed to create a dynamic water flow in any aquarium, the Flow Swing Wavemaker by Macro Aqua, from Aquatic Life, simulates wave movements, connecting to the water return line to spread nutrients to coral and plants throughout the tank while helping to eliminate dead spots in the aquarium. It can oscillate 100 degrees, continuously pushing water through in different directions, creating wave-like currents to spread nutrients and sweep away excess debris and waste products. The Flow Swing Wavemaker is quiet, maintenance-free and available in three different models to accommodate varying plumbing sizes.

NEWS & NOTES

TROUT PROJECT GOES SWIMMINGLY FOR MARINE PARK 6TH-GRADERS

Rachel Nobel -

NY Teacher/City Edition June 2, 2016

There may be plenty of fish in the sea, but when it come to streams on the eastern seaboard, there aren't enough trout in the ecosystem. That's where the 6th-graders of JHS 278 in Marine Park come in.

Prior to this school year, science teacher **Bruce Gamsey** had never owned a fish tank in his life. Still, as part of the Trout in the Classroom program, he gamely transformed his classroom into an incubator for 80 trout eggs.

"When we got the eggs, they looked like grapes," a student named **Hannah** recalled!" her friend **Rebekah** chimed in.

Their mission was to raise the trout eggs to alevins to fry to fingerlings so that they could be released into the watershed, where their presence is an important indicator of the quality of New York City's drinking water.

"Trout are sensitive to changes in the water so they're used as a monitoring tool," Gamsey explained. "If the trout population increases, we know the water is clean."

But first, the trout - like the 6th-graders - had to survive middle school. Fortunately, Gamsey's students were more than eager to act as ichthyologists. From October through April, five days a week, six students gladly gave up their lunch periods to tend to the trout.

"They checked the pH, ammonia levels and nitrates of the tank," said Gamsey. "They cleaned the tank, checked the temperature and checked on how the trout were behaving. And they did it all completely independently."

They took their roles as scientists seriously. "Nitrites from the filter could turn into nitrates, which are toxic, so we would immediately have to change the filter," said Rebekah as her fellow trout monitors tested the water in the tank.

But they also couldn't resist a little bit of anthropomorphism.

"It's so cute when they open their mouths," noted **Abby** as the trout swam up for their lunch.

They kept "fish journals" monitoring the progress of the trout. In the process, they also learned about life cycles, ecosystems and food chains.

"This brings an ecosystem to life and gives them a vested interest in it," said Gamsey.

In April, the young scientists accompanied their charges to Ward Pond Ridge Reservation in Westchester, where they released the trout into the wild.

"It's sad because we watched them progress," Abby said fondly.

But it'll be cool to see how they survive without us," said Hannah.

NEWS & NOTES

Sand Tiger Shark Nursery Discovered off Long Island.

"<http://www.washingtonpost.com/people/elahe-izadi>"

**Elahe Izadi; Reporter,
the *Washington Post* newspaper**

When you think Long Island, perhaps "haven for baby sharks" isn't what comes to mind. But that's exactly what scientists and veterinarians have discovered off the shore of New York's Great South Bay, the **New York Aquarium** announced. The nursery provides sand tiger sharks a place to grow and eat, safe from predators. The animals may be up to 5 years old. "Only a handful of sand tiger shark nursery grounds have been identified, one of which is in the waters of Massachusetts," NYA said in a release. New York researchers spent 4 years collecting data on sharks in local waters using acoustic tags which allow them to monitor the sharks remotely. From that monitoring, they realized a number of sharks kept returning to the bay, showing site fidelity. While sand tiger sharks look pretty scary (they grow up to 10 feet long and swim with their mouths open, putting their terrifying teeth on full display), their main prey are small bony fish and they aren't known to be aggressive unless provoked. "Sand tiger shark pups are not born

here but migrate from down south to spend the summers as juveniles in New York's coastal waters," **Merry Camhi**, director of the NY Seascape conservation program, said in a statement. Sand tiger sharks live in warm waters off coastlines around the world and have seen their numbers depleted by overfishing, as is the case in the Southwest Atlantic. The U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service considers the sand tiger sharks a "species of concern;" and they are also considered "critically endangered" in parts of Australia. Their low reproductive rates (female sharks give birth to maybe one or two babies a year) make it even harder for them to recover their numbers. That's why this newly-discovered nursery has excited conservationists who want to make sure these waters remain safe for the baby sharks. And there's still more to learn about these New York sharks. Researchers say they are still trying to determine how many sand tiger sharks migrate to the Great South Bay each summer and what they eat once they get there.

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!



JOE GRAFFAGNINO'S NEW BOOK

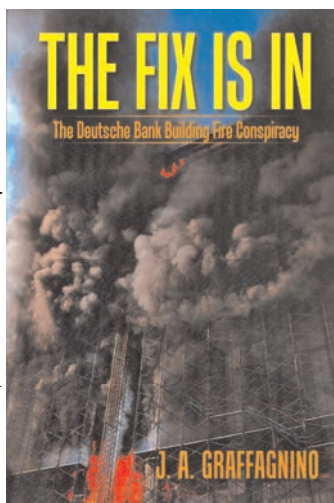
~ THE FIX IS IN ~

The fire that consumed the Deutsche Bank building was one of the worst fires in New York City's history. The 9/11 damaged building at 130 Liberty Street, near the apex of the World Trade Center, quickly became out-of-control and escalated into a seven alarm inferno that killed two firefighters, and injured 105. One of the firefighters

killed was author

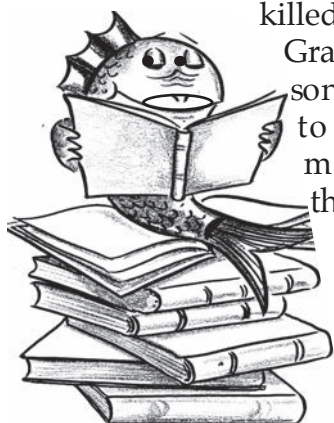
Graffagnino's

son. Graffagnino refused to believe what decision makers told the public – that the fire was an accident.



The brave men who entered that blazing inferno walked into a death-trap – unknown internal fans spread the fire and water outlets, both inside and outside the building were bone dry.

After eight years of relentless research in pursuit of the truth – interviewing firefighters on the scene, government officials, observers, whistle-blowers and eyewitnesses – Graffagnino uncovered the disturbing truth about a calculated conspiracy that involved governmental agencies, corporate leaders and organized crime figures.



Hard Cover \$32 - Soft Cover \$21 - Kindle/Nook \$4

FANTASY & HORROR SHORT STORIES

In addition to his fantasy/adventure novel *"The Journey of Mary/Ma Li"*. His latest book has 13 short stories under the title of *"Fantasy & Horror Short Stories"*. These 13 stories draw readers into a compelling web of intrigue and suspense. Some are funny, others sad, and still others capture

the inner conflicts that torment us yet hint at hope for a brighter tomorrow. Readers immediately identify with the bigger-than-life fictional characters that make us ponder our inner selves, fantasies, dreams and passions, and question how far we're willing to go to get what we want.

"Fantasy & Horror Short Stories" is available at all book retailers and is available in hardcover, softcover and electronic editions. **Amazon has it in Kindle and Barnes and Noble has it in Nook versions for \$3.99.**

Please visit Joe's web site www.JAGraffagnino.com to purchase either book, in any of the listed formats. Also visit his web site for contests, FREE giveaways and information about other soon-to-be-released works from the author.



HATS, SHIRTS & PATCHES ON SALE AT THE 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) \$**12** each (XXL & XXXL) \$**14** each



FRONT

BACK



TIP OF THE MONTH

To prevent new fish from bringing disease into your aquarium quarantine all new fish and don't forget to disinfect new plants also. Watch each fish for the first signs of any spots or folded fins or strange behavior.

Isolate any doubtful fish at once. If you have to medicate the fish be sure you read the instruction and calculate the medication doses accurately.

Remove carbon from your filter but leave the filter running. Increase aeration to keep the oxygen level high. Change the water gradually following treatment.



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:

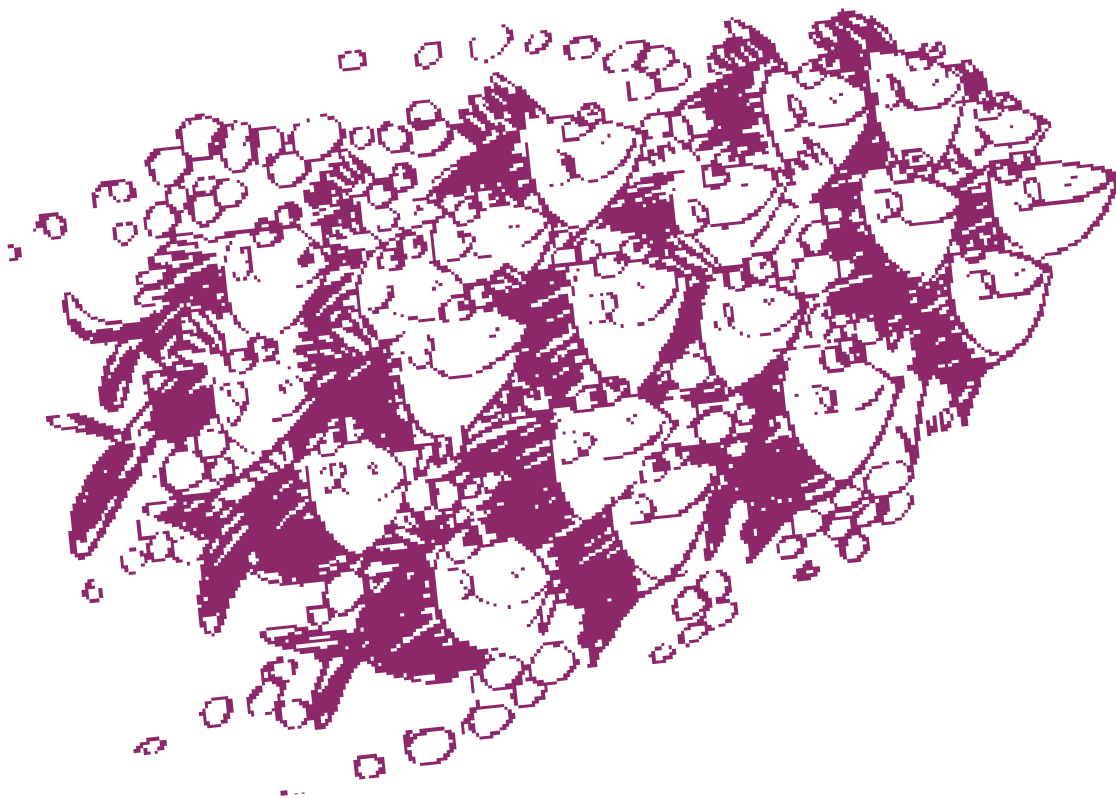
- If someone else bothers you: Block them. (Site Administrators would be the Exception; sorry, cannot allow blocking of any Administrator.) If they say something you think violates FB rules: Report them and/or block them.
- If they post spam: Report the account & report the post to Administrator.
- If 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.

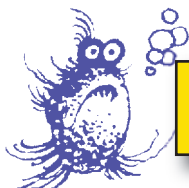
Steven Matassa



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 NY 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.**

REGIONAL SOCIETY EVENTS FOR 2016

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



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. SEPT 1 - BUCKS COUNTY AQUARIUM SOCIETY. • MARK SABAJ PEREZ - CATALOGING THE RIO XINGU

Meetings begin @ 7:30 pm & doors open @ 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 2 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION • TBA

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

TUE. SEPT 6 - PIONEER VALLEY AS • TBA

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

WED. SEPT 7 - GREATER CITY AS • ARTIE PLATT - FROM FISH TANK TO FISH ROOM: MY JOURNEY

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

THU. SEPT 8 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON • HANS EVERS, "STORIES FROM A TROPICAL LIVING ROOM, HABITATS OF CORYDORAS CATFISH"

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MON. SEPT 12 - JERSEY SHORE AS • DR. PAUL LOISELLE - TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED

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

TUE. SEPT 13 - NASSAU COUNTY AS • TBA

Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre NY @ 8:00pm. Meets 2nd Tue. of the month. 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 15- NORTH JERSEY AS • TBA

Usually meeting held @ 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 15 - NORWALK AS • TED JUDY - AFRICAN TETRAS

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FRI. SEPT 16 - LONG ISLAND AS • TBA

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FRI. SEPT 23 - DANBURY AREA AS • TBA

Meets 4th Friday of the month at 7:30pm at Laura Sprain Memorial Cornerstone park, 1 Fair St. Carmel, NY 10512 For more info: **Rich Litsky** (845) 228-0372 or **Joe Masi** (845)-896-4793 or daas@notheastcouncil.org

TUE. SEPT 27 - GREATER HARTFORD AS • TBA

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

WED. SEPT 28 - METROPOLITAN AREA KILLIFISH ASSOC. (MAKA)

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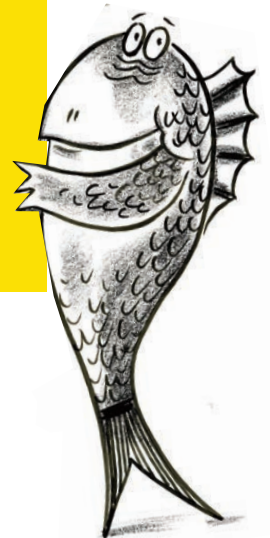
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