

106 Years of Educating Aquarists

# BAS BULLETIN

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

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Presents

## Ruben Lugo

*"My Adventures Keeping  
& Breeding  
L-Number & Other Fish  
That Suck"*



**fun fact**  
More than  
400 species of  
Loricariidae  
currently have  
L-Numbers

**AUCTION AFTER THE SPEAKER FEATURES:**  
**Marine Fish, Aqua-cultured Corals,**  
**Freshwater Fish, Plants & Dry Goods Auction**  
**BAS ELECTIONS**

**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](http://WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG).  
Or Call BAS 24 Hr. Calendar of Events Hotline (718) 837-4455

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# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**M**ay's flowers also brought in our Giant Spring Auction. We had hundreds of items on our tables, from fish to plants to corals to equipment and supplies, including aquariums, stands and nano systems. If you could not find something that you could have

brought home, then you are not a tropical fish hobbyist. We had three auctioneers with each going in rapid fire succession. That was the only way we could finish by midnight. Much thanks and appreciation to **Bill Amely**, **Dan Puleo** and the great **Dennis Alestra**! A special thanks to you, our members, for making it all possible. It's your donations that keep us successful, so please keep them coming.

Prior to our June event, we will have completed our trip to the **National Aquarium in Baltimore, MD**. We will also have made stops at **Discus Hans** and **House of Tropicals aquarium**. We joined with a host of other clubs to make this a true sharing of aquatic joy. We have almost 60 people attending from our club, Norwalk, CT, North Jersey A.S., Greater City A.S. and the Potomac Valley A.S. of Maryland/Virginia area. We will post pictures of this multiple club event in our next publication.

June will be our last event before our summer break. Our season will end on a fantastic note by having **Ruben Lugo** as our guest speaker. Ruben is the "Pied Piper" of catfish. If he can't get them to breed, then they are dead, and even then he could probably nudge a fertilized egg or two. Ruben's topic for the evening will be *My Adventures Keeping & Breeding L-number & Other Fish That Suck*.

We will also have our yearly elections in

**June**. If you are a BAS member for 6 months or more, you can run for an officer or Board member position.

**We have had several positions open as well as Board member slots available. This is your club, please volunteer to help us, help you. Please come to vote for the running of your society.**

As always, we will have free parking and free refreshments. Our regular monthly event auctions have great items available, but they do go quick. In response to your requests, we have changed our routine. Doors open at 7:30 pm, for viewing of auction items. The speaker will go on at 8:00 pm, so be on time, and last for one hour. Our auction will commence within 15 minutes after the speaker concludes, with the goal of having the meeting end earlier than it has in the past. Our new auction routine is that you raise your hand when the auctioneer calls an item that you want to bid on. Please keep your hand up until it goes past the amount you wanted to spend for it. We would like to thank our members and our sponsors for their constant generous donations that keep us going. Anyone who has any aquatic items, supplies or equipment, which would include healthy livestock of fish, corals or plants, we always welcome the donation. If anyone has any topics they want to hear an expert speak about, or any specific speaker, please tell us.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER...  
SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**

**Steven**

**Steven Matassa,  
President**





# THIS MONTHS SPEAKER



**R**uben Lugo has been keeping fish for more than 35 years. During these years he's kept everything from guppies to reef aquariums.

For the last seven years, he has concentrated on *Loricariids* and other bottom dwellers. *Loricariids* are commonly known as plecos or suckermouth armored catfishes ("fish that suck"). Because many of the species have not yet been given official scientific names, they often go by L-numbers.

Ruben has 30 tanks ranging from 10 to 125-gallons dedicated to bottom dwelling species.

He has now successfully bred 26 species of bottom dwellers and hopes to add to that.

He's written several articles on the subject for *Tropical Fish Hobbyist* magazine. He is currently in fourth place on Planet Catfish's breeder board.



## 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.

# BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

**JUN 9 Ruben Lugo ~ My Adventures Keeping & Breeding L-Number & Other Fish That Suck ~** Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

### SUMMMER BREAK NO MEETING IN JULY & AUGUST

**SEP 8 Joshua Wiegert - Brackish Water Species ~** Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

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

**NOV 10 Joe Yaiullo - Marine ~** Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**DEC 8 Holiday Party ~ Members, their families and friends dinner •** Fish Bingo & Prizes  
BAS awards presentations.

### 2018

**JAN 12 Joe Uaru - King of DIY ~** Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

**FEB 9 John Coppolino - Building my dream system - 1300-gallon SPS display~** Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

**MAR 9 TBA Freshwater ~** Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

**APR. 13 TBA Salt ~** Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

**May 11 Giant Spring Auction ~** Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a brand new 55-gallon tank & stand.

**JUN 8. TBA ~** Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

**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.

# ELECTIONS FOR OFFICES & BOARD MEMBERS TAKES PLACE IN JUNE



**A**ll members in good standing who have been in the Society for 6 months are eligible to run for any office on the Board. **We are always looking for members to help run this great, 106-year old Society.** If you want to help the Society in its second century of Educating Aquarists, please consider running. At the June Event, you can be nominated by a fellow member or nominate yourself. Just because you have been nominated does not mean you have to run, but we wish you would. We always welcome new people to the Board. New people bring new ideas and enthusiasm to the Society.

**We have to recruit a new Treasurer.  
If you have experience in this area, please step-up...  
we need you!**

Our excellent Treasurer, **Denise Hershkowitz**, and her husband **Stu**, a Board member, have moved to Florida, so we need people to replace their positions.

**We also need an Exchange Editor.** A fun position, the Exchange Editor gets to read newsletters from other societies then writes up a short synopsis on articles he or she feels our members would be interested in reading. He/she also looks for Aquatica articles other societies have reprinted in their publications and reports this to our membership. The Exchange Editor only has to write 5 short articles a year.

This is your Society; please consider running for a position.

**The open positions and members who are running are listed below**

**We welcome any member to run for any office.**

For information and details on any of the positions, contact Steven Matassa at (718) 513-6636

- 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**

\*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 full Board.



# COMING EVENTS

## EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS 2017

**JUNE 22-25 INTERNATIONAL BETTA CONGRESS BETTACON 2017** held at the **Orlando Clarion Inn & Suites, 5927, Caravan Ct, Orlando, FL. 32819.** \$94 per night plus tax. To reserve call 407-351-3800 , Early bird convention package: \$175 (after May 1 \$190) Includes: Workshop & meetings, president's reception, Fri. breakfast, lunch & dinner. Sat. breakfast, lunch & banquet. Sun. breakfast. Hospitality Fri. & Sat. T-shirt (&10 extra for collar/polo shirt). **For more info:** [aurelio@aol.com](mailto:aurelio@aol.com) or [cinemery@gmail.com](mailto:cinemery@gmail.com)

**JUNE 24-25 - REEF-A-PALOOZA** held at the **Medowands Exposition Center 355 Plaza Dr., Secucus, NJ.** Reef-A-Palooza is an indoor marketplace where sellers, exhibitors, and marine hobbyists of all types can buy, sell, trade and showcase their products. Event Categories: Conference, Coral, Exhibition, Frag Swaps, Saltwater, Speakers, Trade Show, Vendors. **Event Website:** <http://www.reefapaloozashow.net/newyork/>

**JUNE 24-25 ASSOCIATED KOI CLUBS OF AMERICA KOI HEALTH ADVISOR CERTIFIED WET LAB.** Held at **Hampton Inn Rennsville Wilmington, 429 N. Broadway Pennsville, NJ 08070** The Associated Koi Clubs of America Koi Health Advisor Certified Wet Lab (AKCA) is coming to the East Coast in 2017 and the Mid Atlantic Koi Club will be hosting it! Event Categories: Conference, Exhibition, Koi, Ponds, Speakers, Banquet speaker **Mat McCann** of Beni Hanna Nishikgoi. Workshop Event Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1468989063120842/> Organizer: Mid Atlantic Koi Club Website: <http://www.makc.com/>

**JULY 13-16 - MICHIGAN CICHLID ASSOCIATION, CRUISIN FOR CICHLIDS (ACA 2017)** Held at the Sheraton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi, MI 48375

Speakers: **Juan Miguel Artigas Azas, Pam Chin, Jeff Michels, Chris Carpenter, Ted Judy, Larry Johnson, Dale Ernst, Dominic Cernul.** Sunday Livestock auction. ACA members-only raffle. For more information [ACAConvention2017.com](http://ACAConvention2017.com)

**JULY 21- 23 - MARINE BREEDING INITIATIVE WORKSHOP** held at Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303. Phone: 2848-645-3200.

Event Categories: Conference, Saltwater, Speakers, Organizer: Marine Breeding Initiative Website: [www.mbisite.org](http://www.mbisite.org)

**NOVEMBER 3-5 -THE AQUATIC EXPERIENCE, CHICAGO, IL** Held at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel, 1551 Thoreau Dr. N. Schaumburg, IL 60173. Phone 877-303-0104

From saltwater to freshwater with pond and aquatic animals, we have it all. Consumers and retailers are invited to join us for educational seminars and a robust show floor filled with hobbyists from entry level to the most sophisticated aquarium keepers, as well as livestock and equipment experts and the industry's best and most trend-setting manufacturers. Add in a bevy of high powered speakers you've heard of and read articles from but have not had the chance to meet in person and you've got a must see for any aquarist no matter what their experience level.

Event Categories: Aquarium supplies and equipment, Aquatic Plants, Conference, Conventions, Coral, Exhibition, Fish Shows, Freshwater, Ponds, Raffles, Saltwater, Speakers, Trade Show, Tropical Fish, Vendors. Event Website:

<http://aquaticexperience.org/>

# NEWS & NOTES

## REBUILDING THE NEW YORK AQUARIUM AFTER HURRICANE SANDY

Helene Stapinski - *New York Times*, May 5 2017

**Jon Forrest Dohlin** has been at the New York Aquarium for so long that when he walks past the Sea Cliffs display, he greets the harbor seals by name. They pop their heads up and silently greet him back. But Mr. Dohlin knows more than just their names. He also knows what their new home will look like.

Since 2004, Mr. Dohlin and a crew of hundreds have been designing and building the new aquarium in Coney Island, a \$151.7 million, 57,000-square-foot project that was stalled in 2012 when Hurricane Sandy hit. The ground-breaking was set for Nov. 2; the storm hit Oct. 29, sending the staff into emergency mode and delaying construction.

Afterward, the old aquarium - a rundown institution from 1957 in dire need of rehabilitation before the storm - was closed for seven months while the wildlife was tended to, the power restored and the buildings secured and cleaned. Part of it reopened and has stayed open since new construction began in January 2014. You can still visit the outdoor Sea Cliffs, the remodeled Aquatheater and the indoor Conservation Hall, though some work will be done on those areas as well.

Rising in what looks like a huge gray ship stranded on the boardwalk, the new part of the aquarium — called Ocean Wonders: Sharks — is set to open next summer.

On a recent sunny afternoon, families pushed strollers past the penguins, sea lions and otters on the Sea Cliffs as construction continued all around. A new world was being built, exhibit by exhibit, incorporating the actual ocean — just 200 yards away — for the first time.

"New York is an ocean city," said Mr. Dohlin, the director of the aquarium and a vice president of the Wildlife Conservation Society. "We're surrounded by marine wilderness. And that tends to get overlooked. Great whales are coming through here all the time. It's as if wolves were running through downtown."

The aquarium will be more integrated into the boardwalk than it was before, and ocean views - from Jamaica Bay to the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge — will be made part of the presentation. Though most visitors will come to see the sharks and marine mammals, Mr. Dohlin said he wanted people to leave with a sense of how they could effect environmental change. Displays on the shark-fin trade; a giant fishing net filled with species, like sea turtles, not meant for consumption; and a wall full of plastic and other ocean-polluting garbage will be used as teaching tools, intended to get visitors to pledge how they will make a difference.

Mr. Dohlin has been at the aquarium for 10 years but before that worked in design and construction at the W.C.S. headquarters at the Bronx Zoo for a decade. He studied biology as an undergraduate and architecture in graduate school, and seems perfectly suited to the job at hand.

"This is my favorite part," Mr. Dohlin said repeatedly as he took a visitor through the winding new corridors and past a crew of 65 workers in hard hats, who were drilling holes in black walls and hammering at ceilings on motorized lifts. He was like an excited child revising his "favorite part" again and again, from the coral reef display — now just a long acrylic tunnel that will eventually hold 120,000 gallons of seawater pulled from 1,500 feet offshore — to the still-unfinished interactive displays, to the empty shark tank still covered in protective cardboard.

He walked past the crawl space that children will be able to climb through under the tank as fish swim above them, past the shark-tagging display, through a tilted room that would soon become a shipwreck, past a representation of the underwater Hudson Canyon, up to a curving eco-walk and a touch tank on the roof, into the plush classroom that overlooked the ocean, and out to five old buildings still waiting to be rebuilt.

The buildings were devastated by the storm, and it will take even longer to rehabilitate and open them as the city and state await funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Construction, along with upgrades to the Sea Cliffs exhibit, is estimated at another \$80 million and has not even begun. The administrative offices were part of the five buildings, so Mr. Dohlin and his staff have been working out of three trailers behind the aquarium. They're not the only ones who have been displaced.

About two dozen of the 45 sharks that will be on exhibit are in a temporary display tank, and the others are kept off site. A walrus, Kulu, has been lent to the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium in Tacoma, Wash.

Mr. Dohlin proceeded to an area below the boardwalk open only to staff. "This really is my favorite part," he said, laughing. Light slanted through the boards above, and giant tanks used for water filtration stood in front of him. "This is the coolest architectural space in the city."

More money has been spent on life-support systems and upkeep for the animals than on the exhibits, he said. There is a hospital for marine life, a treatment room and a mazelike collection of pipes and tanks that sends the water "back out cleaner than when it came in."

"This building is jammed like a submarine with infrastructure," he added, nearly hitting his hard hat on a low-hanging pipe.

Part of the new construction has been making the building safe from future storms. Mr. Dohlin showed off the huge flood doors that sit below the boardwalk, with inflatable edges that make them impervious to leaks. "After what we went through with Sandy," he said, "this makes me so happy."

# NEWS & NOTES



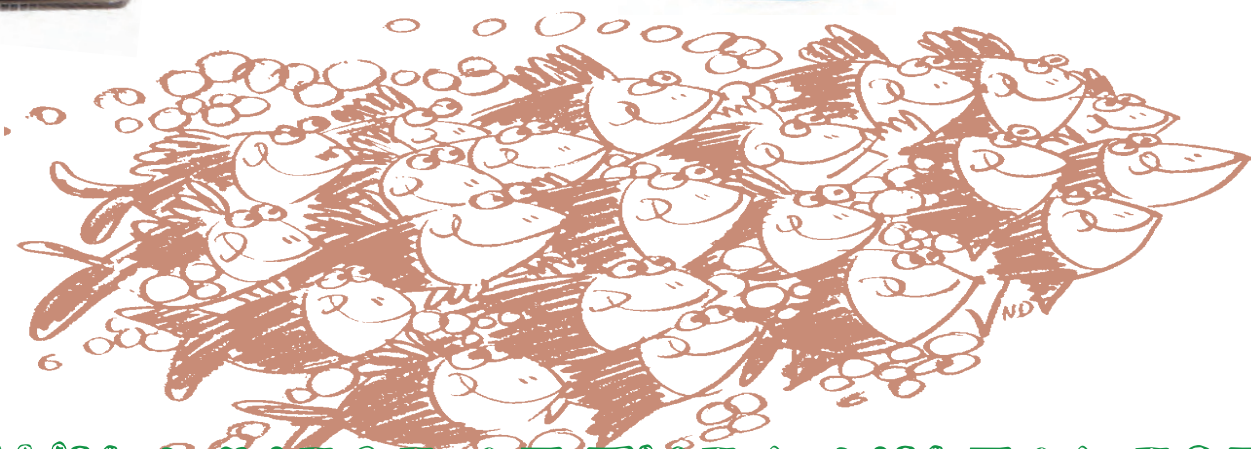
## ALGAE CLEANING MAGNETS

The Algae Cleaning Magnets from Aqueon are an easy solution to effectively remove algae from all sides of the aquarium. No need to throw out the entire magnet cleaner when pads become worn down. Simply click a new pad on to the magnet for quick and easy replacement. For either glass or acrylic aquarium use.



## AQUEON - MONSTER FISH MEDLEY

Ideal for catfish, arowana, oscars and other large cichlids, Aqueon Monster Fish Medley is quick and convenient daily nutrition in a resealable pouch. Natural river shrimp and mealworms are high in protein and attract fish while floating at the surface. Can be fed alone or as a supplement to other foods.



## OWN A PIECE OF THE RAIN FOREST

**The Foundation is currently supporting two causes:**

- 1) Rain Forest Preservation. We're helping purchase rain forest to set aside from deforestation and agricultural use. The Foundation is supporting an established NGO that has forest preserves and the opportunity to add to those reserves. The target now is the purchase of two tracts; one 30 acres for \$2,400 and the other 50 acres for \$3,500.
- 2) Supporting research aimed at higher survival of wild caught tropical fish through the identification and treatment of fish diseases, improved holding and shipping methods, all in an effort to increase the survival rate of wild caught fish that are shipped to hobbyists.

Rainforest acreage is nominally \$100. Checks for the Rainforest should be written to

**The PVAS Foundation, Inc.**

Mail to

**Michael Barber, 12606 Bayard Dr., Reston, VA 20191**

**DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**



## THE BAS MAY 20TH BUS TRIP TO THE BALTIMORE AQUARIUM, STORE HOP AND A VISIT TO DISCUS HANS TO BUY DISCUS.

On Saturday, May 20, five aquarium societies got together and took part in a multi society adventure/field trip. The aquarium societies were the Norwalk Aquarium Society, Greater City Aquarium Society, North Jersey Aquarium Society, Potomac Valley Aquarium Society of Fairfax, VA, and the Brooklyn Aquarium Society.

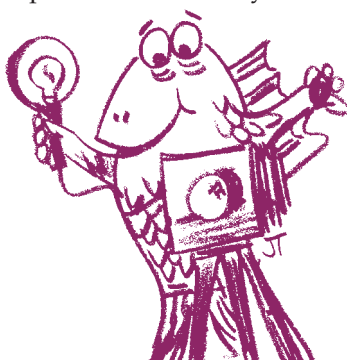
Leaving at 7:00 am from the New York Aquarium Educational Hall parking lot, with special thanks to the director and senior staff of the NYA for parking permissions, we boarded a bus that's first stop was to pick up the New Jersey hobbyists in East Brunswick, NJ. From there, it was clear sailing to **Discus Hans in Middle River, Maryland** where we were amazed at the selection, size and quality of his stunning discus. It was really tough to decide which specimens we would take home with us. Next stop was the **House of Tropicals in Glen Burnie, Maryland**, which boasts 700 aquariums stocked with freshwater fish, marine fish, corals, invertebrates and freshwater plants. It was tough to reassemble our 45 member troop to get them back on the bus for our scheduled entrance time of 3:00 pm at the **National Aquarium, Baltimore, Maryland**. We made the arrival

time with a few minutes to spare, where we met our Potomac Valley Aquarium Society group with **Michael Barber** who was able to obtain discounted tickets via his and **Ian Fuller's** tour operation, fish collection and rainforest protection company "**Go Wild Peru.**"

While waiting for our bus to take us home, we enjoyed the National Aquarium as well as the local stores, such as the Barnes and Noble book store which has a 750 gallon aquarium on their second floor. The aquarium has a theme of the Amazon River with beautiful plants, discus, angelfish, multiple types of tetras, *apistogrammas* and other fauna and flora that are a part of the Amazon River. I personally was mesmerized by the hundreds of cardinal tetras that swam in schools throughout the aquarium.

I have included several pictures of the trip that I think you will enjoy. This was a great trip made possible through the love of our hobby and the cooperation of all five aquarium societies. I for one would enjoy another trip like this in the near future.

**Joe Graffagnino**



The crew posing for the camera...Ok, say "Fish!"





Discus Hans rows and rows of tanks filled with beautiful discus. So hard to chose.



Discus Hans laid out a lunch buffet for our hungry members.

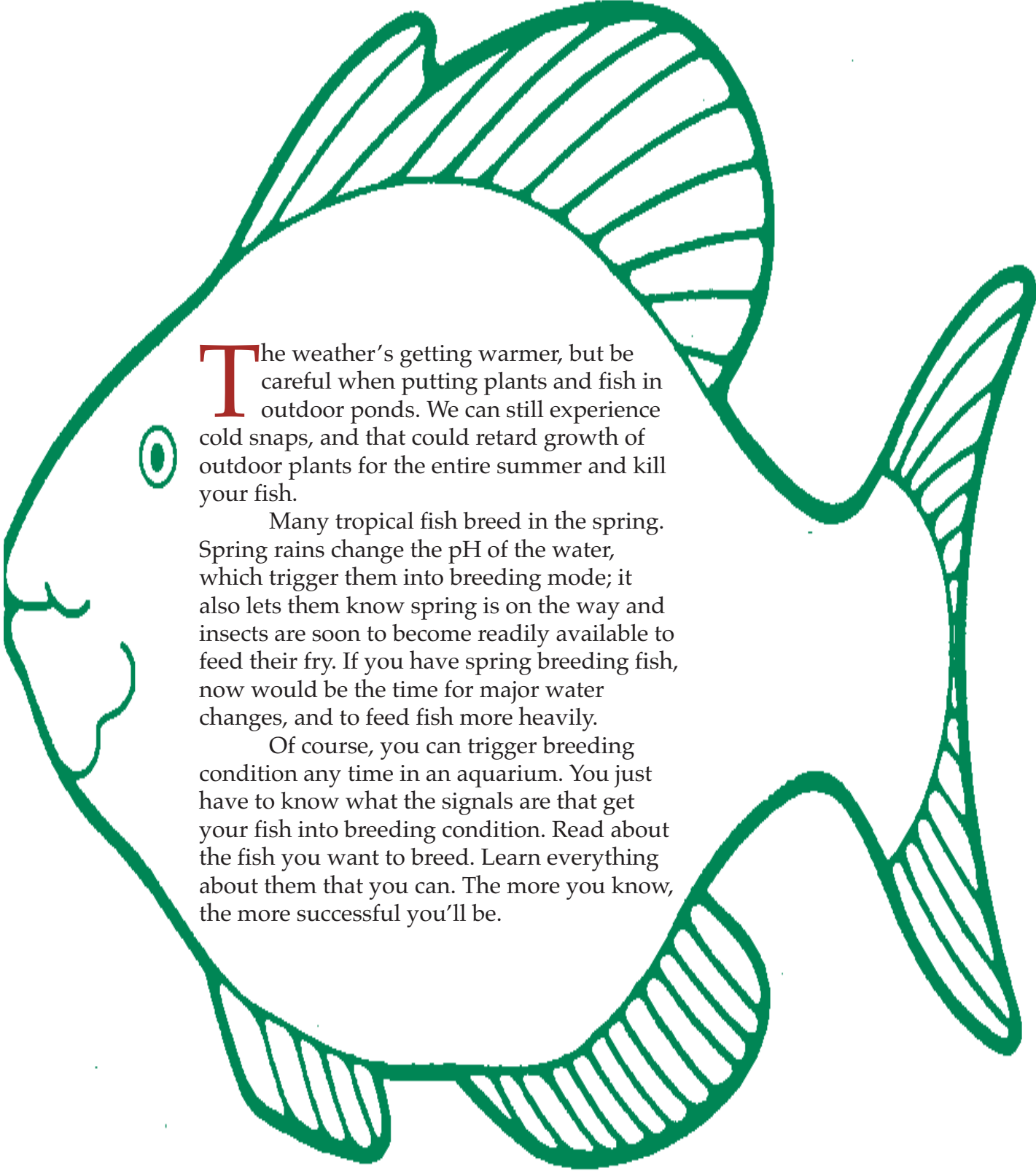


B&N 750-gallon Amazon River theme aquarium filled with plants, discus, angelfish and schools of tetras. Fantastic!



Happy members stocking up on fish at House of Tropicals.  
We have got to do this again!

# TIP OF THE MONTH



**T**he weather's getting warmer, but be careful when putting plants and fish in outdoor ponds. We can still experience cold snaps, and that could retard growth of outdoor plants for the entire summer and kill your fish.

Many tropical fish breed in the spring. Spring rains change the pH of the water, which trigger them into breeding mode; it also lets them know spring is on the way and insects are soon to become readily available to feed their fry. If you have spring breeding fish, now would be the time for major water changes, and to feed fish more heavily.

Of course, you can trigger breeding condition any time in an aquarium. You just have to know what the signals are that get your fish into breeding condition. Read about the fish you want to breed. Learn everything about them that you can. The more you know, the more successful you'll be.



# THE FOLLOWING MADE GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE MAY AUCTION

## INDIVIDUALS

Nick Decillis  
Joe Graffagnino  
Angela Lazaro  
Steve Matassa

Neil Mayerson  
Scott Peters  
Lisa Quilty  
Dorothy Russell

Gabe Scelta  
Bob Strazzulla  
Dennis Vardaro  
Ken Walsh

## STORES & COMPANIES

- Aquarium Village, Westbury, NY
  - Archer Fish, Brooklyn, NY
- A.T.I. Sponge Filters, Decatur, GA
- Brooklyn Zoo, Brooklyn, NY
  - CaribSea, Fort Pierce, FL
- Central Aquatics, Franklin, WI
- Cobalt Aquatics, Rock Hill, SC
- Dr. Tims Aquatics, Moorepark, CA
- Dolphin Pumps, Pensacola, FL
  - Drs. Fosters & Smith, WI
- Ecological Laboratories, Inc., FL
  - Ginger Products, Toledo, OH
- Monster Aquarium, Queens, NY
- MyAquariumBox.com
- Omega Sea Ltd., Painesville, OH
  - Pacific Aquarium, NY City
  - Petland Discounts, LI, NY
- Seachem Laboratories, Inc., GA
- New Life Spectrum International, Inc., FL
  - That Pet Place, Lancaster, PA
- Thousand Island Aquarium, Bklyn, NY
  - TLC Products, Westlake, OH
- Tri-County Wholesalers, Queens, NY
- World Class Aquarium, Bklyn, NY
  - Your Fish Stuff, Lebanon, NJ
- ZooMed Laboratories, Inc., CA

## NEW BAS MEMBERS & RENEWALS MAY 2017

### NEW MEMBERS

Dennis Brown  
William Chen  
Alvin Chin  
Gary Choka

Serena E. Duenas  
Edgar Irizarry  
Sean McGinley  
Andrew Otto

Frank Policastro  
Jean Segarra  
Calvin Yu

### RENEWALS

Norman Benjamin  
Lamont Brown  
Nicholas Caputo  
Ron Kasman

Steve Matassa  
Donita Maynard  
Cap Streeter

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

# REGIONAL SOCIETY EVENTS - 2017

List your society events FREE in the monthly *BAS Bulletin*. E-mail a copy of your announcement to: [JTODDYBAS@AOL.COM](mailto: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. JUNE 1 - BUCKS COUNTY AS

#### • TBA.

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](http://bcasonline.com)

### FRI. JUNE 2 LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION

#### • BOB (FROM EVS) Q & A OPEN DISCUSSION

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. JUNE 6 - PIONEER VALLEY AS

#### • TBA.

Usually meets 1st Tuesday of the month at the **The First Congregational 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: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. JUNE 7 - GREATER CITY AS

#### • JOSEPH GRAFFAGNINO- MY NEW FISHROOM

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

### THU. JUNE 8 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON

#### • TED JUDY - COLUMBIA 2016 - LLANOS

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at the VFW Hall, 73 Pearl St. in Essex Junction, VT starting @ 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.tfcfb.org](http://www.tfcfb.org)

### MON JUNE 12- JERSEY SHORE AS

#### • SAL SILVESTRI- DWARF CICHLIDS

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](http://www.jerseyshoreAS.org); or (732)-859-5595; [mws71@yahoo.com](mailto:mws71@yahoo.com)

### TUE. JUNE 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](mailto:info@ncasweb.org)

### THU. JUNE 15 - NORWALK AS

#### • TBA.

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

### THU. JUNE 15 - NORTH JERSEY AS

#### • TBA

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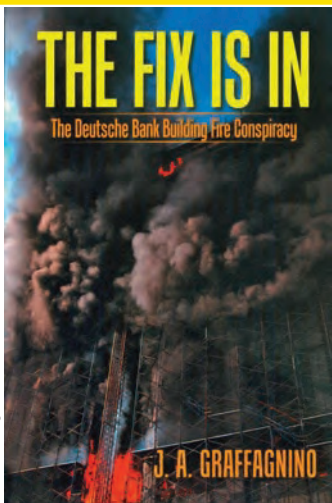


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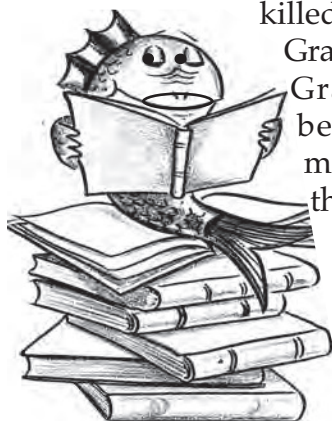
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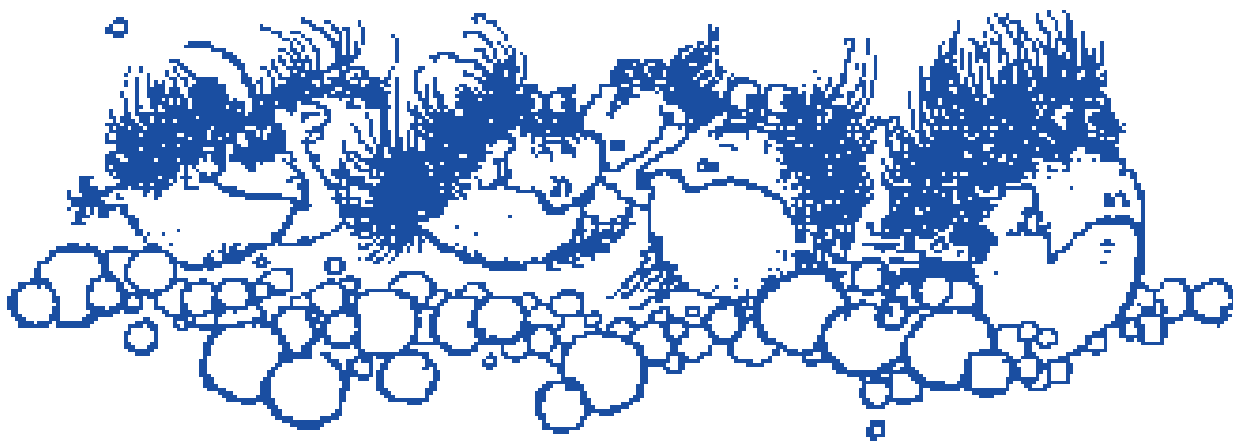
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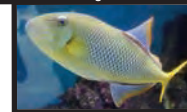
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**Special Interest Groups** (SIGs) hold meetings, free at members' homes, for members only. Here's your chance to network with members with the same interests. Discuss, ask questions, learn, teach and develop your expertise in freshwater and/or marine aquarium keeping.

**Aquatica** *The Journal of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society*, our bi-monthly (5 issues except July & August) award winning publication is on our Web site. Each issue is filled with articles on both marine and freshwater aquaria keeping. Articles can be downloaded.

The **BAS Bulletin**. All members receive our monthly (10 issues except July & August) Newsletter, the *BAS Bulletin* via email, keeping members up to date on the latest events at the Society, notices of interest and monthly regional society events. All non-commercial members are entitled to a free classified want ad in each issue, to sell, give away or request fish or dry goods.

The **BAS is on-line at BASNY.ORG.**

You'll find up-to-date information about our monthly events, links to other aquarium societies in the US and stores, manufacturers and related aquarium sites. We have an on-line library with downloadable articles. We have our own BAS forum, where you can interact with other freshwater, marine or reef members and post free hobby-related classifieds where members sell and trade fish, corals, plants and equipment.

**BAS Hotline:** For the latest information call the BAS 24 hour Hotline 718 837-4455 for event and inclement weather information. If you need advice on fish keeping, breeding or where you can find rare or hard to find fish, you can often get help calling the Hotline. Help from the Hotline is always free.

**Volunteer:** The Brooklyn Aquarium Society is an organization run by volunteers. Without them there would be no BAS. Volunteers help set up events, write articles, coordinate projects, assist and work on committees, help at auctions and meetings. Join in, help, learn and have fun doing it. Call **Steven Matassa**, President (718) 238-1792.

**Video Tape Library:** We have a video tape library on different aspects of fish care and breeding plus past BAS Speaker Events. These video tapes are available for a small fee for members (a refundable deposit is required on each tape. A small mailing and handling fee is deducted from this fee). You may borrow tapes for 30 days. You cannot copy them.

**Discounts for members** at many BAS participating pet stores when you present your current BAS membership card.

Welcome and we hope you take advantage of the many benefits BAS has to offer.

The Officers & Board of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society

**Educating Aquarists Since 1911**



### Membership & Renewal Application Brooklyn Aquarium Society

Mail This Form And Your Check Payable to Brooklyn Aquarium Society to  
**BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY, ATT: MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON**  
**P.O. BOX 290610, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11229-0011**



Meetings are held at the NY Aquarium Education Hall on the 2nd Friday of the month at 7:30pm. Knowledgeable speakers on fish care and culture, door prizes, raffles, and fish auctions. All meetings are free to members. Visit us on line: [WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG](http://WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG)

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **OCCUPATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** (DAY) \_\_\_\_\_ (EVE) \_\_\_\_\_ (FAX) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE & LENGTH of MEMBERSHIP:** (CHECK ONE)

**INDIVIDUAL**

**FAMILY**

☐ **\$15 STUDENT 1 YEAR**

1yr.  
\$20

2yr.  
\$36

3yr.  
\$51

4yr.  
\$68

1yr.  
\$25

2yr.  
\$45

3yr.  
\$63

4yr.  
\$85

(UNDER 18 YEARS)

\*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 \_\_\_\_\_