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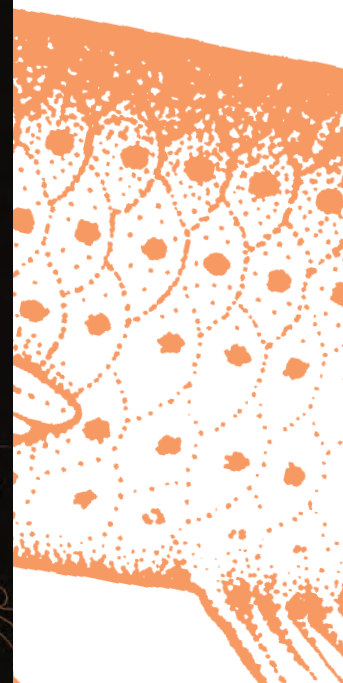
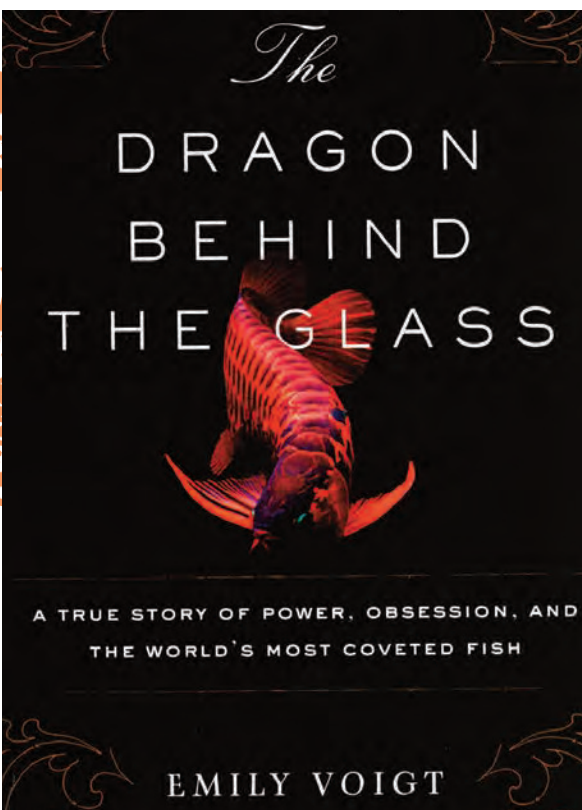
**FRIDAY, MARCH 10 @ 7:30 PM**

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Presents

*Emily Voigt*



An Asian tycoon  
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for a single  
Arowana!



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

## 106 Years of Educating Aquarists

# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We hope you had a Happy Valentine's Day and a Happy Anniversary to the BAS!

The cold and snow of February got a heat wave in the form of our speaker, **Patrick Donston**, whose topic for the evening was "*Biodiversity Practices*

*for Reef & Planted Exhibits.*" Patrick has spoken here many times and always comes up big, to pack our house. He graced our club again this month and, as always, gave a great talk. He is definitely one of my favorite speakers. For those who don't know, he owns **Absolutely Fish** in Clifton, New Jersey, which is one of the best coral, fish and plant stores you'll ever see. He continuously has a great assortment of livestock and a knowledgeable staff; it's definitely worth the trip. Patrick is also a very generous sponsor to our club, and we thank him for his loyal support and donations. He has once again invited the BAS members to come on out to the store in a group this Spring/early Summer, promised to open early to accommodate us, and a larger discount than usual on our purchases.

For March, our guest speaker will be **Emily Voigt**, the esteemed author of the novel, *The Dragon Behind the Glass, a true story of power, obsession and the world's most coveted fish*, who will highlight her quest in search of the Asian red arowana in the wild. An Asian tycoon paid \$150,000 for a single arowana. People have been robbed and even murdered in their quest to possess this fish. The date of her talk will be **Friday, March 10th at 7:30 pm.**

Due to February's inclement weather, we thought that March would be better for our anniversary celebration. We shall then have a birthday cake for your enjoyment.

In response to your requests, we will be changing our methods starting in March. The speaker will start at 8:00 pm and last for one hour. Our auction will commence within 15 – 20 minutes after the speaker concludes, with the goal of having the meeting conclude earlier than it has in the past.

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, and that would include healthy livestock of fish, corals or plants, we always welcome the donation.

If anyone has any topics they want to hear experts speaker on, or any specific speaker, please tell us.

Thanks and see you in March!

Steven

Steven Matassa,  
President



# THIS MONTHS SPEAKER

**Emily Voigt** is a journalist based in New York specializing in science and culture. Her stories have appeared in the *New York Times*, *onEarth Magazine*, *Mother Jones*, and *Isotope: A Journal of Literary Nature and Science Writing*, as well as on the programs *Radiolab* and *This American Life*.

The recipient of a Pulitzer Traveling Fellowship, she holds degrees in English Literature and Journalism from Columbia University. *The Dragon Behind the Glass: A True Story of Power, Obsession, and the World's Most Coveted Fish*, her first book, is published by Scribner.

Go to [WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG](http://WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG) and read her *NY Post* article "The Fish Worth \$300K," about the "Dragon fish" better known to us as the Asian Arowana, the world's most expensive fish, in the March / April online *Aquatica* the BAS's online journal on page 8.

Emily will present a Power Point presentation and a reading from her book, *The Dragon Behind the Glass*.

Attending members would be excited to know how this young woman braved the wilds and dangers of the jungle in her quest to find the elusive red arowana, *Scleropages formosus*.

Here's a quote from *National Geographic* about Emily: "One woman risked terrorists, head-hunters, and the 'fish mafia' to see an Asian arowana in the wild... a fish that is often transported under armed guard."

Some of the people Emily worked with in her journey have spoken at BAS and her talk will shine a different light on their personality and passion for adventure.

You will be able to purchase her book and have it autographed by Emily at this BAS event.



## 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

**MAR 10 Emily Voigt - The Dagon Behind the Glass ~ The Red Arowana -**

Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

**APR 14 Todd Gardner ~ Long Island, NY: An unlikely hotspot for marine**

**ornamentals** ~ Followed by an auction of 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 Ruben Lugo ~ My Adventures Keeping & Breeding L-number &**

**Other Fish That Suck** ~ Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

### SUMMMER BREAK NO MEETINGS IN JULY & AUGUST

**SEP 8 Joshua Wiegert ~ Brackish Water Species** ~ Followed by an auction of 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** ~ Followed by an auction of 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.**

**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.

The editor takes full responsibility for misspellings and punctuation errors.



**JOIN THE BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY  
ON SATURDAY MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>  
FOR AN EXCITING BUS TRIP TO VISIT  
THE BALTIMORE AQUARIUM, DISCUS HANS  
AND HOUSE OF TROPICALS TO BUY FISH.**



**OUR TOUR BUS** will leave the NY Aquarium **Saturday, May 20 at 7 AM**. Free parking is available at the NY Aquarium near the Education Hall area. We expect to be back at the NY Aquarium about 10 or 11 PM.

BAS will provide donuts, coffee, bagels, butter/cream cheese, orange juice for the trip. The private coach bus has a bathroom on board and storage for your fish boxes underneath.

We will be going with several other clubs (Greater City A.S., Nassau County A.S., North Jersey A.S., Jersey Shore A.S. and in Baltimore with Potomac Valley A.S.)

First stop will be the famous **Baltimore Aquarium** where **Michael Barber** has secured us special admission group rate (minimum 15 required for this group rate) see

cost of admission per person below:

**\$17.95** Ages 3-11 (\$2 off)

**\$23.95** Ages 12-18 (\$4 off)

**\$27.95** Ages 19-64 (\$4 off)

**\$23.95** Seniors (\$4 off)

(Admission includes the

Dolphin Discovery).

**Reservations are needed  
for this rate.**

We will also be going to **House of Tropicals**, in Glen Burnie, south of Baltimore, one of the better large tropical fish stores. Time permitting we may go to another nearby fish store.

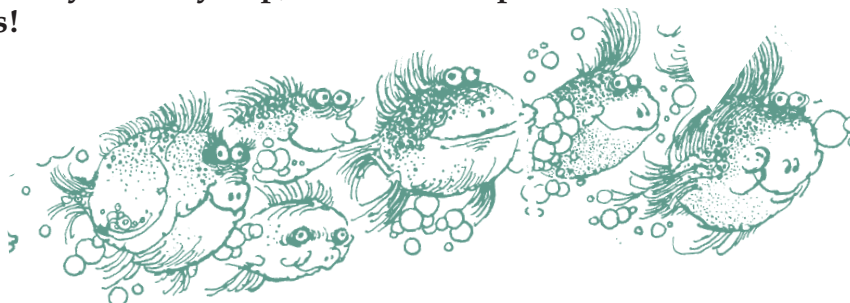
A definite stop will be **Hans Discus**, where attendees will be able to purchase his unbelievably beautiful discus.

Please notify **Marie Licciardello** if you want to go on this great bus trip at **718-377-7749** or come to the March 10th meeting to learn more about this fantastic trip.

We must have a final count of people no later than March 19th, with complete payment no later than April 20th.

**Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime visit to the famous Baltimore Aquarium, House of Tropicals, and Hans Discus to purchase beautiful discus and other tropical fish. This will be a really fun day trip, the sort of trip most of us would never do on our own.**

**Come join us!**



# COMING EVENTS

## EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS 2017



**MARCH 10 - 12 - NORTHEAST COUNCIL OF AQUARIUM SOCIETIES 42nd ANNUAL CONVENTION**, held at Sheraton Hartford South, 100 Capital Blvd, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Take I-91 North or South to exit 23. Turn right off the exit. Hotel is on the right. To make reservations at our convention rate of \$105/night rate (plus tax), please either reserve online or call the hotel at 1 888 627 8263 and mention the Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies 2016 Convention. We are able to offer a special convention rate of \$105 per night (plus tax) for the nights of March 10 - 12, 2017. This special rate will be available from Thursday March 9, through Sunday, March 12. Check-in 3:00 PM. Check-out 12:00 PM. **Speakers:** Bill Allen, Ted Coletti, Steve Edie, Gerald Griffin, Ruben Lugo, Tony Orso, Karen Pattist,

Greg Steeves. American Labyrinth Fish Association (ALFA) Inaugural Meeting Speaker: Mark Denaro. All-day Sunday auction of fish, inverts, plants & dry goods. Weekend conservation silent auction, vendors & manufacturer hall: fish, plants, equipment & hardscape. Nightly hospitality room. Raffles, prizes, free samples. For information visit: [www.northeastcouncil.org](http://www.northeastcouncil.org)

### MARCH 10 - 12 - RALEIGH AQUARIUM SOCIETY CAROLINA AQUARIUM WORKSHOP XXXII

at the Ramada Inn, 1520 Blue Ridge Road in Raleigh, NC 27607. (Room rate \$72/night-use code "GC1603aquari" when calling 919-832-4100; it includes a hot breakfast buffet.) Friday: 1:00 pm: Native fish and plant collecting trip. RAS provides buckets, seines, nets, and permits. Bring personal items; containers, towels, waders. To sign up, send email to [raleighfish@yahoo.com](mailto:raleighfish@yahoo.com). 7:00 pm: "Meet & Greet" with speakers, plus hors d'oeuvres and mini-talk All About Corys **Larry Jinks**. 9:00 pm: Mini-auction. Saturday: 9:00am: Workshop Registration and Setup. 10:00am: Cyprinids In The Aquarium, **Mike Hellweg**. 11:00am: Catfish - The Unscientific Method, **Chuck Davis**. 12:00pm: Lunch at Ramada Restaurant. 1:00pm: Live Aquascaping - Creating Your First Scape, Brandon McLane. 2:00pm: Carolina Discus Hatchery, **Eric Lacroix**. 3:30pm: Culturing Live Foods For Fish, **Mike Hellweg**. 4:30pm: Great Plants For A First Aquascape, **Brandon McLane**. 6:00pm: Social Hour (at the Ramada Lounge). 7:00pm: Dinner Banquet followed by Big Cichlids, or You Might Be A Real Aquarist If... **Chuck Davis**.

Sunday: 9:00 am: Auction Registration and Setup. 10:00 am: Auction. For more info; **Chris Smith (919-698-2828)**, **Michael Maieli (919-624-3053)**, or visit RAS website: [www.raleighaquariumsociety.org](http://www.raleighaquariumsociety.org). Send questions to [raleighaquariumsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:raleighaquariumsociety@yahoo.com)

### MARCH 25 - THE 19TH ANNUAL SOUTHWEST AQUARIUM

**KEEPER EVENT**. Held at La Quinta Inns & Suites 2510 W Greenway Rd (NE corner of I-17 at Greenway), Phoenix, AZ 85023. Sponsored by the Arizona Rivulin Keepers, serving killie-keepers and aquarists in the great Southwest since 1998! **Speakers:** Drs. Ron Harlan and Tom Wilkinson - Bolivia 2016

**Dr. Roger Brousseau** - Keeping and Breeding South American Annual Killifishes. **Dr. Joe Meinholz** - Tips and Tricks for the Aquarium Hobbyist. **Sam Murphy** - Going Natural, The Walstad Aquarium.

For more information and updates, see: <http://forum.azrivulin-keepers.org/index.php?topic=1114.0>

### MAY 4 - 7 - AMERICAN LIVEBEARER ASSOCIATION

**(ALA) CONVENTION**. Held at the Holiday Inn Airport West - Earth City, 3400 Rider Tri S, Earth City, MO 63045. Room rates are \$99, includes breakfast buffet for up to 2 people per room, per day. Two more can be added for \$10 each. The cut off date to reserve a room is 4/27/2017. After this date, it is open to the public. Reservations made by phone. You must mention the American Livebearer Association Convention. Call (877) 320-8454 or (314) 291-6800 to reserve rooms. **Speakers:** Les Wilson, Mike Hellweg, Dr. John Lyons, Shelby Bush, Charley Grimes, James Alderson DVM, Rusty Wessel, Gene Anderson. Sunday Auction. For info: [AQLASTL2017@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AQLASTL2017@GMAIL.COM)

### MAY 21 SOUTH JERSEY GUPPY GROUP ALL SPECIES AUCTION

Griggstown Fire House, 1037 Canal Rd, Griggstown, NJ 08540, Viewing 11am to 12noon. Auction starts at noon. Featuring championship show guppies, fancy swordtails, platies, discus, corydoras catfish, rare & unusual plecos, cichlids, barbs, tetras, rainbows, etc. For more info. [www.south-jersey-guppy-group.com](http://www.south-jersey-guppy-group.com) or [Jim Lovill egv1@optimum.net](mailto:Jim Lovill egv1@optimum.net)

**MAY 26 - 28 AKA CONVENTION 2017** - Held at the Crowne Plaza, Chicago Northbrook, 2875 N. Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062. A huge fish show with killifish from all over the world. **Speakers:** Dalton Nielsen, Collecting & maintaining the killifish of Brazil.

**Jan Willem Hoetmer**, Collecting & raising Killifish.

**Jack Heller**, Rainy season collecting trip to the Peruvian Amazon.

**Ron Harlan**, Collecting Killifish in Bolivia.

**Richard Pierce**, Killifish of Madagascar.

Saturday Morning killifish sale. Saturday evening banquet & awards program. Giant Sunday auction with hundreds of pairs of killifish including many rare and seldom seen species.

For more information email: [convention@aka.org](mailto:convention@aka.org) or watch our web site: [www.aka.org](http://www.aka.org) or follow us on Facebook.

### 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)



# COMING EVENTS

## ALA 2017 ANNUAL CONVENTION

**All routes lead to St. Louis in May!**



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**May 4-7, 2017 in  
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See [WWW.ALA2017.COM](http://WWW.ALA2017.COM) for Partial Fish List

# NEWS & NOTES

## AQUARIUMS AGLOW



Glowbed ([glowbed.com](http://glowbed.com)) is the world's first LED under-tank lighting system, bringing vibrant new life to any aquarium. The tank is placed on top of the Glowbed and lined with transparent materials such as sea glass or glass beads, producing effects ranging from soothing to dazzling. Different colors and effects can be selected with the Glowbed remote control. With the under-tank lighting in place, the top of the tank can be used to feature the company's Topscapes, modular diorama kits that can create a whole new look for the aquarium. Available Topscape themes include Treasure Island, Polar Bears, My Fairy Garden, Animal Island and more.



## Zoo-Home Pleco Caves & Condos

12 Jan, 2017

These interesting, functional pieces have perhaps more to offer than simply being pleco condos; the applications for species that require a lot of cover range far beyond. Currently, Pleco Condos come in 3 configurations: a small 3-hole variant, along with both a small and large 5-hole design. The condos come in two colors, white and brown, although in the photos, brown looks more like gray.

## SPECTRUM BRANDS MARINELAND CANISTER FILTER



The Marineland Canister Filter, from Spectrum Brands, Inc.—Pet, Home and Garden Division, is an updated, multi-stage filtration unit that can be used with freshwater or marine aquariums. The unit includes a top-sealing canister lid for a watertight seal and self-priming and spill-free setup. The Stack N' Flo filter trays provide total mechanical, chemical and biological filtration, and the unit is designed for quick maintenance.

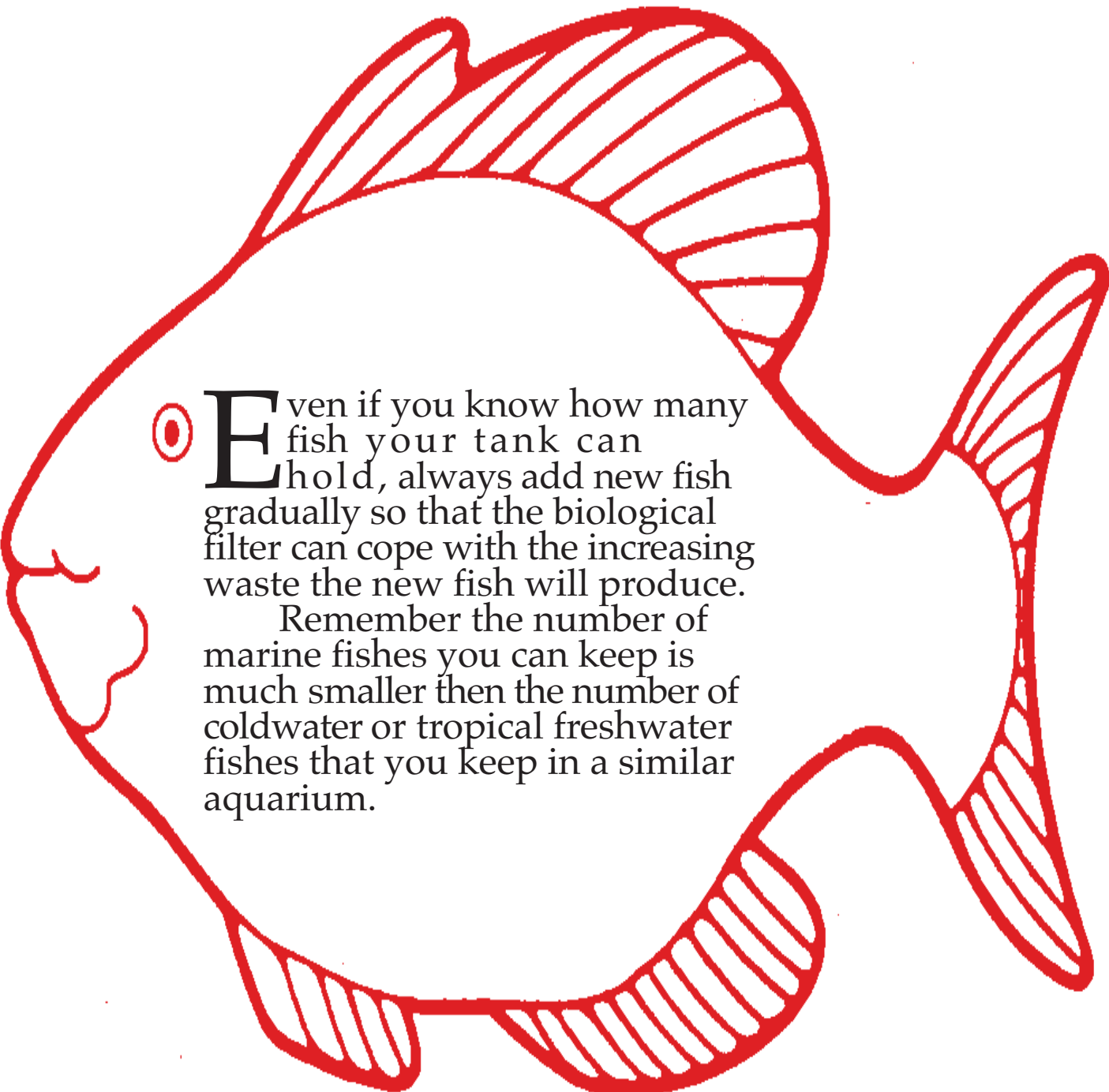
**Granddad the oldest fish in captivity died at his home in the Shedd's Aquarium in Chicago.**

**The Australian lungfish was believed to be more than 90 years old. You can Google it.**





# TIP OF THE MONTH



Even if you know how many fish your tank can hold, always add new fish gradually so that the biological filter can cope with the increasing waste the new fish will produce.

Remember the number of marine fishes you can keep is much smaller than the number of coldwater or tropical freshwater fishes that you keep in a similar aquarium.

# THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE FEBRUARY AUCTION INDIVIDUALS

Nick Decillis  
Frank DeLuca  
Edward & Gene Kogan  
Steve Matassa

Chris Matassa  
Scott Peters  
Dan Puleo  
Gabe Scelta

## STORES & COMPANIES

- Absolutely Fish, West Clifton, NJ
- Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
- Pacific Aquarium & Pet, Manhattan, NY
- Thousand Island Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
- World Class Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY

## **NEW BAS MEMBERS & RENEWALS JANUARY 2017** NEW MEMBERS

Anthony Brown  
Adrian George  
Denver Lettman

Nicholas Ramirez  
Wayne Stephenson  
Rommel Thorne

## RENEWALS

Louis Rothchild  
Gabe Scelta

Frank Turco  
Larry Whitfield



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# 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.

### WED. MAR 1 - GREATER CITY AS • JOE FERDENZI - KILLFISH DEMYSTIFIED

Meets 7:30pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Queens Botanical Garden, 134-20 Dahlia Ave, Flushing, NY except January and February. The public is welcome! Speakers, publication, bowl show, raffles, door prizes, refreshments, plant and fish auctions. For information: **Claudia Dickinson** at: [ivyrose@optonline.net](mailto:ivyrose@optonline.net) or (631)-668-5125, or visit [www.greatercity.org](http://www.greatercity.org)

### THUR. MAR 2 - 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. MAR 3 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION • GREG METZNER - SHARK BREEDING GROUNDS OFF LONG ISLAND

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. MAR 7- PIONEER VALLEY AS • TBA

Usually meets 1st Tuesday of the month at the 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:jguinasso@pvas.net) or **Martha Morris**, [martha\\_morris@hotmail.com](mailto:martha_morris@hotmail.com). For directions go to [pvas.net](http://pvas.net)

### THUR. MAR 9 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON • TBA

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at the VFW Hall, 73 Pearl St. in Essex Junction, VT starting @ 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)

### TUE. MAR 14 - 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)

### THUR. MAR 16 - NORTH JERSEY AS • TED COLETTI - THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF THE AQUARIUM HOBBY IN AMERICA

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/](http://www.njas.net/)

### THUR. MAR 16 - 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)

### FRI. MAR 17 - 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. Info: [www.liasonline.org](http://www.liasonline.org)

### WED. MAR 22 - METROPOLITAN AREA KILLFISH ASSOC. • TBA

Meets 4th Wednesday of the month @ 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](mailto:SLMACK@compuserve.com)

### FRI. MAR 24 - DANBURY AREA AS • TBA

Usually 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](mailto:daas@notheastcouncil).

### SUN. MAR 26 - JERSEY SHORE AS • ANNUAL TROPICAL FISH & DRY GOODS AUCTION - SOUTH WALLFIRE RESCUE CO., 2605 ATLANTIC AVE., MAMASQUAN, NJ

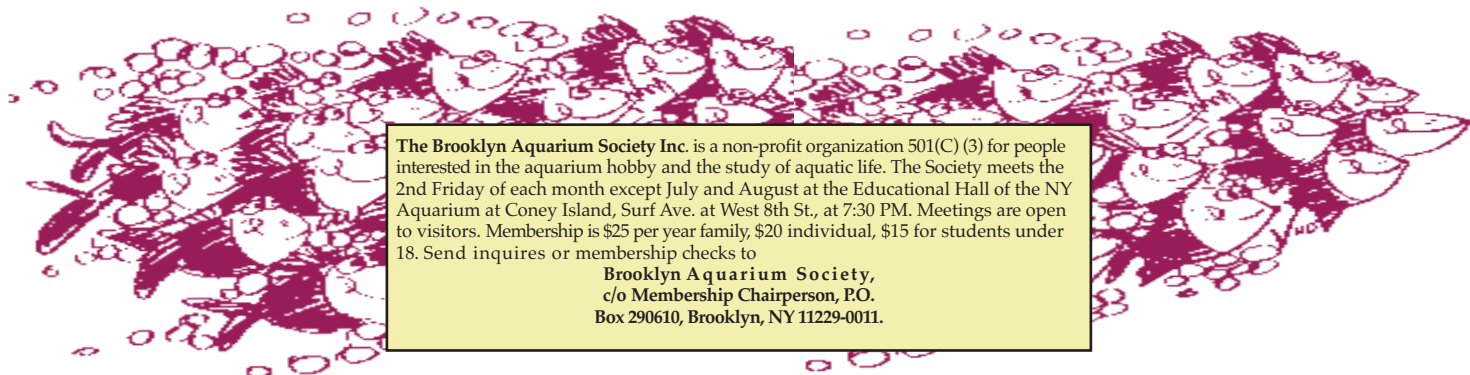
Usually meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the Knights of Columbus, 70 E. Main St., Freehold, NJ. @ 8pm. Speakers, auction rare & exotic fish, aquatic plants, door prizes. For more details: [www.jerseyshoreAS.org](http://www.jerseyshoreAS.org); or (732)-859-5595; [mws71@yahoo.com](mailto:mws71@yahoo.com)

### TUE. MAR 28 - 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

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Brooklyn Aquarium Society,  
c/o Membership Chairperson, P.O.  
Box 290610, Brooklyn, NY 11229-0011.





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(XXL & XXXL) **\$14** each



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Only **\$4** each

## OUR INSULATED CARRYING BAG

**T**his is the 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. The bag is black with the BAS logo in gold. It features a full Velcro closure keeping fish and corals safe, cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

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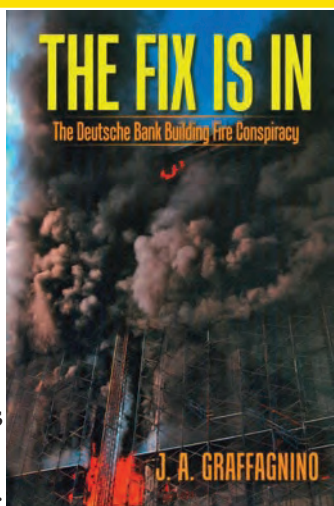


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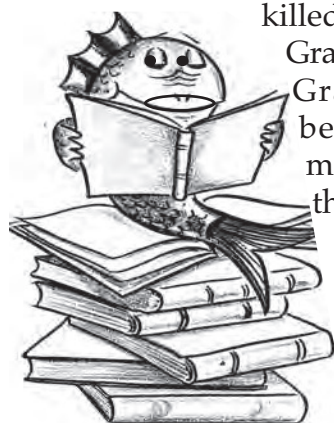
Graffagnino's son. Graffagnino refused to believe what decision makers told the public – that the fire was an accident.



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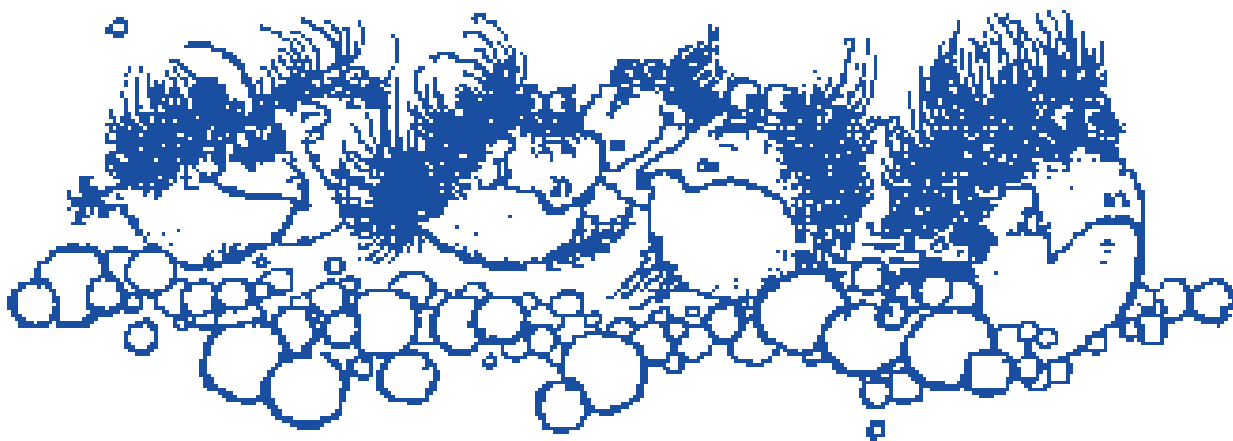
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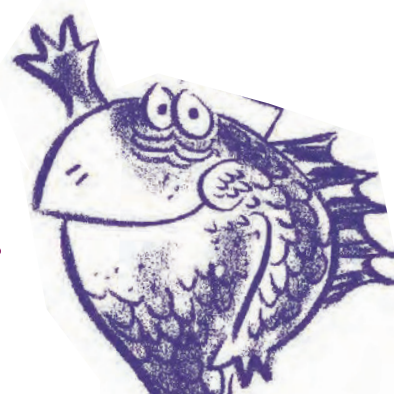
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