

106 Years of Educating Aquarists

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FRIDAY, MAY 12 @ 7:30 PM

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Presents

THE SPRING



***All sorts of freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a new 55-gallon tank & stand. Rare & hard to find live stock. & MUCH MORE!
• VIEW LOTS 7:30pm-8:30pm •***

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

\$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

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The April event brought back a great friend, **Todd Gardner**. Todd has been a mainstay speaker for our club for almost two decades. He also donated marine fish babies that his school and

business venture breed in-house. Truly unbelievable! Todd spoke on very rare and very expensive imported fish that his group is trying to breed locally. He has had some success in this area. We wish him the best in all of his ventures!

Next month not only brings May flowers but also our giant spring auction. We plan on having an unbelievable array of freshwater, marine and brackish water species, along with plants, corals and marine plants and invertebrates. Make no mistake: be there or lose out on unbelievable and rare species that you may never see again.

As always, we will have free parking and free refreshments. There are sure to be great items available, but they do go quickly. In response to your requests, we have changed our routine. Doors open at 7:30 pm for viewing of auction items.

THERE WILL NOT BE A GUEST LECTURER AT OUR MAY EVENT, ONLY A FEW HUNDRED ITEMS FOR YOUR AQUATIC PLEASURE!

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 an expert speak on, or any specific speaker, please tell us.

Steven

**Steven Matassa,
President**



THE SPRING AUCTION

Our Annual Spring Auction will be held on May 12th. This is our Spring kick-off-the-fish-season event with bags of hard to find and rare fish. There'll also be perennial favorites among the lots. Please arrive on time for viewing of items from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

The auction starts promptly at 8:30pm.

We will auction a new 55-gallon tank & stand donated by our friends at **Petland Discounts**. If you win the tank, you will be given a certificate signed by **Steven Matassa** authorizing you to pick it up at a designated Petland Discounts store. This way, you can make arrangements to get it directly from a local Petland Discounts store at your convenience.

Once the Auction starts, please stay in your seats. Runners will walk the items to you for your inspection.

There'll be aquarium books at discount, aquarium dry goods for sale, door prizes plus free refreshments, so come early and view the offering at the auction.

We accept personal checks only from members we know.

Got fish to donate?

If you have bred and raised more fry than you can handle, or fish that have outgrown their tank or no longer want, you can donate them to our auction and we will see that they get a good home. Your donations of fish and dry goods will generate funds that will continue to help BAS to educate aquarists

Call our President, **Steven Matassa** at (cell) **347-277-4793**.



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

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 ~ 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.

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.

NEWS & NOTES

THE NEC 2016 ARTICLE COMPETITION

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society won in the following categories:

1st Place in Continuing Column:

The Practical Plant - Izzy Zwerin

2nd Place in Open Class:

Joe's New Fish Room - Joe Graffagnino

3rd Place in Breeder Article

The Columbian Tetra - Joe Graffagnino

Congratulations to the writers

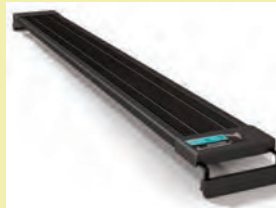
CENTRAL AQUATICS CORALIFE BIOCUBE



The Coralife BioCube with stands from Central Aquatics has a hood with multiple options of LED lighting. Its 24-hour timer has automatic 30-min. sunrise/sunset and 60-min. moonrise/moonset functions. The redesigned aquarium is 2

in. taller than the original, creating a larger viewing area. It has a compact and customizable filtration chamber, a hinge-top canopy design, submersible pump, dual intakes, an adjustable return nozzle and a clear glass back panel.

AQUATIC LIFE EDGE LED



Aquatic Life's EDGE LED is specifically tailored for growing coral. The updated version has three violet LEDs at 400 nm. wave-

lengths that emulate some of the UV wavelengths, similar to that of the sun, to help coral thrive in an aquarium setting. EDGE LED allows users to control the mixed color, bright white and blue lunar LEDs. It's available in both 36 and 48 in. and adjusts to various aquarium sizes.



COMING EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS 2017

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**

MAY 21 - OTTER VALLEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY 11th ANNUAL TROPICAL FISH AUCTION & BOWL SHOW. Held at the Godnick center, 1 Deer St., Rutland, VT 05701 Viewing lots 9:30am to 11:30am Auction starts at noon to 5pm. free admission, door prizes, 50/50 raffle. Silent auction plant table. Peoples Choice Bowl Show 1st Prize \$100 - 2nd \$75 - 3rd \$50. **For more information visit www.ovasociety.com**

MAY 21 SOUTH JERSEY GUPPY GROUP ALL-SPECIES AUCTION is proud to announce that they are having an All Species Tropical Fish Auction, Sunday May 21st at the GriggsTown Fire House located in Griggs Town, NJ 08540. Free Parking **For more info contact:**
Dave Polunas 732-329 9597, Frank Zillitto 201-265-9862, Michael Soda 908-637-4895

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 info. email: convention@aka.org or our web site: www.aka.org or 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 or cinemery@gmail.com**

JULY 8 - 9 - 24th ANNUAL POND TOUR PIONEER VALLEY GARDEN & KOI CLUB. Additional details to follow. **For more information contact Syd Brodeur: sydb46@hotmail.com or Cindy Patnode: rickxocindy@comcast.net or Brenda Cortina: wngnst55@yahoo.com**

AUGUST 25 - 27 - MARINE AQUARIUM CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICA (MACNA) Join us in eclectic New Orleans, Louisiana at the Hilton Riverside Hotel and Ernest N. Morial Convention Center for the biggest and best marine aquarium conference, attracting speakers, vendors, and visitors from all over the world.

Speakers: Bill Wann, Marc Levenson, Walt Smith, Gerald Helling, Bob Fenner, Sanjay Joshi, Richard Ross, Ehsan Dashti, Todd Gardner, Caitlin Lee, Craig Bingman, Hunter Hammond, Austin Lefevre.

Full conference (all access) \$149 registration includes 3 days of exhibit floor access, speakers, workshops and prize drawings as well as the Friday Reception and Saturday Banquet. **For more information: macnaconference.org**

OCTOBER 13 - 15 - INTERNATIONAL FANCY GUPPY ASSOCIATION 51st ANNUAL MEETING & GUPPY SHOW. Held at Days Hotel Conference Center East Brunswick, 195 Route 18 South, East Brunswick, NJ 08816 For reservations call 1-732-828-6900. If you would like to show your IFGA guppies, please watch www.IFGA.org or <http://www.south-jersey-guppy-group.com/Rules>, schedule, and more details will be posted soon! Auction will be held on Sunday, October 15th Don't miss your opportunity to purchase fancy guppies from the top breeders in the country! Guppies on display at 9:00 am Auctions begins 10:00 am.

For more information contact one of the co-chairman Bob Larsen bobguppy@ptd.net 570-409-4610 or Rajesh Seshagiri rajeshseshagiri@yahoo.com 609-275-1927



ELECTIONS FOR OFFICES & BOARD MEMBERS TAKES PLACE IN JUNE



All 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.

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:
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- 2nd Vice President:
Marie Licciardello
- Recording Secretary:
Kay Martin
- Treasurer:
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- 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

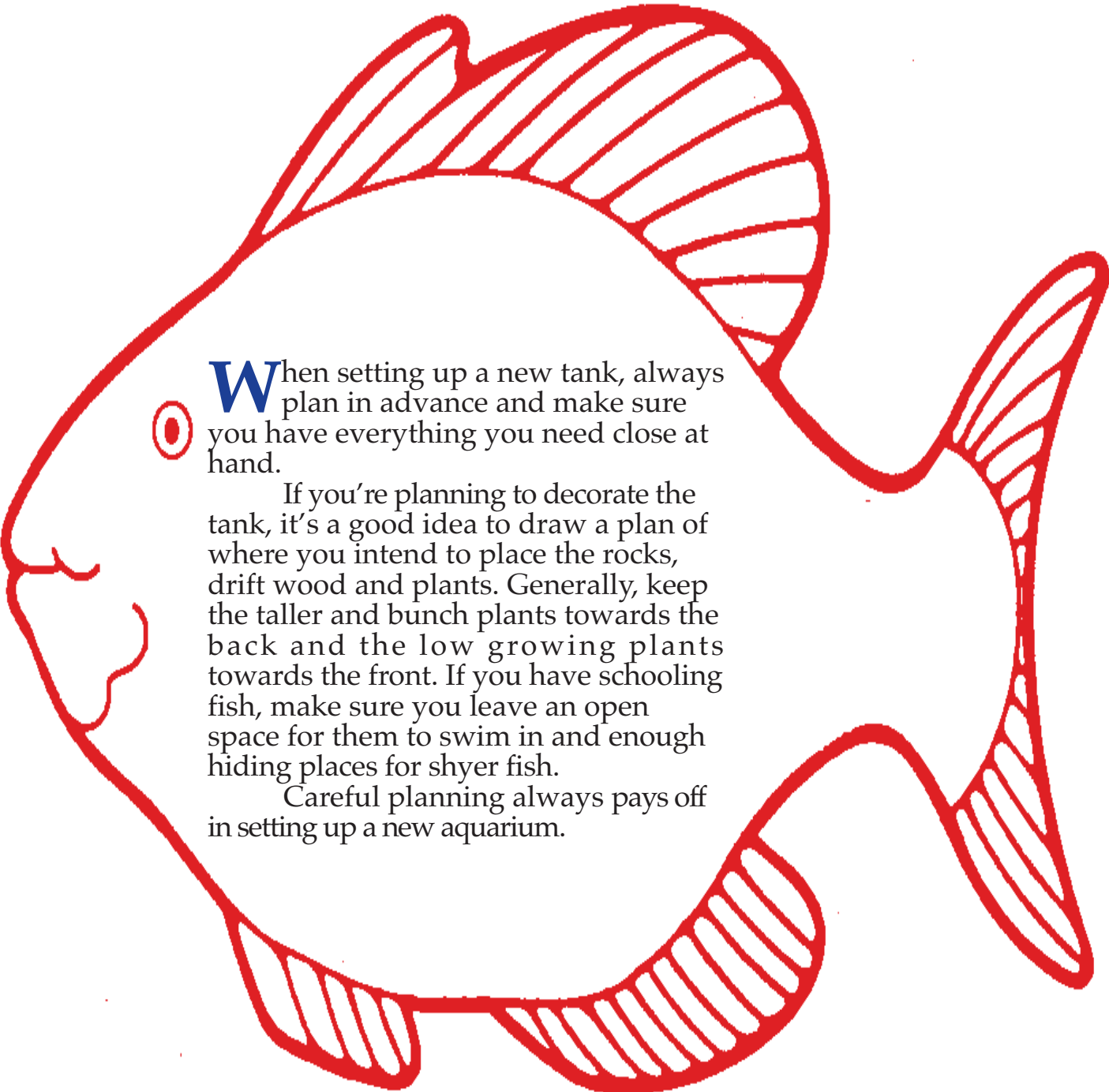
*5 Board members are to be elected by the membership. 5 more are to be selected by the President and approved by the full Board.

*Web Master: **Bernard Deren**

*Editor: **John Todaro**

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

TIP OF THE MONTH



When setting up a new tank, always plan in advance and make sure you have everything you need close at hand.

If you're planning to decorate the tank, it's a good idea to draw a plan of where you intend to place the rocks, drift wood and plants. Generally, keep the taller and bunch plants towards the back and the low growing plants towards the front. If you have schooling fish, make sure you leave an open space for them to swim in and enough hiding places for shy fish.

Careful planning always pays off in setting up a new aquarium.



We need a member to help edit and upload to Vimeo videos of our monthly meeting guest speakers. The video is an mp4. These would be added to our current library collection of existing speaker videos.

Please contact
Joe Graffagnino at
(917) 922-5108.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE APRIL AUCTION INDIVIDUALS

Norman Benjamin
Nick Decillis
Frank DeLuca
Todd Gardner
Joe Graffagnino

David Hinds
Gene Kogan
Kay Martin
Dorothy Russell
Gabe Scelta

Victoria Silverstein [Plant Lady]
Renaldo Soto
Justin Vallon
Denis Vardaro

STORES & COMPANIES

- Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
 - ESV Aquarium Products (Bob Stark)
 - Monster Aquarium Inc., Flushing, NY
 - Pacific Aquarium & Pet, Manhattan, NY
 - Petqua New York, NY
- Thousand Island Aquarium, Brooklyn NY
 - World Class Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY

NEW BAS MEMBERS & RENEWALS APRIL 2017

NEW MEMBERS

Erwin Bridgewater
Berris Clarke
Lisa Gullick
Forest Hamlor

Neil Lallkissoo
Nelson Mejia
Erica Safronsky
Jorge Santamaria

Richard Valley
Diana Vega
Dawn Wortman

RENEWALS

Alphonso Cyrus
Michael Dobson
Oneil Foster
John Fox
Joseph Gurrado
Sam Hagan
Marty Karfinkel

Robert Kolsky
Marie Licciardo
Dennis & Dawn Liverman
Scott Mantel
Anthony Polito
Michael Roman
Dorothy Russell

Vito A. Sacchieri
Wayne Sinckler
Marcin Smok
Charles Sprung
Ronald Weisenfeld

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 at least 1 month in advance of your event.



CHECK ALL TIMES AND DATES BEFORE ATTENDING

If listed **TBA** (to be Announced), the Society has not gotten a speaker or has not updated their calendar of events.

TUE. MAY 2 - 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** or **Martha Morris, martha_morris@hotmail.com**. For directions go to **pvas.net**

WED. MAY 3 - GREATER CITY AS • MICHAEL LUCAS - BUTTERFLIES IN THE WATER: DISCOVERING HYDROPHLOX SHINERS.

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**

FRI. MAY 5 - 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>

SAT. MAY 6 - BUCKS COUNTY AS • ANNUAL AUCTION.

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**

MON. MAY 8 - JERSEY SHORE AS • JOSEPH FERDENZI 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. MAY 9 - NASSAU COUNTY AS • JOE FERDENZI - TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED.

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. MAY 11 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON • KEVIN KELLY - AQUARIUM PLANTS.

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** or **www.tfc.org**

THU. MAY 18 - NORTH JERSEY AS • TBA.

Usually meeting held @ 7:45pm on the 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. MAY 18 - 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**

FRI. MAY 19 - LONG ISLAND AS • TBA.

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

TUE. MAY 23 - 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. MAY 24 - METROPOLITAN AREA KILLIFISH ASSOC. (MAKA) • 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**

FRI. MAY 26 - 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**.

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

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ONLY \$10 You can purchase yours at our events

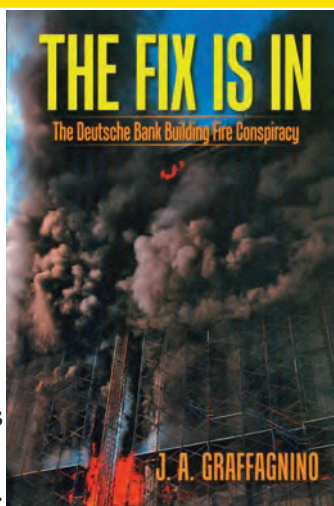


JOE GRAFFAGNINO'S NEW BOOK ~ THE FIX IS IN ~

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

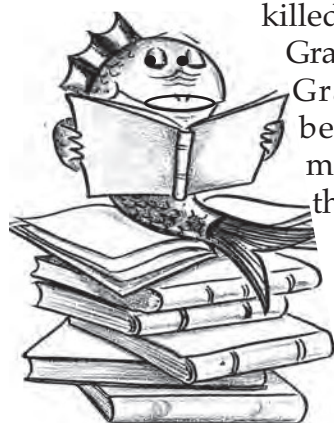
Graffagnino's son. Graffagnino refused to believe what decision makers told the public – that the fire was an accident.



The brave men who entered that blazing inferno walked into a deathtrap – unknown internal fans spread the fire. 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.**

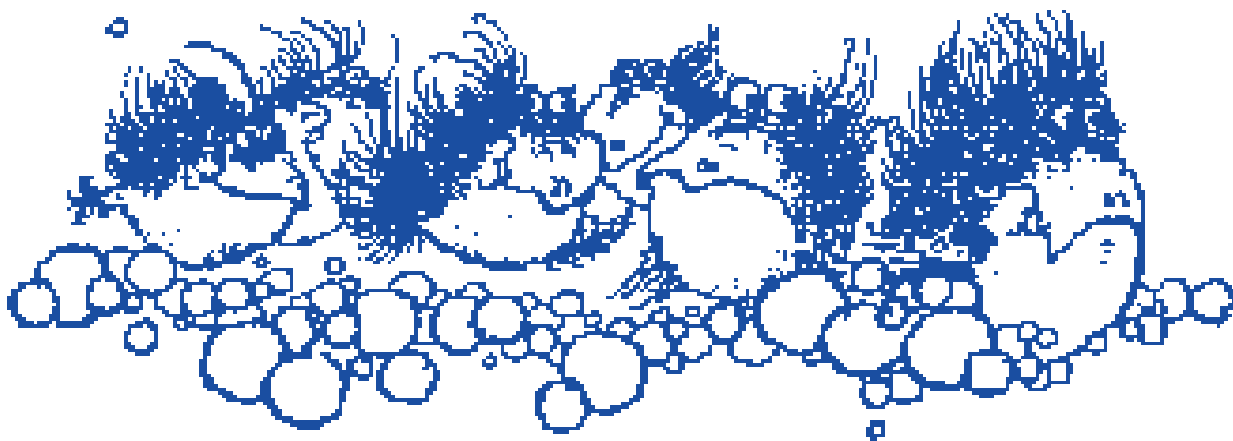
Please visit Joe's web site www.JAGraffagnino.com to purchase either book, in any of the listed formats. Also visit his web site for contests, FREE giveaways and information about other soon-to-be-released works from the author.



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, BAS President



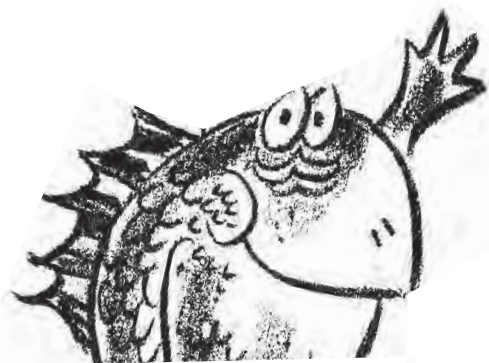
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Owned by two hobbyists, **Allan and Robert**, who offer a personal touch and pride themselves on "world class" quality. They're always available to answer questions. You can also subscribe to their Newsletter. Visit www.WorldClassAquarium.com and sign up.

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THOUSAND ISLAND AQUARIUM a brand new sponsor offering saltwater fish, and corals. African cichlids, freshwater fish, freshwater plants and freshwater shrimps. They have a shop to customize tanks, sumps, refugiums. They do tank maintenance and setups. They have terrariums with dart frogs, and live fruit flies (for fish and amphibians). **They offer a 15% discount on live stock to all BAS members with current membership.**

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