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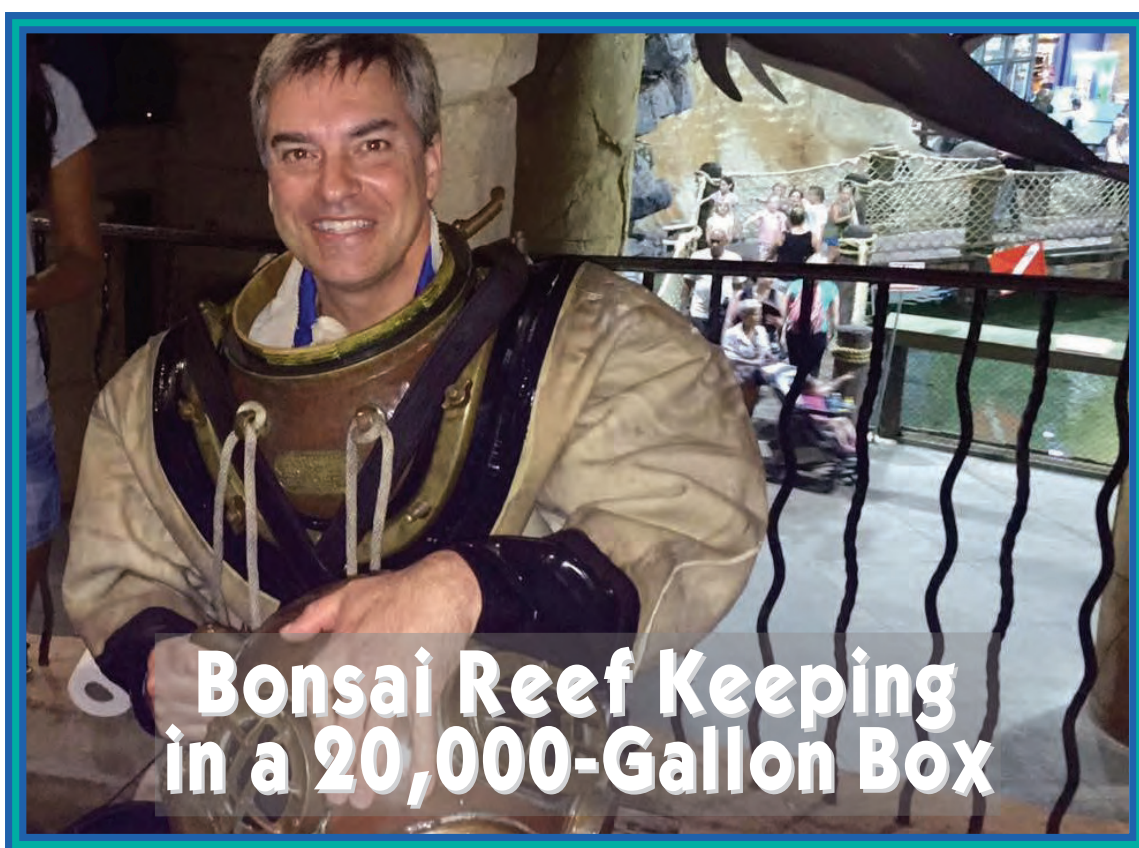
NOVEMBER 2017

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

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Presents

## JOE YAIULLO



**Bonsai Reef Keeping  
in a 20,000-Gallon Box**

**MEMBERS MUST LET US KNOW IF THEIR LIVESTOCK ENTERIES IN THE NOVEMBER AUCTION  
ARE A 100% DONATION OR 50/50 PAYMENT.**

(All 50/50 payments will be distributed at our January 12th Event)

**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

# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



October was our Giant Auction. As always, we had close to 300 items for your aquatic pleasure. We had tropical plants and, because of Victoria, we had house plants. We also had marine and freshwater fish species, corals and an extensive array of aquarium products and supplies. The place was rocking and everyone left with their arms full of aquatic treasures!

On to our November event! Our good friend **Joe Yaiullo** will be our guest speaker. Joe has been the curator for the **Long Island Aquarium and Exposition Center** in Riverhead, Long Island. Joe always has an exciting marine talk and he will tell us about upcoming events at his facility. As always, besides our auction, we will have plenty of refreshments and free parking.

Thanks to **Al Turrisi** stepping up to take the position of Treasurer, we can now reinstate our 50/50 for livestock at our November event. This means that any live plant, fish or coral can be donated and the person who donates it, if they desire, can obtain ½ of what it goes for. Payment for their donations will be at the next regular meeting, which is in January. We must limit the number of 50/50 bags per person to not more than 10.

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 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 [www.brooklynaquariumsociety.org](http://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.



## Steven

**Steven Matassa,  
President**



# THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

**J**oe Yaiullo is the Curator of Long Island Aquarium and Exhibition Center.

Born and raised on Long Island, Joe graduated Southampton College with a BS in Marine Biology.

Joe worked at the New York Aquarium for 8 years (1987-1995), and left to pursue a dream of building an aquarium on Long Island. He was instrumental in designing, developing and building Long Island Aquarium and Exhibition Center, 431 East Main Street, Riverhead, NY, 11901 which opened in June 2000. Long Island Aquarium and Exhibition Center exhibits include a 2,000-gallon clownfish/anemone tank, 120,000-gallon Shark Tank and a 20,000 gallon Live Coral Tank, which to date is the largest closed reef system in North and South America, and the 4th largest in the world.

Long Island Aquarium and Exhibition Center also features a unique 2 hour environmental tour boat, Atlantis Explorer, that navigates down the Peconic River and Flanders Bay. The tour is hosted by naturalists. The tour includes hands-on activities such as trap pulls, plankton tows, live underwater video footage of the various types of marine life encountered off Long Island beaches.

There is also a shoreline stroll along a remote region of Flanders Bay. Their web site is ([longislandaquarium.com](http://longislandaquarium.com)) Their phone number is 631-208-9200.

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## DIRECTIONS TO THE NY AQUARIUM

**Directions by Car:** Take Belt Parkway to Ocean Parkway South (Exit 7S). Take Ocean Parkway approx. 1/2 mile. The New York Aquarium will be on your left.

**Directions by Subway:** Take either the Q or F trains to West 8th St., NY Aquarium Station. Follow signs to NY Aquarium.

# BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017 - 2018

**NOV. 10 Joe Yaiullo ~ Bonsai Reef Keeping in a 20,000-Gallon Box ~** Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

**DEC. 8 Holiday Party ~ Members, their families and friends dinner held at Mama Rao's Restaurant, 6408 11th Avenue, Brooklyn • Fish Bingo & Prizes BAS awards presentations.**

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

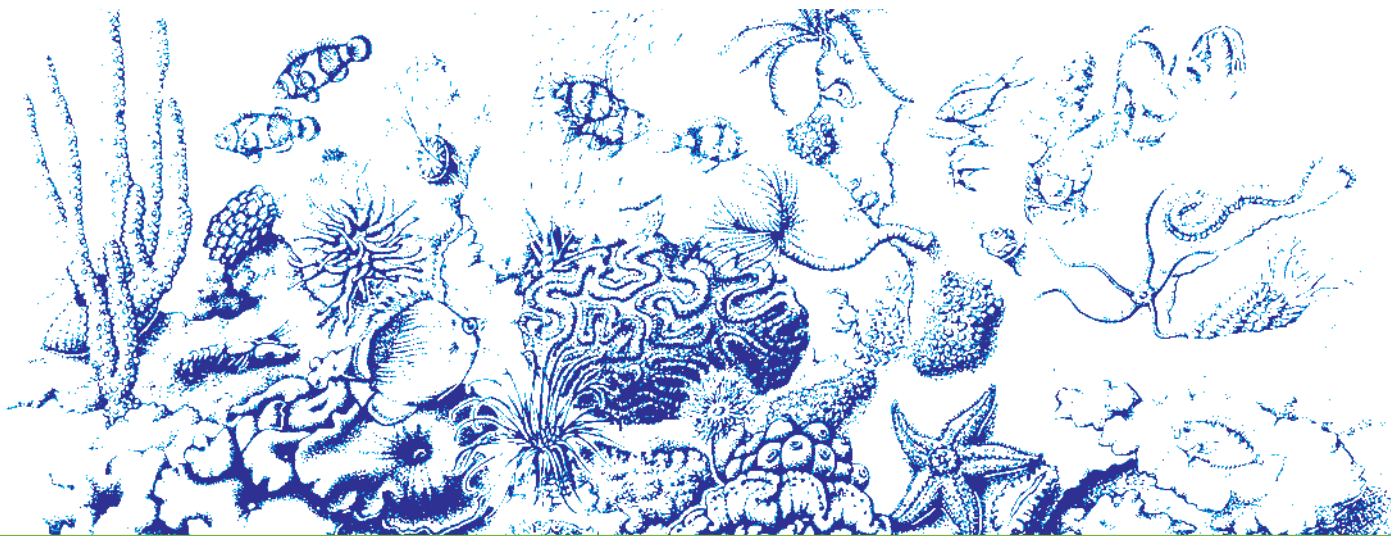
**FEB. 9 John Coppolino - Building my Dream System - 1300-gallon SPS display~** Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

**MAR. 9 Nathaniel Curtis, ZooMed ~ The Science Behind the Spectrum ~** Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

**APR. 13 Sanjay Joshi ~ Reef Lighting ~** 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 James Perrenod, President of Discus R Us ~ Q & A Session ~** 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.



# COMING EVENTS

## EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS 2017

**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/>

**NOVEMBER 4- TAMPA BAY AQUARIUM SOCIETY PRESENTS ITS 2017 ANNUAL AUCTION** held at the Crowne Plaza, Tampa Fl. Doors open at 8am for viewing of lots. Auction starts at 10am to 5pm. For more information [www.tbasauction.com](http://www.tbasauction.com)

**NOVEMBER 5 - BOSTON AQUARIUM SOCIETY 101st ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND ANNUAL AUCTION.** Held at the Beverly Mass Elks Hall, 39 Bow St., Beverly, Massachusetts. Bidding starts at noon. Auction split 60% seller 40% BAS. All items \$3 minimum bid. Open to the public - Free admission. Parking across the street & 2 doors down at 43 Bow St. For more information contact: [marksdonnam@hotmail.com](mailto:marksdonnam@hotmail.com).

**NOVEMBER 17-19 OHIO CICHLID ASSOCIATION 23RD EXTRAVAGANZA** held at: Holiday Inn 15471 Royalton Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136. Room rate (registered attendees): \$70 per night (up to 4 people per room). Book by calling the hotel directly at 1-440-238-8800. Overflow rooms available at the Super 8 - Strongsville, Ohio, 1-440-238-0170. The hotel is conveniently located at I-71 and Route 82,

just 10 minutes south of Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. This is the largest celebration of cichlids and catfish on the planet. This 3 day event is held weekend before Thanksgiving. Cichlid enthusiast of all ages and experience, make the trip to Strongsville, Ohio (10 Miles Southwest of Cleveland), for a weekend of all things cichlid and catfish. Registered attendees will see world class speakers, manufacturer booths, vendor booths, a large fish show (with 150+ entries), and fish being sold throughout the hotel. In addition, we offer a hospitality suite for registered attendees.

**Saturday** features a huge swap meet, informal awards dinner, and an auction, featuring brand new goods donated by prominent manufacturers in the aquarium hobby. Also a silent auction of fish and tanks, including a 75-gallon and two 40-gallon set-ups. The family-friendly weekend culminates in an awesome fish auction on **Sunday**, when over 1,000 bags of cichlids and catfish are sold. **SPEAKERS:** Ad Konings, Anton Lamboj, Wolfgang Staack, Daniel Konn-Vetterlein, Mo Devlin. Contact Marc DeWerth for details: [madbigfoot@aol.com](mailto:madbigfoot@aol.com)

**JANUARY 14 - DANBURY AREA AQUARIUM SOCIETY 33rd ANNUAL WINTER AUCTION 2018.** Held at Knights of Columbus Hall #6318, 10 Fair Street, Carmel, NY 10512. Fish (All species), Aquarium equipment & related dry goods. Auction hours: Viewing of goods 10am - 11:15am. Auction 11:30 am to 5pm. 50/50 raffle, food & refreshments are available.

For more information: **DAAS annual Auction.**

**MARCH 16 - 18 -NEC 2018 CONVENTION.** Held at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel, 100 Capital Boulevard, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

**SPEAKERS:** Adam Harris, Jim Cumming, Shane Linder, Christine Keys, Kyle Piller, Karl Trochu, Michael Tuccinardi, Emily Voigt, Richard Pierce, Kris Weinhold. Vendors: Super Cichlids, Aquacarium. Multiple fish/plant/invert/dry goods auctions.  
**More info to come.**

For more information: [www.northeastcouncil.org](http://www.northeastcouncil.org)

# REGIONAL SOCIETY EVENTS



## 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.

➔ **Before going to any event check their web site for up to date information.**



### WED. NOV 1 - GREATER CITY AS

#### • KAREN PATTIST - KOI APPRECIATION - KOHAKU

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.greater-city.org](http://www.greater-city.org)

### THU. NOV 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. NOV 3 - 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. NOV 7 - PIONEER VALLEY AS

#### • TBA.

Usually meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 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)

### THUR NOV 9 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON

#### • KEN BOORMAN - RAINBOW & BLUE EYES OF AUSTRALIA

Meetings usually 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. NOV 13 - JERSEY SHORE AS

#### • BEHIND THE SCENE TOUR OF JENKINSON'S AQUARIUM

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. NOV 14 - NASSAU COUNTY AS

#### • NEC VIDEO: LAWRENCE KENT - SEEKING CICHLIDS IN EAST AFRICA BEYOND THE THREE RIFT LAKES.

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 [info@ncasweb.org](mailto:info@ncasweb.org)

### THUR. NOV 16 - NORWALK AS

#### • GARY LANGE - COLLECTING TRIP

Usually 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)

### THUR. NOV 16 NORTH JERSEY AS

#### • SPENSER JACK - MY FAVORITE FISH FARMS

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

### FRI. NOV 17 - LONG ISLAND AS

#### • MICHAEL MARCOTRIGIANO - GUPPIES

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](http://www.liasonline.org)

### WED. NOV 22 - 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](mailto:SLMACK@compuserve.com)

### FRI. NOV 24 - DANBURY AREA AS

#### • JOE GRAFFAGNINO - KNOWLEDGE OF USELESS STUFF I ACQUIRED...

Usually Meets 4th Friday of the month @ 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).

### TUE. NOV 28 - GREATER HARTFORD AS

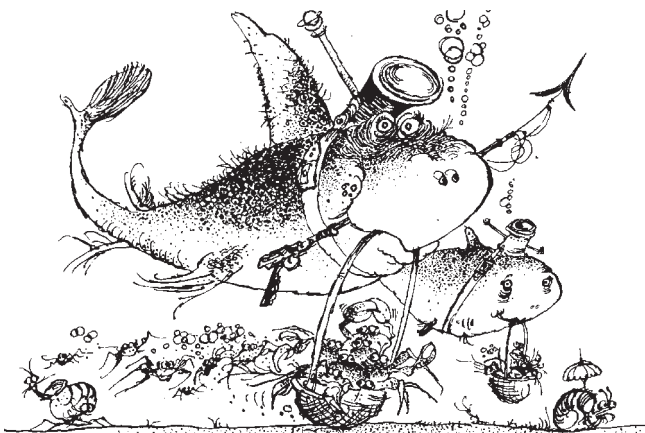
#### • TBA

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

### TUE. NOV 28 - BIG APPLE GUPPY CLUB

#### • TBA

Meets: Last Tuesday each month (except Jan, Feb, July, and August) @ 7:30-10:00pm. Alley Pond Environmental Ctr.: 228-06 Northern Blvd. Contact: **Donald Curtin** (718) 631-0538



# NEWS & NOTES

**The BAS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY  
will be held Friday, December 8th at  
**Mama Rao's Restaurant,**  
**6408 11th Avenue, Brooklyn.****



**The cost is only \$41 per member or guest for an excellent Italian dinner.**



The cost to the Society is \$66 per person, the Society is picking up \$25 per person. (no different pricing for children). The party starts at 8pm.

## **THE MENU INCLUDES:**

**Cold antipasto:** A combination of Italian specialties including Prosciutto di Parma, fresh mozzarella, marinated olives, artichoke hearts, and hot stuffed peppers. Fried calamari, served with a spicy or mild marinara sauce or spicy chipotle.

**A choice of pasta:** penne vodka or penne pomodoro, sauteed in fresh tomato sauce.

## **A CHOICE OF FOUR ENTREE:**

- **Veal Cutlet:** Tender natural veal cutlet with grilled eggplant, prosciutto and mozzarella.
- **Shrimp Oreganata:** 6 jumbo shrimp breaded and baked in a white wine lemon sauce.
- **Chicken:** Chicken breast layered with proscitutto, mozzarella, and asparagus in a light brandy sauce.
- **Vegetarian entree:** Portobello alla Contadina grilled portobello mushroom, grilled eggplant, roasted peppers layered together with fresh melted mozzarella and covered in a creamy balsamic reduction sauce.

Also included; a bottle of wine, both red and white per table.  
Soda or juices, cake, coffee, tea, cappuccino and homemade lemon drop cookies.

We play Fish Bingo for aquarium-related prizes and award members who have served the Society for the past year and who have written articles for *Aquatica*. If you have done either, you could be someone we honor that evening.

There is only street parking, but plenty of it.

Payment must be made by the November 10th Event. Please bring payment to the Event or mail it to: **Brooklyn Aquarium Society, P.O. Box 290610, Brooklyn NY 11229.**



# NEWS & NOTES



**W**orld Class Aquarium on Flatbush Avenue in the heart of Brooklyn opened its doors in 1986. **Robert Sakowitz**, one of the partners, had worked with his brother **Mark**, who owned and operated Mark's Aquarium. The brothers had a falling out and Robert joined with **Allen Roth**; together they opened World Class Aquarium. Both Robert and Allen were highly regarded as experts in the pet industry.

Robert Sakowitz was interviewed by the NY Times on June 23, 1991 by **Richard D. Lyons**. The title of the story was "90's Pets, the More Exotic the Better." Robert was asked his opinion on snakes and fish as pets.

Allen Roth, a marine biologist, built custom display tanks for the Wildlife Conservation Society at the Bronx Zoo for reptile display exhibits. He also worked at the New York Aquarium and other state aquariums. At the NY Aquarium, he reportedly worked with **Joe Yaiullo**, the curator of the Long Island Aquarium and Exhibition Center in Riverhead, Long Island. Allen was not only a businessman, but he was also a hobbyist. He was a guest speaker at the Greater City Aquarium Society in Flushing, Queens and was a sponsor for that Society. He was also a member of the Long Island Killifish club. It was reported that this club had meetings at the World Class Aquarium back in the day. Allen was a builder of custom tanks. One of his creations was the angled front glass of large aquariums. He must have started a trend because odd design custom tanks are readily available today.

Allen Roth's expertise came to the forefront when he was interviewed by the NY Daily News on December 8, 1996 by **Lenore Skenazy** on the topic,



*"The Good The Bad And The Cuddly - The Truth About Cats & Dogs & Other Pet Gifts."* Allen spoke about the benefits of having fish and birds as pets.

For 31 years, World Class Aquarium was one of Brooklyn's dynamic pet stores. It had everything contained within its walls. If you were looking for fish, fresh water or marine, aquariums, reptiles, birds, equipment, supplies or just expert knowledge, that was the >in< place. I visited often and always left with something that I could use or maybe thought I could use in the future. I enjoyed the children when they visited the store. They would walk around with mom and dad to see the fish, reptiles and birds. It was pure joy and amazement to them. This was better than a zoo because there were almost no barriers between them and the animals. They were mesmerized and thrilled. You could guarantee that mom and dad would have a hard time getting them to leave.

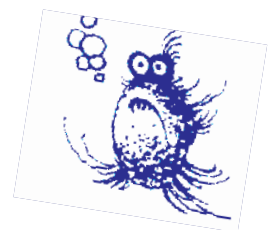
Several years ago, World Class Aquarium hired **Marty Karfinkel** as their store manager. Marty revolutionized the store. He's a master salesman and great organizer. Marty worked for Petland Discounts for 30 years and prior to that worked at Al's Aquarium on Nostrand & Snyder Avenues, as well as Al's other store on 18th Avenue and 84th Street. Marty promoted the **Brooklyn Aquarium Society** starting back in 1967 while learning the trade at Al's Aquarium by donating pet merchandise and explaining to customers that an educated aquarist promotes the aquatic environment.

He brought *Tropical Fish Hobbyist* magazine to the store and promoted the magazine to customers. Marty pushed knowledge because he knew it would make any hobbyist a better hobbyist. While at World Class, he

was able to grant discounts to BAS members and he influenced Robert and Allen to donate to our monthly events. Because of Marty, World Class became a full sponsor to BAS. We thank him for that and all he has given to our great Society.


Throughout the years, many notables from the Brooklyn Aquarium Society became involved with pet stores because they had a calling to be concerned with aquatic creatures and livestock in general. It is a special calling to obtain knowledge and then be able to share it with others. It is a wonderful and fulfilling trait. Over the decades, we had former BAS President **Al DiSpigna**, [2003-2007] who learned his fish trade at Al's Aquarium, as did Marty. **Seth Kolker**, [1989-2001] BAS President for 12 years, worked at World Class as did **Bill Amely**.

Local pet shops are a dying industry. Most are being driven out by larger conglomerates such as Petco and on-line pet industry super stores. What people fail to realize is that with the demise of local shops, their help with questions and to obtain a needed part or medication also dies. Where will mom and dad bring their children to see and experience live animals?





# TIP OF THE MONTH



**I**f it's time to upgrade your lighting the new LED aquarium lamps are an excellent choice. Long lasting, energy efficient LED lights are 20% brighter than standard fluorescent bulbs; these lighting fixtures create naturalistic day and night time lighting for a realistic aquatic environment.

ZooMed module system may be a good choice. They have 3 different modules that can be interchanged in their fixtures: standard module that provides bright white light for viewing & shimmer effect and blue light for coral growth & moonlight effect; plant module designed to provide the correct wavelengths needed for promoting chlorophyll absorption and photosynthesis in plants, and a Daylight module for increased white light in your aquarium that includes 4 white 6000k LEDs (one watt ea), and 2 white 6000k LEDs (500 milliwatts ea). Check them out. They maybe just what you need to upgrade your aquarium lighting.

# THE FOLLOWING MADE GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE OCTOBER AUCTION

## INDIVIDUALS

Curt Cocalas  
Nick Decillis  
Joe Graffagnino  
Gene & Edward Kogan  
Rob Kolsky

Kay Martin  
Steve Matassa  
Scott Peters  
H. Popa  
Dorothy Russell

Gabe Scelta  
Bob Stralemia  
Al Turco  
Denis Vardaro

## STORES & COMPANIES

- Aquarium Village, Westbury, NY
- Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
  - Ali Khan
- Long Island Aquatics
- Monster Aquarium, Queens, NY
- Pacific Aquarium & Pet, New York, NY
- Tri-County Tropicals



## NEW BAS MEMBERS & RENEWALS SEPTEMBER 2017

### NEW MEMBERS

Blake Williams-Scott  
Cesar Castillo  
Cody Band

Miriam Infortunio  
Richard Harris  
Richard Thybulle

### RENEWALS

Howie & Michael Moskowitz

Thank you **Steven Matassa** and **Navin Manoo** for  
your donations of aquarium equipment to the BAS.

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.



# HATS, SHIRTS & PATCHES



Official caps with embroidered BAS logo.  
(Black only)  
One size fits all.  
Only **\$10** each



Official BAS T-Shirts. (Black only)  
(Small to XL) **\$12** each  
(XXL & XXXL) **\$14** each



Official BAS embroidered patches that can easily be ironed onto any shirt, hat, jacket or article of clothing you wish.  
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.

**ONLY \$10** Get yours yours at our events

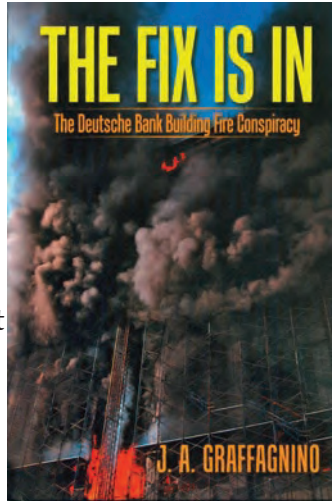


## JOE GRAFFAGNINO'S SHOCKING EXPOSE' ON THE DEUTSCHE BANK FIRE ~ THE FIX IS IN ~

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

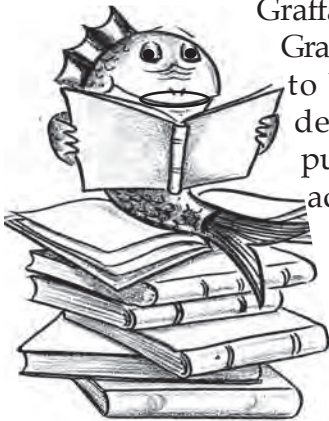
Graffagnino's son.

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, whistleblowers 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.

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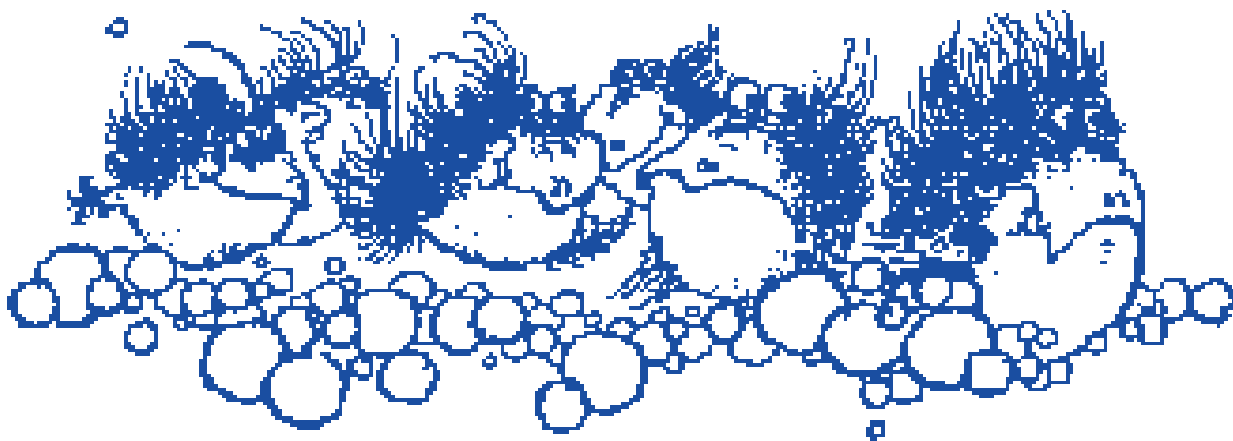
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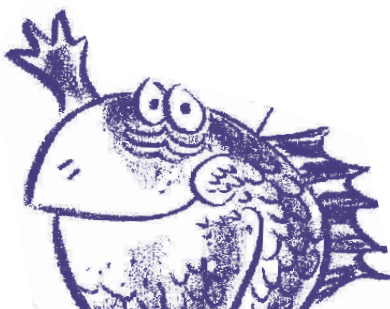


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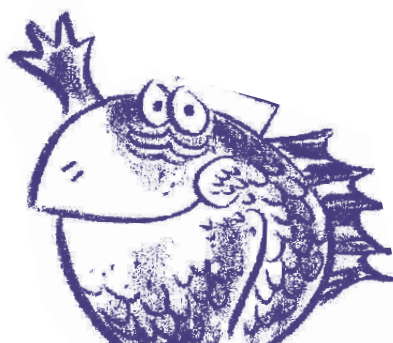
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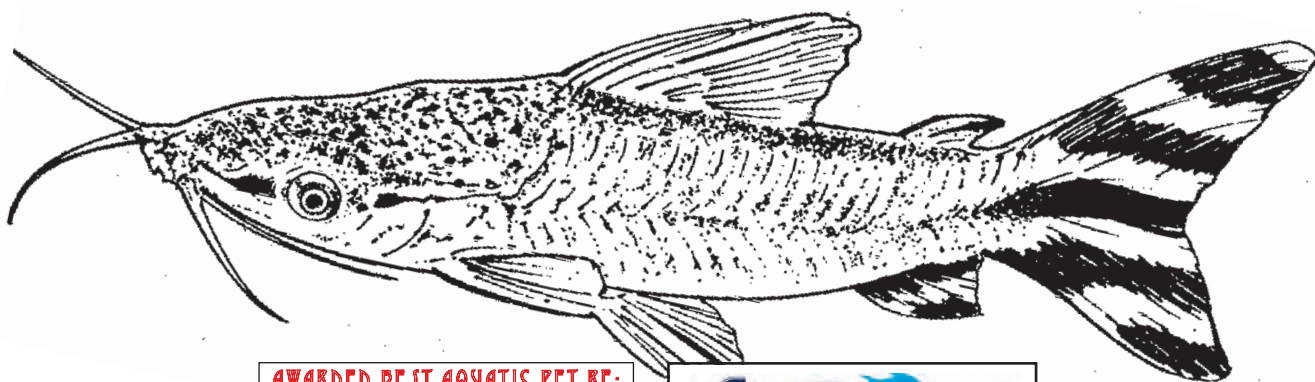
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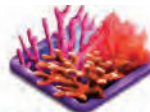
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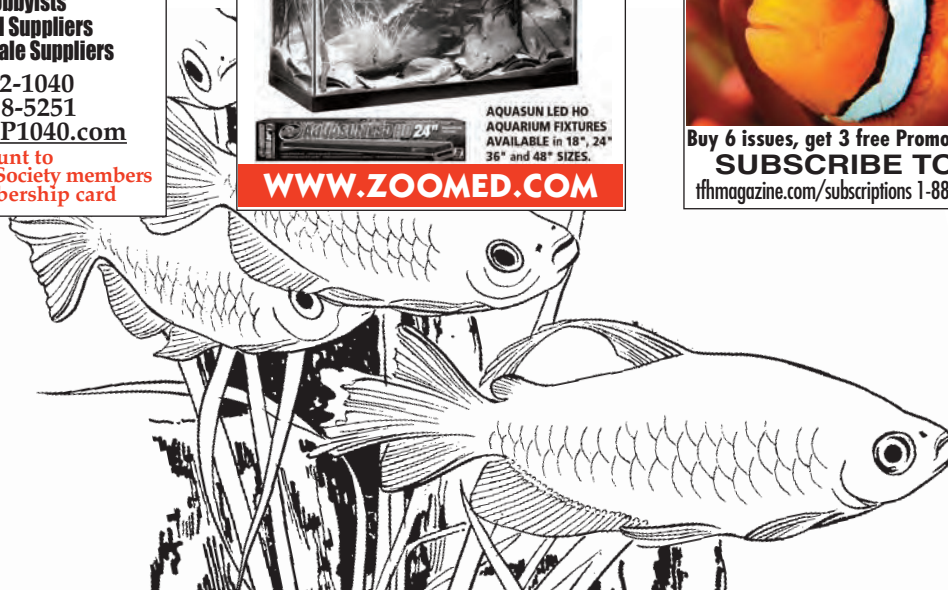
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