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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 @ 7:30 PM

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Presents

Joshua Wiegert

of Batfish Aquatics



fun fact
the archer fish can shoot
water at insects up to
9 feet above the
water's surface!

Brackish Water Species



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

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

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Or Call BAS 24 Hr. Calendar of Events Hotline (718) 837-4455

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



To all of our BAS members, we hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Our June event ended with a big bang by having **Ruben Lugo** as our guest speaker. Ruben's topic for the evening was "**My Adventures Keeping & Breeding L-Number & Other Fish That Suck,**"

which in laymen's terms means plecostomus types of catfish. We also had our auction and election of officers and Board members for the upcoming year. I must admit that our asking for members to step up and help out is finally paying off. We have a complete Board. We have a 1st Vice President with **Gene Kogan**, a Treasurer with **Al Turrisi**, a surprise possible Exchange Editor who is waiting to get comfortable with the position and its requirements. We also have 4 new Board members. It will be interesting to see what a complete executive Board will be able to accomplish this coming year.

Upcoming excitement news – our Webmaster **Bernard** has been working on creating a private section on our website that would allow our members to access articles about breeding fish, raising plants and corals and keeping and breeding marine species. In addition to articles by our members and speakers, we have videos of our guest speakers going back 20 years. Now you can see these great speakers providing you with a look into the past on how they accomplished the great successes they had. It will be an invaluable learning experience from experts in every aspect of our hobby.

On July 29 we had a car pool trip to **Absolutely Fish**. **Pat Donston** had offered us a visit to his establishment that included a 25% discount on livestock, supplies, food and equipment – an unbeatable offer. In addition, his staff took us to his secret marine breeding facility where we saw coral frag propagation, various types of wrasses, and clown fish spawning and Banggai cardinal fish all breeding in a nurturing environment. We had 25 – 30 members and family attend this great event.

We continue to try and conclude our events in a timely manner so that you and we are not there all night. As part of our tactics, we have multiple auctioneers to introduce our livestock and dry goods to our attendees. **Bill Amely** starts it off, followed by **Dan Puleo**, and your President stepping in to help out. I think everyone enjoyed it and it certainly helped to move the auction at a faster pace. We had runners to bring the items to our members and prevent a clog at the auction table. This worked out well to eliminate the auctioned items' confusion at the tables. It's your donations that keep us successful, so please keep them coming.

September will bring in our new fiscal year and our guest speaker will be **Joshua Wiegert** of **Batman Aquatics**. Joshua's topic for the evening will be "**Brackish Water Species.**" As always, we will have free parking and free refreshments. Our regular monthly event auctions have 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. 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.

Welcome back!

Steven
Steven Matassa,
President

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Joshua Wiegert is a well known aquarium author and speaker, having penned the "Conservation Corner" in *FAMA* and later *AFI* for many years. More recently, he is the author of the *Bottom of the Tank* in *Tropical Fish Hobbyist*. His feature articles have been included in many magazines over the years, and he has travelled throughout the US and beyond speaking at various aquarium clubs. He is best known, however, as the owner of **Batfish Aquatics** and is a solid fixture at large aquarium conventions. With Batfish Aquatics, he imports and sells a large variety of unusual aquarium fishes.



Joshua will open the new BAS season with a talk on brackish water fish and I'm sure he will be happy to answer your questions after the talk. So come and enjoy an evening with all your fish friends and become an educated aquarist.

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

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.

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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.

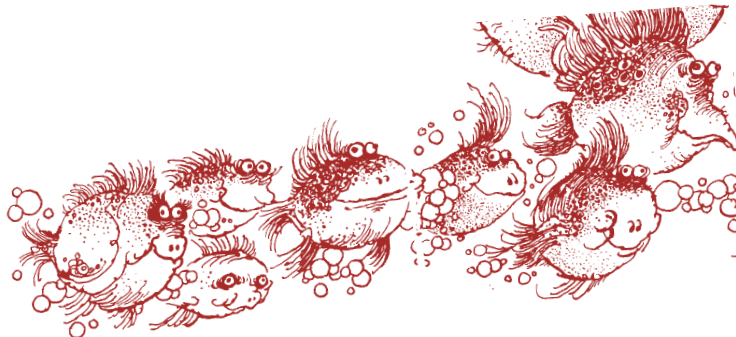
FEB 9 John Coppolino - Building my dream system - 1300-gallon SPS display ~ Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

MAR 9 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.

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED AT THE JUNE EVENT

- President:
Steven Matassa
- 1st Vice President:
Gennady (Gene) Kogan
- 2nd Vice President:
Marie Licciardello
- Recording Secretary:
Kay Martin
- Treasurer:
Alfred Turrisi
- Membership Chairperson:
David Manuel
- Corresponding Secretary:
Dan Smith
- Sgt. At Arms:
Lita Goldberg
- Exchange Editor:
POSITION OPEN

BOARD MEMBERS:*

Bill Amely
Marty Karfinkel
Leon Perry
Michael Roman
Vito Sacchieri
Wayne Sinckler
Bob Strazzulla
Larry Whitfield
Ronald Wiesenfield

*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 and approved by the full Board.

COMING EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS 2017

SEPTEMBER 10 - GREATER PITTSBURGH AQUARIUM SOCIETY FALL AUCTION.

SEPTEMBER 22 - 24 KEYSTONE CLASH - Lancaster, PA

OCTOBER 1 - THE JERSEY SHORE AQUARIUM SOCIETY FALL 2017 TROPICAL FISH & DRY GOODS AUCTION

Held at the South Wall Fire rescue Company, 2605 Atlantic Ave., Manasquan, NJ 08736. Featuring rear and exotic tropical fish, a wide selection of aquatic plants, with free goodies and door prizes all day long! Viewing lots from 11am - 12 noon Auction starts at noon sharp! Snacks and refreshments will be available. Open to the public. Free admission For more information e-mail **Bill Loesch** at allaboutpetsllc@yahoo.com or call 732-223-4530 or visit jerseyshoreuas.org.

OCTOBER 8 - NORTH JERSEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY GIANT FALL TROPICAL FISH AUCTION held at **DAYS HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER, 195 ROUTE 18, TURNPIKE EXIT 9, EAST BRUNSWICK, 08816.** You can keep up with registered fish in the auction on Facebook rare and tank bred fish. Viewing starts at 11am. Auction starts at 12 noon. For more information go to njas.net

OCTOBER 13 - 15 - INTERNATIONAL FANCY GUPPY ASSOCIATION (IFGA) 51 ST ANNUAL MEETING & GUPPY SHOW held at **Days Hotel & Convention center, 195 route 18, turnpike exit 9, East Brunswick, 08816.** Hosted by the South Jersey Guppy Group. To make hotel reservation call 1-732-828-6900. If you would like to show your IFGA guppies please visit www.IFGA.org, or

<http://www.south-jersey-guppy-group.com/> Rules, entry forms and schedules are posted at these sights.

For more info contact one of the co-chairman: **Michael Soda**, gemstarguppies@comast.net, 908-637-4895 or

Rajesh Seshagiri, rajeshseshagiri@yahoo.com, 609-275-1972 or **Jim Lovill** eyv1@oprimum.net, 609-570-5936

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

In Memoriam: Dr. Herbert R. Axelrod (1927 - 2017)

Dr. Herbert Axelrod has died at the age of 89. Ichthyologist, author, explorer, entrepreneur, philanthropist and publisher with a controversial history, who once dominated and then receded from the hobby.

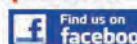
The author and publisher Dr. Herbert Richard Axelrod passed away at his Swiss home on May 15, 2017, with tentative reports trickling out over the subsequent days — articles from online Violin publications followed word-of-mouth announcements between friends of those close to him. In most camps, the news has been greeted with sadness, while some of those with whom he collided throughout his life have been less morose: in death, as in life, Axelrod is divisive.

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NEWS & NOTES

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.

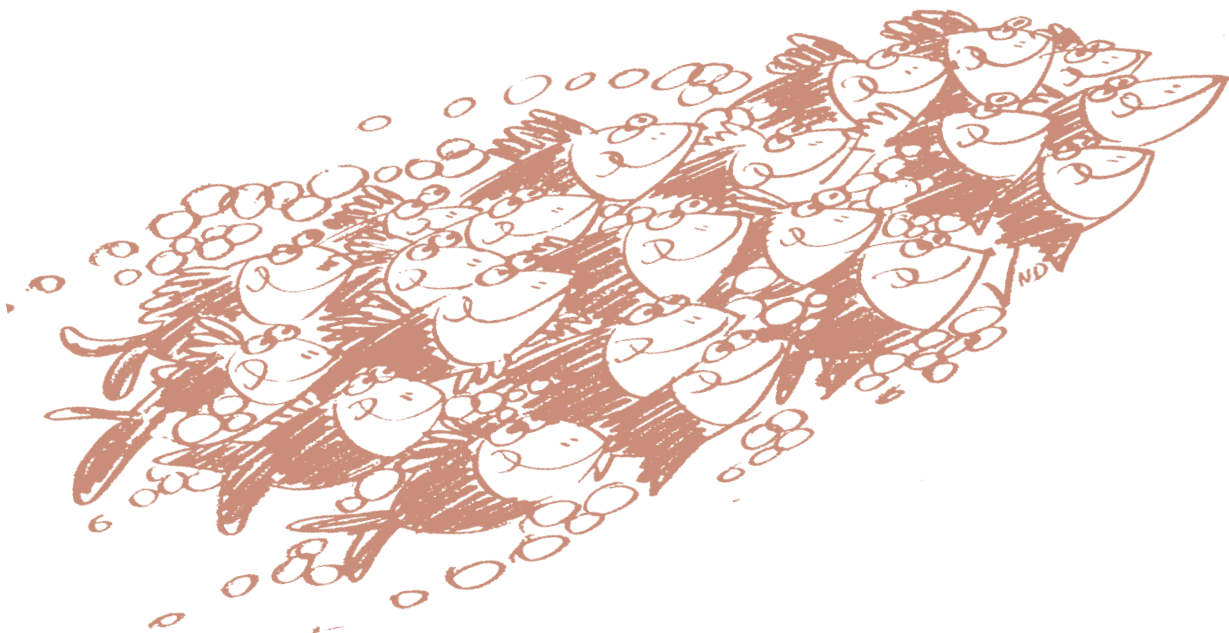
Rainforest acreage is nominally \$100. Checks for the Rainforest should be written to

The PVAS Foundation, Inc.

Mail to

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

DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.



The Society takes a day trip to Absolutely Fish

Joseph Graffagnino – BAS

A great time was had by all at Absolutely Fish and the surprise visit to their marine fish and coral breeding facility.

We had between 25-30 members and family attend this day trip and everyone went home with multiple bags of

fish, marine corals, plants, food and equipment/supplies.

Absolutely Fish gave us a 25% discount and opened one hour before normal store hours. We had members there at 8:30 am.

It was a real treat to visit the breeding facility and see the

tanks full of baby clown fish and aquacultured corals.

Then we all went off to the Hearth for a well deserved breakfast. 🐟



The hearty band of BAS members in front of Absolutely Fish.



Heather and other members of the staff at Absolutely Fish helping our BAS members with their purchases.

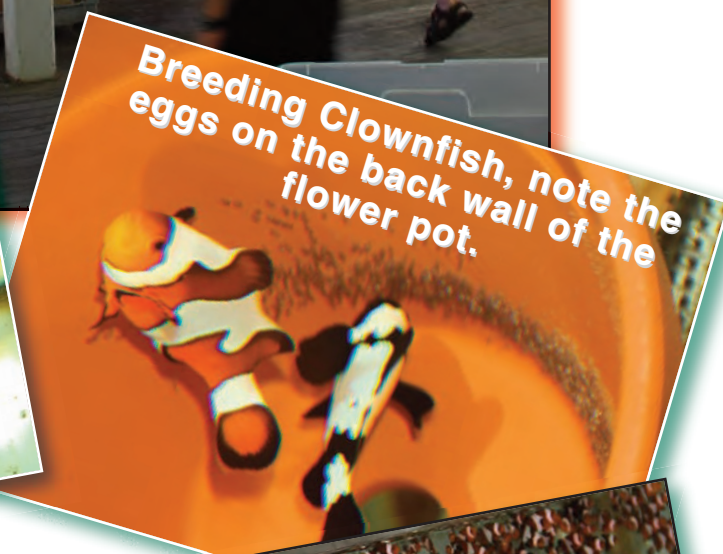
“Touring Pat’s coral and marine fish breeding facility.”



Part of the breeding facility - this section is for coral propagation.



Juvenile Clownfish.



Breeding Clownfish, note the eggs on the back wall of the flower pot.

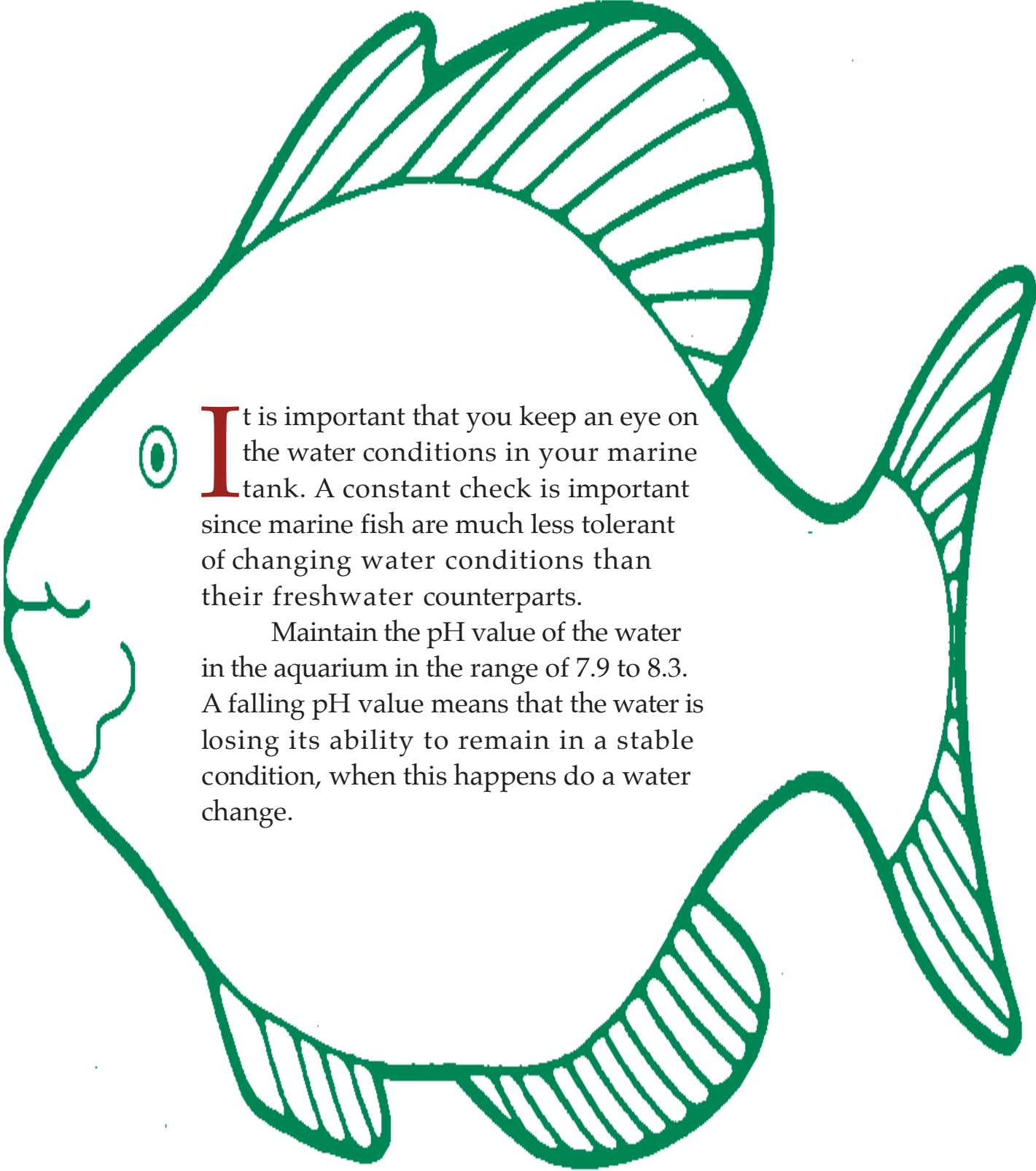


A pair of breeding purple dottybacks



Assorted strains of cross bred clownfish.

TIP OF THE MONTH



It is important that you keep an eye on the water conditions in your marine tank. A constant check is important since marine fish are much less tolerant of changing water conditions than their freshwater counterparts.

Maintain the pH value of the water in the aquarium in the range of 7.9 to 8.3. A falling pH value means that the water is losing its ability to remain in a stable condition, when this happens do a water change.

THE FOLLOWING MADE GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE JUNE AUCTION

INDIVIDUALS

Bill Amely
Bob Conroy
Serena Duenas
David Hinds

Edward & Gene Kogan
Ruben Lugo
Scott Peters
Dan Puleo

Lisa Quilty
Dorothy Russell
Jorge Santamaria
Peter & Barbara Tubbs

STORES & COMPANIES

Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
Monster Aquarium, Queens, NY
Pacific Aquarium & Pet, New York, NY
World Class Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION

Thank you
Gennady Blanket and Manhattan Aquariums
for your donation in August to the BAS.

NEW BAS MEMBERS & RENEWALS JUNE 2017

NEW MEMBERS

Ingrid Robert Haynes
Robert Strazzulla
Roman Rudinskiy

RENEWALS

Dennis Brown
Nicholas Decillis
Howard Dressler
Joseph Graffagnino

Jeff Kaye
John Maggiore
Frank Policastro
Aldwyn Walcott

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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 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.

FRI. SEPT 1 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION

• TBA

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

TUE. SEPT 5 - 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, jaguinasso@pvas.net](mailto:jaguinasso@pvas.net) or Martha Morris, martha_morris@hotmail.com. For directions go to pvas.net

WED. SEPT 6 - GREATER CITY AS

• EMILY VOIGT - THE DRAGON BEHIND THE GLASS

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: ivyrose@optonline.net or (631)-668-5125, or visit www.greatercity.org

THU. SEPT 7 - 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

MON. SEPT 11 - JERSEY SHORE AS

• DR. PAUL LOISELLE - MADAGASCAR KILLIES (VIDEO)

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

TUE. SEPT 12 - NASSAU COUNTY AS

• MARK SOBERMAN - CORYDORAS CATFISH.

Molloy College. 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre NY @ 8:00pm. Meets 2nd Tue. of the month. Check web site for directions. <http://ncasweb.org/directions.php>. General meetings open to the public. Guest speakers, fish related events, raffles, mini-auction. Info: Mike Foran (516)-798-6766, or at info@ncasweb.org

THU. SEPT 14 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON

• MIKE TUCCINADI - WHERE FISH COME FROM; WILD CAUGHT TO OUR TANKS

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.tfcfb.org

FRI. SEPT 15 - 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

THU. SEPT 21 NORTH JERSEY AS

• ANDREAS TANKE - PERU EXPEDITION TRAVEL LOG

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. SEPT 21 - NORWALK AS

• JEFF MICHEL - WEST AFRICAN CICHLID

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. SEPT 22- 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.

TUE. SEPT 26 - GREATER HARTFORD AS

• TBA

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

WED. SEPT 27 - 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

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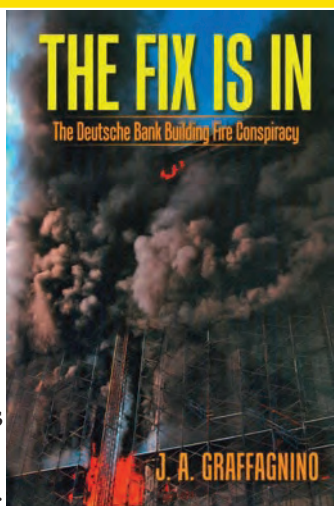


JOE GRAFFAGNINO'S NEW BOOK ~ THE FIX IS IN ~

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

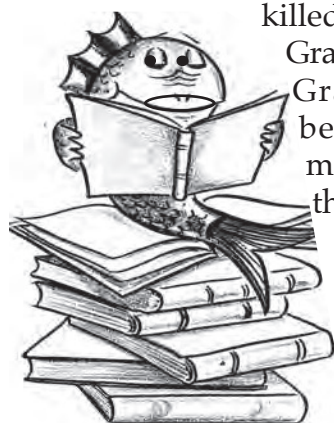
Graffagnino's son. Graffagnino refused to believe what decision makers told the public – that the fire was an accident.



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.**

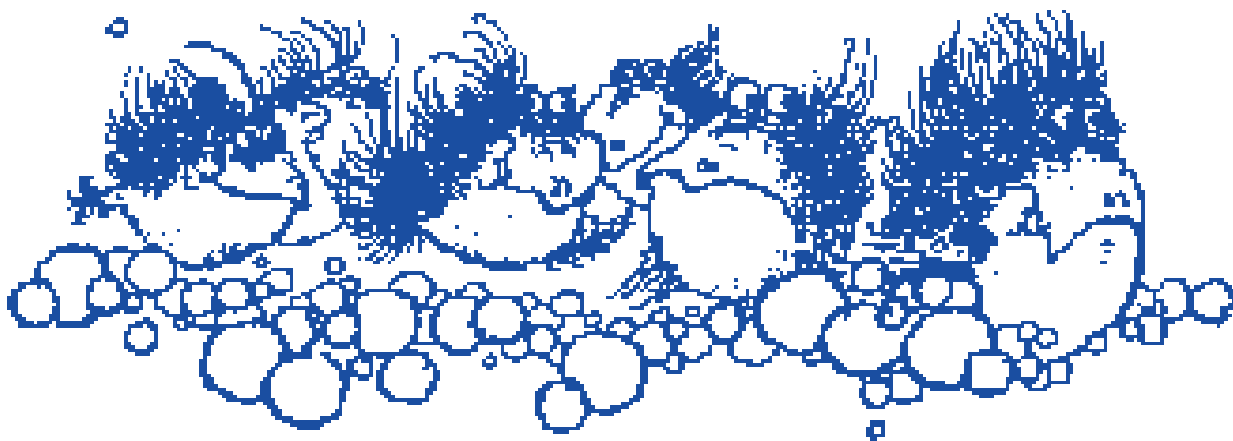
Please visit Joe's web site www.JAGraffagnino.com to purchase either book, in any of the listed formats. Also visit his web site for contests, FREE giveaways and information about other soon-to-be-released works from the author.



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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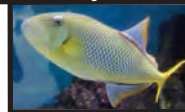
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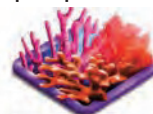
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