

107 Years of Educating Aquarists

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

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Presents

## John Coppolino

**BUILDING MY DREAM SYSTEM  
1300-GALLON SPS DISPLAY**



**fun fact**  
John build his house  
around this  
dream system

### **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**

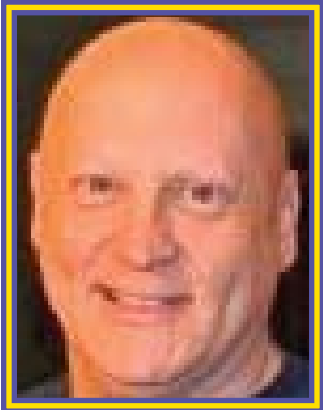
\$5 Donation for non-members. Good towards membership that night only.

**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

# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We hope that everyone will have a safe, happy and healthy 2018! Our January meeting was a cold and rainy night, but nevertheless a packed house. We had **Joey Mullen** from Canada as our speaker, a.k.a. *King of D.I.Y.* Joey's plane was delayed in Boston, and

we had a large crowd anxiously waiting his arrival. Joey finally got to talk after 10:00pm, but the crowd waited in anticipation. He also did a Q&A for over an hour after his talk. He walked us through his fish room building, which is as big as some houses in Brooklyn.

As some of you may not be aware, these meetings take a lot of manpower and team work, before and during the meetings. This is why we urge our members to volunteer to help out. The board members and all volunteers do not get paid; they do it for the love of

our 106 year old (next month we will be 107 years old) club. Without their help, it would not happen. If you are interested in helping, please let us know.

For our February event, we will have **John Coppolino** return as our speaker; his topic will be *"Building My Dream System – 1300 gallon SPS Display."* Yes, that's right --1,300 gal. John provides a great presentation, so get there early to enjoy all of the festivities.

As always, free parking and refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 with the speaker going on about 8:30. We will have an auction after, with fish, coral, plants, even dry goods. So get there early to view all the items. Hope to see you then.

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.



*Steven*

Steven Matassa,  
President

# THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

**J**ohn Coppolino's innate passion for aquariums was nurtured growing up on an island on a lake in Northern New Jersey with a fish loving father and a mother allergic to everything with fur and feathers!

A saltwater hobbyist now for twenty-five years since age 11, John began working at a large regional aquarium store as soon as he obtained working papers in high school, resulting in a house full of tanks before going off to college. In college, he went on to study reefs in Bermuda, the Galapagos Islands and Ecuador where he lived (and met his wife!) for about two years after obtaining his B.S. in biology.

John now lives in Northern Virginia with his wonderfully supportive wife and two young children, and keeps over 1000 gallons of saltwater aquariums, most being SPS dominant. In addition to publishing articles and speaking at conferences, including three past MACNAs, John has spoken to reef clubs in over twenty states. His systems have been featured in publications in Asia, Europe, and the United States. These include the newly released book *"The Coral Reef Aquarium"* by **Tony Vargas**, which profiles two of his systems, including a 10-gallon "kitchen nano" from over ten years ago, and his current SPS system. John is also one of just two people to have received the prestigious Reef Central Tank of the Month for two different systems (September '04 and January '11), both SPS dominant, where he is known by his username and childhood nickname, Copps. John is currently building his largest SPS system yet, with a 1300-gallon display that is installed in his new "forever home" that he and his wife have just finished building. In addition to his reefkeeping at home, John travels yearly with work to Hawaii and Guam, where most of his free time is spent - underwater.



## 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 2018

**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 - Discus Keeping**

**Q & A Session ~** Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

## WE NEED HELP

We need someone who can edit the videos we make at our speaker events and upload them to our account on Vimeo. Please contact Steven at (347) 277-4793.

We have an archive of our guest speaker videos from as far back as 1995. We make these videos so that members who could not attend the meeting or wish to refresh their aquatic skills can watch and learn from the speaker's topic.

Our mission since 1911 is  
**Educating Aquarists!**

**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.

# COMING EVENTS

## EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS 2018

**FEBRUARY 18 - PIONEER VALLY AQUARIUM SOCIETY ANNUAL AUCTION** held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 460 Granby Road, Chicopee, MA 01013. Doors open at 9:00 AM for viewing and vendor registration. Free Admission! Everyone is welcome. Giant auction of live tropical fish, aquatic plants, and dry goods door prizes! Silent auction. Raffles! 50/50 cash raffle! Food & refreshments available from the Knights' kitchen. Bring the family and enjoy the day! For more info: <http://www.pvas.net/>

**MARCH 3 - THE 11th ANNUAL NEW ENGLAND FRAG FARMERS MARKET** held at the Edwin O Smith High School, 1235 Storrs Rd., Storrs, CT 06268. Time: 11 am to 5 pm. Event categories: Coral & frag swaps, raffles, saltwater speakers, trade show & vendors. Inspired by the idea of the reef club frag swap, the New England Frag Farmer's represents a regional event with "farmers" from all over New England gathered to sell their home grown "crop." The E.O. Smith Coral Project opens the doors to the school for any local hobbyist, retail or online store to come in and set-up a tank to sell coral frags. Everyone can attend and chat with the farmers, share information and get a few nice homegrown frags to stock their tanks. The Frag Farmer's Market has grown into the largest frag swap in the Northeast, with 60+ sellers and over 1000 people coming to shop. For more info: <http://www.eo-smithcoralproject.org/index.thml>

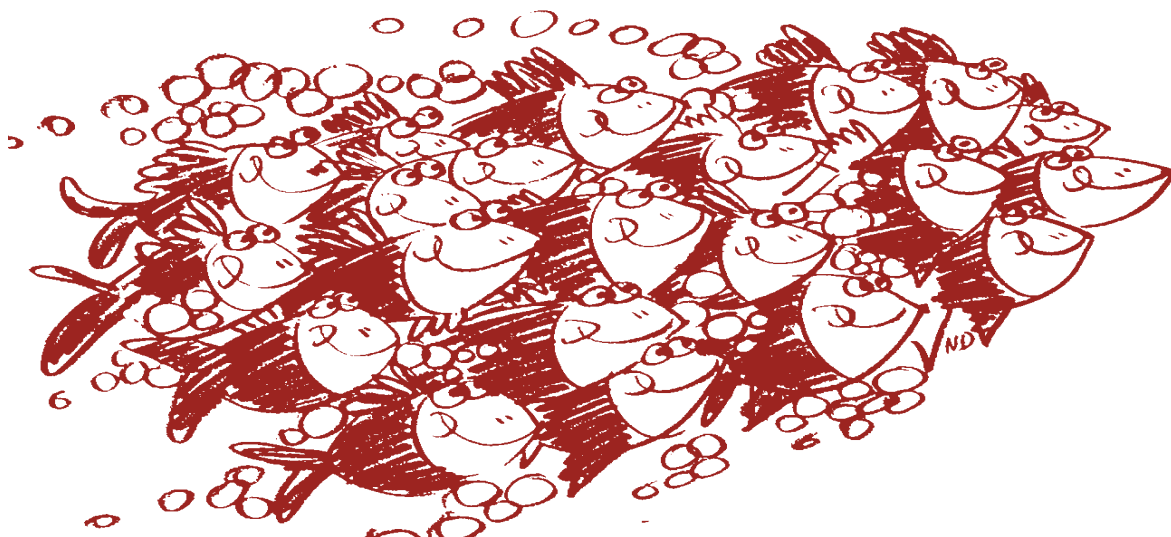
**MARCH 4 - NEW ENGLAND CICHLID ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION.** Held at the Polish American Club 9 First Street, Windsor Locks, CT. Auction starts at 11:30 AM. Doors open at 9:30 for viewing and registration. Bring all your fish to the auction not just cichlids. Free admission- Open to the public Great quality fish. 50/50 Cash raffle. Refreshments. For more information: [necichlids.org](http://necichlids.org)

**MARCH 16 - 18 - THE 43 ANNUAL NEC 2018 CONVENTION.** Held at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel, 100 Capital Boulevard, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. For over 40 years...one of the country's premier tropical fish hobby events. 18 programs and 10 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. All-day Sunday super auction • Silent auction for conservation • Speakers program min auctions • Killie auction. Hospitality suite! Fish club marketing tips. Full-course meals! For more information: [www.northeastcouncil.org](http://www.northeastcouncil.org)

**MARCH 18 - JERSEY SHORE AQUARIUM SOCIETY SPRING AUCTION** held at the South Wall Fire Rescue Company, 2605 Atlantic Ave., Manasquan, NJ 08736. Open to the public and features rare exotic tropical fish, aquatic plants and free goodies and door prizes. Snacks and refreshments are available. Auction starts noon sharp. Viewing lots from 11am -12 noon. For more information: email [Bill Loesch](mailto:Bill.Loesch@allaboutpetsllc@yahoo.com) at [allaboutpetsllc@yahoo.com](mailto:allaboutpetsllc@yahoo.com) or visit [jerseyshoreas.org](http://jerseyshoreas.org) or like us on [facebook.com/jerseyshoreas](https://www.facebook.com/jerseyshoreas)

**APRIL 22 - NORTH JERSEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY SPRING AUCTION** held at Days Hotel Conference Center, East Brunswick, NJ 08816. Auction starts noon sharp. More information to follow.

**MAY 25 - 27 AMERICAN KILLIFISH ASSOCIATION CONVENTION** held at the Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport, 8000 Merriman Rd, Romulus, MI 48174. The hotel is \$99 per night. Special convention rate. You can make reservations at 866 961 3982. **SPEAKERS:** Leendert van den Berg, Collecting in Africa, Frans Vermeulen, South American Killies, Glen Collier, DNA and Killies, Andrew Thompson, Delayed hatching in killifish. Annual killifish roundtable • Aphyosemion roundtable • Killifish Conservation roundtable. For more info: [AKA.org](http://AKA.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. Check their web site for more information.

### THU. FEB 1 - BUCKS COUNTY AS

#### • TBA

Meetings begin @ 7:30 pm. Doors open @ 7:00 pm on the 1st Thursday of every month except August, at The Churchville Nature Center, 501 Churchville Lane, Churchville, PA. Annual membership is \$20 for single membership, and \$10 for each additional family member who wishes to have voting privileges and the ability to participate in the BAP program.

For directions, visit our web site: [bcasonline.com](http://bcasonline.com)

### FRI. FEB 2 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION

#### • ASK JOE - Q & A WITH JOE YALULLO

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. FEB 6 - 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)

### WED. FEB 7 - GREATER CITY AS

#### • NO MEETINGS JAN TO FEB WINTER BREAK

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

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

#### • GARDNER MORSE - FISH ROOM DESIGN

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 info contact David Banks at [dbanks@together.net](mailto:dbanks@together.net) or [www.tfcfb.org](http://www.tfcfb.org)

### MON. FEB 12 - JERSEY SHORE AS

#### • PAUL SHERMAN - SALTWATER

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the South Wall Fire Rescue Co. 2605 Atlantic Ave., Manasquan, NJ. @ 7:30pm. 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. FEB 13 NASSAU COUNTY AS

#### • TBA

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

### THU. FEB 15 - NORWALK AS

#### • TBA

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)

### FRI. FEB 16 - 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.

### SAT. FEB 17 - NORTH JERSEY AS

#### • DR. PAUL V. LOISELLE - CENTRAL AMERICAN COMPACT CICHLIDS & KEVIN CARR - GIANT CENTRAL AMERICAN CICHLIDS

Meeting now held on the 3rd Saturday of the month 12:30 sharp at the Clark Public Library Union County just off the Parkway at exit 135. 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/)

### WED. FEB 21 - 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. FEB 23- DANBURY AREA AS

#### • TBA

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@north-eastcouncil.org](mailto:daas@north-eastcouncil.org).

### TUE. FEB 27 - GREATER HARTFORD AS

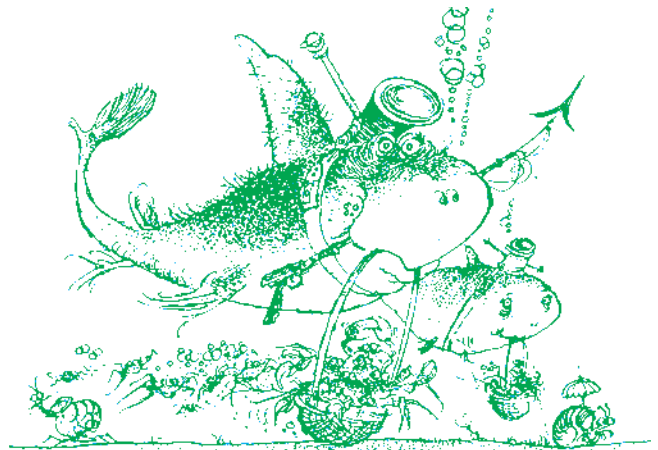
#### • TBA

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

### TUE. FEB 27 - BIG APPLE GUPPY CLUB

#### • TBA

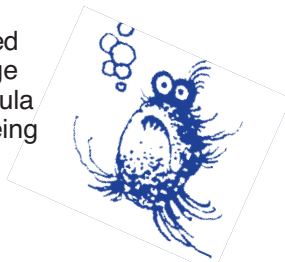
Meets: Last Tuesday each month (except Jan, Feb, July, and August) @ 7:30 -10:00pm. Alley Pond Environmental Ctr.: 228-06 Northern Blvd., Queens, NY. Contact: Donald Curtin (718) 631-0538





# NEWS & NOTES

**Chemi-pure Green** is an all-in-one filtration media for aquariums with freshwater plants. Packaged in an easy-to-use nylon bag, Chemi-pure Green is formulated to offer superior filtration without removing essential nutrients. It combines the highest grade of low-dust pelletized activated carbon with premium ion exchange resins to produce a balanced formula optimized for the health and wellbeing of plants while delivering crystal clear water.



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**Al DiSpigna**, past president of the BAS (2003-2007) is now on twitter. Al is really knowledgeable about fishkeeping and would like to help other aquarists with his years of experience. If you would like to talk to Al, his twitter account is:  
**<https://twitter.com/ALDiSpigna>**



**The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Inc.** is a non-profit organization 501(C) (3) for people interested in the aquarium hobby and the study of aquatic life. The Society meets the 2nd Friday of each month except July and August at the Educational Hall of the NY Aquarium at Coney Island, Surf Ave. at West 8th St., at 7:30 PM. Meetings are open to visitors. Membership is \$25 per year family, \$20 individual, \$15 for students under 18. Send inquires or membership checks to **Brooklyn Aquarium Society, c/o Membership Chairperson, P.O. Box 290610, Brooklyn, NY 11229-0011.**

# NEWS & NOTES

## My Thoughts on January's Meeting

I had the pleasure of attending our January 12th, 2018 meeting and finding myself in a very crowded Education Hall. It was literally standing room only, something I have not seen in quite a long time.

This showing can be credited to our featured Speaker, **Joey Mullen**. His You Tube channel, "*The King Of DIY (for Do It Yourself)*", is one of the most followed. With over 668,000 subscribers, Joey produces videos which shows everything from many Aquariums he has built himself, including a 2000 gallon which houses Asian Arrowanas and Freshwater Stingrays, to his Fish Gallery that he had built to house that, and several other large tanks he's set up for his fish.

He flew in from his home in Nova Scotia, that same day, to come to Brooklyn and give us a talk on his recent projects, his beginnings, both personally and on YouTube. Having watched so many of his videos, I can say how impressed I am about his enthusiasm over the hobby, his tanks, and his fish. He promotes the hobby vigorously and has done videos of his visits to Pet Stores and public aquariums in Canada and the United States. I had suggested to our board to consider having him come to our club to speak and were able to book him for January. Needless to say, I was ecstatic.

I must say that Joey, and the turnout to see his talk, totally exceeded my wildest expectations. Another top Aquarist, **Rachel O'Leary**, who has spoken

at our club before, had also come to the meeting to see him speak. I was surprised to see how many in the crowd did not have any club affiliation whatsoever, came to see him speak as they also follow his channel. If there was ever indicators as to how popular Joey is, those definitely did it for me.

Despite delays with his flights, he finally made it to Education Hall around 9:30pm or so. Once we overcame some initial technical issues, Joey started us off by introducing himself to the crowd and talking about his life, his personal adversities and challenges, even before getting into the hobby. It was his then girlfriend's (now his wife) purchase of an aquarium for him that got him hooked. She did so when she noticed how calm he'd get whenever he'd go to the local Pet Store and look at all the aquariums there.

Once he was in the Hobby, he then became a member of his local fish club, eventually serving as its President for a while. He told of his frustrations at that position, realizing how much of his personal time, and money, he had devoted to it. He also found it frustrating how difficult it was to get other members to help him with the club's operation, making him appreciate the efforts of our board to keep the club up and running for so many years.

He then discussed his YouTube channel, with the many ups and downs he had gone through with it. He originally did many of his Do It yourself projects, but felt it was becoming redundant and he wanted to focus more on the fish and the hobby. He had gone through many financial

hardships as a result of his projects. He once appealed to his viewers for help and they responded by sending him over \$90,000

It is no surprise to me as to his popularity with his viewers. He has always come across as being both real and down to earth. His videos are fun to watch as he discusses the fish he currently keeps, what he'd like to have in the future, and his trials and tribulations with his Aquariums, his Gallery and his family. He's a pleasure to watch and listen to.

When he concluded his talk, a great many in attendance came up to greet him, ask him questions and even take selfies with him. I had the pleasure of greeting him when he arrived, congratulated him on recently marrying his longtime girlfriend last month and introduced him to the audience to begin the talk.

I am sure, as I write this review, I have no doubt left out some details as my memory retention leave much to be desired. However, I can say that this meeting has been one of the best I have ever been at. The crowd, though large, were friendly, patient and cooperative. I thank everyone in attendance for making the night such a success. I wish Joey Mullen continued success, in life, and his channel. I look forward to having him at Education Hall again real soon.

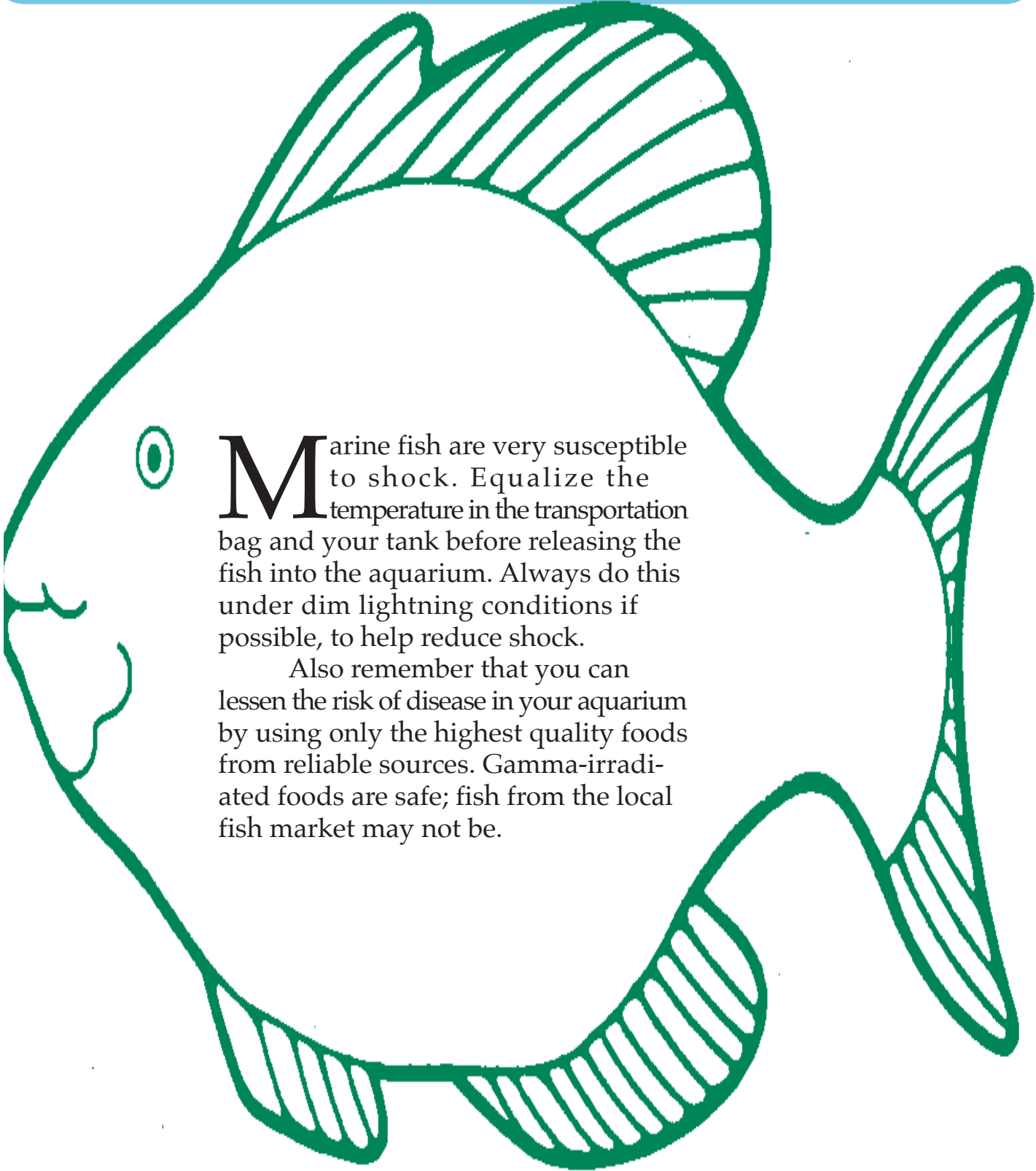
Happy Fish Keeping to all.

**Bill Amely**





# TIP OF THE MONTH



**M**arine fish are very susceptible to shock. Equalize the temperature in the transportation bag and your tank before releasing the fish into the aquarium. Always do this under dim lighting conditions if possible, to help reduce shock.

Also remember that you can lessen the risk of disease in your aquarium by using only the highest quality foods from reliable sources. Gamma-irradiated foods are safe; fish from the local fish market may not be.

# THE FOLLOWING MADE GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE JANUARY AUCTION

## INDIVIDUALS

Adam Benson  
Austin Levy  
Ray LoPinto

Steve Matassa  
Scott Peters  
Dorothy Russell

Denis Vardaro

## STORES & COMPANIES

- Aquarium Village, Westbury, NY
  - Blue Delta Guppies
- Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
  - Monster Aquarium, Queens, NY
- Pacific Aquarium & Pet, New York, NY
  - PetQua, New York, NY



## **NEW BAS MEMBERS & RENEWALS JANUARY 2018**

### NEW MEMBERS

Angela Lazaro  
Bekim Lazoja  
Carlos Hernandez  
Denis Sao  
Joseph Cuzzoli  
Joseph Rivera  
Lamark Budhoo

Neil Mayerson  
Orlando Nolasco  
Philip Commissiong  
Rebecca Wells  
Skye Szovak  
Tim Saprikin  
Tomas Janciauskas

### RENEWALS

Cecil Grimes  
Eugenio Vasquez

Hector Jimenez  
James Brooks

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION

**Pauline Griffen**

for your donation of an LED marine reef light to the Brooklyn Aquarium Society.

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



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FRONT

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





NEW BAS T-SHIRT FOR 2018  
NEW LOW PRICE FOR 2018  
**\$10**  
ANY SIZE T-SHIRT

Historic Brooklyn Aquarium Society logo  
in gold on navy blue short sleeve T-shirt.  
White lettering states the society's mission...  
**Educating Aquarists Since 1911**



JOE GRAFFAGNINO'S  
**NEW ADVENTURE FANTASY**  
*Ma Li & Mary*

**Synopsis:**

A bet between a demon and an angel created the existence of Ma Li, a 15th century warrior priestess and Mary, a 20th century Taoist priestess. The trials and experiences these two women endured; the battles they fought and the people they met in their travels were merely guideposts along their preordained path. Separated by five centuries the connection they shared survived and strengthened. Both women learned and grew from their spiritual bond. Separated by five centuries the connection they shared survived and strengthened. Both women learned and grew from their spiritual bond.

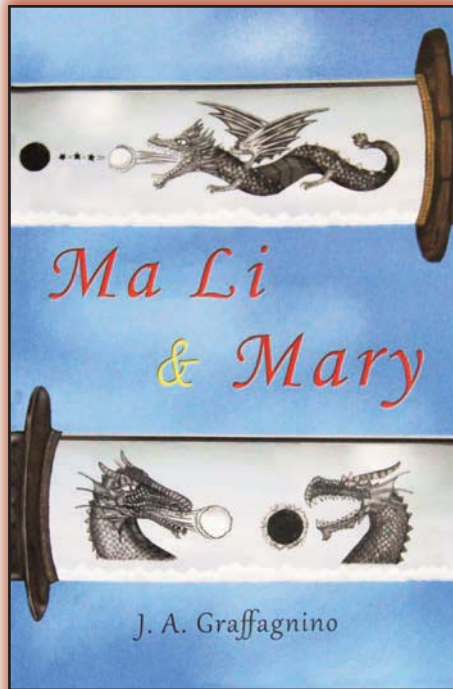
Ma Li Chin's father, a brilliant general and friend of China's Emperor and her mother, a favorite in the Emperor's court; were betrayed by a vengeful and jealous officer in the court. Her parents were killed and Ma Li had to flee for her life.

Mary Petrovich's mother

was a Sioux Indian cryptologist working for the U.S. government in Moscow, and her Russian Secret Police father, were forced to flee to Chicago to escape Soviet and American government agents in the 1980's. They took refuge with her Uncle, a crazed, sadistic gangster. He murdered her parents and repeatedly beat and raped her before she escaped at the age of twelve.

Both Ma Li and Mary entered the same Taoist temple in China where they were taught not only to survive but they became skilled in martial arts. They learned that they could help each other, to learn and grow from each other. Both women had motivating forces that kept them going, to beat all their enemies and to survive to do battle another day; their driving force was revenge and to obtain justice for their families.

The story of Ma Li & Mary is one of love, loyalty, betrayal and survival at all costs. Each had to fight their own battles, but each knew she had a sister she could count on.



**Local book stores have it as well as Amazon, Barnes and Nobles and my publisher AuthorHouse. Soft cover is priced at \$13.99 and Kindle/Nook version at \$3.99. I will bring some in for those who want autographed copies. Please have exact change.**

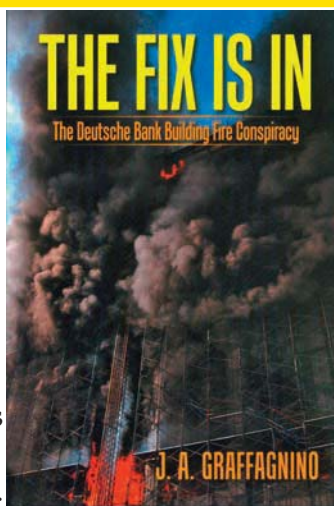
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## JOE GRAFFAGNINO'S NEW BOOK ~ THE FIX IS IN ~

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

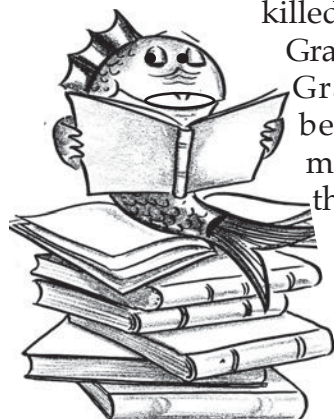
killed was author Graffagnino's son.

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



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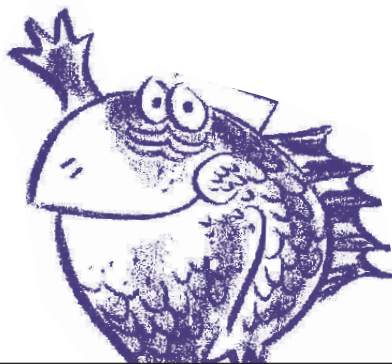
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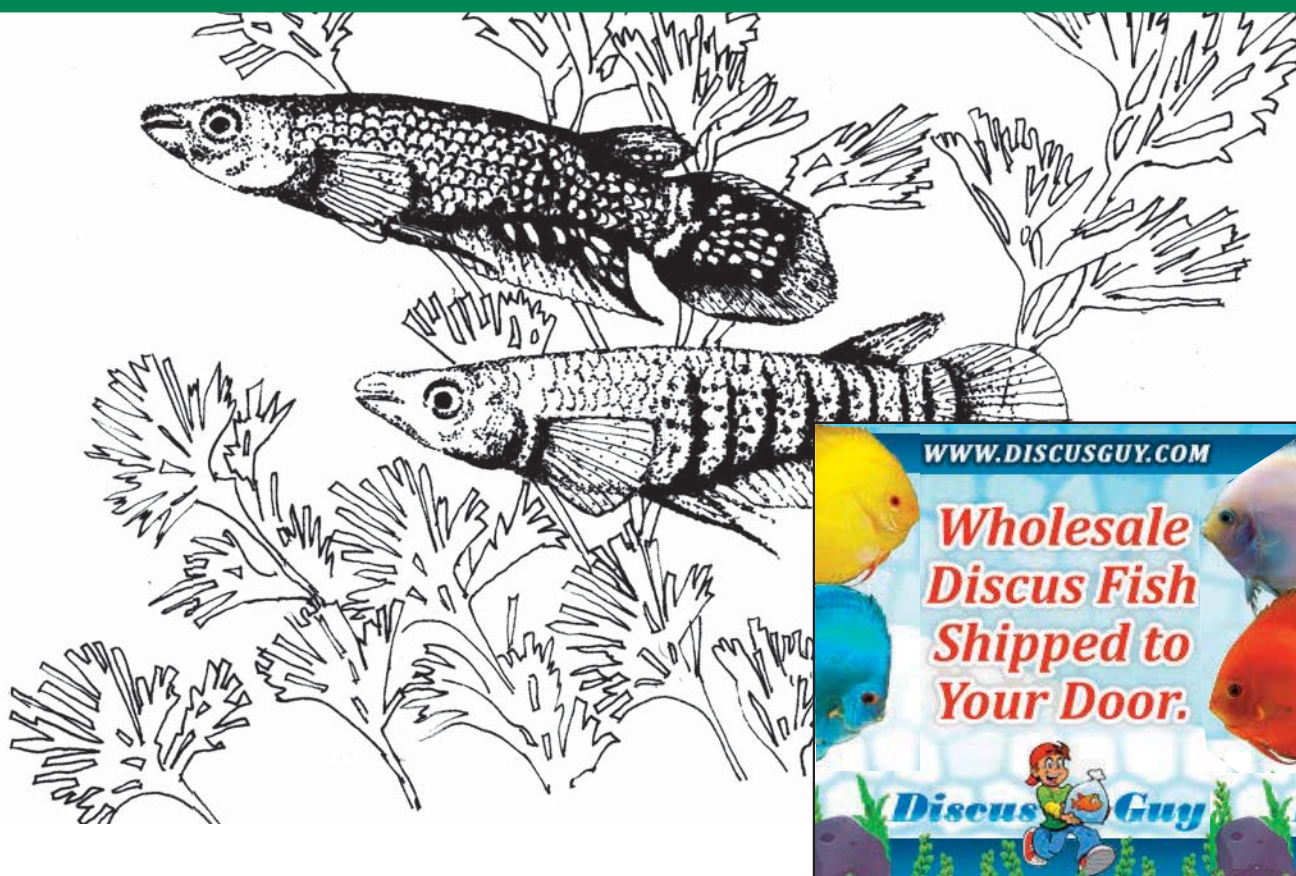
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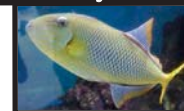
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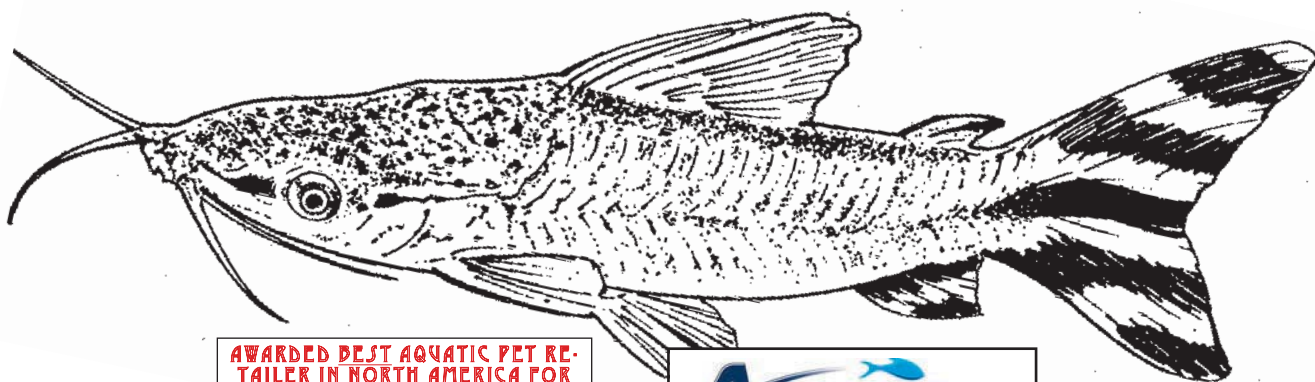
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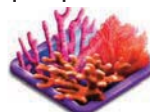
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