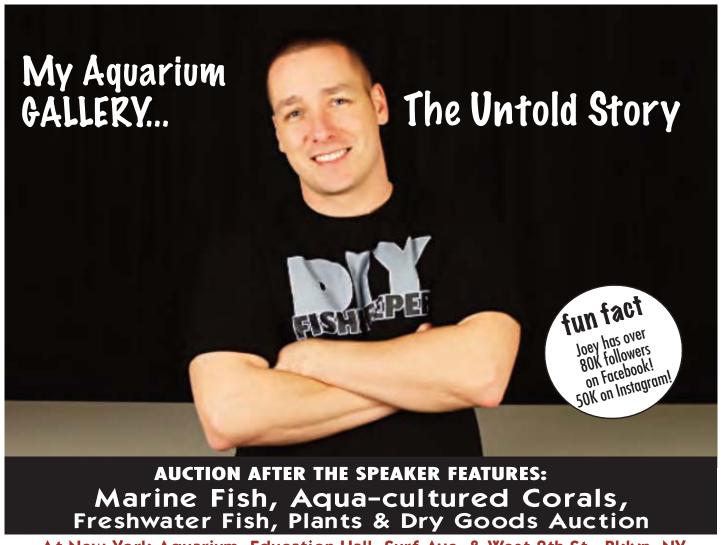
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 12@ 7:30 PM Joey Mullen (Joe Uaru)

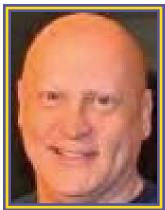


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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ur December Holiday Party at **Mama** Rao's Restaurant on 11th Avenue in Brooklyn was fantastic. The food was great and the waiter service was spectacular. They made a beautiful holiday cake for our dessert (see pictures of the event). We handed out awards for the past

year's recipients and certificates for Officers and Board members; also we handed certificates of appreciation to those sponsors and stores that donated to our monthly events. We shall mail them out to those sponsors, donator stores and manufacturers that were not able to attend. John Todaro submitted his best of articles for the Aquatica awards. It was a great night and what made it perfect was that all of us were able to sit, eat and enjoy good fishy conversation with fellow members and family.

Our January event will be truly special! We will be bringing in from the cold, Arctic areas of Canada a really warm person – Joey Mullen, aka **UaruJoey – King of DIY**. Joe's topic for the evening will be "My Aquarium Gallery...The Untold Story." Did you know that Joe has 80,000 followers on Facebook and another 50,000 on Instagram? That is amazing!

After Joe's talk, we will have our auction of livestock and dry goods. As always, there is Free Parking and Free Refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 pm and our guest speaker will go on at 8:30 pm. We have a new BAS shirt for you, along with our BAS baseball hat and BAS patch. Come visit our tables to check on our new and used aquatic supplies and equipment for you to peruse at your leisure.

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! 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.

On a more personal note – we are looking **for a videographer**; someone who can edit our speaker videos and upload them to our account on Vimeo. This will be the site that our members can watch and learn from our guest speakers as they give their expert advice on that night's topic. We have videos of most of our speakers from as far back as 1995

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.





Steven Matassa,

THIS MONTHS EVENT



oey Mullen, the creator of the youtube channel "The king of DIY" is an aquarium hobbyist, a husband and father of 2 from Nova Scotia, Canada.

Joey can usually be found working on his aquarium gallery. An entire building which he erected and dedicated to the aquarium hobby. Using it to not only show what is possible, but to further educate and inspire his fellow hobbyists through videos he creates within it. His talk will be "My Aquarium Gallery...The Untold Story." Joey will be avaliable for a question & answer session after his talk.

Join us for this great first event of the new year that will get your fish keeping ideas working.

As usual there will be an auction of fish, plants and dry goods after the talk. Happy New Year, we hope to see you at the meeting.

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

JAN 12 Joe Uaru - King of DYI ~ My Aquarium Gallery The Untold Story ~ Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

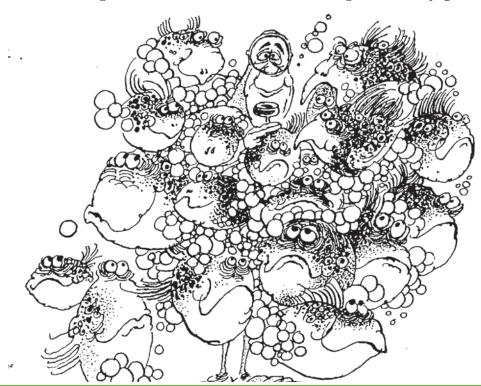
FEB 9 John Coppolino - Building my dream system - 1300-gallon SPS display ~ Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

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 - Discus Keeping Q & A ~ 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 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 ENG-LAND 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.eosmithcoralproject.org/index.thml

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. For more information: 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 at allaboutpet-sllc@yahoo.com or visit jerseyshoreas.org or like us on facebook.com/jerseyshoreas

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



REGIONAL SOCIETY EVENTS FOR 2018



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.



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

WED. JAN 3 - 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 or (631)-668-5125, or visit www.greatercity.org

THU. JAN 4 - 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

FRI. JAN 5 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION

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

MON. JAN 8 - JERSEY SHORE AS • TBA

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. JAN 9 - 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

THU. JAN 11 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON • TBA

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 or www.tfcb.org**

SUN. JAN 14 - DANBURY AREA AS

• 33rd Annual Auction Winter 2018 At Knights of Columbus Hall #6318,10 FAIR STREET, CARMEL, NY 10512

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@northeastcouncil.

THU. JAN 18 - NORWALK AS • HOLIDAY PARTY

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

FRI. JAN 19 - LONG ISLAND AS • ALI STEVENS - HURRICANE SANDY MADE FOR HAPPY CLAMS

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

SAT. JAN 20- NORTH JERSEY AS • DR PAUL LOISELLE COMPACT CA CICHLIDS & KEVIN CARR - GIANT CA 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/

TUE. JAN 23 - GREATER HARTFORD AS • TBA

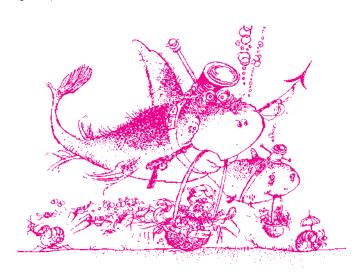
Meets 4th Tuesday of the month @ 7pm at the Lutz Children's Museum, 247 S. Main St. Manchester, CT. Call: (860)-643-0949

WED. JAN 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

TUE. JAN 30 - 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





BAS BREEDERS POINTS & STANDINGS 2016 -

SPECIALTY & MAINTAINING SPECIES PROGRAM AWARDS

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NAME	TITLE	POINTS
Larry Jinks	Grand Pubah Yoda	5,835
Joseph Graffagnino	Senior Premier Breeder	2,930
Frank Nell	Senior Premier Breeder	2,315
Tom Miglio	Senior Grand Master Breeder	1,400
Lisa Quilty	Senior Grand Master Breeder	1,200
Vincent Babino	Grand Master Breeder	695
Michael Roman	Master Breeder	480
Roger Schillizzi	Advanced Breeder	220
Artie Platt	Advanced Breeder	215
Pauline Griffin	Advanced Breeder	200
Izzy Zwerin	Advanced Breeder	170
Steve Matassa	Advanced Breeder	135
Adam Engerow	Breeder	65
William Amely	Breeder	55
Mike Boscia	Breeder	55
Gary Vander Putten	Hobbyist	50
Al DiSpigna	Hobbyist	45
John Todaro	Hobbyist	40
Robert Strazzulla	Hobbyist	30
Seth Kolker	Hobbyist	25

BREEDER PROGRAM POINT STRUCTURE

Points Necessary	Title
25 points to 50 points	Hobbyist
51 points to 99 points	Breeder
100 points to 299 points	Advanced Breeder
300 points to 499 points	Master Breeder
500 points to 749 points	Grand Master Breeder
750 points to 999 points	Advanced Grand Master Breeder
1,000 points to 1,499 points	Senior Grand Master Breeder
1,500 points to 1,999 points	Premier Breeder
2,000 points to 3,999 points	Senior Premier Breeder

SPECIALTY & MAINTAINING SPECIES PROGRAM AWARDS

Tom Miglio -2001 Old World Cichlids, Cyprinids, Catfish, Characins, Killies, Livebearers

Larry Jinks -2005 Livebearers and Old World Cichlids Catfish, Cyprinids, Anabantoids, New World Cichlids Senior Specialist Award (4 different species group) • 2009 Killifish, Expert Specialist Award (7 different species group)

Frank Nell - 2005 Old World Cichlids • 2008 New World Cichlid, Livebear-

2009/10 Catfish - Senior Specialist Award (4 different species group)

• 2016/17 Anabantoids

Lisa Quilty - 2003 Catfish • 2007 Livebearer • 2012 Characin • Cyprinids Senior Specialist Award (4 different species group)

Joseph Graffagnino - 2004 Old World Cichlids • 2005 Livebearers, Catfish

• 2006 Cyprinids - Senior Specialist Award (4 different species group)

2007 Anabantoids
 2008 New World Cichlids, Invertebrates
 2009/10

Killiefish • Expert Specialist Award (7 different species group)

Izzy Zwerin - 2008 Invertebrates Pauline Griffin - 2009/10 Catfish

Vincent Babino - 2009/10 Cyprinids, Livebearers

Michael Roman - 2012 Livebearers

HORTICULTURAL AWARD PROGRAM

NAME	TITLE	POINTS
Izzy Zwerin	Senior Grand Master Aquatic Horticulturist	1010
Joseph Graffagning	Master Aquatic Horticulturist	720
Steve Matassa	Senior Aquatic Horticulturist	220
Mike Roman	Senior Aquatic Horticulturist	110
Tom Miglio	Aquatic Horticulturist	75
Frank Zillitto	Aquatic Horticulturist	70
Vincent Babino	Beginner Aquatic Horticulturist	45

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Points Necessary	Title	
25 points to 50 points	Beginner Aquatic Horticulturalist	
51 points to 99 points	Aquatic Horticulturist	
100 points to 299 points	Senior Aquatic Horticulturist	
300 points to 499 points	Expert Aquatic Horticulturist	
500 points to 749 points	Master Aquatic Horticulturist	
750 points to 999 points	Grand Master Aquatic Horticultur-	
ist		
1,000 points +	Senior Grand Master Aquatic Horticul-	

CORAL AWARD PROGRAM

NAME	TITLE	POINTS
Steve Matassa	Master Coral Propagator	690
Bernard Deren	Senior Coral Propagator	215
Ralph D'Allessandro	. Senior Coral Propagator	210
Michael Roman	Coral Propagator	100
Peter Kazlaukas	Coral Propagator	5

CORAL PROGRAM POINT STRUCTURE

Points Necessary 25 points to 50 points 51 points to 99 points 100 points to 299 points 300 points to 499 points 500 points to 749 points 750 points to 999 points 1,000 points + agator

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Title Beginner Coral Propagator Coral Propagator Senior Coral Propagator **Expert Coral Propagator** Master Coral Propagator Grand Master Coral Propagator Senior Grand Master Coral Prop-



NEWS & NOTES

Our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Frank Zillitto

A member of BAS and a guest speaker Frank had been in the hospital for 24 days with pneumonia and a lung infection he passed away on

December 23, 2017

Frank was a NJAS honorary life member.



TIP OF THE MONTH

Pumps

Water pumps can use a significant amount of power, but there are several ways to reduce the power usage.

Corals need to have water circulation to maintain their health and growth. In the past water movement was done with external pumps, but internal propeller pumps such as a Rossmont Mover or Maxpect Gyre only use about 1/3rd the electricity of a similarly sized external pump. If you're using closed loop pumps or a large external pump connected to a sump, consider either replacing the external pump with internal pumps or using a smaller external pump. For reef aquariums with a sump you only need enough flow through the sump for your protein skimmer. The rest of your flow can be done more cheaply with more efficient internal pumps.

Some equipment such as recirculating skimmers, media reactors, calcium reactors, and sump return pumps require the use of impeller pumps to operate. For these needs, consider switching from an AC pump to a DC pump. DC pumps like the Aqua Medic DC Runner and Reef Octopus DC Pumps use about half the power and are also quieter and controllable.

Using one pump with a manifold can replace multiple pumps. Larger aquariums with sumps tend to have a lot of equipment in the sump. All of this equipment needs water feed pumps. Rather than using individual pumps for each of these pieces of equipment it is more efficient to use a single large pump with separate ball valves to control the flow to each piece of equipment. Doing this can not only reduce power consumption but also simplify the system by removing the amount of cords and moving parts needed for your aquarium.

For more information contact;

Marineandreef.com, 1536 W. Todd, Suite A102, Tempe, AZ 85283 Toll Free: 877.878.9349. 8-11:30 AM & 12:30-4 PM Mountain Time on Monday through Friday

LOOKING FORWARD

After returning from a holiday party organized by one of the Tropical Fish clubs I belong to, I felt very good about some purchases I made there.

I was able to place my new fish into their new homes right away and, so far, all of them seem to be doing very well

I added 7 Pristella Tetras and two large Xiphophorus Mayae (a wild Swordtail which is the largest species in the family), into my 30-gallon aquarium. It's already home to 2 Apistogramma Borelli, 6 Kuhli Loaches, 3 Red Swordtails (X. Helleri) and one Corydoras Paleatus. I then added 4 Green Swordtails (X. Helleri) to one of my 5 1/2-gallon aquariums, which currently is home to several juvenile Platies (X. Maculatus).

Another 5 1/2-gallon aquarium received a group of 10 juvenile Albino Bristlenose Plecos, who join a slightly larger regular Bristlenose Pleco. There are a couple of pieces of driftwood there to keep them happy, plus I had earlier done a water change to it, so they'll enjoy a clean habitat.

There will be additional water changes to the rest of my aquariums shortly. I do feel as if my new fish are a Christmas gift to myself for being more nice than naughty (depending on who you ask) this year.

As the year 2017 quickly draws to a close, it is time for me to examine what changes I may need to make for 2018, with regards to the following: A. Water change frequency. B. Feeding schedule. C. Breeding and rearing my fish. D. Writing articles about my experiences and, or, about my fish.

These are but some of the decisions I will need to make next year. Some seem to be no brainers, but I have moments when my brain takes a vacation without the rest of me in tow, and bad things happen.

I've been in the hobby since the age of 15. Given that I'll be hitting 60 in a couple of months, it's time I do the right things more often than not, so I can enjoy my hobby to the fullest. Nice over naughty is always the best policy, as far as the fish keeping hobby goes.

As I do look forward to doing right by the hobby, I wish all of you fellow hobbyists and Aquarists alike a beautiful Holiday season and a very healthy, joyous and prosperous New Year.

Happy Fish Keeping!



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It has comfortable plastic handles and is constructed with eco-friendly P.E.T (Polyethylene terephthalate). The bag is made from post-consumer water bottles (85% from water bottles, 15% from other recycled materials). It's 22"H x 16"W x 11"D, big enough to carry lots of livestock. The bag is black with the BAS logo in gold. It features a full Velcro closure keeping fish and corals safe, cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

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- World Class Aquarium
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- ZooMed Labs



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.

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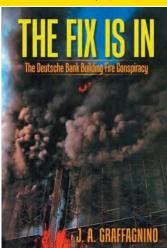
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JOE GRAFFAGNINO'S NEW BOOK ~ THE FIX IS IN ~

he 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.

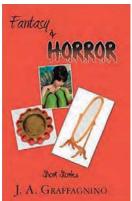
After eight years of relentless research in pursuit of the truth – interviewing firefighters on the scene, government officials, observers, whistle-blowers and eyewitnesses – Graffagnino uncovered the disturbing truth about a calculated conspiracy that

involved governmental agencies, corporate leaders and organized crime figures.

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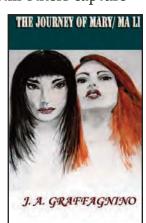
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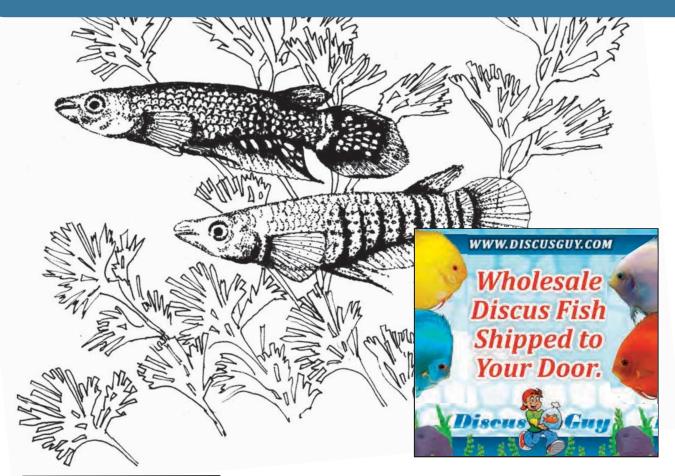
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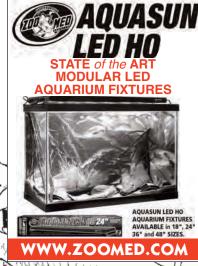
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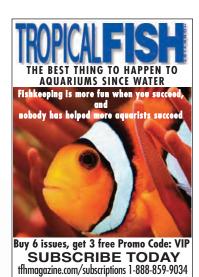
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