107 Years of Educating Aquarists

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FRIDAY, JUNE 8 @ 7:30 PM

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Presents

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President of Discus R Us



AUCTION AFTER THE SPEAKER FEATURES:

Marine Fish, Aqua-cultured Corals, Freshwater Fish, Plants & Dry Goods Auction

At New York Aguarium, Education Hall, Surf Ave. & West 8th St., Bklyn, NY

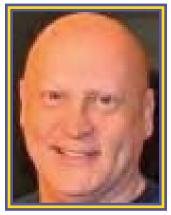
Held the 2nd Friday of each month @ 7:30PM except July & August

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

Free Parking • Free Refreshments
For Information Visit WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG. Or Call BAS 24 Hr. Calendar of Events Hotline (718) 837-4455

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



May felt more like April with the cool and wet weather, but we always have sunny skies at our Giant Spring auction. We got new style hats in with a light blue color hat with our logo in gold. We ordered more of our BAS shirts and they should arrive by our next meeting. Our discounted shirts, hats and patches kept the crowds looking for more. The aquatic supplies, books and equipment tables held our hobbyists' interest. The auction had over 200+ bags of livestock, not counting aquariums, lights and aquatic stands. It was a late night, but our members enjoyed it.

In June, we have **James Perrenod**, **President of Discus R Us**; and his topic for the evening will be "*Discus Keeping Q & A Session*." As always, there will be free parking and refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Entry is free to all active members. Non-members are asked to donate \$5 at the door to help offset expenses; however, their \$5 that night is good towards the

cost of annual membership. Members receive discounts in most of our sponsoring stores and free entry to all our giant auctions.

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 our club healthy!

I must ask for our members' help – our Treasurer, Al Turrisi must leave his position due to personal reasons. Please, if you have experience in accounting, we need your help.

Also, we are looking for a garage to hold our BAS equipment and supplies. If you have something reasonable, please let us know.

June is our annual election night – if anyone is looking to be on the Board or run for an officer's position, please let me know. We need for you to step up and have your voice heard. Please try to help us to help you make and build a better BAS.

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 please 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 – 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.

Have
a great summer!
See you in September!

Steven Matassa, President

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

ames Perrenod is the President of the Jersey Shore Aquarium Society and sits on the Board of Directors of the North American Discus Association (NADA). He is also the owner of Discus R US; they specialize in Discus and other rare and uncommon Cichlids.

James will dispel the myth of difficult discus keeping and answer questions in an open discussion about keeping discus, flowerhorns and other exotic cichlids. You can find more information about his business and preordering fish for the meeting at www.facebook.com/DiscusRus

James also creates custom aquariums; featuring a 1,250-gallon aquarium and a 750-gallon frag tank. He breeds discus and also sells discus to retailers. He has 8,000-10,000-gallons of water in his warehouse ande custom builds fish rooms and fish stores.



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.



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. BAS Elections for Officers & Board Members

NO MEETINGS JULY & AUGUST

SEPT 14 Justin Spall ~ H20plants.com - Setting up a Plant Room ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction

OCT 12 Giant Fall Auction ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a brand new 55-gallon tank & stand.

NOV 9 Greg Sage ~ Selective Breeding ~ Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

DEC 14 Holiday Party ~ Members, Their Families & Friends • Fish Bingo & Prizes

BAS awards presentations.



All BAS meetings begin at 7:30pm.

No members, other than those donating their help setting up or items for the auction, will be allowed in before that time

ELECTIONS FOR OFFICES & BOARD MEMBERS TAKES PLACE IN JUNE

Il members in good standing who have been in the Society for 6 months are eligible to run for any office on the Board. We are always looking for members to help run this great, 107 year old Society. If you want to help the Society in its second century of *Educating Aquarists*,

please consider running. At the June Event, you can be nominated by a fellow member or nominate yourself. Just because you have been nominated does not mean you have to run, but we wish you would. We always welcome new people to the Board. New people bring new ideas and enthusiasm to the Society.



• President:

Steven Matassa

•1st Vice President: Gennady (Gene) Kogan

•2nd Vice President: Marie Licciardello

• Recording Secretary: **Kay Martin**

• Treasurer:

Open

Membership Chairperson: David Manuel

Corresponding Secretary:Dan Smith

•Sgt. At Arms:

Lita Goldberg

• Exchange Editor: Bill Amely

BOARD MEMBERS:*

Robert Kolsky
Denver Lettmen
Nick Martinez
Leon Perry
Paul Santiago
Jose Sanchez
Wayne Sinckler
Bob Strazzulla
Larry Whitfield

*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

Ronald Wiesenfield

*Editor: **John Todaro**

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

We welcome any member to run for any office. For information and details on any of the positions, contact **Steven Matassa at (718) 513-6636**



COMING EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS 2018

JUNE 9-10 - NEW ENGLAND FANCY GUPPY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SHOW & AUCTION held at the Dr. Franklin Perkins School, 971 Main St. Janeway Building, Lancaster, MA 01523 Event Categories: Auctions, Fish Shows, Freshwater, Guppies, Livebearers, Tropical Fish. More info: http://newenglandguppies.org/

JULY 7-8 - PIONEER VALLEY POND CLUB 25th ANNUAL POND TOUR. Come out and see gorgeous yard, beautiful ponds and incredible fish. Open to the public for all to see. Tickets will go on sale in the middle of June. Take a peak at what is hidden behind your neighbor's fence. More info contact: Wendy LaFond 413-594-9318 or go to our website www.pioneervalleypondclub.com

JULY 12-15 NORTH AMERICAN DISCUS ASSOCIATION SHOW held at the Renaissance Hotel – Iselin, 515 US Highway 1 South Iselin, NJ 08830. The largest collection of discus, from the largest number of international breeders, ever seen in the Northeast United States. We Have Great Events: •Raffles! •Discus Judging! •Discus Awards Banquet! Scheduled Speakers Include: Andrew Soh Paul Butler Spencer Jack Dr Stephen Smith, More info visit http://www.discusnada.org/

JULY 20 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY SWAP MEET held at the Chicken Coop, VFW Post 8113, 299 Leydecker Road, West Seneca, NY 14224. Buy or sell aquarium related items such as fish, aquatic plants, tanks, equipment, books, magazines, foods, decorations and collectibles! Free and open to the public! More info. visit http://tropical-fish-club-of-erie-county.com/2017/04/04/tfcec-annual-swap-meet-082617/

AUGUST 1 - GREATER CITY SILENT AUCTION held at Queens Botanical Garden, 134-20 Dahlia Ave., Flushing NY 11355. More info. www.greatercity.org

SEPTEMBER 15 - NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB held at Fort Wetherill, Jamestown, RI All are welcome. Join us for a fun filled day! We will be pulling a fish net through shallow water, and discover all sorts of marine life, letting the children help gather the fish collected in the net. There will be a large touch tank, with lobsters, crabs, starfish, baby tropical fish, etc. Our experts teach you about the tropical fish you can observe in our on-site holding aquariums. There will be organized regular scuba diving as well as designated tropical collecting areas. The Snorkeling is 9:30am to 4:30 pm. Seining starts at 11ams. Cookout food available from 11:30am-2pm (\$7 per plate) Please RSVP for the picnic so we have numbers for food! For directions or info., contact Joy Marzolf at programs@neadc.org.

OCTOBER 4-7 - ALL-AQUARIUM CATFISH CONVENTION Held at the Hyatt Regency Dulles, 2300 Dulles Corner Bouler Herndon, Virginia, 20171 Ph: (703) 713-1234. We have secured lower room rate of \$109/per night! The Hyatt is located next to Wasnington Dulles Airport (IAD). A hotel shuttle is available for trips to and from the airport and features large, comfortable rooms with separate sitting areas, free parking, a swimming pool and fitness center, a hotel bar and restaurant. Registration is required for all speaker presentations, field trips, bowl show entries, and host for Spree on Three, \$39. Registration: For attendees under 18 years of age is required for all speaker presentations, field trips, and bowl show en-

tries. \$20. Collecting Field Trip: Collecting fishes in the Virginia countryside, Friday morning, Oct. 5, \$35. NIH Zebrafish Facility Field Trip to the National Institutes of Health on Friday morning, Oct. 5, \$20. To make All-Aquarium Catfish Convention hotel room reservations, use this web link: https://aws.passkey.com/go/ CatfishConvention2018

7pm

7pm Speaker: Ian Fuller 8pm Speaker: Regina Spotti 9pm Spree on Three: Room Sales & Hospitality

SATURDAY, 6 OCTOBER

6:30am Breakfast Buffet Opens
9am Registration Opens
9am Vendor Rooms Open
9am Bowl Show Entries Benched
10am Speaker: Rob McLure
11am Food Truck: Lunch Service

SUNDAY, 7 OCTOBER
6:30am Breakfast Buffet Opens
9am Auction Registration Opens
10:30amAuction Bidding Begins

2pm Speaker: Kamphol Udomritthiruj

6pm Bowl Show Entries Removed

7:30pmBanquet, Awards, & Special

Presentation by "The MdD Boys"

Cocktail Reception

2pm Bowl Show Judging

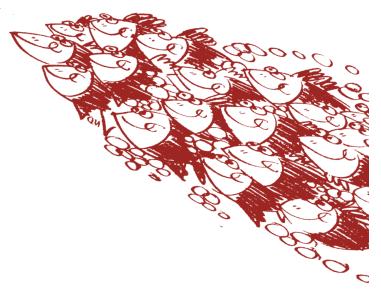
4pm Speaker: Luiz Tencatt

12pm Speaker: Hans Evers

OCTOBER 14-16 - IFGA ANNUAL GUPPY SHOW & AUCTION.

The Gateway Guppy Associates (GGA) announces that an IFGA Sanctioned Guppy Show and Auction and the 2018 IFGA. Seminars will take place on Friday; entries and judging will take place on Saturday; and an auction open to the public on Sunday morning at 9 am. More info. contact Shawn Bellman aticode.iam@gmail.com or John Allen at parisguppies@yahoo.com. or www.IFGA.org or gatewayguppyassociates.com.

OCTOBER 28 - ERIE AQUARIUM SOCIETY FALL AUCTION held at the Perry Hi-Way Social Hall, 8281 Olive road, Erie, PA 16509. Registration begins at 10am. Auction starts at 11am. Fish plants & hard goods. EAS is offering a Buy It Now Table which will be open from 10am to 2:30pm. All sellers will be given the opportunity if they choose to place two items on the Buy It Now Table. More info. call Russ Lasher (814) 833-0946 or Chris Mitchell (814) 899-8920 or camrem@yahoo.com





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.

FRI. JUNE 1 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION • TULLIO DELLAQUILA - A MATTER OF LIGHT

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. JUNE 5 - PIONEER VALLEY AS • TRA.

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. JUNE 6 - GREATER CITY AS • JOSEPH FERDENZI MODERATOR - ASK THE EXPERTS

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. JUNE 7 - BUCKS COUNTY AS • BOB BOCK - KEEPING AND BREEDING CYPRINIDS

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

TUE. JUNE 12 - 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

MON JUNE 11 - JERSEY SHORE AS • TBA

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; or (732)-859-5595; mws71@yahoo.com

THU. JUNE 14 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON • RICHARD PIERCE & TONY TERCEIRA - PHOTOGRAPHING FISH

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!

More info contact David Banks at dbanks@together.net or www.tfcb.org

SAT. JUNE 16 - NORTH JERSEY AS • KAREN RANDALL - BASICS OF AQUATIC HORTICLTURE ASIAN PLANT TRAVELOGUE

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/

THU. JUNE 21 - NORWALK AS • MARK DENARO - CICHLIDS I HATE

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. JUNE 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

FRI. JUNE 22- 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@northeastcouncil.

TUE. JUNE 26 - GREATER HARTFORD AS • TBA

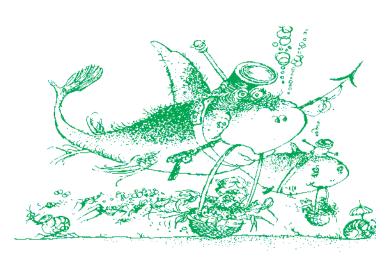
Meets 4th Tuesday of the month @ 7pm at the Lutz Children's Museum, 247 S. Main St. Manchester, CT. Call: (860)-643-0949

TUE. JUNE 26 - 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 or twindon1
@aol.com

WED. JUNE 27 - METROPOLITAN AREA KILLIFISH ASSOC. • TRA

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



NEWS & NOTES

BAS MEMBERS CAN BUY & SELL ON THE BAS FORUM

Any BAS member can place a free ad to sell or to buy any fish type item. The item to sell or buy is to be entered into the BAS Forum which is located on our BAS website:

http://WWW.BrooklynAquariumSociety.org.

The Forum entry point is located on the top right side of our websites main page.



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!

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

Tropical or Goldfish Vacation Feeders



Aqueon vacation fish food feeders slowly dissolve to release food pellets that provide optimum nutrition and keep your fish fed while you are away. Simply drop tablet or tablets into the aquarium for feeding. After the fish food feeder has dissolved, perform a water change and siphon out any feeder remnants.

- Available in tropical or betta formula in a variety of sizes
- Feed your fish for 3 to 7 days while you are away, determine the block size and quantity by the amount of fish
- Nutritious food ingredients that fish are naturally attracted to Formulated so that fish utilize more of what they eat and create less waste

• It is best to perform a water change after blocks have been consumed



Digital Thermometer

The digital display makes it easy to know your aquarium temperature at a glance. The Coralife Digital Thermometer features an easy to read digital display with temperature in either Fahrenheit or Celsius depending on your choice.

Other features include:

- Attaches to aquarium via small suction cup
- Battery included
- 3 foot long temperature probe for large size aquariums

Aquatic Flat Heaters

Small Aquatic Flat Heaters are designed for desktops at least 1

gallon in size, but less than 10 gallons. They are completely submersible, easy to install and efficiently warm aquarium water. Be sure to choose the appropriate size for your aquarium. For use with aquariums between 1 to 10 gallons 7.5 Watt works best for 1 to 3 gallon fish tanks. 15 Watt is best for 4 to 10 gallon fish tanks. Can be used with glass or acrylic enclosures. Warms aquarium water up to 6°F above ambient room temperature. Suction cup included for mounting to aquarium

Hexagon Glass Aquariums



Hexagon aquariums offer a different aquarium view with clear silicone seals. The tall, six-sided design produces an impressive aquatic habitat with a unique style. Size 20 Gallon Hexagon

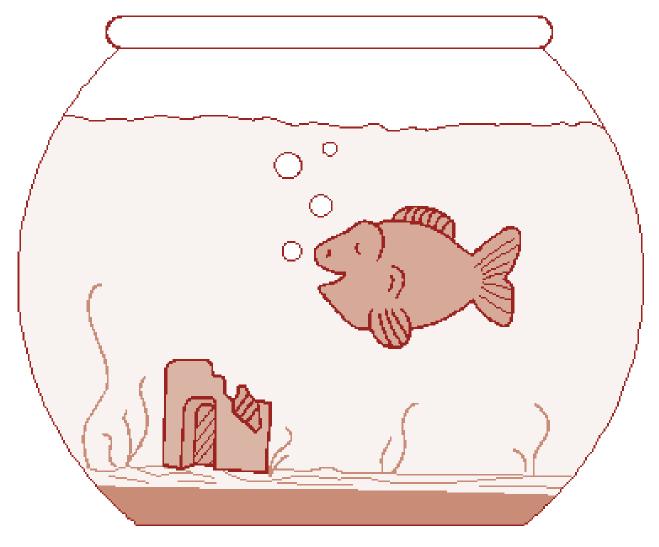
- High quality glass construction
- Unique 6 sided hexagon aquarium shape
- A taller, vertical aquarium view
- Aquarium footprint takes up less horizontal space

Dimensions 18.75" x 16.25" x 20.625"

TIP OF THE MONTH

If you still have tungsten lights on your tank, keep in mind that they produce heat. Make sure the hood is well ventilated during the summer months. Heat buildup can be dangerous to your fish.

Fluorescent tubes, on the other hand, run cooler and, as a bonus they last longer. Keep an eye on the temperature of your aquarium, you might want to disconnect your heater just to make sure there is no danger of "cooking" your fish in the hot summer months.



THE FOLLOWING MADE GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE MAY AUCTION

INDIVIDUALS



Blake William Scott

Bob Strazzulla Peter Tannis Denis Vadaro Big Vinny Tom Warn



Curt Cocalas

Nick DeCillis

Joe Graffagnino

Kay Martin

Steve Matassa

Neil Mayerson

STORES & COMPANIES

- Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
 - Monster Aquarium, Queens, NY
 - Pacific Aquarium & Pet, New York, NY Parrots of the World, Rockville Centre, NY
 - Pop Corals, Brooklyn, NY
 - Tropical Showcase, Hicksville, NY

NEW BAS MEMBERS & RENEWALS MAY 2018

NEW MEMBERS

Alexy Rivera Calderon Syed Karim

Jerry Schwartz Dmitry Verbun

RENEWALS

Mike Gillespie Nicolas Martinez Rob Wranovics

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

NEW BAS T-SHIRT 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



P. M. GRIFFIN A CREATIVE AND TALENTED BAS MEMBER!

P.M. Griffin, better known to us as Pauline Griffin, lives in Brooklyn, NY, with her cat Nickolette and two tropical fish aquariums and devotes just about every 'spare' moment to writing, research, and reading. Pauline is an award winning well known science fiction and fantasy writer with some 28 novels and story collections under her belt. She has now branched out and written a romance

novel, featuring two farms, one purpose. Two hearts, one love, but there are difficulties in plenty to challenge any hope of a happy conclusion. You have to read this novel

to find the answer.

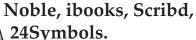
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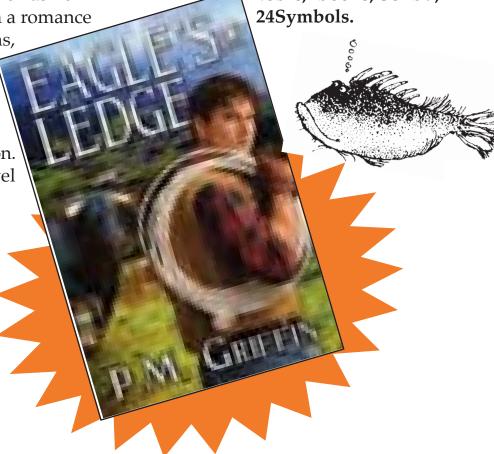
From the publisher, MuseItUp Publishing, at

https://museituppublishing.com/book-

store/index.php/coming-soon/february-2018/eagle-s-ledge-detail#top

Also available at: Amazon, Barnes &





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.

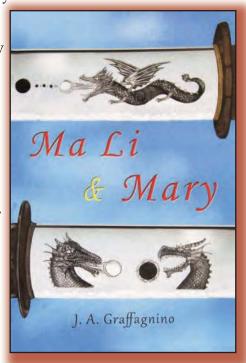
Ma Li Chin's father, a brilliant general and friend of China's Emperor and her mother, a favorite in the Emperor's court; were betrayed by a vengeful and jealous officer in the court. Her parents were killed and Ma Li had to flee for her life.

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.

GET YOUR COPY TODAY

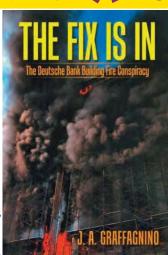
\$1399 SOFT COVER ~ \$399 ON KINDLE

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.

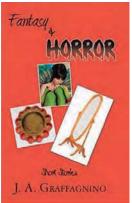
After eight years of relentless research in pursuit of the truth – interviewing firefighters on the scene, government officials, observers, whistle-blowers and eyewitnesses – Graffagnino uncovered the disturbing truth about a calculated conspiracy that

involved governmental agencies, corporate leaders and organized crime figures.

Hard Cover \$32 - Soft Cover \$21 - Kindle/Nook \$4

Fantasy & HORROR SHORT STORIES

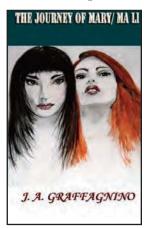
In addition to his fantasy/adventure novel "The Journey of Mary/Ma Li". His latest book has 13 short stories under the title of "Fantasy & Horror Short Stories". These 13 stories draw readers into a compelling web of intrigue and suspense. Some are funny, others sad, and still others capture



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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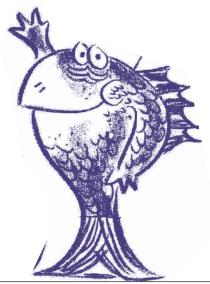
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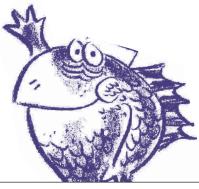


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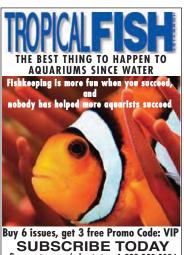
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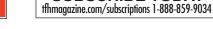
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