107 Years of Educating Aquarists



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AUCTION @ 8:30PM

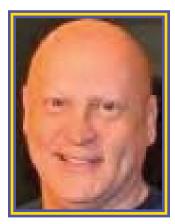


All sorts of freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a new 55-gallon tank & stand. Rare & hard to find live stock & **MUCH MORE!** View lots 7:30pm - 8:30pm

At New York Aquarium, Education Hall, Surf Ave. & West 8th St., Bklyn, NY Held the 2nd Friday of each month @ 7:30PM except July & August 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



pril brought in **Joe Ferdenzi** as our guest speaker. Joe's topic for the evening was "**Basic Marine Aquariums.**" He discussed the basics for setting up and

running a small marine aquarium for fish or corals. His information centered on low cost and easy to run aquariums. This is what beginners need to determine if they want to get more deeply involved in the marine ecosystem. It was a great talk and newbies learned a lot.

Our next event is our **Giant May Auction**. There will not be a speaker, just livestock, lighting equipment, filters, aquariums and all types of marine items, freshwater products and plant supplements and fertilizers. We expect to have several hundred items available for our members to choose from. Our members and sponsors donate heavily to show the best quality items they have. Get there early to view the items of livestock and dry goods. You will not be disappointed! Make no mistake, be there or lose out on unbelievable and rare species that you may never see again.

As always, free parking and refreshments. Hope to see you there.

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 on, or any specific speaker, please tell us. We shall do our best to bring in those guest lecturers that you have been looking for.



# THE SPRING AUCTION

Ur Annual Spring Auction will be held on May 11th. This is our Spring kick-off-the-fishseason event with bags of hard to find and rare fish. There'll also be perennial favorites among the lots. Please arrive on time for viewing of items from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

### THE AUCTION STARTS PROMPTLY AT 8:30PM.

As usuall we will auction a new 55-gallon tank & stand donated by our friends at **Petland Discounts.** 

If you win the tank, you will be given a certificate signed by **Steve Matassa** 

a designated Petland Discounts store. This way, you can make arrangements to get it directly from a local Petland Discounts store at your convenience.

**Central Aquatics** has donated a 16 gallon bio-cube aquarium from **Corallife** that includes a glass canopy, filter, LED light, built in wet/dry filter so it can be used as a marine



aquarium and a full cabinet. They also donated 2 LED light fixtures. You don't want to miss this auction!

Once the Auction starts, please stay in your seats. Runners will walk the items to you for your inspection. There'll be aquarium books at discount, aquarium dry goods for sale, door prizes plus free re-

freshments, so come early and view the offering at the auction. We accept personal checks only from members we know.

### **GOT FISH TO DONATE?**

If you have bred and raised more fry than you can handle, or that have out-

grown their tank or you no longer want, you can donate them to our auction and we will see that they get good homes. Your donations of fish and dry goods will generate funds that will continue to help BAS to educate aquarists **Call our President, Steven Matassa, at (cell) 347-277-4793**.

### 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

MAY 11 Giant Spring Auction ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, dry goods, including a brand new 55-gallon tank & stand.

JUNE 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.

### 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.

# WE NEED SOME 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** 

MAY 5 - BUCKS COUNTY AQUARIUM SOCIETY SPRING AUCTION held at Churchville Nature Center, 501 Churchville Lane, Churchville, PA 18966. For more info: bcasonline.com

MAY 4 -6 - AMERICAN LIVEBEARER ASSOCIATION CONVENTION Hosted by Grand Valley Aquarium Club in grand Rapids, MI held at Crowne Plaza Grand Rapids Airport 5700 28th St. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49549

Hotel rooms available at the convention site for a discounted rate of \$104 (this rate will increase so best to book early): Reserve your room by calling the Crowne Plaza at (616) 957-1770 and mention the American Livebearer Association in order to receive the event rate. Reservations must be made by April 13, 2018 in order to receive rate. Speakers: **Cory McElroy, Ben Van Dinther, Pat Hartman, Juergen Kasprickas, Caleb McMahan, Patrick Miller.** Join us for a weekend of guest speakers on a variety of livebearer fish topics, vendor's room, room sales, local events, a livebearer auction and convention banquet. More info: **American Livebearer Association, Grand Valley Aquarium Club, ALA Convention on Facebook.** 

MAY 20 - OTTER VALLEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY SPRING AUCTION held at the Godnick Center, 1 Deer St., Rutland, VT 05701. Free admission, door prizes 50/50 Raffle at auction. Silent auction plant table. peoples choice bowl show 1st prize \$100 - 2nd \$75 - 3rd \$50. For more Info: ovasociety.com

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

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. For more info: http://newenglandguppies.org/

JULY 14 - 15 - NEW ENGLAND FANCY GUPPY ASSOCIATION IFGA SHOW& AUCTION held at Franklin Perkins School, 971 Main St., Lancaster, MA. Event Categories: Auctions, Fish Shows, Freshwater, Guppies, Livebearers, Tropical Fish. For more info: http://newenglandguppies.org/

OCTOBER 4 - 7 - ALL-AQUARIUM CATFISH CONVENTION Held at the Hyatt Regency Dulles, 2300 Dulles Corner Boulevard, Herndon, Virgina, 20171 Ph: (703) 713-1234. We have secured a lower room rate of \$109/per night! The Hyatt is located next to Washington 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 entries. \$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:** 

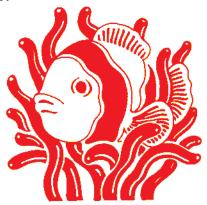
https://aws.passkey.com/go/ CatfishConvention2018

SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE			
THURSDAY, 4 OCTOBER			
7pm	Registration Opens		
7:30pm	Speaker: Bob Bock		
9pm	Speaker: Hans Evers		
FRIDAY, 5 OCTOBER			
6:30am	Breakfast Buffet Opens		
7:45am	NIH Trip Departs		
8am	Collecting Trip Departs		
1pm	Registration Opens		
12pm	Vendor Rooms Open		
1pm	Workshop		
3pm	Workshop		
5pm	Speaker: Éric Bodrock		
7pm	Speaker: Ian Fuller		
8pm	Speaker: Regina Spotti		
9pm	Spree on Three: Room		
	Sales & Hospitality		
SATURDAY, 6 OCTOBER			
6:30am	Breakfast Buffet Opens		

**Registration Opens** 9am 9am Vendor Rooms Open 9am Bowl Show Entries Benched 10am Speaker: Rob McLure 11am Food Truck: Lunch Service 12pm Speaker: Hans Evers 2pm Speaker: Kamphol Udomritthiruj 2pm Bowl Show Judging 4pm Speaker: Luiz Tencatt 6pm Bowl Show Entries Removed 7pm Cocktail Reception 7:30pm Banquet, Awards, & Special Presentation by "The MdD Boys" SUNDAY, 7 OCTOBER

6:30am Breakfast Buffet Opens 9am Auction Registration Opens 10:30am Auction Bidding Begins

OCTOBER 12 - 14 - IFGA ANNUAL GUPPY SHOW & AUCTION. The Gateway Guppy Associates (GGA) announces that an IFGA Sanctioned Guppy Show and Auction will take place at Holiday Inn Airport West 3400 Rider Trail South Earth City, MO 63045. For Reservations call: 314-291-6800 and press 0 for hotel desk. Room reservations must be made through the hotel at the room rate of \$114 under GGA (Gateway Guppy Associates). Hotel will guarantee rate until September 20, 2018. 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. For information contact Shawn Bellman aticode.iam@gmail.com or John Allen at parisguppies@yahoo.com. More info available on www.IFGA.org or gatewayguppyassociates.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.

#### WED. MAY 1 - GREATER CITY AS • TBA

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. MAY 3 - 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. MAY 4 - 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. MAY 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 or Martha Morris, martha\_morris@hotmail.com. For directions go to pvas.net

#### TUE. MAY 8 - 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. MAY 10 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON • JEN WILLIAMS - AQUASCAPING FOR NON-AQUASCAPERS

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. MAY 14 - JERSEY SHORE AS • MARK DENARO - PLANTED TANKS

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. MAY 17 - 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

#### FRI. MAY 18 - 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

#### SAT. MAY 19 - NORTH JERSEY AS • RACHEL O'LEARY - THE PLANTED AQUARIUM & TRAVEL TO ASIA FOR PLANTS

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

#### TUE. MAY 22 - 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. MAY 23 - METROPOLITAN AREA KILLIFISH ASSOC. (MAKA)

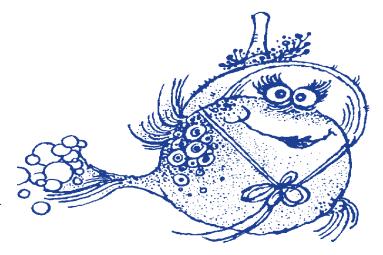
• **TBA** Meets 4th Wednesday of the month @ 8pm at the Meadowlands Environmental Center in Lyndhurst, NJ. Speaker and auction of fish eggs, plants and dry goods. Refreshments served. Info: **SLMACK@compuserve.com** 

#### FRI. MAY 25 - 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. MAY 29 - 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** 



## 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.



**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

## 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: **Alfred Turrisi** • Membership Chairperson: **David Manuel** • Corresponding Secretary: **Dan Smith** •Sgt. At Arms: Lita Goldberg • Exchange Editor:

**Bill Amely** 

BOARD MEMBERS:\* Robert Kolsky, Denver Lettman Nick Martinez Leon Perry Jose Sanchez 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 & 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

# TIP OF THE MONTH

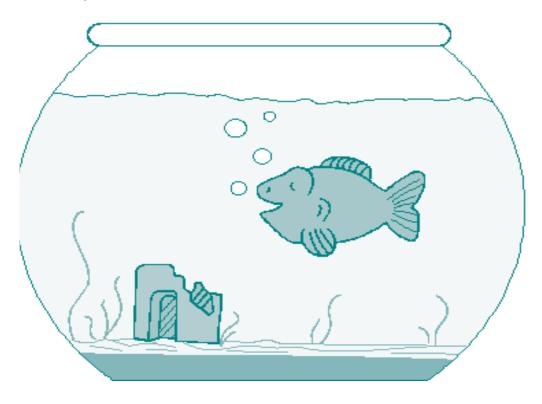
## Beware of "self-poisoning" catfish

ertain types of South American catfish can excrete a poison from their bodies when under stress. Some believe that this is a self-defense mechanism from a predator but could be activated when the fish are being transported. The fish can release this toxin into the water and if in a plastic bag or bucket with other fish it will kill all the fish.

Many hobbyists have wondered why their perfectly healthy fish have died while being transported from the store to their home or to a tropical fish event.

**Ian Fuller** explains that wood cats, such as fish in the Tatia as well as other types of wood catfish, along with *Synodontis* species, Doradid catfish such as Raphael's and *Corydoras* species all have the poison glands at the base of the pectoral spines and can release a toxic substance when stressed.

Ian states that there is a cure for this if you can catch the problem in time. Ian usually catches Corys and places them in a container, then agitate them to create a little stress. Then change the water in the container a couple of times and then bag the fish using new water from their original tank. It's a bit time consuming, but the fish usually travel all right afterward.



### THE FOLLOWING MADE GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE APRIL AUCTION

### INDIVIDUALS

Bill Amely Frank Campo Nick Caputo Nick DeCillis Frank DeLuca Serena Duenas Danielle English Joe Graffagnino Gene Kogan Christian Lagos Don Lang Ray LoPinto Kay Martin Nick Martinez Steve Matassa Scott Peters Andrew Otto Lisa Quilty

David Ramirez Paul Santiago Gabe Scelta Tony Siano Bob Strazzulla Al Turco Al Turrisi Deniel Vargas

### **STORES & COMPANIES**

- Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
  - Long Island Aquarium, Riverhead. NY
    - Monster Aquarium, Queens, NY
  - Pacific Aquarium & Pet, New York, NY
  - Parrots of the World, Rockville Centre, NY

### NEW BAS MEMBERS & RENEWALS APRIL 2018

NEW MEMBERS

Kai Nauyen Rafael Sanchez Steven Stelmach Robert Varga

### **RENEWALS**

Navin Manoo John Poreba Gabe Scelta

**Sergey Artemou** 

Michael Bailey,

**David Brousseau** 

**Raymond Ewan** 

Wayne Grant

Wayne Stephenson Peter Tannis Peter Woltjen

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

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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, N Y, 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. EAGLE'S LEDGE is available in electronic format from the following sources: From the publisher, MuseItUp Publishing, at https://museituppublishing.com/bookstore/index.php/coming-soon/february-2018/eagle-s-ledge-detail# top Also available at: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, ibooks, Scribd, 24Symbols.

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

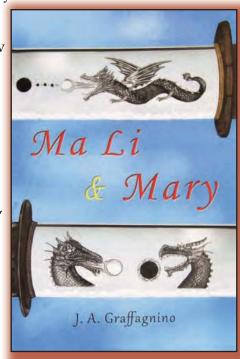
### Synopsis:

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.

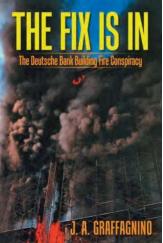
Local book stores have it as well as Amazon, Barnes and Nobles and my publisher AuthorHouse. Soft cover is priced at \$13.99 and Kindle/Nook version at \$3.99. I will bring some in for those who want autographed copies. Please have exact change.

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# JOE GRAFFAGNINO'S NEW BOOK

The 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 outof-control and escalated into a seven alarm inferno that killed two firefighters, and injured 105. One of the firefighters killed was author



The brave men who entered that blazing inferno walked into a deathtrap – unknown internal fans spread the fire. Water outlets, both inside and outside the building were bone dry.

After eight years of relentless research in pursuit of the truth – interviewing firefighters on the scene, government officials, observers, whistleblowers and eyewitnesses – Graffagnino uncovered the disturbing

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

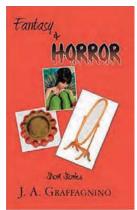
truth about a calculated conspiracy that involved governmental agencies, corporate leaders and organized crime figures.



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



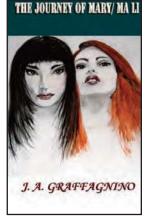
In addition to his fantasy/adventure novel*"The Journey of Mary/Ma Li"*. His latest book has 13 short stories under the title of *"Fantasy & Horror Short Stories"*. These 13 stories draw readers into a compelling web of intrigue and suspense. Some are funny, others sad, and still others capture



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.



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**Our local aquarium shops are important friends of the fishkeeping hobby.** They're here to serve your immediate needs - medications, live foods, or a replacement part for a filter, and best of all, you can inspect the fish you want to buy in person, plus most shops will special order fish for you. MOST GIVE BAS MEMBERS DISCOUNTS.

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