108 Years of Educating Aquarists

BAS BULLETIN

Brooklyn Aquarium Society Monthly Online Newsletter VOL. 22 June 2019 No 6

FRIDAY, JUNE 14 @ 7:30 PM

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Presents

HOUSE OF FINS

Rare Marine Fishes in the Aquarium Hobby









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

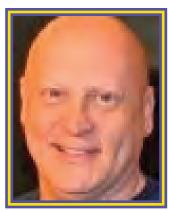
Free Parking • Free Refreshments

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

108 Years of Educating Aquarists THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ay was our Giant Spring Auction month. No guest speaker just auction items for our members and guests. We had close to 200 items that included freshwater fish, marine fish, plants, aquariums, filters, gravel, protein skimmers, lighting fixtures, UV ster-

ilizers and the list goes on. Everyone had a great time and brought home many aquatic treasures to enjoy. We appreciate the items you donated to make our club one of the strongest in the United States. Thank you!

Our next event, on June 14 will be our last for this fiscal year, but we promise to end it with a big bang! Our guest speaker is **Cameron Provost** from **House of Fins in Greenwich, CT.** His topic for the evening will be "*Rare Marine Fishes in the Aquarium Hobby*". So come on down on Friday, June 14, doors open at 7:30 PM. As always there is free parking and refreshments.

Please refrain from selling or purchasing any items from individuals on site at the aquarium, it is strictly prohibited.

Please note that our June event is also election time for our officers and Board members. If you or another member, in good standing for the past 6 months, want to run for a position, please let me know so I can put your name up for election. We are always looking for new blood to keep our Society going strong with new and innovative ideas. Please let me know if you are interested and for what position you would like to try out for.

We have new BAS shirts and BAS hats, hurry and get yours while supplies last.

Remember, we can always use help. If anyone wants to help out in any way, please let

us know. See me personally or any officer or board member. If anyone has any topics they want to hear expert speakers on or any specific speaker, please tell us that also.

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, and that would include healthy livestock of fish, corals or plants, we always welcome the donation.

For information on upcoming speakers or to leave a message for us please call our BAS Hotline at 718-837-4455 and visit our updated WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG On a more personal note – any member who wants to attend a Board meeting, held at Education Hall, NY Aquarium, on the first Friday of the month, September through June, please notify me at 347-277-4793.

Thanks and see you next month!

Steven Matassa, President

We're off for the summer, July and August. We hope you have a great summer and come to the September Event and learn about **The Facts of Light**

The Facts of Light from Tullo DelAquela.



This Months Speaker



ameron Provost is an Aquarium Specialist at the House of Fins whose main focus is on husbandry of marine fishes, invertebrates, and corals. His interest in marine life and husbandry started at an early age with family

visits to the ocean and has continued to blossom with a formal education and his current position at House of Fins. Cameron has his Bachelors of Science in Marine Biology and a Master's of Science in Environmental Science from Alaska Pacific University.

Cameron will tell us about some of the new and rare marine fish that are in the hobby. If

you keep marine fish then you should come to this event. As usual there will be an auction right after the speaker of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals and freshwater fish and plants and dry goods. We will also have aquarium heaters donated to the BAS by **Petland Discounts** before they closed shop.

June is also elections for Officers and Board members. All who have been members for 6 monts are eligible to run for any office. We need to fill the office of treasurer. Please see page 4 for more information on the elections.

We will take off July and August for some R & R and be back in September. Have a great summer. See you at the June meeting.

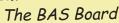


DIRECTIONS TO THE NY AQUARIUM

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 2019 - 2020

We're off on vacation searching for great new speakers. We hope you have a great summer... see you all at the September Event.





SEPT 13 Tullo DelAquela - The Facts of Light: A Scientific Approch to Comparing Light **Sources for Aquarium Use** ~ Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

OCT 11 Giant Fall Auction - Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

NOV 8 Lou Ekus - [Tropc Marin] Reef Chemistry Made Easy ~ Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

DEC 13 Holiday Party ~ Members, their families & friends • Fish Bingo & Prizes • BAS awards presentations.

JAN 10 Luis Morales - Fish Photogarphy ~ Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

FEB 14 Joe Yaiullo [topic TBA] Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

MAR 13 Jason D'Ambrosis ~ Stingray Husbandry ~ Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

APR 12 Robert Stark-Successful Strategies for Reef Keeping~Followed by an auction of marine fish, agua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

MAY 8 Giant Spring Auction ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

JUN 12 Chad Clayton ~ Copepods are Changing the Face of Aquaculture ~ Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

NO MEETINGS JULY & AUGUST

SEPT 11 Harry Faustmann - Live Foods ~ Followed by an auction of marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods.

OCT 9 Giant Fall Auction - Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods. NOV 13. TBA

DEC 11 Holiday Party ~ Members, their families & friends • Fish Bingo & Prizes • BAS awards presenta-



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. Before attending a meeting please check their web site for more information.

TUESDAY JUNE 4 - PIONEER VALLEY AS • TBA

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at The First Congregational Church, 20 Lathrop St, West Springfield, MA @ 7:00 pm. Free parking in lot. Public welcome. Info: Jacob Guinasso, jguinasso@pvas.net or Martha Morris, martha_morris@hotmail.com. or pvas.net

THURSDAY JUNE 6 - GREATER CITY AS • GIANNE SOUZA - AN ADVENTURE IN BREEDIING SHOW & WILD BETTAS [NOTE: DATE CHANGE]

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month @ 7:30 pm 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.

Info: Claudia Dickinson at: ivyrose@optonline.net or (631)-668-5125, or www.greatercity.org

THURSDAY JUNE 6 - BUCKS COUNTY AS • TBA

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month except August. Meetings start @ 7:30pm doors open @ 7:00 pm, 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. Info: bcasonline.com

FRIDAY JUNE 7 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION • BOB STARK - AQUARIUM CHEMISTRY

Meets the 1st Friday of the month @ 8:00 pm at Acan Lighting, 75 Austin Blvd, Commack, NY 11725.

Info: http://www.LongIslandReef.org

MONDAY JUNE 10 - JERSEY SHORE AS • ZOO MED

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the South Wall Fire Rescue Co., 2605 Atlantic Ave., Manasquan, NJ. @ 7:30 pm. Speakers, auction rare & exotic fish, aquatic plants, door prizes.

Info: www.jerseyshoreAS.org; or (732)-859-5595 or mws71@yahoo.com

TUESDAY JUNE 11 - NASSAU COUNTY AS • TRA

Usually meets the 2nd Tuesday. of the month at Molloy College., 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre NY @ 8:00 pm. 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 or http://ncasweb.org/directions.php.

THURSDAY JUNE 13- TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON • TBA

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at the VFW Hall, 73 Pearl St., Essex Junction, VT. Meetings start @ 6:30 pm. Door prizes, bowl show (warmer months), monthly auction, fish discussions and a good time! New members are welcome!

Info: David Banks at dbanks@together.net or www.tfcb.org



SATURDAY JUNE 15 - NORTH JERSEY AS • KAREN RANDALL - PLANTED NANO TANKS, ASIAN PLANT TRAVELOGUE

Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month 12:30 pm 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. Info: www.njas.net/

THURSDAY JUNE 20 - NORWALK AS • TBA

Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month @ 8:00 pm at Earthplace, The Nature Discovery Center, 10 Woodside Lane, Westport, CT. Open to public. Info: Norwalkas.org

FRIDAY JUNE 21 - LONG ISLAND AS • TBA

Meets the 3rd Friday of the month 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 @ 7:30 pm, meeting starts @ 8:00pm. Speakers, auctions, refreshments, free parking.

Info: www.liasonline.org

TUESDAY JUNE 25 - GREATER HARTFORD AS • TBA

Meets 4th Tuesday of the month @ 7:00 pm at the Lutz Children's Museum, 247 S. Main St., Manchester, CT. Info: (860)-643-0949

TUESDAY JUNE 25 - BIG APPLE GUPPY CLUB

• **TBA**Meets: the last Tuesday each month (except Jan, Feb, July, and August)
@ 7:30 to 10:00 pm. Alley Pond Environmental Ctr., 228-06 Northern
Blyd., Oueens, NY.

Info: Donald Curtin (718) 631-0538 or twindon1 @aol.com

WEDNESDAY JUNE 26- METROPOLITAN AREA KILLIFISH ASSOC.

• TBA

Meets 4th Wednesday of the month @ 8:00 pm at the Meadowlands Environmental Center, Lyndhurst, NJ. Speaker and auction of fish eggs, plants and dry goods. Refreshments served.

Info: SLMACK@compuserve.com

FRIDAY JUNE 28 - DANBURY AREA AS

• MARK DENARO - NAMO AQUARIUMS 101Meets the 4th Friday of the month @ 7:30 pm at Laura Sprain Memorial Cornerstone park, 1 Fair St. Carmel, NY 10512.

Info: Rich Litsky (845) 228-0372 or Joe Masi (845)-896-4793 or daas@northeastcouncil

COMING EVENTS

2019 • EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS • 2019

JUNE 7 - 9 - THE TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON CELEBRATES 30 YEARS.

Held at the Holiday Inn, South Burlington, VT. Seminars & speakers: Hans Georg Evers, Steve Lundblad, and others. Also includes a tour of Vermont Microbreweries, dinner cruise on Lake Champlain, Friday night social pizza party...plus Sunday Auction,raffles, vendors, and more. For info: Visit www.thcb.org

JUNE 20-21-22-23 - INTERNATIONAL
BETTA CONGRESS SHOW & ANNUAL
MEETING held at the Atrium Hotel & suites,
4600 W. Airport Fwy, Irving, TX 75026. Event
Categories: Bettas, Club Meetings, Conference, Exhibition, Fish Shows, Freshwater Tropical Fish.
For info: http://www.ibcbettas.org/

JULY 13 & 14 - PIONEER VALLEY WATER GARDEN & KOI CLUB

26th POND TOUR held rain or shine.

For info: contact Syd Brodeur at sydb46@hotmail.com, or Cundy Patnode, at rickxocondy@comcast.net, or Brenda Cortina at wngnst55@yahoo.com.

JULY18-21-NEW ENGLAND CICHLID ASSOCIATION. ACA CONVENTION held at the Red Lion Hotel, 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell CT. Event Categories: Aquarium supplies and equipment, Auctions, Cichlids, Conventions, Exhibition, Fish and aquatic plants, Fish Shows, Freshwater, Raffles, Speakers: Jim Cumming, Paul V. Loiselle ph.D., Oliver Lucanus, Les Kaufman Ph.D., Wayne Leibel Ph.D., Adrian Indermaur Ph.D., Karry Johnson, Lawrance Kent. Trade Show, Tropical Fish, Vendors

For info: www.necichlids.org

AUGUST 7 - GREATER CITY SILENT AUCTION held at the Queens Botanical garden, 134-20 Dahlia Ave., Flushing, NY 11355.

For info: greatercity.org

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 1 - MARINE AQUARIUM CON-FERENCE OF NORTH AMERICA 2019 [MACNA] held at the Walt Disney World Swan & Resort, Florida. The Conference Tickets include: 3-day access to the Exhibit Floor, Speaker Access, Workshop Access, Meet-up Access, Friday Night Reception, and Saturday Night Banquet Tickets start at just \$139 (chicken/vegetarian) and \$154 (beef). This early bird pricing will not be available for long, so book early! Our #MACNA2019 rates include the resort fee and start at \$175 per night, so don't believe the prices you see on the internet which will charge you more at checkout. All reservations for rooms through MACNA.org are held with your credit card, but the deposits are not charged until August 1, 2019. For info: macnaconfernce.org

OCTOBER 4, 5, 6, - NEW ENGLAND FANCY GUPPY ASSOCIATION -FANCY GUPPY

SHOW held at Ramada Inn, 213 Taunton Ave., Seekonk, MA. The giant auction will be held on Sunday. Free admission.

For info: www.newwnglandguppies.org or E.T.Mellor, Amherst MA 413-549-0478

OCTOBER 11 - AQUATIC EXPERIENCE 2019 held at Meadowlands Exposition Center, 355 Plaza Drive, Secaucus, NJ 07094. From saltwater to freshwater with pond and aquatic animals. Consumers and retailers are invited to join us for educational seminars. Hobbyists from entry level to the most sophisticated aquarium keepers. Livestock and equipment experts and the industry's best and most trend-setting manufacturers.

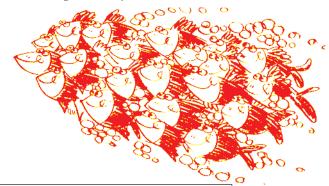
For info: aquaticexperence.org

OCTOBER 13 - ALLEGHENY RIVER VALLEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY ANNUAL AUCTION held at the John Ash Community Center, 112 N. Barry Street, Olean, NY, starting at 11 AM. Anyone can buy and/or sell. All items being sold must be tropical fish keeping hobby related.

For info: www.arvas.org

OCTOBER 27 - NORTH JERSEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY FALL AUCTION held at Days Hotel, Route 18, East Brunswick, NJ. Aquarium supplies and equipment, freshwater tropical fish and aquatic plants.

For Infor: http://www.njas.net/



The editor takes full responsibility for misspellings and punctuation errors.

DO'S & DON'T'S To keep your fish safe & alive during the summer

Whether you go on vacation or stay home, summer generally calls for slightly different care.

DO: Keep direct sun off tanks. The sun can heat you tank beyond what is safe for most fish. Also sunlight will speed up the growth of algae. Try to block the sunlight.

DO: Unplug heaters. You'll not need them. It's better to unplug them than turing them down, so when cool weather arrives you don't have to reset them to your tanks proper temperature.

DON'T: During the summer make a point to never feed more than your fish can eat in five minutes. Excess food spoils faster in warmer water.

DO: Before going on vacation stock your tank with extra plants, rooted or floating bushy plants like *Colombia* or floating cover plants like, *Salvinia* or *Riccia*. The rooted and bushy plants offer hiding places for fry that might be born and for timid fish to hide among. Plants are an extra source of food for some fish. Floating plants make fish feel secure and keeps them from jumping, and keeps the water clear and actually slows water evaporation.

DON'T: Do not crowd your tank with fish. Warmer water does not hold as much oxygen as cooler water.

DO: Use an air stone to cool and supply oxygen to the water.

DO: Have a friend or neighbor check your fish at least once a week when you are away.

DO: Leave written instructions for your fish-sitter. Tape index cards to tanks [DON'T OVER FEED], [I JUMP]. You get the idea. Leave your vacation phone number and/or the number of a BAS member in case of a problem your fish sitter can't handle. **DON'T WORRY:** If you don't have a fish-sitter almost all adult fish can survive without being fed for a week or more. But keep in mind fry need to be fed every day.

I hope this list gets you thinking and once you do you'll be able to add a couple of your own ideas.

Have a <u>fishtastic</u> summer and rest up for more great BAS Events starting in September.

John Todaro

THE FOLLOWING MADE GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE MAY AUCTION. THANK YOU!



INDIVIDUALS

Anthony Ecckleston,
Travis Emigholz
John Fox
Dale Garcia
Joe Graffagnino

Elizabeth Ianelli Famous Jones Steve Matassa Scott Peters Manuel Popa

Dan Puleo James Russo Gabe Scelta Dennis Vadaro

STORES

- Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
- Long Island Aquatics, Farmingdale, NY, Manhattan Aquariums, New York, NY,
 - Monster Aquarium, Queens, NY
- Pacific Aquarium & Pet, New York, NY
 - Tri-County Tropicals, Queens, NY

MANUFACTURES

Tunze Magnet, chemicals
 LifeGuard Air Pump
 Pan World Pumps Pump
 Live Aquaria Salt mix
 Aquatic Gardners Membership & books

• Aquatic Gardners Membership & books

• House of Fins 200 Gift Card

• Central Pets Tank, stand, lights, gravel vac

• Omega Fish food

Sera Food and test kits

• Hydor Chemicals

• Manhattan Aquarium Various products

Aqua Ultraviolet CouponsBulk Reef Supply RO filter

MAY NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS

Brian McEvilley
Famous Jones
Gregory L' Hommedieu
Judy Valetutti
Sean Jordan
Thomas Choi



RENEWALS



Bill Amely
Carlene Victor
David Lund
David Manuel
Howard Hughes
Jerry Schwartz
Joseph Gurrado
Robert M. Scarario
Wayne Grant

PROUD TO HAVE YOU AS BAS MEMBERS





BAS ELECTIONS

ELECTIONS FOR OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS TAKES PLACE AT THE JUNE EVENT

All 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, 108 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.

Present officers and Board members



President:Steven Matassa1st 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
Alissa Sinkler
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 (347) 277-4793**



We need someone who can edit the videos we make at our speaker events and upload them to our account on Vimeo.

Please contact Joe at (917) 922-5108.

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.

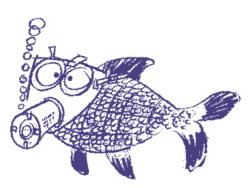
Our mission since 1911 is Educating Aquarists!

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**.





OCEAN WONDERS AT THE NY AQUARIUM

SHARKS Over 115 marine species, 18 different kinds of sharks and rays, an unforgettable experience. The Donald Zucker and Barbara Hrbek Zucker Ocean Wonders: Sharks! the exhibit brings some of the most misunderstood animals out of the depths and nose-to-nose with you!

CORAL REEFS Sometimes tunnel vision is a good thing. Like when it puts you smack dab in the middle of

this colorful coral reef, surrounded by blacktip reef sharks, butterflyfish, and zebra sharks swimming above you.

DAILY SCHEDULE

10:00 AM - Aquarium Opens 10:30 AM - Penguin Feeding 15 minutes 11:00 AM - Aquatheater Show 15 minutes 11:30 AM - Sea Lion Feeding 15 minutes 11:45 AM - Harbor Seal Feeding 15 minutes 1:00 PM - Aquatheater Show 15 minutes 1:30 PM - Otter Feeding 15 minutes 2:45 PM - Harbor Seal Feeding 15 minutes 3:00 PM - Sea Lion Feeding 15 minutes 3:15 PM - Aquatheater Show 15 minutes

4:00 PM - Penguin Feeding 15 minutes 4:00 PM - Last Entry

5:00 PM - Aquarium Closes



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Shrimp Tanks: The Latest Trend

Shrimp tanks are one of the newest trends in the aquarium hobby. Here is a quick overview of what you'll need to do to have successful shrimp tank.

(Take a look at our new How To Set Up A Small Planted Shrimp Tank Video)

Characteristics of Shrimp Tanks

Shrimp tanks are aquariums that focus on small freshwater shrimp. These shrimp are small enough that they can usually fit on your thumbnail,

and shrimp tanks are usually small (under 10-gallons).

Shrimp aquariums are also often planted aquariums. Shrimp tend to do better in the natural environment that a planted aquarium provides. Many shrimp will eat algae that naturally grows on water plants, and they will also eat dead plant leaves or particulates that are often present in planted aquariums.

Shrimp tanks may or may not include fish. If they do, the fish should be very small because even medium sized fish will eat shrimp.

Picking a Tank

For shrimp, smaller aquariums are often best as shrimp can get lost in large tanks. Among the most attractive options are Lifegard Aquatics Crystal Aquariums. They're small, high quality, and affordable. The Lifegard Full View Aquariums are similar but have unique slanted fronts so you

can look down at the shrimp more easily.

The Aqueon LED Shrimp Aquarium Kits have lids that will protect your shrimp from cats or kids. We've put together some packages that include food, heaters, additives and fish nets to go with these Kits.



Shrimp do not produce much waste, so any basic filter will work for shrimp.



When choosing a filter, keep in mind that shrimp are small and can get sucked into many filters.

The built in filters in the Lifegard Aquatics Crystal Aquariums and Aqueon LED Shrimp Aquarium Kits are ideal for shrimp. With the Lifegard be sure to use the sponge just inside the intake to protect the shrimp.

With tanks without built-in filtration the AquaTop Internal Sponge Filters and the OASE BioCompact Internal Filters work well.

Temperature control

Freshwater shrimp do best at the same temperatures as tropical fish—between 76-80 degrees Fahrenheit. With warmer rooms the tank will stay within the acceptable range, but if your shrimp tank is in a colder room you will need need a heater. We like the Cobalt Mini-Therm and Neo-Therm Heaters for small aquariums and shrimp tanks because they are the highest quality option in such a small size.

Water

Starting with good water is important for any aquarium. In shrimp aquariums tap water with a water conditioner such as Aqueon Shrimp Tank Plus or Seachem Prime is acceptable. But using RO water and adding a water conditioner such as Brightwell Aquatics Shrimp Caridina GH+ or Brightwell Aquatics Shrimp NeoTiger KH+/GH+ is a better option. RO water will ensure any toxins like heavy metals are removed and the Caridina or NeoTiger will ensure the shrimp have the minerals they need for their exoskeleton. Adding Brightwell Aquatics Shrimp Code two to three times a week will keep your shrimp healthy and enhance coloration.

Substrate

Because most shrimp tanks include live plants you need to make sure your substrate is an attrac-

tive environment for plants. Porous soil substrates are the best because they allow plant roots to access nutrients. Shrimp also tend to look better with a fine grain substrate in the background. The small grain size makes the shrimp appear larger. Our favorite choice of substrate is Seachem Flourite Black Sand.

Decorations

Shrimp do best when they have places to hide. Live water plants and natural wood are great at providing natural hiding spaces. You can use natural decorations such as the Lifegard Aquatics Serpentine Rock & Wood. As an alternative to natural décor there are many artificial decorations like the ones from Aquatop.

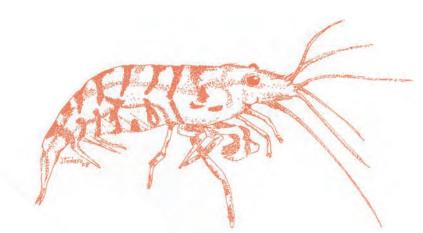
Plants

Shrimp do not hurt plants and shrimp really like moss. Shrimp often hide in moss and they feed off of detritus and algae that can get caught in the moss. There are many kinds of moss to choose from, but one of the easiest mosses to grow is Java Moss. Java Moss does not require a significant amount of light or fertilizer to grow, making it easy for beginners. Mosses should be attached to hard surfaces such as rock or wood. To do this we use Flourish Plant Glue.

Shrimp also like moss balls and small stem plants such as Dwarf Sagittaria. Moss balls are made of algae and shrimp will slowly eat them. The balls are cheap enough they can be easily replaced and make for an interesting display piece. Small stem plants provide a great place for baby shrimp to hide while they are growing.

Feeding

Shrimp do not need a significant amount of food in an established aquarium. Much of the shrimp's food comes from algae and detritus growing in the tank. Feeding your shrimp 2-3 times per week



will suffice. Aqueon has an Aqueon Herbivore Shrimp Food and an Aqueon Omnivore Shrimp Food. We like natural food options such as Sera Cattapa Leaves. If you have fish in the tank, the shrimp will likely be fine eating leftover fish food.

Maintenance

Maintaining a shrimp tank is similar to every other aquarium. However, because shrimp are natural scavengers and don't produce much waste they are in some ways less intensive to care for than fish.

Here is a basic schedule for shrimp maintenance.

2 to 3 Times A Week: Feed shrimp. Add Shrimp Code: Every Week.

Top off the tank.

Clean the glass. At Least Once a Month: Perform a water change of approximately 30%. Add water conditioner such as Caridina GH+ or Shrimp NeoTiger.

Replace filter media, Test Water.

At Least Yearly, Disassemble and clean the filter pump. Clean the aquarium light and replace bulbs if applicable.

Please contact us with any questions you have.

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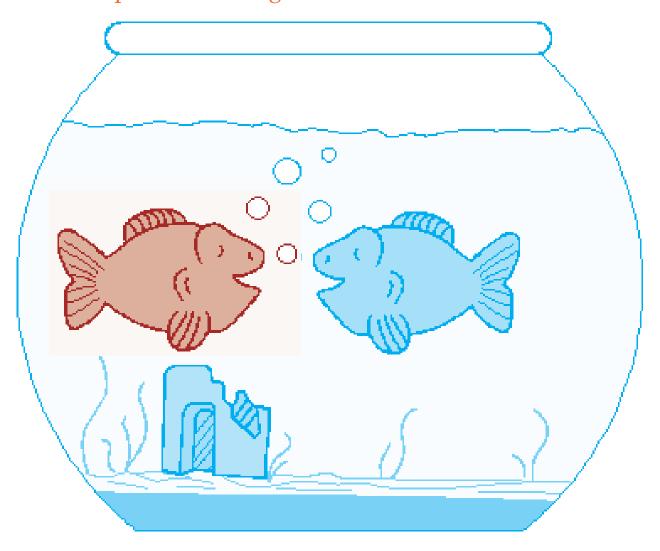
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and reading.

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 diffi-

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JOE GRAFFAGNINO



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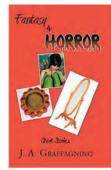
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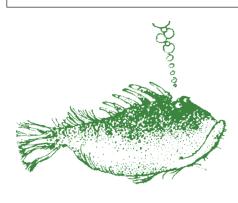
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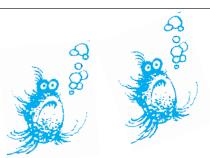
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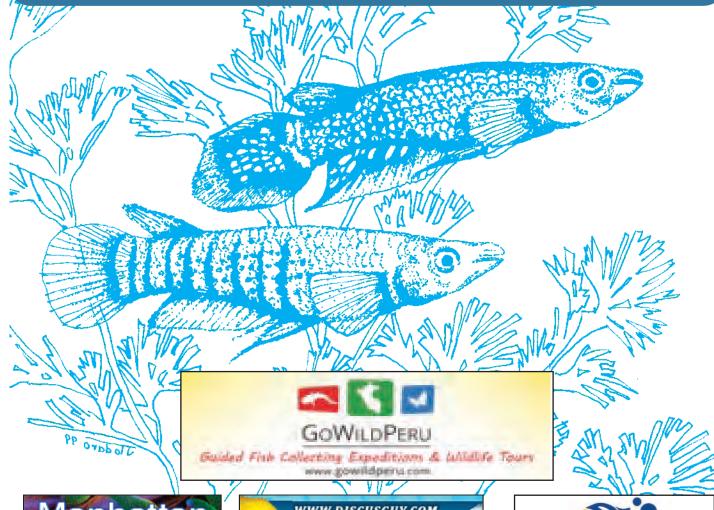
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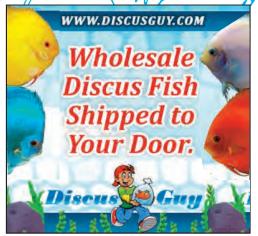
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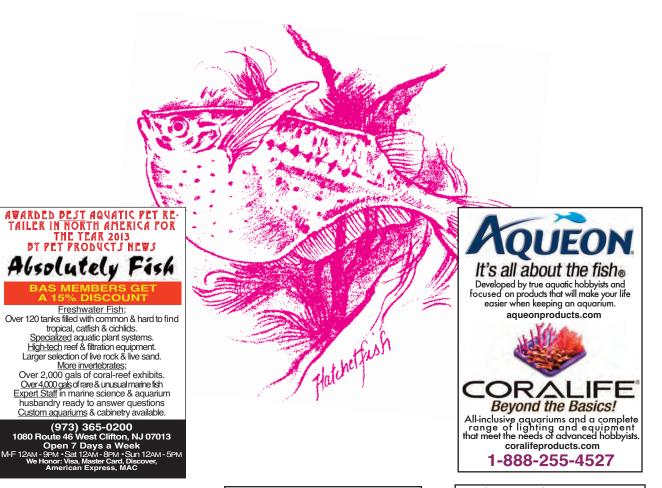
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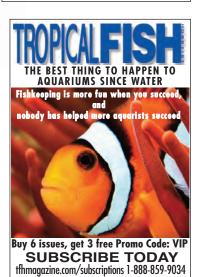
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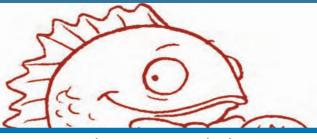
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