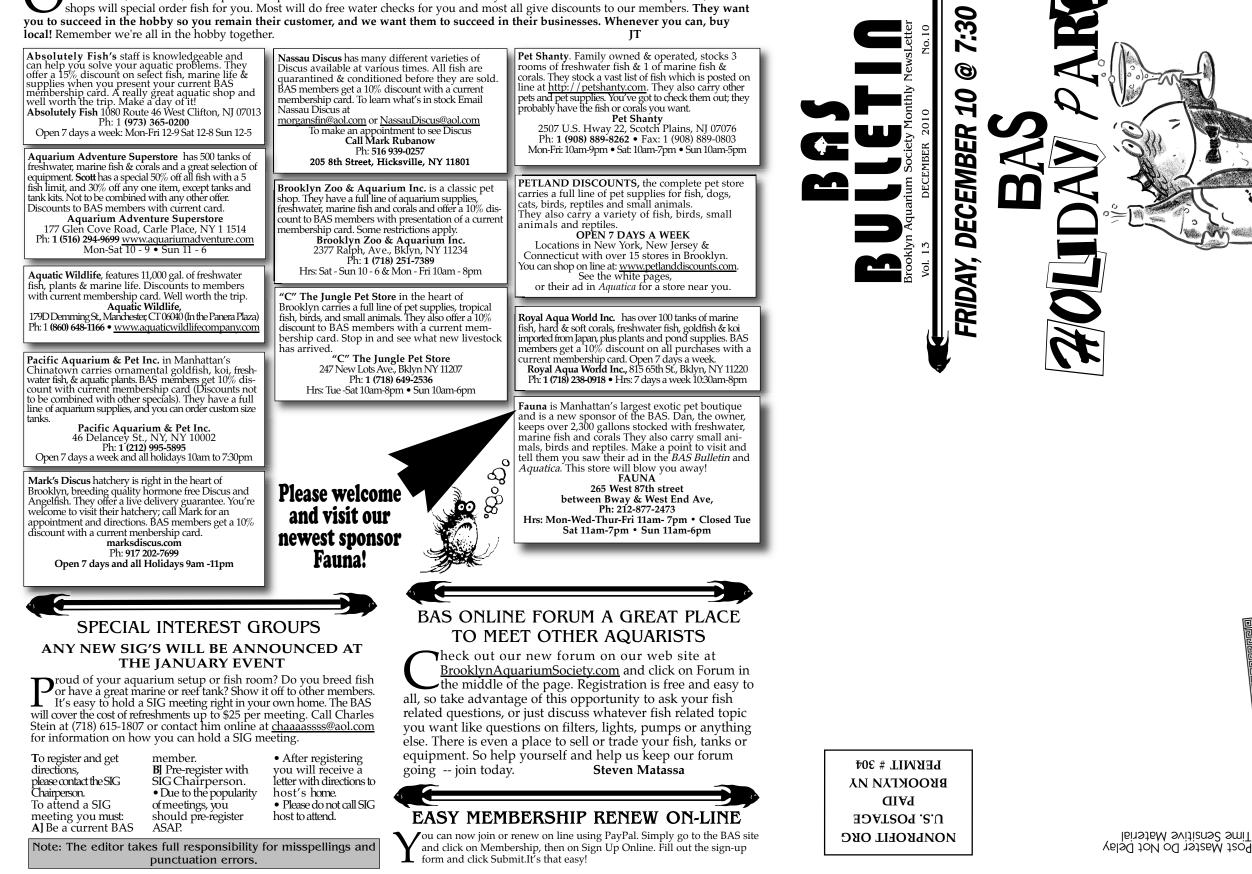
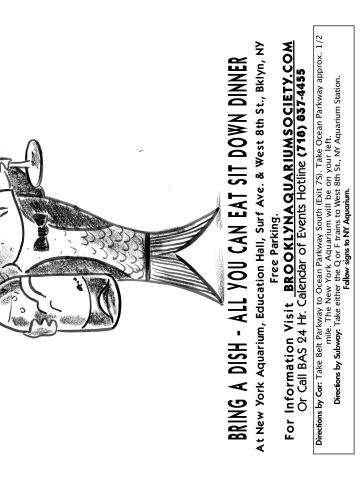


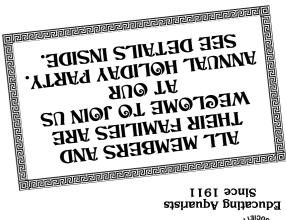
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ur local pet shops and breeders are a very important part of the tropical fish hobby. They're there when you need immediate help -medications, live foods, or a replacement part for a filter. You can check out the fish you're interested in at the store in person; often the shops will special order fish for you. Most will do free water checks for you and most all give discounts to our members. They want you to succeed in the hobby so you remain their customer, and we want them to succeed in their businesses. Whenever you can, buy local! Remember we're all in the hobby together.





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COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS IN 2011

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• Sunday, February 20, 2011 Pioneer Valley AS Annual Tropical Fish Auction held at Chicopee Elks Hall, 431 Granby Rd, Chicopee, MA 01013. Auction starts at 11am; doors open for viewing at 9:30am and vendor registration. Free Admission. Tropical fish, aquatic plants and dry goods. Door prizes, raffle prizes 50/5- cash raffle. Food available from our kitchen. Free Coffee. DIRECTIONS TO CHICOPEE ELKS HALL

From I-91 north or south: take Exit 12 to I-391 north; go 1 mile to Exit 3, take a right on to Granby Road; go straight thru lights and up hill, Elks Hall is 1 mile on your right. From I-90 east & west: take Exit 5 Chicopee; bear left after toll booth to Montgomery Street, take a right on to Montgomery Street and stay in left lane; take a left at lights on to Granby Road; Elks Hall is 1-1/4 mile on your left For more information contact:

Martha Morris: martha morris@hotmail.com or Linda Giza: pvaslinda@hotmail.com

• Sunday, March 20 Spring Auction 2011 Jersey Shore Aquarium Society held at Knights of Columbus Hall, 70 East Main St., Freehold, NJ 07728 Registration 9:00 – 11:00 (items registered after 11:00 may not be auctioned). Viewing of lots from 10:00 to 11:45. Auction starts @ noon. Pre-register by 3/18 for a 60/40 split (50/50 split if registered at auction.

Visit www.jerseyshoreas.org for additional information

• March 25-27 2011 The Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies' 36th Annual Tropical Fish Convention held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, CT. Our Friday through Sunday event boasts fantastic speakers from around the globe, a Vendor Room, discussion groups, specialty organization meetings and a Giant Auction Sunday of Fish and Live Aquarium Plants. The theme for this year's convention is 100 Years of Advances in the Hobby and another great line-up of speakers awaits you! Speakers confirmed so far are: Ad Konings – Riftlake Cichlids

Mike Hellweg – The TFH Breeder's Competition and the

Joy of keeping Goldfish

Ted Judy – The TFH Breeder's Competition and another program TBD. Sponsored in part by the ACA Speaker's Program and ZooMed.

Eric Bodrock – Breeding Oddball Catfish

Andy Rhyne – The cutting edge of Marine Aquaculture And there are many more speakers to be announced!

The NEC is a parent organization, a guiding body, for 20 aquarium clubs in the Northeast. It was established in 1956 to assist and strengthen member societies, to act as a clearing house for material relating to the aquarium hobby, to assist local societies in publicizing their events and to promote the aquarium hobby in general. Over the years, the Council's original purpose has expanded to include the several committees that are available to assist any member club. The NEC has hosted the Annual Convention since 1976. Visit the NEC's website at www.northeastcouncil.org.

Information and Speakers will be added almost daily as we build another memorable event for everyone to attend. so check back frequently!

The Vendor Room and Sponsors: If you are interested in becoming a Vendor or want to be a Sponsor for the convention, please contact Nancy Villars for vendor space availability/details and for information about sponsoring part of our event. <u>sccichlids@aol.com</u> or call her at (732)207-6540.

• May 15 2011 Otter Valley Aquarium Society Spring Auction at the Holiday Inn in Rutland Vermont on US Rte 7 More information to follow.



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Ollowing are just a few excerpts from Heiko's report on the condition of the Amazon and the fish and wild life that depend on it.

Heiko Bleher reports on an environmental disaster in the Amazon region that he says is far worse than we have been led to believe. *****

There are millions of freshwater fish dead – probably billions. Just a few years back I watched over two billion catfishes, members of all 10 known Amazon catfish families, during a spawning migration in the Tefé region, on a river stretch of less than 25km, which is dried up now.



At the lower Rio Negro, the largest freshwater river in the world, one can walk across it. The thousands of recreios, the only transport method to move people and supplies to the most remote areas, are sitting on dry land. *****

Why are we having this unbelievable disaster, this dryness? The media claims El Nino, CO2, the continuous deforestation in the Amazon and other regions. The fact is that global warming has, from what I have seen during the last decade while doing research in aquatic habitats around the globe, increased by at least tenfold and I think that global warming is 100 times worse than what we are told. And it's not just the Amazon River...

I just came back from India doing research in 50 larger lakes in the Northwest – not a single one of these had one drop of water - but on today's Google satellite maps they do (the photographs date from 2003, I found out...)

China's gigantic Yellow River has lost over 30% of

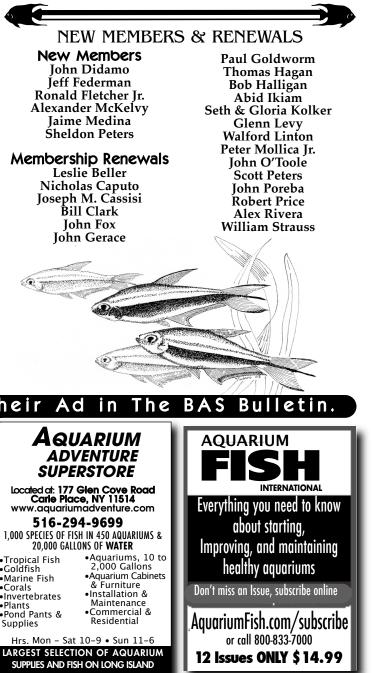


A REPORT FROM HEIKO BLEHER THE AMAZON IS IN DANGER!

its water level in the last 10 years. The high plateau of Tibet, and The Pamirs, the Top of the World is turning into desert land, as has already happened in Central Asia, where the fourth largest freshwater lake on earth, the Aral with 148 extinct fish species, has dried up completely.

With all of these facts, can there be still anyone still asking why we are having this environmental disaster in the Amazon? I hope that Man wakes up before it is really too late... Breed your aquarium fish and take care of them! **Editors note:**

We hope that people wake up to these reports also!



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



t's Happy Holidays time! Pat Donston of Absolutely Fish did an outstanding job of bringing the turkey home! Pat provided a fantastic lecture and slide presentation on "Reef Care Conflicts! Who's Right?" Pat corrected all the myths and false reports that marine and reef aquarists had for years. There are differences between reef aquariums and marine fish aquariums. Pat donated a bunch of great chemicals

for both types for our audience (freshwater and marine) to everyone's delight. Pat also brought livestock donations and discount coupons for in-attendance members only. So in addition to the very generous 20% discount to card carrying members, he also provided extra cash-off coupons. WOW, what a deal!

Our fresh and marine auction provided many discounted items for our audience. Not only was there livestock going at great savings, but there were aquariums, stands and related equipment at huge savings. Great bargains were had by all. It was a very enjoyable evening! A special note of thanks to all individual and businesses that donated to our event; their names and locations will be published elsewhere in this Bulletin.

We want to wish all of our members the best for the holiday season. Our next event is our Holiday Party on December 10. As you all know by now, everyone brings food, dessert, soda or seltzers for the party. (Alcoholic beverages are not allowed.) Attendees must bring something or pay \$10 each at the door. We expect Katz's Deli to provide their mouth watering treats. So come and bring family to YOUR holiday party. Please provide a list of what food, dessert or beverages you plan to bring, to Marie Licciardello at 718 377 7749.

Our January speaker will be **Rit Forcier**, the Chairman of the American Livebearers Association. Rit's topic for the evening will be "3 Weeks Collecting Fish in Mexico." This will be a great presentation and a wonderful educational experience, so come on down and bring a friend.

I am asking for your help and support. If you want to see different speakers or try different things, please let me know. The elected officials of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society are here to serve YOU! Please let us know what you want and why. It would be helpful to everyone.

For more info, please call our new and improved BAS Hotline at (718) 837-4455, or visit our NEW website at WWW.BROOKLYNAOUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG

On a more personal note - This is your club and we are looking for interested and helpful members to participate. Any member who desires to attend a Board meeting, which are held at the Education Center of the New York Aquarium on the 1st Friday of the month, please notify me at (718) 238-1792 by the Tuesday previous to the meeting.



HOLIDAY PARTY



The annual BAS holiday party is a time-honored tradition and this year it will be held on December 10th. At the end of this year, we'll be 99 years old and looking forward to 2011 when we'll be 100 years old. So this is a very special holiday get together.

As usual, there'll be no speakers, no auctions, just tons of great food and, as in past years, the BAS supplies a roast turkey and all the trimmings, baked hams, desserts, coffee and soda.

Our talented members bring their favorite dishes and desserts, home baked pies and cakes, delicious hot dishes ranging from pasta, baked chicken, sausage and pep-

pers, delicious salads, plus an array of different ethnic foods, not to forget a fabulous donation of deli food from New York's most famous deli, Katz's. Don't forget to stop at the front table to let us know what your name is and what dish you brought.

It's a sit-down dinner with your family, friends and significant others. The doors open at 7:30pm and dinner starts at 8pm. So please wait until we open the serving tables; we need time to set up all the arriving dishes on the tables. If you jump the line, you may miss some fantastic dishes, and for sure you don't want to do that!

We also play fish bingo with aquarium-related prizes and we honor members who have served the Society for the past year with awards and also members who have written articles for Aquatica with book awards.

If you've ever been to our holiday bashes, you know what to expect. Great food and fun! If you're new to the Society, then you have a treat in store. Mark your calendar now, December 10th, and start thinking of the dish you're going to donate to the party.

The party is held at the Education Hall of the NY Aquarium. All food donations are always acknowledged in the BAS Bulletin. All the family is welcome. ĬT

REMEMBER YOU MUST BRING A DISH OR PAY A COVER CHARGE OF \$10 PER PERSON



REGIONAL SOCIETY EVENTS

List your society events FREE in the monthly BAS Bulletin. E-mail a copy of your announcement to: **<u>ITODDYBAS@AOL.COM</u>** at least 1 month in advance of your event.

THU. DEC 2 - BUCKS COUNTY AS • HOLIDAY PARTY

Meets 1st Thursday of the month at Churchville Nature Center, 501 Churchvulle Lane, Churchville, PA. Meetings start at 7:30 pm. All meetings are free and open to the public. For more info or directions visit www.bcasonline.com

FRI. DEC 3- LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION • HOLIDAY PARTY

Generally meets 1st Friday of the month at 8pm at Dickens Inc, 75 Austin Blvd, Commack, NY 11725. For directions & info: http://www.LongIslandReef.org

TUE. DEC 7 - PIONEER VALLEY AS • TRA Usually meets 1st Tuesday of the month at the Springfield Science Museum, 21

Edwards St., Springfield, MA at 7:00pm. Free parking in lot. Public welcome. For more information contact: Dave & Linda Giza (413) 283-8680 or email: mike@berkshiredesign.com, or for directions go to pvas.net

WED. DEC 8- GREATER CITY AS • HOLIDAY PARTY

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

SAT. DEC 11 - NORTH JERSEY AS HOLIDAY PARTY

General meetings are held 3rd Friday of the month at 8pm; doors open at 7:30pm. At the Ĕlks Club, 251 Park Áve Lyndhurst, NJ. 07071. Open to the public. Speakers, raffles, auctions. Info: Call (732) 541-1392 or call Kevin Carr @ 201 724-9460 or visit on line for directions to swap meet www.njas.net or http://www.meadowlandsstate.nj.us/directions.html

MON. DEC 13 JERSEY SHORE AS · HOLIDAY PARTY

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the Knights of Columbus, 70 E. Main St., Freehold, NJ. At 8pm. Speakers, Auction rare & exotic fish, aquatic plants, door prizes. For more details: <u>www.jerseyshoreAS.org</u>; 732-859-5595; mws71@yahoo.com

TUES. DEC 14 - OTTER VALLEY AS • HOLIDAY PARTY

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Maclure Library, Pittford, VT. The public is welcome. Refreshments, plant and fish auction, free parking. For information contact: John Todaro at: jtoddybas@aol.com

TUE. DEC 14 - NASSAU COUNTY AS HOLIDAY PARTY (FOR MEMBERS ONLY)

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at Kellenberg at Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre NY 7:30pm. Check web site for directions. 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

WED. DEC 15 - TROPICAL FISH SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND • TBA

General meeting are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm at The Letter Carriers Plaza, 174 Mayfield Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island. For info: tfsri.net

THUR. DEC 16 - NORWALK AS • TBA

Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at Earthplace, The Nature Discovery Center, 10 Woodside Lane, Westport, CT. Open to public. Info: Norwalkas.org or call John at (899) 219-4627

FRI. DEC 17 - LONG ISLAND AS • HOLIDAY PARTY

Meets the 3rd Friday of the month in the Green House Room at the Holtsville Park & Zoo, 249 Buckly Rd, Holtsville, LI (Exit 61 S L.I.E.). Speakers, auctions, refreshments, free parking.For Info: www.liasonline.org

WED. DEC 22 - METROPOLITAN AREA KILLIFISH ASSOC. (MAKA) • TBA

Meets 4th Wednesday of the month at 8 pm 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. DEC 24 - DANBURY AREA AS • TBA

Generally meets 4th Friday of the month at Carmel Ambulance Corps Vink Dr., Carmel, NY. For more info: Rich Litsky (845) 228-0372 or Joe Masi (845) 896-4793 or daas@northeastcouncil.org.

TUE. DEC 28 GREATER HARTFORD AS • HOLIDAY PARTY

Meets 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm at theLutz Children's Museum, 247 S. Main St in Manchester CT 06040. Call 860-643-0949.

CHECK ALL TIMES & DATES

If listed TBA (To Be Announced), that means the society has not gotten a speaker or has not updated their calendar of events. YOU WILL HAVE TO CHECK WITH THE SOCIETY.



family, \$20 individual, \$15 for students under 14. Send inquires or membership checks to Brooklyn Aquarium Society, c/o Membership Chairperson, P.O. Box 290610, Brooklyn, NY 11229-0011.

BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010 - 2011

DEC 10 BAS Holiday Party ~ Members, their families and friends, all you can eat sit-down dinner • Fish Bingo & Prizes • BAS Awards presentations.

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JAN 14 Rit Forcier ~ 3 Weeks Collecting Fish In Mexico. ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction • Discount books & sales.

FEB 11 Christine Williams ~ When Aquariums Attack! Bites, Stings, Infections & Other Unfortunate Events & What To Do! ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry

goods auction • Discount books & sales. MAR 11 <u>Richard Ross ~ Cephalopods: Is There An Octopus</u>

In Your Future? ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction •Discount books & sales. APR⁸ Leslie Harris ~ Life Styles Of The Wet And Spineless. Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction • Discount books & sales.

MAY 13 Spring Auction ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods auction including a new 55 gal. tank & stand • Discount books & sales.

JUN 10 Speaker TBA ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction • Discount books & sales. JULY 8 100th Anniversary Party

SEPT 9 Marine Speaker TBA ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction • Discount books & sales.

OCT 14 Fall Giant Auction ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods auction including a new 55 gal. tank & stand • Discount books & sales.

NOV 11 Anthony Stissi ~ Lake Tanganyikan Tropheus Species DEC 9 BAS Holiday Party ~ Members, their families and friends, all you can eat sit-down dinner • Fish Bingo & Prizes • BAS Awards presentations.

NOTICE TO NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

A motion was made, seconded and passed at the March 2008 board meeting that membership cards are to be made up and handed out the night a person joins the BAS. If you join or renew by mail or on line, you must come to the next general meeting to get your card. Publications will still be sent by mail. Web Memberships Only You do not get a card, and just get publications that may be on-line.

For Information Via Web: WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.COM or call the BAS 24 hr Calendar of Events Hotline 1 718-837-4455



The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Has A 100th Anniversary Gift **For Aquarists**

oin or renew your membership during the month of February at our event on the 11th or via our web site, BrooklynAquariumSociety.org, for the original 1911 membership rate of only \$3, plus the regular cost of an additional year's membership of \$20. So for \$23, you'll have a 2-year membership to

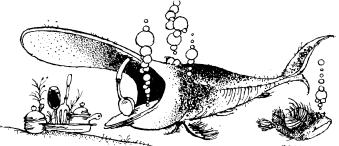
the oldest and largest general aquarium society in the U.S.A. Family membership \$3 + \$25 = \$28 for 2

years. If you're already a multi-year member, you can add another year for just \$3.



GOING DIGTIAL

The Aquatica and the BAS Bulletin will be going digital next year. The cost of postage and printing was \$5,871.64 this year. We can save this money by posting the *Aquatica* and *BAS* Bulletin on our web site, and also Emailing the BAS Bulletin to members. If you have an Email address, please send it to Joe Graffagnino at Joegraffagnino@yahoo.com. For those who are not on line we are will still mail issues to those members. The change over will start in January 2011. Times are changing and we have to change with them. The money saved will be used for events, trips and speakers. IT



THE NOVEMBER BAS EVENT IN PICTURES



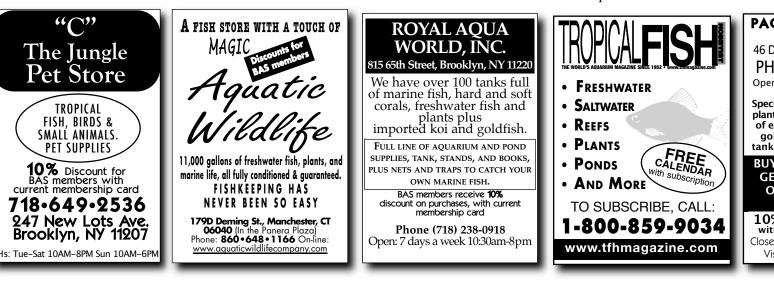
BAS President, Joe Graffaganino introducing Pat Donston the evening's speaker.



Pat Donston correcting all the myths and false reports that marine and reef aquarists had for years.



A row of tanks that were up for auction.



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Members egerly checking out some of the sale items at the November BAS Event.

