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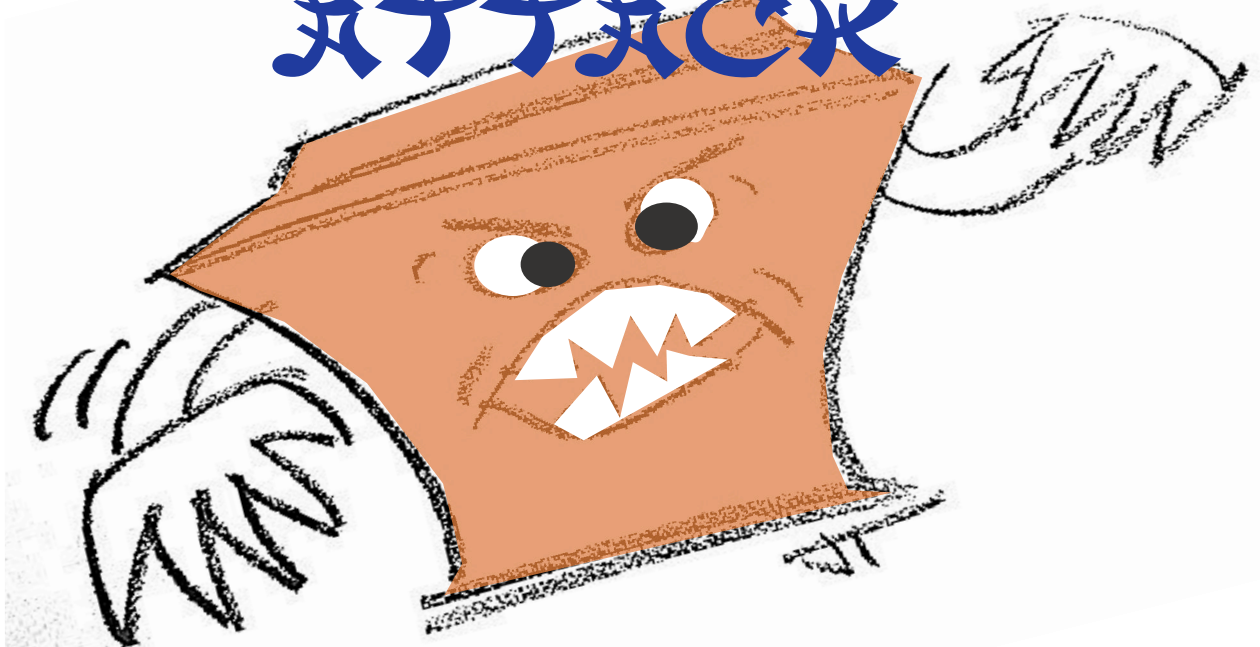
February 2011

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11 @ 7:30 PM

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

At New York Aquarium, Education Hall, Surf Ave. & West 8th St., Bklyn, NY
\$5 Donation for Non-members. Good towards membership that night only.

For Information Visit **BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.COM**

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

Free Parking

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.

Celebrating 100 Years of Advances in fish keeping

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, everyone! Wow -- we have entered into our 100th year -- pretty amazing! We are the oldest and largest general aquarium society in the



United States. Next month at our February 11 meeting, we will have a birthday cake to celebrate this one of a kind event. For our members, we will be having a birthday present to you in the form of a new or renewal membership for the same price as it cost in 1911. With one year membership at the regular price of \$20 (or \$25 for family membership), for \$3.00 dollars more you get another

year. This is also good for multi year membership. Pay for 1 year -- add 3 bucks = 2 years. Is this great or what?

Also we have started emailing the *BAS Bulletin*, and the *Aquatica* will now be found on our web site. If anyone still wants the *Bulletin* in paper format, please attend our meeting because there will be plenty of them at the meeting. Anyone who does not have a computer, please let me know so I can mail you a copy. Our new web site should be up as you are reading this. **Bernard**, our Webmaster, will be running both sites for a few months until people are familiar with the new site. We have finally joined the 21st century and will be saving lots of money in printing and postage costs. Please bear with us in this new creative process. I know you will love it when you participate. The interactive forums and sponsor sections are truly enjoyable. Also you will be getting notifications of club events via email. Come on and join us in the "new" Brooklyn Aquarium Society; you're gonna love it!

Our January event starred **Rit Forcier** and his topic was "*3 Weeks In Mexico*." Rit is the former Chairman of the American Livebearers Association and helped create the Northeast Livebearers Association. Rit is a great speaker and has been a guest lecturer for almost every club in the Northeast and many others throughout the United States and abroad. Rit brought in many exotic livebearer species from his own aquariums. Many of these species are extremely endangered in the wild. It is up to hobbyists such as us to keep these species going. It was a great talk and Rit stayed late to answer everyone's questions and to tell bidders how to keep some

of the exotic species he had donated for our auction. Needless to say, the auction went hot and heavy as everyone was trying to get some of those great fish and the livestock donated by members and our sponsor stores. 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 Brooklyn Aquarium Society, so help us, help you!

Our guest speaker for February will be **Christine Williams** and her topic will be "*When Aquariums Attack*." Be ready for some fast movements and volatile action. Christine will be lecturing on aquarium bites, stings, infections and other unfortunate events and what you can do about them. We have all had cuts, bruises and injuries while maintaining our tanks and fish. I remember speaking to a

skin doctor and she mentioned that many of her patients are aquarists who get cut or stung while their hands are in their aquariums. It can be very dangerous! So come on down, brave the cold, for a truly rewarding lecture. Mark the date on the calendar, February 11 at 7:30 PM. As always, there is free parking and free refreshments.

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 BAS Hotline at (718) 837-4455, or visit our modern website at

WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.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.

Joe Graffagnino
President



THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Christine Williams started keeping fish while she was still a fetus. While the aqueous environment did lend itself to the hobby, it limited her to freshwater species, and so she decided to be born several weeks early. Through sign language she demanded that her parents convert her crib into a reef aquarium and thus started her illustrious career in marine ornamentals.

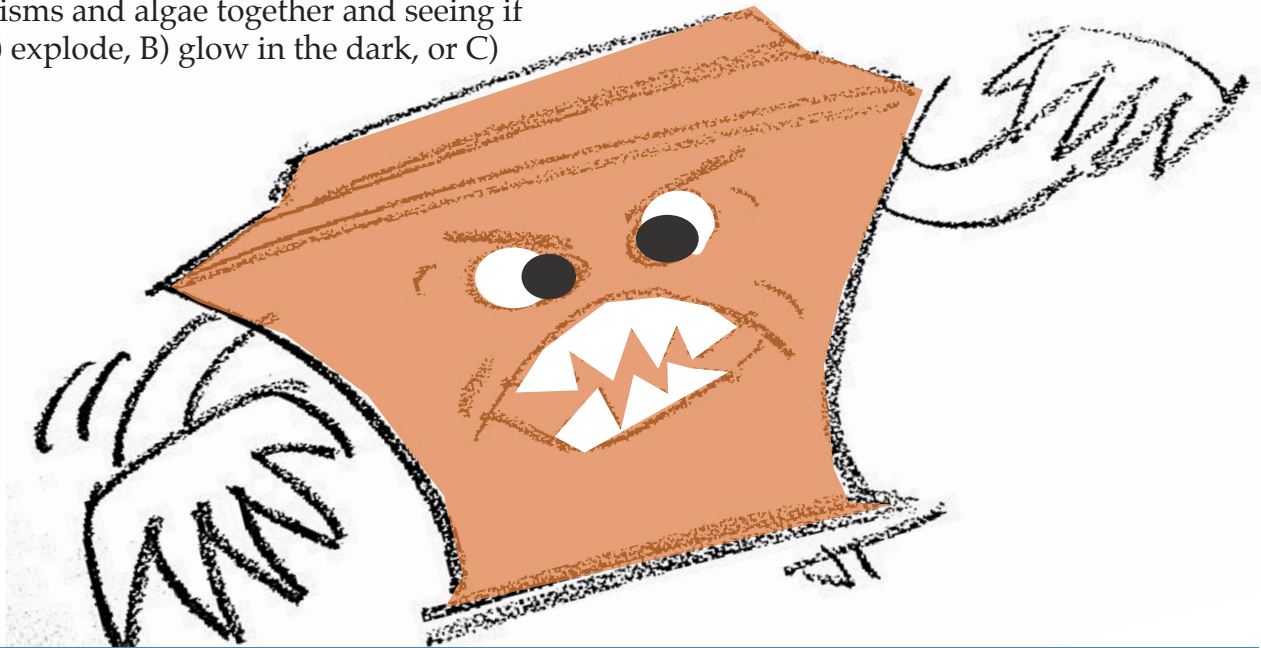
After completing her studies in biochemistry and molecular microbiology she went to work at "Animal ER" where unfortunately she was not filmed for the Animal Planet channel (though her feet did make a cameo during a rescue segment).

Currently, she is the head of the Industrial Marine Microbiology team for her division of a "very large international chemical company," where she spends her days mixing chemicals, microorganisms and algae together and seeing if they will A) explode, B) glow in the dark, or C)

make a good salsa. In order to further her skills (though not her cooking), she is also a graduate student at Stony Brook University's School of Marine and Atmospheric Science.

If you have an aquarium in your home, you should make it a point to attend Christine's talk on *"When Aquariums Attack! Bites, Stings, Infections & Other Unfortunate Events & What to Do!"*. Not only is it a relevant topic, but to all hobbyists, but I'm sure you'll find it interesting and enjoyable.

See you at the meeting Friday night.



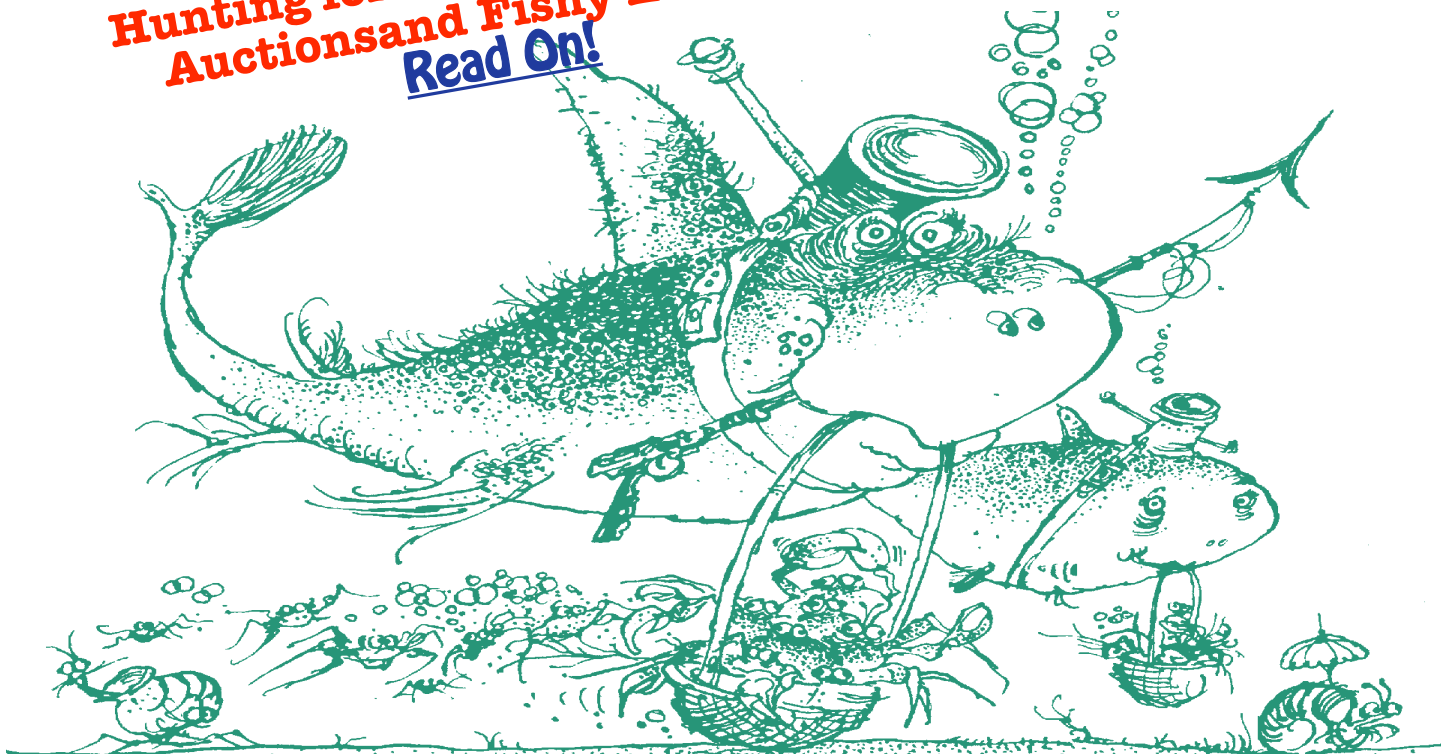
All BAS meetings begin at 7:30pm.

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

No sales will commence until 7:30pm
Please no sales during speaker presentations

COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS IN 2011

**Hunting for Great Tropical Fish
Auctions and Fishy Events?
Read On!**



• **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 50/50 - 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 onto 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 onto 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 6, Norwalk Aquarium Society 33rd Annual Tropical Fish & Aquarium Equipment Benefit Auction for Earthplace** At Earthplace - The Nature Discovery Center 10 Woodside Lane, Westport, Connecticut.

One of the Northeast's Largest Auctions of Beautiful Tropical Fish & New and Good Used Aquarium Equipment. Set up and viewing 9:30am-11:30am Auction begins around Noon. For more information visit websites: www.norwalkas.org or www.earthplace.org or call the toll free number (866) 219 4NAS or (203) 227-7253 ext.110

• **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

COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS IN 2011

• **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:**

David Boruchowitz – Our Hobby

Ad Konings – Riftlake Cichlids

Rosario LaCorte – Tetras

Kris Weinhold – Planted Aquaria

Mike Hellweg – The TFH Breeder's Competition and the Joy of keeping Goldfish

Tom Grady – Killifish

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

Wolfgang Staeck – Angelfish – SA Dwarf Cichlids

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](http://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. sccichlids@aol.com or call her at (732)207-6540.

• **Saturday, March 12 North Jersey Aquarium Society Swap Meet & Vendor Expo 2011** Lyndhurst Elks Club, 251 Park Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071 From 10:00am to 6:00pm. Admission \$5.00 (kids 12 and under free) Breakfast & lunch available

• **Saturday, March 19 2011 Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island Triple Crown Fish Auction** at St. Joseph's Parish Center, 1303 Mendon Road (Rte. 122), Cumberland, RI. Free Admission! All are welcome! Doors open at 10:30am. The auction starts promptly at 12pm. **BRING YOUR BEST FISH!** For a \$1 fee you can put a reserve on any lot! You set the minimum bid; if the lot doesn't sell for your price or better, you get it back! No limit on the number of lots submitted. All lots must be live fish, plants or aquarium-related items. Preregister by March 14th and get a red dot sticker to bump one bag to the start of the auction. Lots not selling for the minimum bid of \$3 are returned to the seller. Vendor Fee: \$2 Bidder Card: \$2 (Waived for Vendors) [Visit www.tfsri.net](http://www.tfsri.net) for complete rules and auction forms. For more information: **Al Wagonblott** (401)847-3364 mr_wiggles_sr@hotmail.com

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• **May 15 2011 Otter Valley Aquarium Society Spring Tropical Fish & Plant Auction** at the Holiday Inn in Rutland / Killington Holiday Inn on US Rte 7 in Vermont. Viewing Lots 9:30am - 11:30am. Auction Starts 12 noon. **Free Admission • Refreshments Available** The Holiday Inn is located on US Route 7 near the junction of Rte 4. **IMPORTANT DRIVING INFORMATION: GPS systems will not recognize their physical address. We highly recommend you use 1 Holiday Drive, Rutland, VT 05701.**

• Make it a weekend getaway. Enjoy beautiful Vermont, then attend the auction. Special room rates for the Auction weekend \$101.20 per day. For reservations call 800 462-4819 or info@hivermont.com. For more information contact **Lee Scott** at (802) 537-2713 or Leenbrianscott@yahoo.com

BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2011

Celebrating 100 Years of Advances in fish keeping

- 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** Richard Ross ~ Cephalopods: Is There An Octopus In Your Future? ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction • Discount books & sales.
- APR 8** 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** TBA ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction • Discount books & sales.
- JUL 8** 100th Anniversary Party ~ To be held at the NY Aquarium. More information to come.
- AUG** No meetings
- SEPT 9** Joe Caparatte ~ Marine Event 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 ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction • Discount books & sales.
- DEC 9** BAS Holiday Party ~ Members, their families and friends, all you can eat sit-down dinner
• Fish Bingo & Prizes • BAS Awards presentations.

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 N.Y. 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 14. Send inquires or membership checks to Brooklyn Aquarium Society, c/o Membership Chairperson, P.O. Box 290610, Brooklyn, NY 11229-0011.

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.



THE HOBBYISTS GOAL

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The goal of each serious aquarist is more than simply to display some pretty fish. The serious aquarist hopes to create a little environment to present some of nature's most special and spectacular creatures, fresh and brackish water tropical fish. Unfortunately, many species of fish are endangered or on the brink of extinction because of mankind. The destruction of rainforests, the damming of rivers, the polluting of rivers, and the introduction of non-native species are acts which most directly affect tropical fish.

Tropical rainforest waters are the home to the majority of freshwater fish species. The Amazon Basin alone has over 2300 known species and possibly as many unidentified species; but the world's rainforests are threatened. The rainforests are being reduced at a rate of about 1 acre per second or 116 square miles a day (Orr 7), translating to 42,340 square miles lost a year. Each day, 40 to 250 species become extinct (Orr 7), and each year, as many as 92,000 species are lost. Although tropical fish make up only a tiny part of the species lost to extinction as a re-

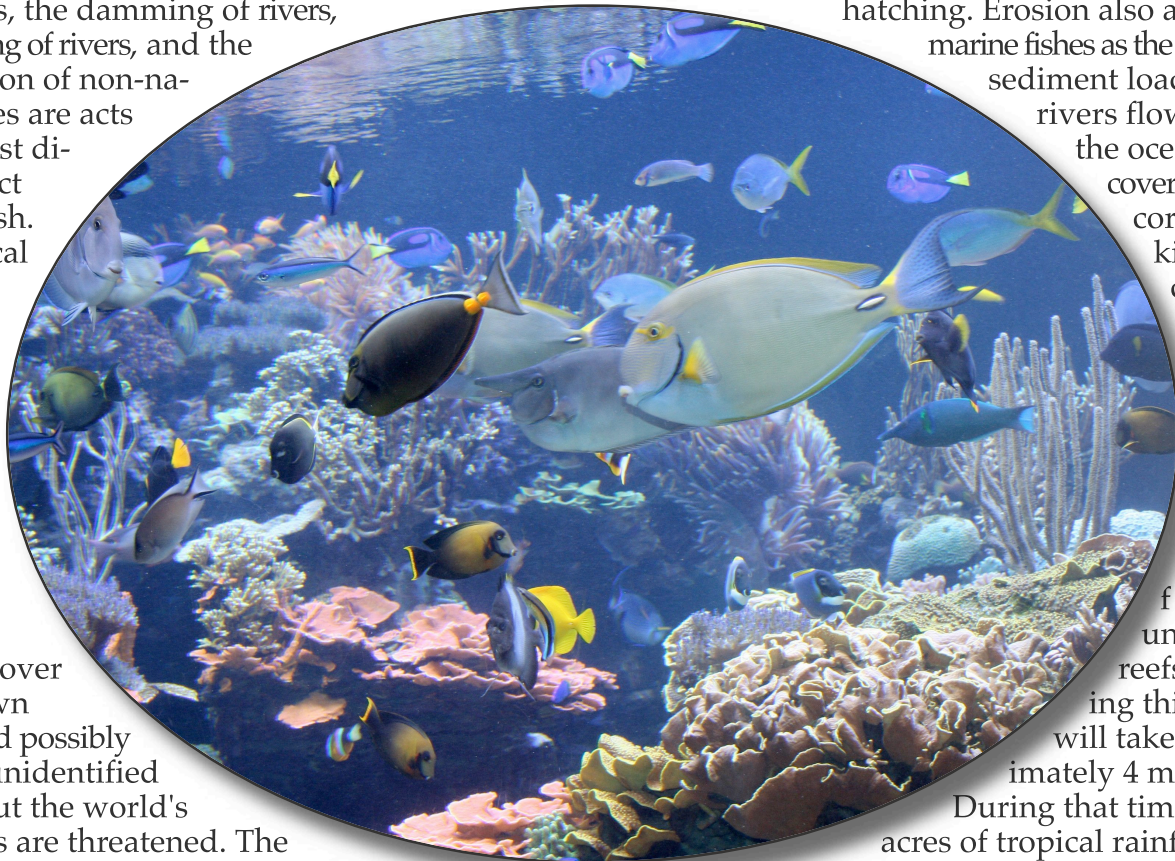
sult of deforestation, they are still threatened daily by rainforest destruction. The destruction of rainforest affects fish species by loss of habitat from erosion and inconsistent weather and flooding seasons. Erosion increases sediment load in the water which muddies the water, affecting fish that rely primarily on eyesight, and coating fish eggs with sediment, affecting the egg

hatching. Erosion also affects marine fishes as the increased sediment load of

rivers flows into the ocean and covers nearby coral reefs, killing the coral and forcing the fish that rely on the coral to find unaffected reefs. Reading this article will take approximately 4 minutes.

During that time, 240 acres of tropical rainforest that took over 70 million years to

develop has been destroyed forever. If the destruction of the tropical rainforests proceeds at its current rate of over one acre per second, the forests will disappear within the span of a human lifetime. When these precious forests are gone, many of their treasures, both discovered and



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undiscovered, will be lost. The tropical rainforest and its species are unique and irreplaceable; once they are gone, humanity will have nothing but regrets for these species will be gone for all time.

Dams are another factor that hurt fish populations. Dams flood out rivers, streams, and creeks into one large lake. Often this lake floods forests permanently, causing the vegetation to decay and altering the water conditions. Species that have adapted to river-life must adapt to the altered conditions, or perish. The dam prevents the upstream migration necessary for some species to spawn. Examples of the loss of fish species after dam construction can be found in the Aswan Dam on the Nile and the Amistad Dam on the Colorado. Many countries, including our own, continue to dam rivers having biologically rich environments.

Pollution is another destructive factor produced by human use of river systems. The effects of pollution range from the subtle, slow impact of sediments from agriculture to the dramatic devastation of chemical spills that can destroy river systems. For example, a recent cyanide spill on the Essequibo River of Guyana decimated the local fish population and threatened large animal life. Similarly, a few years ago, an oil slick on the Rio Napo in Ecuador dealt a blow to the delicate ecology of one of the most bio-diverse regions on the planet.

Less dramatic human activity can have a significant impact on local fishes. For example, the introduction of alien fish species into a water

source can be very destructive to the native fish population. The introduction of the Nile Perch (*Lates niloticus*) as a food fish into Lake Victoria has led to the extinction of several *Haplochromine* species and threatened virtually all other fish species of the lake. Fish species can be introduced for reasons other than supplying food. The waterways of parts of Florida are overrun by foreign fish species which have been released by fish keepers who have become bored with their pets or have been overwhelmed by the size of the fish.

Less than 10% of freshwater tropical aquarium fish are caught in the wild. Overfishing for the hobby is not a major cause of declining fish populations, though some species have been affected by over-collecting. For example, some native collectors near Iquitos, Peru report that catches of aquarium-bound fish are smaller than in the past. Commercial fishing for food fish is the main cause to over-fishing. Throughout the Amazon, food fish are in lesser numbers and smaller in size than in the past. For example, the Arapaima--which earlier was regularly found to exceed 10' (3 m)--is rarely encountered today at a size greater than 8' (2.45 m).

Each aquarist needs to be aware of the conditions that affect the natural environments which are the source of the wide variety of fishes that are available today. We should all work to preserve the natural world, which not only makes possible our hobby, but also supports the human species.



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

Join 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.



1911 ~ EDUCATING AQUARISTS ~ 2011
FOR 100 YEARS



NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS

New Members

Daniel Auster
Jason Collazo
Anthony Chu
Francisco Girona
Matthew Hill

New Web Members

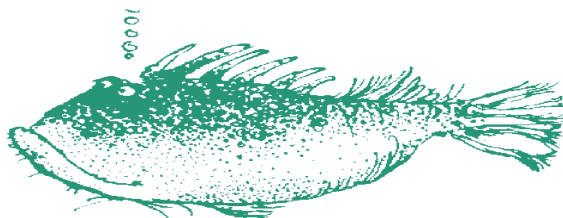
Joel B. Kendall
Frankie Saulo

Membership Renewals

John Lombardo
Gary Vanderputten

EASY MEMBERSHIP RENEW ON-LINE

You can now join or renew on line using PayPal. Simply go to the BAS site and click on Membership, then on Sign Up Online. Fill out the sign-up form and click Submit. It's that easy!



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Send inquiries or membership checks to

**Brooklyn Aquarium Society,
c/o Membership Chairperson,
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DONORS TO THE JANUARY EVENT

Our sincere thanks to all the following members and sponsor stores for their generous donations to the BAS's Auction.

Individuals:

Bernard Deren
Rit Forcier (speaker)
John Fox
Joe Graffagnino
Pauline Griffn
Abid Ikram
Gene Kogan
David Lund
Chris Matassa
Steve Matassa
Scott Peters
Dan Puleo
Charles Stein

Mike Roman
Al Turco

Stores/Mfg.:

- Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Bklyn, NY
- Marks Discus, Bklyn NY
- Pacific Aquarium & Pet, NY, NY
- Petqua, NY, NY
- Royal Aqua World, Brooklyn, NY

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

ANY NEW SIG'S WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE FEBRUARY EVENT

Proud of your aquarium setup or fish room? Do you breed fish or have a great marine or reef tank? Show it off to other members. It's easy to hold a SIG meeting right in your own home. The BAS will cover the cost of refreshments up to \$25 per meeting. Call **Charles Stein at (718) 615-1807** or contact him online at chaaaassss@aol.com for information on how you can hold a SIG meeting.

To register and get directions, please contact the SIG Chairperson.

To attend a SIG meeting you must:

A] Be a current BAS member.

B] Pre-register with SIG Chairperson.

- Due to the popularity of meetings, you should pre-register ASAP.

- After registering you will receive a letter with directions to host's home.

- Please do not call SIG host to attend.

Note: The editor takes full responsibility for misspellings and punctuation errors.

REGIONAL SOCIETY EVENTS

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

WED. FEB 2 - GREATER CITY AS

• WINTER BREAK NO - MEETINGS JAN/FEB

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. FEB 3 - BUCKS COUNTY AS

• TBA

Meets 1st Thursday of the month at Churchville Nature Center, 501 Churchville 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.bca-online.com

FRI. FEB 4 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION

• JOE YAIULLO - NUTRIENT CONTROL FOR 20,000 GALLONS

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

TUES. FEB 8 - OTTER VALLEY AS

• RIT FORCIER - 3 WEEKS COLLECTING FISH IN MEXICO

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

TUE. FEB 8 - NASSAU COUNTY AS

• TBA

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

MON. FEB 14 JERSEY SHORE AS

• TBA

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: www.jerseyshoreAS.org; 732-859-5595; mws71@yahoo.com

WED. FEB 16 - 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: tfstri.net

THUR. FEB 17 - 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

FRI. FEB 18 - NORTH JERSEY AS

• TBA

General meetings are held 3rd Friday of the month at 8pm; doors open at 7:30pm. At the Elks Club, 251 Park Ave 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>

SUN. FEB 20 - PIONEER VALLEY AS

• PVAS ANNUAL TROPICAL FISH AUCTION

Chicopee Elks Hall 431 Granby Road, Chicopee, MA 01013
Auction starts at 11:00 AM Doors open at 9:30 for viewing and vendor registration. Free Admission Giant Auction of Live Tropical Fish, Aquatic Plants, & Dry Goods Door Prizes!! Raffle Prizes!! 50/50 Cash Raffle!! Food & Refreshments Available From our Kitchen. Free Coffee. Bring the Whole Family and Enjoy The Day with New and Old Friends!

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

FRI. JAN 21 - LONG ISLAND AS

• SILENT AUCTION

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

TUE. FEB 22 GREATER HARTFORD AS

• TBA

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

WED. FEB 23 - 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. FEB 25 - 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.

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.

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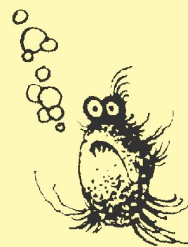
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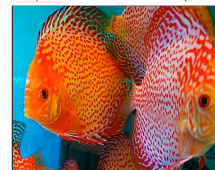
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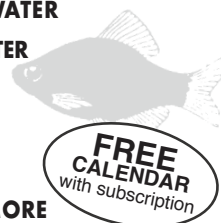
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