Next NEC Event:
1st Quarter NEC BOG Meeting
January 23, 2019 – 7:30 PM
Conference Call: (319) 527-2766, (Access code: 880396)

### 2018-2019 CALENDAR

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(F2F)= Face to Face  (CC) – Conference Call

*General NEC meetings are held at NOON and BOG meetings are held at 7:30 PM (unless otherwise noted)*

The NEC does not coordinate dates for club events, but does publish this monthly calendar for your convenience. Prior to selecting a date for your club’s next event, please check the NEC calendar for availability, and then notify me of the new date immediately at BRomeo1234@optonline.net or by phone @ 914-433-2556. The NEC advertises for NEC clubs and National/International Organizations in the NEC calendar.
Hello everyone,

This is my last message as president of the NEC I would like to thank all the other members of the Board of Governors, all who served as committee chairs and all club delegates for their service as well. Many are going on to serve another term. We held elections earlier this month and I would like to congratulate Russ McAndrews for being elected the next President, Nancy Villars for being elected Vice President, and David Lass for being elected Treasurer. I would also like to welcome Bryan Nelson as a new Member-at-Large. Finally, I would like to thank retiring Treasurer Tom Koba for his service. Treasurer is one of the most labor-intensive positions in most organizations and the NEC is no exception.

The NEC will continue to promote and support our member clubs and the hobby in general. This past October, Leslie Dick, Cheri Tenaglia, Tony Terceira and I went to the Aquatic Experience to promote aquarium societies and the NEC convention. It is still amazing how many people involved in the aquarium hobby have never heard of a fish club. Hopefully we got the word out to many people and some will join their local club or come to the convention April 12 - 14, 2019. Later on in this issue of the newsletter are photos from the Aquatic Experience. I did see many of my friends from a variety of aquarium societies at the AE, but if you didn’t go this year, you should consider going next year. It was much larger than I expected with many more aquaria set up throughout the exhibition area. I would like to give a special thanks to the guys from Cobalt Aquatics. They were a lot of fun to hang out with both at the show and later at the hotel.

Since I am retiring as President I can be a bit more blunt about something of which I have been more diplomatic in the past. Every now and again the question arises “What does the NEC do for us?” This has also arisen in other organizations to which I have belonged in the past. I am not sure what people expect from the NEC for the $50 membership dues each year. That keeps
your club in good standing in the NEC, which entitles you to all of the benefits of membership. These benefits include having your club and its events advertised in our monthly newsletter and on the NEC web site. It includes a discount on registration for the NEC Convention each spring for all the members of your club, and it gives your club’s members the ability to participate in the various NEC competitions and events, many of which offer cash prizes at the convention. It also gives you a say in how the NEC runs things and especially important, a right to vote in the biennial elections for officers and members of the Board of Governors. One of the unusual things about the NEC is that only club delegates are entitled to vote in the elections for the Board of Governors. Existing members of the Board are not entitled to vote unless they are also delegates of a member club, and no one person can represent more than one club. While we often have only one person willing to serve in any office, sometimes we have more than one candidate, as in this last election.

Because our communication with member clubs had been less efficient than acceptable, about half of our member clubs were surprised to find that they were not in good standing as the elections approached and they were not eligible to vote. As President, my powers are limited to interpreting the Constitution and Bylaws, and a couple of clubs were miffed at not being notified earlier that they were not in good standing with the NEC. Unfortunately they decided not to attend the meeting. I say unfortunately because the Board of Governors, being aware of the situation, made a motion to extend the deadline to pay the annual dues to the end of the year. This was unanimously approved by the Board and any club that did participate in the Conference call was allowed to vote. The clubs that boycotted the meeting were not able to take advantage of this. If you are not happy with the way something is run, attend a meeting or make a phone call. Too often these days an email or social media is the first recourse of the aggrieved.

One of the effects of the decision by the Board of Governors was that all the clubs not in good standing have until the end of the year to pay their dues and get into good standing. With the year almost over, why bother, you may ask.

As with most organizations, the more members give to the organization, the more they typically get out of it. All the NEC expects from member clubs is the $50 annual dues, which are due by the end of March and the appointment of a Delegate to represent the clubs at the 4 quarterly meetings. As an incentive, any club which has a delegate at 3 of the 4 quarterly meetings earns a free basic registration to the annual convention. The club may do whatever it wants with the registration including giving it away, raffling it off or even auctioning it to raise money for the club. As President of two clubs, SNEKA and TFSRI, I always felt it was right to offer the free registration to the Delegate who attended the meetings first, and only if they couldn’t use it, let the club award it to someone else. I believe that there are three clubs that have had delegates attend at least three meetings who have earned the free registration, but since they are not currently in good standing, they will not be entitled to them. The other effect is that the
members of clubs not in good standing in 2018 are not entitled to be considered for awards at the 2019 convention. If you were informed that your club was not in good standing you still have until the end of the year to pay your dues. Since the 2019 convention is in April this year, clubs will also need to be current on dues to take advantage of the reduced rate for late registrations and to participate in the photo competition, for example.

A final note on the 2019 convention. Our convention chair has been working hard since before the end of the 2018 convention to make this another great convention. We are back at an old venue but under new management: The Red Lion Hotel. If you are interested in attending the convention, I urge you to reserve your room and register early. Planning the convention is a balancing act that Leslie does so well that most don’t even notice. She has to let the hotel know how many room nights we can fill in advance and then we have to fill them. If we don’t, we have to pay for the unused nights. In exchange the hotel guarantees to set so many rooms aside at a usually discounted price for convention attendees. Sometimes the rooms fill up quickly and once full, you may be able to book a room at full price, or you may have to stay at another hotel. The same goes for the Saturday night banquet. Even though it is a buffet we have to let the hotel know how many people to feed, usually by a couple of weeks before the event. Leslie will usually include a few extras for late arrivals, but if not used, we still pay for the meal. If we get many late arrivals, you may not be able to get a seat at the Saturday Banquet and will not be able to see our banquet speaker! So unless you are prepared to be disappointed, I urge you to register early and reserve your place.

Thank you to everyone for your support of the NEC and of me as President. I hope you will extend the same support to Russ, Nancy and the rest of the NEC Board of Governors. We are all volunteers and do the best we are able, and you are part of the NEC as well. We would be nothing without the member clubs and the people from those clubs who volunteer to be part of the larger hobby. We are facing a critical time for the aquarium hobby. There are people and organizations who think keeping fish in glass boxes is cruel. If they had their way, they would make us all criminals for engaging in a hobby that we love. By joining together we can stand against them. Despite any little disagreements we may have among ourselves, we share a marvelous appreciation for the aquatic world and the organisms that live there. It doesn’t matter if you keep monster fish or shrimp, we share a drive to understand the underwater world. I hope to see you all at the 2019 convention!

Best wishes,
Rich
**Convention Update**

**Convention:** The 44th Annual convention “**Dancing with the Fishroom Stars**” is being held from April 12-14 at the Red Lion Hotel in Cromwell, CT. There are so many events occurring at this event – please mark your calendar and plan on joining us! Registration should open in January.

**Vendors:** Vendors are already indicating that they will be at our convention! If you are a vendor or an exhibitor, or know of a either of these you’d like to see at the convention, please contact Nancy Villars/Hallgring at neconvention@aol.com.

**Donors and Sponsors:** If you would like to be a sponsor or a donor of goods for distribution as part of our registration packets, or to be included in our Sunday auction, please contact Barbara Romeo at bromeo1234@optonline.net.

**NECA cichlid show:** NEC-member club NECA is graciously hosting the 3rd annual cichlid show at the convention. Many thanks to NECA for supporting the NEC and the annual convention by hosting this show! There are many club members who give of their time to set up, run, and break down this show. Each year, the cichlids in the show are absolutely stunning! Stay tuned for more information on this show.

**Guppy Show:** The guppy show will be co-sponsored this year by two of our IFGA member clubs - the New England Fancy Guppy Association (NEFGA) and the newly-formed and newest NEC member club, the Pennsylvania Guppy Club (PAGC). Stay tuned for more information on this show. These clubs will have a joint meeting on Friday with a fancy guppy auction.

**Pond Symposium:** The Northeast Fish Tub & Water Garden Study Group will be meeting at the convention again this year. After a short meeting, there will be an auction of pond plants and related hard goods.

**Killifish meeting and auction:** Southern New England Killifish Association (SNEKA) will be holding a meeting followed by a killifish auction. This is a great opportunity to bid on new species.

**James J. White Memorial Conservation Fund:** The recipient of this year’s conservation silent auction will be the IUCN Freshwater Fish Specialist Group’s Home Aquarium Fish Sub-Group (HAFSG). More information can be found at [http://www.iucnffsg.org/about-ffsg/home-aquarium-fish-sub-group/](http://www.iucnffsg.org/about-ffsg/home-aquarium-fish-sub-group/). Donations for the silent auction are gladly accepted. Please contact chairman Ann Whitman at awhitman@madriver.com
Congratulations to Member Clubs: Member clubs who attend at least 3 of the 4 quarterly general meetings receive a free convention registration ($50 value) which can be raffled off at a club meeting, and the swap table cost of $20 waived. There are 11 clubs that will receive these benefits: BAS, CCA, DAAS, DSAS, KOI, NECA, NJAS, SJGG, SNEKA, TFCB, TFSRI.

There are 3 additional clubs that will be eligible for these club benefits once their 2018 membership dues are paid. The free convention registrations will be e-mailed to the club presidents, and need to be returned to the Convention Chairman.

SWAP tables: All NEC member clubs in good standing can set up a club table during Friday and Saturday. Clubs can display auction flyers, take new memberships, and see club-related items such as shirts or coffee mugs. All members of NEC member clubs in good standing can sell fish and plants (no hard goods) on Saturday for several hours. These sale tables are available for $20 per table (waived for clubs listed above.)

Hospitality Room Sponsor: Co-chairs Janine and David Banks are contacting potential sponsors and will make an announcement soon.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!
See you in 2019,
Leslie
NEC held officer biennial elections on December 2, 2018 at the 4th Quarter General Meeting. Thank you to Tom Koba, and Carol Patanovich for your service and dedication to the NEC. Welcome and congratulations to the new officers below:

**NEC Board of Governors 2019-2021**

**President:** Russ McAndrews (BAS)

**Vice President:** Nancy Villars (NECA)

**Treasurer** (pending final vetting): David Lass (BAS)

**Recording Secretary:** Cheri Tenaglia (PAGC)

**Corresponding Secretary:** Barbara Romeo (DAAS)

**Past President:** Rich Pierce (SNEKA)

**Members At Large 2019-2021**

Ted Coletti (NJAS)
Peter George (NECA)
Bryan Nelson (BAS)
Karen Pattist (K.O.I.)
Wayne Sinckler (BASNY)
Ann Whitman (TFCB)
The PA Guppy Club is a new IFGA Guppy Club started in the fall of 2018. Most members live in Pennsylvania but the club welcomes all guppy breeders from the surrounding areas as well as IFGA friends who just want to visit. Club meets at members’ homes to view fish rooms and share information about raising better fish.

The admission of the PA Guppy Club (PAGC) to the NEC increases the membership to 35 clubs.

PAGC Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/PAGuppyClub/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/PAGuppyClub/)
PAGC President: Stephen Mutzel ([mailto:stevemutzel@comcast.net](mailto:stevemutzel@comcast.net))
PAGC NEC Representative: Cheri Tenaglia ([mailto:Cheritenaglia@gmail.com](mailto:Cheritenaglia@gmail.com))
Pet Age published PIJAC’s response to National Geographic piece published on October 30, 2018 by Kristin Hugo titled “Betta fish often mistreated in pet industry, evidence suggests”. See PIJAC’s response here:  
http://www.petage.com/pijac-releases-response-to-nat-geo-betta-article/?fbclid=IwAR3Wjbn9pNxYxq5EhBtWkseYJF5_uWAfthUVvtJS A2FDgfnyTGXivi_vfsc

National Geographic’s piece:  

NEC Slide and Videos

All video and slide presentations are available to any NEC club to use as their monthly meeting program. Any other use should be discussed with the NEC slide and video chairman prior to the request. Please make requests as far in advance as possible to allow for scheduling and regular mail delivery.

The NEC will pay for standard postage to the requesting NEC club. Any NEC club requesting expedited delivery will need to pay for that postage.

The NEC club requesting the program is responsible for postage back. Failure to return the program will result in a $50 replacement charge. Please return programs within 14 days after the scheduled meeting.

Requests should be made to:  David Banks, 315 US RT 2, Grand Isle, VT 05458, Email: dbanks@together.net or 802-372-8716

Last published library listing:  January 15, 2018 NEC Newsletter and on the NEC website:  
http://northeastcouncil.org/basic-page/nec-lending-library
YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Articles submitted for consideration should be labeled as to their specific category as follows: 
**Breeder Article, Open Class, Humor Article, Junior (Age 17 and under) and Continuing Column.** Articles not properly labeled will be categorized at the discretion of the Article Competition chairman. Please include your club name in the subject line of the email submission.

For more information concerning the categories and the rules go to the NEC website: 
[https://northeastcouncil.org/basic-page/article-competition](https://northeastcouncil.org/basic-page/article-competition)

Please send all submissions to:

Dave Hardenbrook  
NEC Articles Chairman  
E-mail: david.hardenbrook@cox.net

By Tuesday **January 15, 2019**
The NEC Conservation Committee was established to help conservation through fundraising and donations to well-established and working Conservation groups. The Committee hosts a silent auction at the Annual NEC Convention each spring to benefit a chosen organization and all proceeds from the silent auction go to that recipient. We are proud to support the 2019 recipient of our fundraising efforts.

IUCN Freshwater Fish Specialist Group
Home Aquarium Fish Sub-Group (HAFSG)

The IUCN Freshwater Fish Specialist Group was established in 2004 with the mission of conservation and sustainable use of freshwater fishes and their habitats worldwide.

The **Home Aquarium Fish Sub-Group** focuses on fishes in the aquarium trade and their habitats. For more information, visit [http://www.iucnffsg.org/about-ffsg/home-aquarium-fish-sub-group/](http://www.iucnffsg.org/about-ffsg/home-aquarium-fish-sub-group/).

The group’s goals include:

- “To identify, validate, and promote the conservation and wise management of wild populations of tropical fishes that are part of the home aquarium trade, as well as the ecosystems where they are found.

- To support sustainable, socioeconomic, and environmental benefits for home aquarium fishing communities, especially living in regions of biological importance.

- To develop and implement solutions that result in the most robust market for home aquarium fish that result in environmental protectionism, poverty alleviation, and climate stability.”

**Donate to the James J. White Memorial Conservation Fund**

To donate fish, books or equipment for the NEC Fund Silent Auction, please send an email to our donation chair at: mailto:necconventionchair@gmail.com?subject=James J. White Memorial Conservation Fund donation

You can also make a monetary donation to our James J. White Memorial Conservation Fund from the convention registration cart when registration opens in January.

For more information, please visit our Conservation page at [https://northeastcouncil.org/basic-page/james-j-white-memorial-conservation-fund](https://northeastcouncil.org/basic-page/james-j-white-memorial-conservation-fund)
Past recipients:
1979  Betty Mueller
1980  Martin Bernard
1981  Penny Faul
1982  Ray Horn
1983  Lee Finley
1984  Ann & Walter Howe
1985  Kathy Beebe
1986  Jack Adinolfi
1987  Sandy Billings
1988  Al Faul
1989  Dave Quinn
1990  John Galvin
1991  John Stankevitch
1992  Bill Kenney
1993  Aline Brousseau
1994  Faith Quinn
1995  Tony Terciera
1996  Don Johnson
1997  Sue & Wally Bush
1998  Diane Adinolfi
1999  Chuck Davis
2000  Aline Finley
2001  Janine & David Banks
2002  Wayne Leibel
2003  Karen Randall
2004  Mark & Anne Broadmeyer
2004  Honoree, Ray Lucas
2005  James White
2006  Rit Forcier
2007  Christine & Frank Policastro
2008  Joe Masi
2009  Linda & David Giza
2010  Barbara Day
2011  Bill Cole
2012  Claudia Dickinson
2013  Leslie Dick
2014  Richard Pierce
2015  Rosario La Corte
2016  Nancy Villars/Hallgring
2017  Barbara Romeo
2018  Fran Masi

**Call for Nominations**

**Betty Mueller Memorial Honor Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Deadline:**
January 30, 2019

This special recognition is given to individuals who, over the years, have given overwhelming dedication and support to the aquarium hobby and to the Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies, Inc.

The rules are as follows:
Any NEC member club or NEC member can nominate up to three persons a year. Each nomination should be accompanied with a short paragraph explaining why you feel this person is qualified. You cannot nominate anyone who already has received this honor. A committee of persons who have received the honor and are still active in the NEC will make the decision. The honor will be presented at the annual NEC Convention banquet.

Please send nominations to Janine Banks
janinebanks@comcast.net
The Aquatic Experience

By Richard Pierce

Four of us went to the Aquatic Experience at the Meadowlands in New Jersey to represent the NBC and other clubs. Leslie was also representing the American Livebearer Association and Cheri was representing the guppy hobby. Not to be left out, Tony and I are wearing our official SNEKA shirts.

Left to Right: Cheri Tenaglia, Leslie Dick, Richard Pierce and Tony Terceira.

We met a lot of people and handed out brochures about Aquarium Societies and the NBC Convention. We also handed out copies of Cichlid News supplied by Laif DeMason. Many visitors didn’t realize there was an aquarium club in their area.

Many of the aquaria set up around the venue had specific themes. People entering the space were greeted with the Jurassic Fish display. Sterlets, Arrowana and Bichirs were featured. Decorations included plastic dinosaur skulls and real fossil ammonites. While it may seem tacky to some, the ancestors of these fish were on Earth long before the dinosaurs and they are still here! With a bit of luck, they will still be here long after we are gone.

Virtually all aspects of the aquarium hobby were on display from fancy goldfish to common and rare aquarium fish. There was something for everyone. We were there from Friday through Sunday and although I walked around a few times, I am sure I missed some things. I also was able to see two talks as well as a presentation by PJJAC on how they are fighting very real legislative threats to our hobby.
The marine hobby was also well represented with spectacular displays. Left Top: A dragon moray eel (*Enchelycore pardalis*) caught mid-yawn. Left Mid: A seahorse (*Hippocampus* sp.). Left Bottom: A juvenile semicircular angel (*Pomacanthus semicirculatus*). Right: Top: A variety of clownfish (*Amphiprion* sp.). Right Mid: A Dogface Puffer (*Arothron nigropunctatus*). Right Bottom: Even jellyfish can now be kept at home in specialized aquaria called kreasels. A moon jelly (*Aurelia* sp.) which can even be bred in captivity.
Cichlid Show

Neolamprologus caueri
Axelssontia baenrae
Lipochromis Marumbi Hunter
Phenocichla placidochromis Mdoka White Lips

Shrimp Show

Shrimp King

Various shrimp species of different colors and sizes.
One of the more impressive displays was the Live Shark Encounter featuring three nurse sharks. This shark aquarium and all its life support equipment was built into a trailer and provided educational and entertaining information on sharks.

In the end, the hobby is supposed to be fun and it is made so by the many great people you meet when you get involved. To the left are the people from Project Piaba at the New England Aquarium and a couple of employees of Easy Aquariums in Gorham, Maine. From left to right are Tori Babson, Kristen DiRusso, Jackie Anderson, Sam Rutka and Scott Dowd.

If you missed the Aquatic Experience this year, all is not lost. They will be back next year.
If you would like to advertise your monthly meetings or special events, please forward the information to Barbara Romeo @ mailto:bromeo1234@optonline.net by the tenth of each month. Be sure to include all pertinent information (location, time, contact person or website for additional information) in your announcement.
### North Jersey Aquarium Society

**2019 Event Calendar**

Our meetings feature a speaker program, door prize, auction of fish-plants-inverts, dry goods sales table, breeder/grower awards, lunch & refreshments!

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**Meeting Place:** Clark Public Library (303 Westfield Ave, Clark, Union Cty, Exit 135 GSP)

**Meeting Time:** 12:30 PM

Schedule subject to change

*NJAS is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 non-profit organization est.*

[www.njass.net](http://www.njass.net)
SWAP MEET

SATURDAY, DEC. 15TH
9AM TO 4PM

The Markets at Eastfield and Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society is excited to announce its first Swap Meet! Local aquarium hobbyists will have live fish available to purchase as well as new and used equipment. It's a great opportunity to meet others in the hobby.

Located in the old Macy's building in the Eastfield Mall
1685 Boston Rd Springfield, MA

To reserve your space contact Jim at jimcormier1@gmail.com
South Jersey Guppy Group
Sunday 12/16/2018
12PM
Panelists:
Mike Tataro, Mike Soda & Dave Polunas
Presents
“Discussion on Fish Foods”
Moderated by Paul Hotz

Griggstown Fire House
1037 Canal Road
Griggstown, NJ 08540
January 3, 2019 @ 7 PM at Churchville Nature Center, Churchville, PA

Gary Jones presents “Understanding fish nutrition and the benefits to your fish”

Learn how fish food is made, ingredients are selected, and how the cooking process changes food profiles. Understand how feeding affects fish health and water quality. Pick up tricks on making your own medicated food to treat fish disease. Learn what happens once you open a container and how to extend the shelf-life. Food is not a mystery if you have the correct science to start.
107 Years of Educating Aquarists

FRIDAY, JAN. 11
Doors open 7:30 pm

THE BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY
presents

Dr. Timothy Hovanec
Modern day approach to aquarium
WATER
CHEMISTRY

fun fact
Dr. Hovanec holds over 13 US and foreign patents!

AUCTION AFTER THE SPEAKER FEATURES:
Marine Fish, Aqua-cultured Corals,
Freshwater Fish, Plants & Dry Goods

At The New York Aquarium, Education Hall, Surf Ave. & West 8th St., Bklyn, NY 11229
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34rd Annual Auction – Winter 2019!

Sunday, January 13, 2019

FISH (All Species), AQUARIUM EQUIPMENT, AND RELATED DRY GOODS AUCTION

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10 Fair Street
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No Pre-Registration: 1 red dot, 1 additional dot per 10 bags, 50/50 split, 60/40 for 6 or more* lots, please label your bags, (see auction rules)

*Acceptable lots will be determined by the auction committee

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AUCTION HOURS:

REGISTRATION.................8:30 AM – 11:15 AM
VIEWING OF GOODS......10:00 AM – 11:15 AM
AUCTION.........................11:30 AM – 5:00 PM
RAFFLE........................................50/50

DAAS INVITES YOU TO ATTEND!
Norwalk Aquarium Society

41st Annual Tropical Fish & Aquarium Equipment Benefit Auction for Earthplace

Sunday, February 10, 2019
Set up and viewing 10:30 AM-11:30 AM
Auction begins around Noon
At
Earthplace-The Nature Discovery Center
10 Woodside Lane, Westport, Connecticut
Auction open to the Public - free of charge
One of the Northeast’s Largest Auctions of Beautiful Tropical Fish & New and Good Used Aquarium Equipment!

For more information visit websites: www.norwalkas.org or www.earthplace.org
Or Call Sal - (203) 984-8626

Directions to the Earthplace Nature Discovery Center
From Merritt Parkway - Wilbur Cross: Exit 41. If coming from New Haven turn right at exit, (if coming from New York, turn left at exit). Proceed on CT Route 33. At first traffic light turn right onto Kings Highway North. Proceed straight and turn right (second town road) onto Woodside Avenue. Woodside Avenue ends at the stop sign and Woodside Lane continues to Earthplace.
From New England Thruway (I-95): From either direction take exit 17 and turn left onto Riverside Avenue (Route 33). Go straight approximately 1 mile to Sylvan Road South (on left - gas station at corner). Turn left onto Sylvan Rd S. Turn right at light (Post Road, Route 1) take first left onto Kings Highway, take left at Woodside Avenue-proceed to end of street. Woodside Lane continues to Earthplace.
From Norwalk or Westport Via Rte 1.: Follow Route 1 to Kings Highway North. Take left onto Woodside Avenue and proceed to end of street. Woodside Avenue ends at the stop sign and Woodside Lane continues to Earthplace.
February 15-17, 2019
New Location: Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD
http://thebigfishdeal.com

SPEAKERS: ERIC HANNEMAN, WILLEM HEIJNS, GREG STEEVES

Friday - February 15, 2019

5:00 PM – 10:00 PM  Aquarium Beautiful Tank Set-Up
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM  Registration Open
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  Select Vendor Set-up
7:30 PM – 7:45 PM  Welcome and Orientation
8:00 PM – 9:00 PM  Talk #1
After talk  Hospitality

Saturday- February 16, 2019

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM  Aquarium Beautiful Tank Touch-Up
8:30 AM  Registration Open
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  Aquarium Beautiful – People’s Choice Voting
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM  Talk #2
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM  Talk #3
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM  Lunch (on your own)/Live Aquascaping
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM  Talk #4
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM  Moderated Panel of Industry Experts
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM  Kids Aquarium Decorating
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM  Talk #5
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM  Awards Ceremony, and Raffle Drawing
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM  Dinner (on your own)
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM  Talk #6
8:00 PM – 8:30 PM  Rare Fish Auction Registration
8:30 PM – 10:30PM  Rare Fish Auction
After the Auction  Hospitality

Sunday- February 17, 2019

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM  Marketplace Vendor Setup
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  Marketplace Registration
10:30 AM – 3:00 PM  Marketplace Open
Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society
Annual Auction
Tropical Fish  Equipment  Dry Goods
Raffles  Plant Silent Auction  Vendors

Sunday February 17, 2019
Moose Lodge
244 Fuller Road, Chicopee, MA 01020

60/40 split for the seller
Auction starts at 11:30 AM
Doors open at 9:00 for viewing and registration
Auction open to the public—free of charge

DIRECTIONS TO THE MOOSE LODGE

From I-91 south: Take Exit 8 to I-291 north, go 3 mile to Exit 6, take a right onto Fuller Road, go straight thru lights and up the hill, Moose Lodge is 1 mile on the right.

From I-90 east or west: Take Exit 5 Chicopee, bear lstep to the right, take a right at the light onto Memorial Drive and stay in right lane, take a right at the Fuller road loop, at the light go straight onto Fuller road. Moose Lodge is 1 mile on the left.

For more information contact: Chuck Pixley  c.pixley16@comcast.net
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SPECIES PROFILES ★ FISHROOM TIPS ★ EXPEDITIONS ★ SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES

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★ TUB POND SYMPOSIUM
★ MANUFACTURER BOOTHS
★ RAFFLES & PRIZES
★ HOSPITALITY SUITE
★ CHEF-PREPARED MEALS
★ INDOOR POOL AND OTHER AMENITIES

buy-sell-browse all weekend!
Fish! Plants! Inverts! Hardscapes! Dry goods!
★ GIANT VENDOR HALL
★ MEGA SUNDAY AUCTION
★ CONSERVATION SILENT AUCTION
★ NEC CLUB SALES “SWAP MEET”
★ FANCY GUPPY AUCTION
★ POND PLANT AUCTION
★ KILLIFISH AUCTION

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SPEAKER PROGRAMS (Friday and Saturday with Slides and/or Video):

Karen Alofs, Ph.D (Michigan): Climate Change and North American Lake Fish Communities
Eric Bodrock (Pennsylvania): 40+ Years of Catfish Breeding
Ken Boorman (Australia / Canada): 1. Australian Rainbowfish and Blue-Eyes 2. Awesome Australian Fishes that are not Rainbows and Blue-Eyes
Ryan Curtis (Illinois): Shrimp Keeping (Friday and Saturday talks)
Rosario Lacorte (New Jersey): A Photo Journey
Book signing following presentation. Purchase on Amazon.com
Hernán López-Fernández, Ph.D (Michigan / Venezuela): From Fossils to Genomes: Building the Tree of Life and the Cichlid Timeline of Evolution in a Modern Museum
Paul Loiselle, Ph.D (New Jersey): 1. Dwarf Cichlids - Cichlid Power in a Small Package 2. ‘Ny Trondro Malagasy!’ (fishes and conservation in Madagascar)
Regina Spotti (Pennsylvania): Characins - Spawning & Keeping Challenging Species
Alof & López-Fernández (Michigan): Exploring and Conserving the Fishes of the Guiana Shield
Bodrock & Spotti (Pennsylvania): He Said, She Said! (Banquet Program)
Eric & Regina have been together for over 15 years and share an intense interest in the hobby. But that doesn’t always mean there is a balanced harmony in their fish-filled house! Together they will reveal some the funniest and most interesting stories of their “fishy life” together under one roof!

BRING THIS FLYER TO THE CONVENTION TO ENTER TO WIN A SPECIAL RAFFLE PRIZE!

SYMPOSIA AND PANELS (Friday Night through Saturday):
“Legends of the Spawn” Panel: speakers and well-known NEC breeders answer your fishroom questions
Open NEC General Lunchtime Meeting: roundtable discussion with NEC Officers on club issues
New England Fancy Guppy Association panel of top breeders
Northeast Fish Tub & Water Garden Study Group: symposia with panel, fish and plant list, and more!

PLUS: CICHLID SHOW, GUPPY SHOW, NANO TANK CONTEST, PHOTO CONTEST, VENDORS,
Who is your guppy’s daddy?  
(you should know...mom too)

Show off your guppies at the convention this year!  
We have a class that your beautiful guppies can be entered.  
But the rules state that:  
All entries must be born and raised in the exhibitor’s tanks.

So it’s time to pick your breeders!

New England Fancy Guppy Association  
will be hosting a guppy show at  
the 44th annual NEC Convention  
April 12- 14, 2019

Classes for the Guppy Show at the NEC Convention

1. Solid Color Deltas (Blue, Green, Purple)
2. Solid Color Deltas (Red, Yellow, Black, Pastel)
3. Half Black Deltas
4. Albino Deltas
5. Any Other Color Deltas (Bi-color, Multis, Snakeskin, Bronze, etc...)
6. Swordtails & Veil tail
7. Females - Open
8. Novice - Open Female
9. Novice - Open IFGA Male (Delta tails, Swordtails, Veil tails)
10. Novice - Any Other Shape - Male (Widetail, Roundtail, etc...)

Rules are available here:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1P5nm0u_csEBUrbGhmvTpHdTckgfVj6ncolFc0WN7BMc/edit?usp=sharing
THE TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON

Celebrates 30 Years!

PLEASE JOIN US

June 7-9, 2019

Holiday Inn, South Burlington, VT

GREAT SEMINARS and SPEAKERS

- Hans Georg Evers
- Steve Lundblad
- More to come

ALSO INCLUDES: Tour of Vermont Microbreweries, Dinner Cruise on Lake Champlain, Friday Night Social Pizza party, PLUS Sunday Auction, Raffles, Vendors, and so much more!

We hope you will come celebrate this milestone with us!

For more information, please visit www.tfcb.org
Holy Grail Cichlids: The Search Continues
2019 ACA Convention
July 18-22
Cromwell, Connecticut
Red Lion Hotel Cromwell
Hosted by the New England Cichlid Association
2018-19 Club Meetings

Please note that all NEC clubs are listed on the NEC website’s homepage, and have a link to each of the local club’s websites if you need additional information for any of the club meeting

December 2018

Dec 13
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington (TFCB)
Holiday Meeting/ Party

Dec 16
South Jersey Guppy Group (SJGG)
Mike Tataro, Mike Soda & Dave Polunas
“Discussion on Fish Foods”
More info: http://www.south-jersey-guppy-group.com

Dec 17
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Annual Christmas Party & Yankee Swap
More info: http://www.bostonaquariumsociety.org/

Dec 18
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Holiday Party / Yankee Swap
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/upcoming-events-2/

Dec 19
Central New York Aquarium Society (CNYAS)
Holiday Party
More info: https://cnyas.org
January 2019

Dec 28
Danbury Area Aquarium Society (DAAS)
Holiday Party
More info: http://northeastcouncil.org/daas-home-page

Jan 4
Bucks County Aquarium Society (BCAS)
Gary Jones
“Understanding Fish Nutrition”
More info: https://www.facebook.com/events/1161268620689534/

Jan 11
Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY)
Dr. Timothy Hovanec
“Modern Day Approach to Aquarium Water Chemistry”
More info: http://www.basny.org/events

Jan 14
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society (JSAS)
Rutgers Fisheries Department
More info: http://www.jerseyshoreas.org

Jan 17
Norwalk Aquarium Society (NAS)
Home Show
More info: http://www.norwalkas.org/xoops/

Jan 18
Long Island Aquarium Society (LAAS)
Getting to Know You &
Joe Ferdenzi Presentation
More info: http://www.liasonline.org
Jan 19
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Paul Loiselle
“Aquarists & Conservation”
More info: http://www.njas.net

Jan 21
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Les Kaufman
“Marine Program”
More info: http://www.bostonaquariumsociety.org/

Jan 27
New England Fancy Guppy Association (NEFGA)
IFGA Half Black’s Ins & Outs
“Marine Program”
More info: mailto:guppyheaven@gmail.com
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