Next NEC Event: First Quarter NEC General Meeting  
Sunday, February 28th @ Noon – Conference Call  
Phone: (712) 432-0385, Access Code: 863965#

2016 CALENDAR

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*General NEC meetings are held at NOON and BOG meetings are held at 7:30 PM (unless otherwise noted).  
(F2F)= Face to Face  
(CC) – Conference Call

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.
Hello Everyone,

I know it's cold,,, but bundle up and get out to the club meetings, auctions, and events. As I've always said this hobby is participatory in nature and it's about the people first and the fish second....

I would like to welcome LIKA as the newest member of the NEC,,, we will have their information in the newsletter and on the website shortly...

There are three club auctions coming up: PVAS, TFSRI, & GHAS. I will be auctioning at these auctions, hope to see you there. Please check the NEC calendar for the details. GHAS is canvassing for members and they are trying to “jump-start” the club again,,, let's get out and support them!!!

**Clubs:** Please ensure that Barb Romeo gets the updates for the contact list if your club has held elections. Please check the NEC calendar for upcoming shows/auctions and make sure to send Barb Romeo information/fliers on your club events. Don't forget to get out there and support our sister clubs, you'll have a great time doing it....

**Betty Mueller Honor:** I want to thank those that took the time out and sent me nominations,,, they will be going out to the judges shortly. Start thinking now for next year’s nominations...

**NEC meeting dates for 2016:**

**General: (Start Time: 12 noon unless otherwise stated)**

1Q – February 28 CC
2Q – June 5 CC
BOG: (Start Time: 7:30pm unless otherwise stated)

2Q - April 27 CC
3Q - August 20 F2F (tentative), Location TBA
4Q - November 23 CC

Events:

2Q16: April 8 - 10, 2016 - NEC 60th Anniversary Convention at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel in Rocky Hill CT

3Q16: August 21, 2016 (Tentative) Annual Auction, Location TBA...

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

Note: the above dates may change if conflicts are encountered; meeting confirmation and information will be published in the newsletter President’s message.

The next NEC Board Meeting will be held on April 20 27, 2016. This meeting will be a conference call. Details will be sent prior to the meeting.

The next NEC General Meeting will be held on February 28, 2016. This meeting will be a conference call. Details will be sent prior to the meeting.

Items to Remember:

1. Send your club contact updates to Barbara Romeo at bromeo1234@optonline.net
2. Newsletter events to Barbara Romeo at bromeo1234@optonline.net
3. Website news & events to Barbara Romeo at bromeo1234@optonline.net
4. Speaker list updates to Linda Giza at lindag413@gmail.com

Please feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions; it's best to contact me by email at president@northeastcouncil.org, you can also call me at 1-845-896-4793.

Joe Masi
NEC President
02/15/16
**NEC Convention Update**

**Convention Venue:** The convention is being held for our second year at the Sheraton Hartford South in Rocky Hill, CT from April 8-10, 2016. We are celebrating our 60th year of service to the aquarium hobby! The 60th anniversary color is diamond white.

The color scheme for the Saturday night banquet is black and attire. Join the fun and dress in black and white at the banquet!

![Black and white clothing images]

**Breaking News! NECA Cichlid Show** - NECA will be hosting a cichlid show at our convention. There will be 4 classes – North/Central America - South America - Africa Rift Lake - Africa Non-Rift Lake, Madagascar, and Asia. The show is limited to 36 entries, $4 per entry. Entry fees are payable in our online registration at: [http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/component/hikashop/product/listing](http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/component/hikashop/product/listing).

NECA will provide 10 and 20 gallon tanks, you may bring larger tanks - you must contact Jim Cormier to arrange for these tanks. E-mail your entries and tank requirements to Jim Cormier at [Jimcormier1@gmail.com](mailto:Jimcormier1@gmail.com).

You must be registered for the convention to enter the show! **Deadline for entry is March 18, 2016.**
More Breaking News! **NEC Member Club Ads** - Join us as we celebrate our 60th anniversary of service to the aquarium hobby with a full-page ad in our convention booklet. Each NEC member club may make a donation to upgrade their half-page ad to a full page in the booklet. Go to the Convention Registration Cart and click on the "Member Club Full Page Ad" icon to donate. **Hurry, the deadline for inclusion in the booklet is March 1, 2016.**

**Hotel:** You can now book your hotel room at the Sheraton Hartford South. The online link for reserving your room is [https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/Aquarium](https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/Aquarium). You can also call the hotel at 888-627-8263 and mention the Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies 2016 Convention to receive the convention room rate of $102/night (plus tax). The menus for the Friday buffet, the Saturday breakfast buffet and the Saturday banquet buffet are now online at [http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convmeals](http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convmeals).

**Convention Video** – Rock out with our 60th Anniversary convention YouTube video at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xkwKH6XE6o&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xkwKH6XE6o&feature=youtu.be) Thanks to our very talented PT Barnum AKA Ted Coletti for his expertise in creating this video!

**Convention Flyer:** Advertising Chairman Ted Coletti has created a new stunning flyer, which is attached to this newsletter. I don’t think we can fit anything more on our flyer – the convention is shaping up to be one of our best conventions yet! Please print and share with your fellow hobbyists and club members.

**Speakers:** I am very pleased to welcome Joe Ferdenzi, Ian Harrison, Ph.D, Lawrence Kent, Dr. Paul Loiselle, Steve Lundblad, John Lyons, and Stephan Tanner as speakers at our convention! The speakers’ bios can be found at [http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convention-speakers](http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convention-speakers)
Speaker Presentations: Titles have been confirmed with our speakers! The schedule has been added to our website. To view it, please go to http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/schedule.

Friday, April 8, 2016

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<td>John Lyons, Ph.D. – “Conserving endangered Mexican Goodeid livebearers: the critical role of the aquarium hobbyist” <em>(Salon I)</em></td>
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NEW 10 – 11 pm SNEKA meeting and auction (Salon I) *
11 pm Hospitality Room open – Connecticut Suite – Second Floor

Sunday, April 10, 2016

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<td>Viewing of Auction Lots <em>(Grand Ballroom)</em></td>
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Due to circumstances beyond our control, speakers, schedules, and events may be subject to change. *Specialty club meetings (NECA, NELA, SNEKA, and the Northeast Tubbers & Water Garden symposium group) are open to all registered convention attendees.

Hospitality Room Sponsor: Our hospitality room sponsor this year is Hagan/Fuval! Join us on Friday and Saturday nights for fun, prizes, and perhaps even music!

Registration: As a benefit of NEC membership, all member clubs are eligible for one complimentary basic convention registration for attending at least three NEC General meetings. This year, there are 15 clubs that will be receiving one of these registrations! Congratulations to BAS, BASNY, DAAS, JSAS, KOI, LIAS, NAS, NCAS, NHAS, NELA, OVAS, PVWG&KC, SNEKA, TFCB, and TFRSI.
The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island presents
TFSRI's split is $3 per bag sold, all the
rest goes to the vendor.
No limit on the number of lots submitted. All
lots must be live, plants or aquarium-related items. See rules for complete details.
Preregister by March 11th and get a red dot
sticker to bump one bag to the start of the auc-
tion.
All lots open at $3. Lots not selling for the
minimum bid of $3 are returned to the seller.
Lots selling for only $3 are considered dona-
tions to TFSRI.
Vendor Fee: $2
Bidder Card: $2 (Waived for Vendors)
Bump any lot $2        Rebagging fee: $2
The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island
meets on the third Wednesday of each month
(except December) at 7:30 PM. Meetings
are free and all are welcome to attend. Go to
www.tfsri.net for meeting location
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!
Doors will be open at 10:00 AM.
The auction starts promptly at 12:00 PM
Free Admission! All are welcome!
Visit www.tfsri.net for
complete rules and auction forms.
St. Joseph's Parish Center
1303 Mendon Road (Rte. 122)
Cumberland, RI
DIRECTIONS TO THE AUCTION:
Route 295 to Route 122, (exit 10). Take a left
off the ramp, proceed past the Burger King
on your left and Route 116 on your right.
Continue on route 122 for approximately one
mile. St. Joseph's church will be on your left.
Turn left into the driveway immediately before
the church, and follow the driveway around
the rear of the church and proceed to the top
of the hill. The Parish center will be on your
right.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Al Wagonblott   401-619-7805
mr_wiggles_sr@hotmail.com
or visit us on the web at:
www.tfsri.net
These registration forms have been sent out by e-mail to club presidents. These registrations
may be raffled off at a club meeting, given to a deserving member, member names pulled from
a hat – the choice is yours. Please return the completed forms to me at
ConventionChair@northeastcouncil.org as soon as possible.
Online registration is open! Register during the early
registration time period to receive the early registration
discount! If you prefer to register by check, e-mail me for the
printable registration form.
Club Presidents: Please review your club’s half-page ads, and update them as needed for
inclusion in this year’s convention booklet. Please send the updated ads to me as soon as
possible to ConventionChair@northeastcouncil.org. If I don’t hear from you, ads from last
year will be used in this year’s booklet.
Specialty Club meetings: More specialty clubs are meeting at the convention! Not only are
NELA and NECA meeting at our convention, they are now joined by SNEKA and a newly-
formed group, the Northeast Fish Tubbers & Water Gardeners! SNEKA will hold a meeting
with a killie auction, and The NEFT&WG will hold a short round robin meeting with an
auction. Every convention attendee is welcome to attend these meetings.
Vendors/Sponsors/Donors: If you would like to be a vendor, or sponsor, or contribute donations for our convention, or if you’d like to see a specific vendor, please let us know. This is YOUR convention and we look forward to making this convention the best ever! Nancy Villars/Hallgring is our Vendor Room Chairman and can be reached at NECconvention@aol.com. Barbara Romeo is our Sponsor/Donor Chairman and can be reached at bromeo1234@optonline.net.

We have 3 confirmed vendors! Please welcome back Your Fish Stuff, Frank’s Aquarium and South Central Cichlids to our vendor room.

Exhibitors: Amazonas and TFH magazines will be represented at our convention. Look for ads promoting the convention in both magazines’ Mar/Apr 2016 issues. Thanks to both magazines for their continued dedication to the NEC and the aquatic hobby! (Editor’s note: Please see special TFH magazine special offer on the NEC convention website and in this newsletter) We also welcome back exhibitors ZooMed and Cobalt.
Natures Talk Show [http://www.blogtalkradio.com/naturestalkshow](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/naturestalkshow), an up and coming radio show, will be at our convention! This is the first time that the show’s host and owners will be in person at any event, and the NEC is honored that they chose our 60th anniversary to be present. The show will be promoting the convention as part of every show and will be live streaming via YouTube from our Vendor room. Owners Tom Latsounas, Mary Fetters, and Radio Show Host Ken Boorman and wife Lisa will be attending. Lisa's Lair Bookstore [www.lisaslairbookstore.com](http://www.lisaslairbookstore.com) will be present, with rare books for sale. Stay tuned for more information!

**IGEES-Sanctioned Guppy Show:** We are very pleased to announce that we will be hosting an IGEES Guppy Show again this year! Bill Gill will be organizing this show; you can contact him at [bostonbreeder@bostonguppyclub.com](mailto:bostonbreeder@bostonguppyclub.com). Last year, there were some truly beautiful pairs of guppies in the show, and were offered for sale at our Sunday auction. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.

**Conservation:** Our two James J. White Memorial Conservation recipients this year are The Congo Project (freshwater) and The Nature Conservancy (saltwater). Donations to these deserving organizations can be made online during convention registration and by bidding on the silent auction during the convention. Please visit our conservation page at [http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/conserve](http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/conserve) for more information.
**Articles Competition:** Awards for winning articles will be presented at the Saturday breakfast and the articles will be displayed in the vendor room following the awards ceremony.

**Photo Contest:** Photos for competition should be submitted to Chairman Richard Pierce by e-mail. For more information, please go to [http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/photocomp](http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/photocomp). There will be a judges critique session on Friday night open to all attendees. Winning photographers will be awarded during our Saturday breakfast and all the photos will be displayed in digital photo frames in the vendor room later in the day.

**Exhibitor Competition:** If your club held a fish show this year, please make sure to submit your information to Chairman Bill Gill at your earliest convenience. For more information, please go to [http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/exhibmenu](http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/exhibmenu). Award for high point clubs and exhibitors of fish during the show season will be awarded during our Saturday breakfast award ceremony.

**Breeder Participation Program (BPP):** Thank you to all clubs who submitted BPP numbers! Awards will be given during our Saturday morning breakfast.
Facebook: The NEC has a Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/Northeast-Council-of-Aquarium-Societies-243913172321/timeline/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Website: New content will be added to our website so stay tuned for more updates! http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convention

The 60th Anniversary celebration of the NEC is barely over a month away and it will be here before we know it! Have you registered for the convention? Have you made your hotel reservations? Are you getting excited yet? I certainly am!

Leslie

Our Convention Shirt is Now Available For Purchase

T-Shirt: $20 / Golf Shirt: $29

Short-sleeved black shirt with the embroidered White 60th Anniversary NEC logo on the front left.

These prices are available only until Midnight March 24th, 2016

Go to: http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convention
Sponsor a Convention Speaker!

Your name will be highlighted on the Speaker page on our website and on the speaker's bio page in the convention booklet.

Deadline for inclusion in the booklet is March 15, 2016.

No deadline for inclusion on our website.

Dr. Paul Loiselle

Steve Lundblad

John Lyons

Stephan Tanner

Joseph Ferdenzi

Ian Harrison, Ph.D.

Lawrence Kent & Family

See the NEC Convention Video on YouTube at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xkwKH6XE6o&feature=youtu.be

NEC AQUARIUM CONVENTION: APRIL 8-10
Rocky Hill, CT
For over 40 years aquarium hobbyists from around the world have attended the annual all-species all-hobbyist NEC Convention for all the features it jam packs into one weekend, and the friendly atmosphere it serves up. Hope you can consider joining us to celebrate 60 Years serving the hobby in what is turning out to be the BIGGEST NEC Con in many years! ALL ARE WELCOME. The NEC is an all-volunteer 501c3 non-profit organization.

NEC NECA CICHLID SHOW!

CONTACT US TO ENTER YOUR FISH!

APRIL 8-10 ROCKY HILL, CT www.northeastcouncil.org
ROOM SALES AT THE NEC CONVENTION!

For the 2nd year, there will be ROOM SALES during the convention! If you are a member of an NEC member club, and would like to be a room sale vendor, please contact chairman Jim Cormier by e-mail or on his Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/jim.cormier.12
TFH Special Offer

TFH is offering 3 free issues with a paid subscription of 6 issues

No expiration date

Go to the NEC Convention Website to take advantage of this generous offer

NEC Convention Website: http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convvendroom

NEW!

Buy 6 issues, get 3 free!

Promo Code: VIP
The Long Island Killifish Association (LIKA) became an official NEC member on January 27, 2016. LIKA is the 29th official member club within the NEC.

The Long Island Killifish Association (LIKA) was founded in 1972, and presently has an active membership of 30. The club meets the second Friday of each month at members’ homes. The officers are:

President: Dan Katz
Vice President: Mark Soberman
Secretary: Michael McNamee
Treasurer: Warren Feuer

Call for more…

Local Fish Store Information to be entered into a “Local Fish Store Directory”

Information Requested:
• Shop Name, Owner’s Name, Full Address, Phone,
• Website and/or social media (e.g., Facebook page) addresses,
• Store Hours, Approx. number of tanks or gallons, current stock,
• Other information such as specialty items/ordering, hard to find fish, other types of pets for sale, any discounts offered &/or is a club sponsor.

Who can submit: NEC delegate, alternate delegate or NEC member club president
Submit to: Barbara Romeo at bromeo1234@optonline.net
IGEES Guppy & Endler Show
NEC Convention 2016
April 8th – 10th
Harford Sheraton South, Rocky Hill CT

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No Entry Fee - All entries will be auctioned off in the general auction on Sunday with 50% going to the exhibitor 25% to the NEC and 25% to BGC. (Donated entries are most appreciated.)

Exhibitors are welcome to show fish that they have not bred themselves as long as the breeder is given credit. All entries by members of NEC clubs eligible for the NEC Exhibitors Competition.

Entries should be shipped to:
Bill Gill (Bostonbreeder@BostonGuppyClub.com)
435 Anderson Road
Sebago, ME

* Note all entries will remain un-opened until benching in CT on April 8th.
NEC 60th Anniversary by David Banks

As part of the NEC history display celebrating the 60th NEC anniversary at the Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies annual convention April 8-10, we will have a 50 gallon Metaframe stainless steel tank, with full deluxe stainless steel hood, and Metaframe stand. This tank setup will be auctioned off as part of the Sunday Auction at the convention.

Come check out what was considered new cutting edge 60 years ago. Notice the tank still has paper Metaframe label! More of the tank photos on the following page and on Facebook.
If you would like to advertise your monthly meetings or special events, please forward the information to Barbara Romeo 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.
Friday Feb. 19, 2016

February Fish Jeopardy!

We're breaking from our usual routine this month. Instead of having a speaker, we'll be playing February Fish Jeopardy. We'll split into teams and challenge our fish-keeping knowledge in a game patterned on the famous TV show. There will be prizes and it should be lots of fun! So don't miss this special meeting on Friday, Feb. 19. Test your knowledge and win prizes. The meeting starts at 8:00 p.m.

Note: We'll also have our normal raffle and auction.

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 club requesting the program is responsible for actual shipping charges in both directions.

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, 2015 NEC Newsletter
Bird-in-Hand Fire Company
313 Enterprise Drive
Bird In Hand, Pennsylvania 17505

“King of the Monsters”
By Kevin J. Carr and

"Keeping Apistogramma & Blackwater Tanks”
by William “Chance” Peragine

Kevin J. Carr will talk about some of the biggest Central and South American cichlids. Then stick around to hear William speak on the smaller side of the cichlid world: Apistogramma.

William is 30 years old and has been keeping fish around 25 years. He has kept and bred saltwater fish, many cichlid species, and many common freshwater species. William re-entered the freshwater side of the hobby around 3-4 years ago at which point he discovered the beauty of Apistogramma and fell in love with them. He currently also keeps several other dwarf cichlid species.

This talk focuses on the Apistogramma, their habitat, and William’s personal preferences on keeping them.

He also takes a look at blackwater tanks, and how they can be equally as rewarding as planted aquariums and how a hybrid tank is achieved.
Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society

Annual Auction

Tropical Fish  Equipment  Dry Goods  Raffles  Plant Silent Auction  Vendors

Sunday February 21, 2016
Knights of Columbus Hall
460 Granby Road, Chicopee, MA 01013
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 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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 the hill, Knights of Columbus Hall is 1 mile on the left.

From I-90 east or west: Take Exit 5 Chicopee, bear left after toll booth, take a right onto Montgomery Street and stay in left lane, take a left at lights onto Granby Road, Knights of Columbus Hall is 1 1/4 mile on the right.

For more information contact:  
Jim Cormier  jimcormier1@gmail.com  
Jacob Guinaso  jguinaso@pvas.net  
Christina Guinaso  cguinaso@pvas.net
Next Meeting
Friday - 2/26/2016
7:30 PM

Guy Van Rossum

At Laura Sprain
Memorial Cornerstone Park
1 Fair Street,
Carmel, NY 10512

PLEASE PARK IN THE REAR
OF THE BUILDING & WALK
AROUND TO THE FRONT
ENTRANCE

All Are Welcomed!

Presents

“A Fish Keeper Goes to
Australia and Moorea”
TROPICAL FISH CLUB
OF BURLINGTON

Justin Credabel
Marine and Reef Hot Topics!

And Frag Swap

Saturday
March 12
1 PM

Holiday Inn
Williston Rd
S. Burlington

For more information
David & Janine  372-8716  dbanks@together.net
Ann Whitman  434-3294  awhitman@madriver.com
Brian Candib  864-0746  BCandib@comcast.net

www.tfcb.org
The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island presents

Triple Crown Fish Auction
Saturday, March 19, 2016

St. Joseph’s Parish Center
1303 Mendon Road (Rte. 122)
Cumberland, RI

Free Admission! All are welcome!

NEC President Joe Masi will be our auctioneer.

Doors will be open at 9:00 AM.
The auction starts promptly at 12:00 PM

DIRECTIONS TO THE AUCTION:
Route 295 to Route 122, (exit 10). Take a left off the ramp, proceed past the Burger King on your left and Route 116 on your right. Continue on route 122 for approximately one mile. St. Joseph’s church will be on your left. Turn left into the driveway immediately before the church, and follow the driveway around the rear of the church and proceed to the top of the hill. The Parish center will be on your right.

The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Meetings are free and all are welcome to attend. Visit www.tfsri.net for meeting location.

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!

TFSRI’s split is $3 per bag sold, all the rest goes to the vendor.

No limit on the number of lots submitted. All lots must be live fish, plants or aquarium-related items. See rules for complete details.

Preregister by March 14th and get a red dot sticker to bump one bag to the start of the auction.

All lots open at $3. Lots not selling for the minimum bid of $3 are returned to the seller. Lots selling for only $3 are considered donations to TFSRI.

Vendor Fee: $2
Bidder Card: $2 (Waived for Vendors)
Bump any lot $2 Rebagging fee: $2

Visit www.tfsri.net for complete rules and auction forms.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Rick Burt: rickburt45@yahoo.com
or visit us on the web at: www.tfsri.net
TFSRI Auction Rules

1. *Live fish and aquatic invertebrates, aquatic plants and aquarium related material only!* Each participant may bring as many lots as they like. There is a limit of 3 lots per species.

2. No animals or plants restricted or deemed illegal by the Rhode Island or Federal Governments will be accepted. No deformed fish will be accepted including “Bloody Parrot Cichlids” and any “ballon” fish. No hybrids except for Flowerhorn Cichlids and domestic livebearer strains are accepted.

3. All fish lots must be properly double-bagged – A fee of $2.00 will be charged for lots not double-bagged, leaking or otherwise requiring rebagging. Seller must mark each bag for species, pairs, male/females etc. Unidentifiable lots will be returned to the seller.

4. Dry goods must be in new or like-new condition. No used aquarium gravel. No light bulbs in any condition. The auctioneer may refuse any lot deemed to be unsuitable.

5. Lots not selling for the minimum bid of $3 are returned to the seller. Seller’s proceeds may be collected after all of a seller’s lots have sold. If the seller leaves before all lots are sold, the seller’s proceeds will be mailed to the address provided by the seller.

6. The seller must pick up any lots that fail to sell. Any items left will become the property of TFSRI.

7. All bidders must register at the auction table for a bidder number. Bidder numbers are available for $2.00 each. – Vendor registration includes a free bidder number.

8. Bidders must pay for all purchases before leaving the auction. Payment must be by cash or check with a valid driver’s license. Credit cards are NOT accepted.

9. The registrar and auctioneers have the right to refuse any lot due to size, defects, sickness, inadequate bagging or any other disqualifying reason.

10. To pre-register for the auction e-mail your name, address & phone number to Rick Burt: rickburt45@yahoo.com. If online registration is available use www.tfsri.org. Pre-registration deadline is the Monday before the auction. Pre-registrants will receive a "red-dot" sticker to place on one bag, which will be auctioned before all other lots.

11. After the “red-dot” items are sold, the 10 table system will be used. The order of the tables will be determined by random draw. Lots may be bumped to the start of the line any time after the red-dot lots are sold for a $2 per lot fee.

12. All bidders and sellers must completely fill out a vendor form. Vendor forms are obtainable at our website www.tfsri.net, at a meeting, by e-mail request, or at the auction.

13. All vendor forms and lots to be sold must be received at the registration table before 12 Noon on the day of the auction. Late arrivals may be accepted at the discretion of auction staff.

14. TFSRI and the auctioneer will do their best to assure that all items at the auction are what they claim to be, but it is the bidder’s responsibility to assure that the item is what you intend to bid on. Unless the item was misrepresented by the auctioneer, all purchases are final. You are responsible for assuring the lot is what you want BEFORE you bid.

15. Unless a reserve price is set by the seller, the opening bid amount is $3.00. The auctioneer may open at a higher price for items expected to sell at higher prices. If a lot sells for only $3.00, it is considered to be a donation to TFSRI.

16. The auctioneer has the FINAL WORD on all bids.
Call for …..

Listings for “Wants to Buy, Sell &/or Trade” in the NEC Newsletter

Rules & Disclaimer: If you would like to advertise a Swap Shop listing please forward information to Barbara Romeo at bromeo1234@optonline.net by the tenth of each month. Be sure to include all pertinent information in your announcement. NEC reserves the right to deny a listing for any reason. Users of the Swap Shop should understand that they do so AT THEIR OWN RISK. Both parties understand and agree to complete the transaction independently of the NEC. The NEC is in no way responsible for any portion of these transactions and cannot be held in any way liable for any loss incurred by either party in the transaction. Furthermore, participation in the Swap Shop serves as acceptance of these rules.

THE JERSEY SHORE AQUARIUM SOCIETY presents its
Spring 2016 Tropical Fish and Dry Goods Auction!
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016

Featuring rare and exotic tropical fish, a wide selection of aquatic plants, with free goodies and door prizes all day long! Snacks and refreshments will be available. Open to public - free admission.

To be held at the
South Wall Fire Rescue Company
2605 Atlantic Avenue, Manasquan, NJ 08736

For more information:
e-mail Russ White at rwhite8@optonline.net,
call (732) 928-2838, visit www.jerseyshoreas.org, or
LIKE on facebook.com/jerseyshoreas
NORTH JERSEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY
GIANT SPRING
TROPICAL FISH AUCTION
DAYS HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
185 ROUTE 18, TURNPIKE EXIT 9...EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 732-828-6900
SUNDAY ... APRIL 3, 2016
KEEP UP WITH REGISTERED FISH AND PLANTS OR PROVIDE YOUR WISH LIST ON OUR FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE
AUCTION STARTS 12 NOON
VIEWING 11:30 REGISTER 9:30
njas.net for pre-registration

LARGEST TROPICAL FISH AUCTION IN NEW JERSEY
NorthEast Council of Aquarium Societies
41st Annual Convention

Celebrating 60 YEARS of the NEC!

AN ALL-SPECIES EDUCATIONAL & SOCIAL WEEKEND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

ALL-DAY SUNDAY AUCTION!
Hundreds of fish, inverts, plants, & dry goods!

WEEKEND-LONG SILENT AUCTIONS!
Benefiting James White Memorial Conservation Fund

ROOM SALE FLOOR: Hobbyist-bred livestock!

VENDOR & MANUFACTURER HALL:
livestock, plants, equipment, & hardscape!

“NATURES TALK SHOW” LIVE PODCASTING!

BOSTON A.S. 100th ANNIV. HISTORY DISPLAY!

AQUARIUM PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION!

FRI-SAT NIGHT FLUVAL HOSPITALITY ROOM!

3-COURSE GOURMET BUFFET MEAL OPTIONS!

14+ SPEAKER PROGRAMS!

JOE FERDENZI (NY)  DR. IAN HARRISON (NY)
LAWRENCE KENT (WA)  DR. PAUL LOISELLE (NJ)
STEVE LUNDBLAD (OR)  DR. JOHN LYONS (WI)
STEPHAN TANNER (MN)  details on our website!

4 SPECIALTY CLUB MEETINGS!
Open to all registered attendees

NORTH EAST LIVEBEARER ASSOC.
Guest Speaker: Bill Gill (ME)

NEW ENGLAND CICHLID ASSOCIATION
Guest Speaker: Lawrence Kent (WA)

NORTH EAST FISH TUBBERS & WATER GARDENERS
Moderator: Ted Coletti (NJ) + pond plant auction!

S. NEW ENGLAND KILLIFISH ASSOC.: Auction!

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Dinosaur State Park,
Mark Twain House, Wadsworth Art Museum!

REGISTER & SCHEDULE INFORMATION:
www.northeastcouncil.org

CELEBRATE THE NEC DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY: 60 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HOBBY!

APRIL 8–10, 2016
Rocky Hill, CT
The Northeast Livebearer Association (NELA) & Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies (NEC) Presents

Bill Gill

“The New Guppy Group”

Saturday, April 9, 2016
@ 3 PM
at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel
100 Capital Blvd, Rocky Hill, CT

Mini auction will be held after the meeting.

For more information, please see our website at
http://northeastcouncil.org/nela/ or
http://www.convention.northeastcouncil.org
Saturday, April 30th at 11:00am
Transfiguration Church
740 Teal Ave, Syracuse, NY 13206
Registration will begin at 10:00 to 11:00am
Additional information:
Pre-registration is required for sellers
Buyers register at the auction
*CASH ONLY*
Unless you are a CNYAS member
For further instructions & directions:
Call: (315)-454-4792
e-mail: CNYASpres@gmail.com
Or visit our website at:
www.cnyas.org
Greater Hartford Aquarium Society

Tropical Fish & Aquarium Equipment Auction

Vendors $1 a bag with 75/25 split after first $1 No pre-registration required.

Featuring Joe’s kitchen

Date: Sunday, May 15 2016
Set up and viewing 10:00 am 11:30am Auction begins around Noon

Located at The Polish-American Club 9 1st St Windsor Locks, Connecticut 06096 1st floor
Open to the Public – free of charge
For more information and vendor forms visit www.qhasct.org

DIRECTIONS

From North on I-91.

Take exit 45 toward CT-140/Warehouse Pk/Ellington. Turn left onto Bridge St (CT-140). Turn left and then enter the I-91 S highway toward Hartford. Take exit 42 toward CT-159/Windsor Locks. Turn left onto S Main St (CT-159). Turn left onto South St. Turn right onto 1st St. Arrive at 1st St. Your destination is on the left.

From South on I-91

Take exit 40 toward Bradley International Airport onto CT-20 (Bradley Field Conn). Take the exit toward Old County Rd/Kennedy Rd. Turn left onto Old County Rd. Turn left and then enter the CT-20 (Bradley Field Conn) highway toward Springfield/Hartford. Keep left toward I-91 N/Springfield. Enter the I-91 highway. Take exit 42 toward Windsor Locks. Turn left onto Lawncare Rd. Continue on S Main St (CT-159). Turn left onto South St. Turn right onto 1st St. Arrive at 1st St. Your destination is on the left.
2016 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 meetings.

February, 2016

February 17
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Member Appreciation Night-Dinner & Raffle
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/

February 18
Norwalk Aquarium Society (NAS)
Eric Schultz from UCONN
“Conservation of Fishes”
More info: http://www.norwalkas.org/

February 18
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Stephen Tanner
“Let’s breed them before they vanish”, a Pleco talk”
More info: http://www.njas.net

February 19
Long Island Aquarium Society (LIAS)
“February Fish Jeopardy”
More info: http://www.liasonline.org

February 26
Danbury Area Aquarium Society (DAAS)
Guy Van Rossum
“A Fish Keeper Goes to Australia and Moorea”
More info: https://www.facebook.com/DanburyAreaAquariumSociety/?ref=hl
February 27
Cichlid Club of York (CCY) and
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County (ACLC)
Kevin J. Carr
“King of the Monsters” and
William “Chance” Peragine
“Keeping Apistogramma & Blackwater Tanks”
More info: http://www.aclcpa.org &
https://www.facebook.com/events/835544406591846/

March

March 2
Greater City Aquarium Society (GCAS)
Matthew Wickey (from Tetra/Spectrum Brands)
“Fish Nutrition”
More info: http://www.greatercity.org

March 11
Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY)
Sal Silvestri
“Breeding and Maintaining Dwarf Cichlids”
More info: http://www.basny.org

March 12
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington (TFCB)
Justin Credabel
“Reef and Marine Hot Topics”
More info: http://www.tfcb.org

March 16
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Rich Pierce
“This Is the Golden Age of Aquarium Fish”
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/

March 21
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Peter F. George
Ctenopoma (African Gouramis)
More info: http://www.bostonaquariumsociety.org
April, 2016

April 6
Greater City Aquarium Society (GCAS)
Thomas Keegan
“Ponds”
More info: http://www.greatercity.org

April 8
Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY)
Rich Pierce
“Seahorses, Pipe fish, Sea Dragons”
More info: http://www.basny.org

April 9
Northeast Livebearer Association (NELA)
Bill Gill
“The New Guppy Group”
More info:
http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convention

April 9
New England Cichlid Association (NECA) & NEC
Lawrence Kent
“Seeking Cichlids in East Africa: Looking Beyond the Big Three Rift Lakes”
More info:
http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/convention

April 20
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Toni Pinto
“Collecting in French Guyana”
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/
April 21
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Ted Coletti
“Montezumae Swordtails: 3 Centuries of Scams & Strains”
More info: http://www.njas.net

May, 2016

May 4
Greater City Aquarium Society (GCAS)
Tom Allison
“Zoo Med Laboratories, Inc”
More info: http://www.greatercity.org

May 12
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington (TFCB)
Ann Whitman
“Outdoor Tubs”
More info: http://www.tfcb.org

May 18
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Mark Soberman
“Catfish”
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/

May 19
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Anthony Mazzeroll
“Cambodian Aquarium Fish”
More info: http://www.njas.net
NEC MEMBER CLUBS:
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County  ACLC
Boston Aquarium Society    BAS
Boston Guppy Club          BGC
Brooklyn Aquarium Society  BASNY
Central New York Aquarium Society  CNYAS
Cichlid Club of York        CCY
Connecticut Aquatic Plant Enthusiasts  CAPE
Connecticut Betta Club      CBC
Danbury Area Aquarium Society  DAAS
Greater City Aquarium Society  GCAS
Greater Hartford Aquarium Society  GHAS
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Koi Organisation International  K.O.I.
Long Island Aquarium Society  LIAS
Long Island Killifish Association  LIKA
Nassau County Aquarium Society  NCAS
New England Cichlid Association  NECA
New Hampshire Aquarium Society  NHAS
Northeast Livebearers Association  NELA
North Jersey Aquarium Society  NJAS
Norwalk Aquarium Society     NAS
Otter Valley Aquarium Society  OVAS
Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society  PVAS
Pioneer Valley Water Garden & Koi  PVWG&K
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Shows ................................ Open
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