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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,

Activities will slow down over the summer months, but please keep an eye on the NEC calendar, there are a few events coming up over the next couple of months. It’s probably a good time to arrange a couple of “shop hops” or collecting trips. We were also able to secure a venue for the NEC Summer Auction at the EarthPlace in Westport CT on August 21st. Please mark your calendars and come out and support us...

Nominations: Linda Giza is this year’s Nominating Committee Chairperson. Linda has pulled together a committee to canvas members for the various board positions (officers and members-at-large). If you are interested in serving on the NEC board, please contact Linda Giza at lindag413@gmail.com. We are especially looking for someone with experience as a club treasurer to serve as the NEC Treasurer...

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.....

NEC meeting dates for 2016:

General: (Start Time: 12 noon unless otherwise stated)
3Q – September TBA CC
4Q – December 4 F2F, Elections, Location TBA

BOG: (Start Time: 7:30pm unless otherwise stated)
3Q – August 24 CC
4Q – November 23 CC
Events:

3Q16: August 21, 2016 Summer Auction: The EarthPlace, Westport, CT

(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 August 24, 2016. This meeting will be a conference call. Details will be sent prior to the meeting.

The next NEC General Meeting will be held in September. Date to be announced. 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
5. Club newsletters to Artie Platt at artie1209@verizon.net
6. Breeder Participation Program (BPP) to Rich Pierce at dr_plankton@verizon.net

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
06/15/16

NEC Convention Update

The committee is currently negotiating with the Sheraton for next year’s convention and communicating with potential speakers. Stay tuned for more information.

Until next month,
Leslie
Our Annual meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2016 which is also the General NEC 4th Quarter Meeting. Elections will also be held at this meeting for all NEC officers and members at large.

The Nominating Committee is looking for quite a few positions and request NEC member club officers and members consider running for a NEC officer and/or member at large position.

Each position is a 2-year term and its’ description can be found within the NEC Constitution. The NEC Constitution can be found at the following link on the NEC website: http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/157-nec-constitution. This is the current slate:

Officers: 5 positions up for election

President: 1 position. 2 candidates to date: Rich Pierce, Bill Gill
Vice President: 1 position. No candidates to date.
Treasurer: 1 position. No candidates to date.
Recording Secretary: 1 position. No candidates to date.
Corresponding Secretary: 1 position. Candidates to date: Barbara Romeo

Members At Large: 6 positions up for election

5 Candidates to date: Leslie Dick, Karen Pattist, Russ McAndrews, Linda Giza, David Giza.

Member clubs have one vote at the December 4th meeting. The member club delegate, alternative delegate, member club president, or designee assigned by the member club president (as long as the NEC President is notified prior) may vote.

Please contact us if you would like additional information, would like to run for a NEC position, and/or have a recommendation regarding someone else running for a NEC position.

The NEC Nominating Committee Members are: Linda Giza at mailto:lgiza@icloud.com, Barbara Romeo at mailto:bromeo1234@optonline.net, Fran Masi at mailto:franc21alliance@optonline.net, Karen Pattist at mailto:pattist@snet.net, and Joe Masi at mailto:president@northeastcouncil.org who is also the Constitution and By-Laws Chair.

We look forward to hearing from you,
Linda Giza
Nominating Committee Chair
Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies

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SUMMER AUCTION - 2016!

SUNDAY August 21, 2016

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

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Dave Giza..............................(413) 301-3465;  davegiza@gmail.com

Web:  www.northeastcouncil.org  Email:president@northeastcouncil.org  jam051516
NEC Conservation Report from David Giza:

On behalf of the James J White (JJW) Conservation Fund I would like to thank all of the donors, manufacturers, the Boston Aquarium Society and the volunteers who worked so hard and gave of their time to make this year very successful.

Because of your generous bids we were able to raise over $1,600 for The Congo Project and The Nature Conservancy.

On behalf of Scott Dowd, I would like to express our thanks and look forward to next year's projects.

The JJW Conservation Fund Committee members: David Giza, Scott Dowd, Russ McAndrews, Will Fontaine, Rit Forcier, David Banks, Jacqueline Anderson, Janine Banks and Linda Giza

Product Recall

March 1, 2016: Top Fin Power Filters for Aquariums

Best Practices
with Dr. Ted Coletti, NEC Public Relations Chair

In this new NEC Newsletter column, we will be exploring what works in clubs. Those “best practices” (pardon the overused corporate term) that make for better attendance, more renewals, satisfied members, less stress, and stronger finances. Every club in the NEC has a good idea to share. Feel free to contact me at dr.ted1965@gmail.com and share your ideas.

Promoting Your Club:
Part I

The lament among several of our clubs is that, compared to years past, membership is down, meeting attendance is down, auctions are smaller, and weekend events (does anyone do these anymore?) are not drawing the crowds anymore. Yet there are other clubs that report the opposite. They are actually growing. And reporting good attendance.

Why such a disparity across the NEC? Often the growing clubs are more recently established when energy and motivation is at its highest. Sometimes they are revitalized older societies that welcome younger leadership and new ideas.

While the ultimate success of your club will be the quality of what you offer, “getting them in the door” (quantity) is still job #1. It perplexes me that many clubs do not have someone (or a team) to do their PR, but will insist on a Vice-President or Recording Secretary or Sunshine Chair. So our inaugural topic and for the next few installments will be public relations, marketing, and advertising your fish club.

I’m tired of the complaints “the internet is killing the fish clubs.” If you can’t beat em’, join ‘em…

If You Do Only One Thing…
The reality is that advertising our clubs and events effectively is EASIER and CHEAPER than ever before. And if you find a volunteer in your club to do just one thing and one thing only it is this:
Facebook.
Consider the following: 2/3 of the American population is now registered Facebook users. And 70% of everyone with internet access (phones and computers). Now multiply those percentages by the population of your State (let alone the 316 million Americans). This DWARFS any of the other social media sites, from Twitter to Instagram. Web forums are dying a slow death as they get replaced by Facebook “Groups.”

Facebook’s other advantage for aquarium club PR is that it allows you to easily and quickly “target” just aquarists. Flyers and newspapers don’t do this. No media or internet source does this as effective or as cheaply as Facebook. The attendance at our last two NEC Conventions, and seasonal auctions like the Spring 2016 North Jersey A.S., is evidence that Facebook, when used the right way, can turn around event attendance.

Next issue we will outline how to use Facebook effectively to build your attendance and get the word out about your club. And maybe not burnout your PR volunteer. In later issues we will discuss best practices to keeping those hobbyists coming back to your club.

**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](mailto:dbanks@together.net) or 802-372-8716

Last published library listing:  **January 15, 2015 NEC Newsletter**
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

Greater Hartford Aquarium Society has changed meeting nights from the third Friday of the Month to the 2nd Tuesday of the month. For more information go to: http://www.ghasct.org or their FB page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ctfish/

**NEC Newsletter Editor Note**

Our next reprint within this edition won the 3rd place 2015 NEC Open Class Competition titled “The Fish of Many Morphs!” by Alexander Priest. It was published within the October 2015 Greater City Aquarium Society’s publication “Modern Aquarium”. The reprint begins on the next page.

We intend to reprint the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winning entries from the Breeder Article, Junior, Humor and Open Classes categories of the NEC Articles Competitions. We will reprint in the newsletter as space permits and as we receive approval by the author or per club newsletter policy. If you have won a past NEC Articles Competition no matter how “old” and would like us to reprint it, please contact me at mailto:bromeo1234@optonline.net.

Thanks
Barbara
It so happened that the bag of fish I won are commonly called the “Three Spot Gourami.” (They only have two spots on the body—one in the center of the body, and one at the caudal peduncle. The third “spot” is the fish’s eye!)

The scientific name for the genus *Trichogaster* is derived from the Greek words for “hairy” (*trichias*) and “stomach” (*gaster*), referring to the fish’s threadlike pelvic (ventral) fins. The scientific name for the species *trichopterus* comes from the Greek words for “hairy” (*trichias*), and “wing” (*pteron*). The hair-like (or threadlike) pelvic fins are used as “feelers” to explore the environment, and to help in searching for food.

I’ve seen many pet shops with a tank of mixed fish. The various colors make a pleasing display.
Well, you could essentially create a “community” tank consisting only of color morphs of *Trichogaster trichopterus*.

The Three Spot Gourami is called the “Blue” Gourami when the body spots are not visible. (The Blue Gourami is regarded by some as a subspecies, *Trichogaster trichopterus sumatranus*.) This same species is called the “Gold” Gourami when this fish displays a golden orange coloration (often fading to white below the lateral line), usually with pronounced black stripes, an absent (or barely noticeable) central body spot, and a less pronounced spot on the caudal peduncle. In addition, when the spots are expanded, forming a mottled black pattern toward the rear of the fish, it is commonly called the “Opaline” Gourami. When the “Blue” and “Gold” forms of this species are crossed, the result is a “Lavender” Gourami (a brown fish with lavender highlights). The Lavender form normally has very pronounced black stripes, two body spots, and fins with both blue and orange coloration. A variety attributed to an American breeder named Cosby has thick transverse bands and spots on a blue background. As the fish matures, the spots are replaced by a dark marbled pattern. For this reason, the “Cosby” Gourami is also known as the “Marbled” Gourami. There is a “Platinum” color morph, so light in color that it could be mistaken for an albino. This color morph has few spots with light, rather than dark, stripes.

It shows up in approximately 1% of the spawns of a pair of the “Lavender” color morph. I’ve also heard about, but have not seen, a “Silver” color morph. While *Trichogaster trichopterus* are endemic to Southeast Asia (Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, etc.), Horst Linke notes that “Nowadays it is no longer possible to determine the original natural distribution. Because this fish is also used for food, it has been introduced into numerous countries and farmed there.”

In their native lands, they are found in ponds, rice fields, lakes, drainage canals, and rivers. They are extremely hardy fish, and can tolerate a very wide range of water parameters. They will survive in water with a hardness anywhere from 5° to 35° dGH, a pH anywhere between 6.0 to 8.8, and a temperature ranging from 70 to 88 degrees F. They have even been reported to tolerate brackish water. However, they do best in (especially for breeding purposes) soft, slightly acidic water. They are omnivorous, and will accept nearly any live, frozen, or commercial dry food (To condition them for breeding, live foods are recommended.)

### Scientific Name: *Trichogaster trichopterus*
### Common Names: Blue, Gold, Opaline, Lavender, Three Spot, Cosby, Marbled, Platinum, Silver
### Origin: Southeast Asia
### Adult Size: 4-5 inches
### Social: Males tend toward territorial aggression
### Lifespan: 4-5 years
### Tank Level: Top, Mid dweller
### Diet: Omnivore, eats most foods
### Breeding: Bubblenest builder
### Care: Very Easy
### pH: 6.0 - 8.8
### Hardness: 5-35 dGH
### Temperature: 72°-82° F
While easy to keep, none of the color morphs of *Trichogaster trichopterus* are a good choice for a peaceful community aquarium. They can attain a length of five inches or more. With increased size comes increased aggressiveness, with the males becoming very territorial, even when not defending their nests. (Like the common *Betta splendens*, male *Trichogaster trichopterus* construct a nest of bubbles at the surface of the water to hold fertilized eggs; and a “nesting” male will attack, and often kill, any fish that approaches its nest, including females of its own species, as well as other fish considerably larger in size.)

Females are usually slightly larger and wider than males of the same age. The dorsal fin of the male is longer and more pointed, as compared to that of the female. Probably the best indicator of sex is that females which are ready to spawn will have a swelling in the breast area. Both sexes display darker coloration during breeding periods.

They are bubblenest builders. The Three Spot Gourami’s nests can be very small, or as wide as 10" in diameter. Spawning of the Three Spot Gourami has even been reported in the absence of a visible bubblenest. Because their eggs naturally float upward, the absence of a bubblenest in which to “fasten” the eggs until they hatch is not an absolutely necessary.

The spawning behavior (and spawning tank setup) is similar to that of *Betta splendens*, in that the male embraces the female to expel the eggs, fertilizes the eggs, then guards the eggs. As with *B. splendens*, the female must be removed after spawning is complete, or the male will attack her in his defense of the eggs.

A sponge filter in the spawning tank is recommended, as are floating plants, or a half of a Styrofoam® cup (cut lengthwise and allowed to float “dome-like” on the surface). The sponge filter should be barely bubbling, to avoid disturbing the water surface and any bubblenest. (Floating plants will further reduce any turbulence caused by the bubbles.) Using a sponge from an existing tank that has been in use for a while is best, as this results in a “mature” sponge hosting microorganisms, such as infusoria, upon which newly hatched fry can feed. (While these are surface bubblenesting fishes, I always add a few hollow tubes or open ended caves to provide the female with a place in which to hide from an overly aggressive male.)

For spawning it’s advisable to use a separate tank. Raise that tank’s temperature to between 80° and 85° F. Place the male in the spawning tank by himself for about three days. (During this time, he may build a bubblenest; but the lack of a bubblenest does not necessarily equate to an unwillingness to breed.) The water should be slightly acidic, with a pH between 6.0 - 6.5. Regular feedings should be maintained, along with removal of any visible detritus.

Horst Linke states “The container for breeding shouldn’t be too small.” While he does not specify the minimum size he recommends, he does indicate that a 16" long by 12" high tank...
(which would be about a 5.5 U.S. gallon tank) would be too small.

After three days, put the female into the spawning tank. The male should begin his courtship displays almost immediately. His body colors should darken, and he will flare his fins. During this time, the female may also be the occasional target of physical attacks (the reason for providing places for her to hide).

Spawning is similar to that of most bubblenesting anabantoids (such as the common *Betta splendens*). It involves the male embracing the female in such a way that her eggs are squeezed from her body to rise to the surface, with the male fertilizing them before they reach the bubblenest or surface of the water.

The embrace is repeated many times over within a period of several hours. The number of resulting eggs can be in the hundreds. The eggs float to the top and are put into the nest by the male. (If the male has not yet built a bubblenest, he may start doing so now.)

Once spawning has taken place, remove the female. As I mentioned, the male Three Spot Gourami can be very aggressive in his defense of the eggs and will attack any fish in the vicinity, including the female.

Depending on the temperature, the eggs will hatch within 24 to 36 hours (the warmer the temperature, the sooner the eggs will hatch). The male should be allowed to tend the eggs for about three days after they hatch, during which time he will pick up any fry that fall to the bottom and spit them back into the nest.

Most of the fry will be free swimming horizontally by the third day after hatching. At this point, remove the male, as he provides no parental care, and lower the temperature in the fry tank to between 72° and 75° F. The newly hatched fry are too small to eat even newly hatched brine shrimp. But, if you had that sponge filter going, they will graze on the microorganisms naturally occurring on the surface of the sponge. The fry can also be fed “green water,” or a commercially prepared liquid fry food for egglayers. In about two weeks, they should be large enough to eat microworms or newly hatched brine shrimp.

Since they are all the same species, these various color morphs will interbreed. Several of the varieties are commonly found in local fish stores (especially the Three Spot, Blue, Gold, and Marbled), while others are often available for purchase on-line. So, you might be able to create a totally new color morph!

References

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.
Ted Coletti “Taking It Outside – Tub Gardens”

This month, we'll watch a video of a talk given by Dr. Ted Coletti. Ted will talk about tub gardens and how to make one - or more -- in your backyard this summer. Ted is a renowned breeder and the editor-in-chief of the Journal of the American Livebearer’s Association. For many years, he has put out tub gardens in the summer, in which many aquarium fish thrive. If you've ever wanted to try it, don't miss this meeting.

LIAS Meetings are held at SUNY Stony Brook's Maritime Science area. Room 120 in Endeavor Hall on the State University at Stony Brook Campus, Stony Brook, NY 11790. Doors open @7:30 PM, meeting starts @8:00 PM.

ACLC Monthly Meeting
Saturday, June 18, 2016
at 1:00pm

“Hatchery Operations”
By Charles Clapsaddle

That Fish Place
237 Centerville Rd,
Lancaster, PA 17603
The Pioneer Valley Water Garden & Koi Club is proud to announce our 23rd Annual Self Guided Pond Tour -- 2016 --

Date and Time:
(Saturday, July 9th) & (Sunday, July 10th)
8:30am to 4:30pm
(Rain or Shine)

Ticket pricing:
$20 per Car
(Tickets Now Available!)

Tickets may be purchased at many local Garden Centers and Greenhouses
(See Businesses/Vendors here: http://www.pioneervalleypondclub.com/Pond_Tour.htm)
Come view some of the most beautiful ponds in Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut.
Visit the ponds, at your leisure, using the Pond Tour brochure provided with your ticket.

If you wish to join the Pioneer Valley Water Garden & Koi Club, the price of your Pond Tour Ticket will be applied toward the cost your annual membership.

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*** Listing of Featured Ponds ***
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The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island’s
46th Annual Aquarium Show and Auction

Schedule of Events
Friday, September 9, 2016
12:00 Noon-8:00 PM - Show Setup

Saturday, September 10
9:00 AM-12 Noon - Show Setup & Viewing

Sunday, September 11
9:00 AM Doors Open, Show Viewing
10:00 AM-11:45 AM Vendor Registration & Lot Viewing
11:45 AM Show Award Presentation
12:00 Auction Starts. Ends when last lot is sold.
3:00 PM Show fish may be removed.

Show classes:
Class A: Betta splendens - (male)
Class B: Guppies - (male)
Class C: Killifish - (male)
Class D: Anabantoids (other than B. splendens)
Class E: Catfish - (Corys, Brochis, & Aspidoras)
Class F: Catfish - (Open, other than class E)
Class G: Cichlids (Old world)
Class H: Cichlids (New world)
Class J: Goldfish & Koi under 3”
Class K: Goldfish & Koi over 3”
Class L: Loaches & Botias
Class M: Livebearers - (other than male guppies)
Class N: Open Single Invertebrate
Class O: Native Fish
Class P: Open Single under 2”
Class Q: Open Single over 2”
Class R: Open Pairs
(Class subject to change without notice)

Cash Prizes!
Cash Prizes: 1st Place - $20, 2nd Place - $10, 3rd Place - $5

Special awards for:
Best of Show
Reserve of Show
Walter Indell Memorial Award for Best Killifish
Best Cichlid of Show Award
New England Goldfish Championship

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Al Wagonblatt (401) 847-3364
mr_wiggles_sr@hotmail.com

Visit: www.tfsri.net for complete show & auction rules.

The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island meets on the third Wednesday of each month (except December). Meetings are free and all are welcome. Go to www.tfsri.net for meeting location.
TROPICAL FISH SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND, INC.

ANNUAL SHOW ENTRY RULES

1). Membership of any society is not required to enter. An entry fee of $2.50 for the first entry and $1.00 for each subsequent entry must accompany a properly completed entry form. You may enter as many entries and classes as you like.

2). Junior Entries: A junior entry is anyone who is 15 years of age or younger and maintains their own tank.

3). All tanks are to be unmarked. TFSRI will provide stands and an air supply. Small plastic aquariums are available through TFSRI and are on a first come, first serve basis. It is highly encouraged that participants bring their own tanks. Try to use the smallest tank possible. Entrants using tanks of 20 gallons or larger must contact the show chairman.

4). Entrants must supply their own water, five (5) feet of airline tubing, and one NEW airstone for each tank. Tanks need not be aerated, at entrant’s discretion. A clear covering must be securely fashioned to each tank with tape or other reliable contrivance. Filters (corner or sponge) are allowed. Leaking tanks will be removed at the discretion of the show committee. Fully decorated tanks are allowed, but remember, your fish must be seen to be judged. No lights or gang valves allowed.

5). Heaters are not allowed except for discus tanks. There will be a 50-watt maximum for discus tank heaters. TFSRI will supply power. Contact show chairman if you believe your fish need a heater.

6). The exhibition area will be open as follows:
   - Friday, Sept 9: Noon to 8:00 pm for set-up and viewing of entries
   - Saturday, Sept 24: 9:00 am to 12:00 am for set-up and viewing of entries
   - Sunday, Sept 25: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for viewing of entries
   - Sunday, Sept 25: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm show fish may be removed starting at 3 pm and must be removed by 5 pm

No entries will be allowed to be set-up after 12 Noon on Saturday. There will be no exceptions, please arrive early, or set up on Friday night. Only judges, scribes and show personnel will be allowed in the show room during judging.

7). No hybrid or deformed fish will be judged.

8). Judging will begin promptly at 12:00 pm on Saturday. The judges’ decisions are final.

9). Cash Awards and Award certificates will be presented prior to the start of the auction on Sunday. Trophies and plaques will be awarded at the annual TFSRI holiday party in January. Out of town entrants will receive their trophies and plaques in the mail after the holiday party.

DISCLAIMER
The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island, Inc. will not be liable for loss, injuries or breakage. However, the Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island, Inc. will make every effort to protect all entries and equipment.

TANK IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION
The show committee will attach to each tank, a tag containing an identifying number and class in which it is competing. This tag must remain fastened to the tank until the end of the show.
The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island presents

Triple Crown Fish Auction
Sunday, September 11, 2016

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

Free Admission! All are welcome!

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.

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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 September 5th 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:
Al Wagonblott 401-619-7805
mr_wiggles_sr@hotmail.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!**
2. Each participant may bring as many lots as they like. There is a limit of 3 lots per species.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Dry goods must be in new or like-new condition. No used aquarium gravel. No light bulbs in any condition.
6. 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.
7. The seller must pick up any lots that fail to sell. Any items left will become the property of TFSRI.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. The registrar and auctioneer have the right to refuse any lot due to size, defects, sickness, inadequate bagging or any other disqualifying reason.
11. To pre-register for the auction e-mail your name, address & phone number to Al Wagonblott: mr_wiggles_sr@hotmail.com

**Pre-registration deadline is September 5, 2016.** Pre-registrants will receive a “red-dot” sticker to place on one bag, which will be auctioned before all other lots.

12. 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 fee.
13. All 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.
14. All vendor forms and lots to be sold must be received at the registration table before 12 Noon on the day of the auction.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. The auctioneer has the **FINAL WORD** on all bids.
**KEYSTONE CLASH REGISTRATION FORM**

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**Total – add last column**

- Make check payable to Aquarium Club of Lancaster County
- Aquarium Club of Lancaster County
- 590 Centerville Road #318
- Lancaster, PA 17602

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**Event Speakers**

- **Rusty Wessel**
  - TBA
  - “Full Throttle"
  - “The Man-Eater”

- **Charley Grimes**
  - TBA
  - “Healing from Big to Adolescent"
  - “West African Reptiles”

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**HUUGE VENDOR AREA**

**GIANT ALL DAY SUNDAY AUCTION**

**STARTS AT 11:00 AM**

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**Keystone Clash Show 2016 Classes**

The Keystone Clash will feature a 48 class All Species Show, including 16 classes for the CCA’s famous show “Clash of the Cichlids.” See the event website, www.KeystoneClash.com, for details on the classes.

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**The Keystone Challenge**

The Aquarium Club of Lancaster County and the Cichlid Club of York post this challenge – YOU CAN’T BEAT US! We feel so strongly about this that we are putting our money where our mouth is. The ACLC and CCA will give away all funds received as entry fees for this show – 50% will go to the Individual Show Champion, and 50% will go to the Club Challenge Champion. This could be a great way for your club to earn some recognition and some operating funds.

Here is the point system:

1st Place – 10 points each
2nd Place – 5 points each
3rd Place – 3 points each
Honorable Mention – 2 points each
Non-placing Show entries – 1 point each
Best of Division – Additional 10 points each
Best Cichlid – Additional 5 points
People’s Choice – Additional 5 points
Best CARES Species – Additional 5 points
Reserve of Show – Additional 10 points
Best of Show – Additional 20 points

For the Club Challenge Championship, the totals of all club members who have declared that club as their home club will be totaled.

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**Special Awards**

- 7 Best of Division Awards
- Best Cichlid
- People’s Choice
- Best CARES species
- Reserve of Show
- Best of Show
- Show Champion – Individual (most points)
- Show Champion – Club (most points by its members)
NORTH JERSEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY

GIANT FALL

TROPICAL FISH AUCTION

DAYS HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
195 ROUTE 18, TURNPIKE EXIT 9...EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 732-828-6900

SUNDAY ... OCT. 9, 2016

KEEP UP WITH REGISTERED AUCTION ITEMS ON OUR WEBSITE RARE AND TANK BRED FISH & PLANTS!

AUCTION STARTS AT 12 NOON
VIEWING 11:00 AM ... REGISTRATION 9:00 AM

GO TO: www.njas.net for pre-registration & auction rules

NJAS is a New Jersey registered non-profit all-volunteer aquarium hobby society. Established 1953.
Koi Organisation International

We can help!

Learn Online

www.KoiOrganisationInternational.org
Join the Project Piaba team for an experience of a lifetime!

Join the expedition to the Rio Negro River in Brazil and observe all aspects of the home aquarium fishery.

The trip includes:
- 2 weeks on a well appointed live-aboard boat
- Visit biological hotspots
- Visit Fishing communities
- Participate in the Ornamental Fish Festival of Barcelos
- Visit home aquarium fish export facilities
- Visit the world-famous Manaus Opera House

Rio Negro Expedition
January 21 - February 3, 2017

Contact Scott Dowd for more information and to reserve your spot for the next Expedition!

SDowd@NEAq.org
(617) 973-5243

projectpiaba.org     Buy a Fish, Save a Tree!
Project Piaba’s mission is to increase the environmental, animal welfare and social sustainability of the Amazonian aquarium fish trade as well as the Amazon itself and its indigenous people.

- 40,000 people are impacted in the riverine communities in Barcelos (Amazonas state, Brazil) where the home aquarium fishery is the principal subsistence activity.

- The wild-caught fish of the Rio Negro are the first live animals to gain Geographic Indication Certification, like Champagne is to France.

- 46,000 square miles of preserved forest is in the Project Piaba study area.

- Approximately 80% of trade from the artisanal fishery is from a single species, the Cardinal Tetra (Paracheirodon axelrodi)
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.

June

June 16
Norwalk Aquarium Society (NAS)
Charley Grimes
“Dead Fish Program”
More info: http://www.norwalkas.org/

June 16
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Rachel O’Leary
“Dwarf Hillstream Fish”
More info: http://www.njas.net

June 17
Long Island Aquarium Society (LIAS)
Ted Coletti
Video: “Taking It Outside: Tub Gardens”
More info: http://www.liasonline.org

June 18
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County (ACLC)
Charles Clapsaddle
Hatchery Operations
More info: http://www.aclcpa.org

June 20
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Joseph Ferdenzi
“History Program”
More info: http://www.bostonaquariumsociety.org
June 25
Cichlid Club of York (CCY)
Chance “William” Peragine
“Starting a Planted Tank”
More info: http://www.cichlidclubofyork.com

July

July 6
Greater City Aquarium Society (GCAS)
Ruben Lugo
“My adventures keeping & breeding L-numbers and other fish that suck”
More info: http://www.greatercity.org

July 11
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society (JSAS)
Samantha Tucker
“Breeding Bettas”
More info: http://www.jerseyshoreas.org
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
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society   JSAS
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
Southern New England Killifish Assoc. SNEKA
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington TFCB
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island TFSRI
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(click on individual logos to go to the respective website or contact info)