Next NEC Event:  
**NEC 3rd Quarter BOG Meeting**  
August 28, 2019 @ 7:30 PM  
Conference Call: (712) 451-1055 (916159#)

### 2019 CALENDAR

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| Nov | 3  | TFCB Fall Auction ([link](#)) |
|     | 19 | NEC 4th Quarter BOG Meeting ([link](#)) |
| Dec | 1  | NEC 4th Quarter General Meeting ([link](#)) |
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| Jan '20 | 12 | DAAS Annual Auction ([link](#)) |
| Apr | 17-19 | NEC 45th Annual Convention ([link](#)) |
| May | 8  | BASNY Giant Spring Auction ([link](#)) |
| Oct | 9  | BASNY Giant Fall Auction ([link](#)) |

*General NEC meetings are held at 7:00 PM 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.

**NEC General Meeting Time Change (Again):**

At the June 2nd General Meeting, the Committee agreed to change General Meetings start time from 5 PM to 7 PM. Beginning on Sunday September 22nd, all NEC General Meetings will begin at 7 PM.

![Clocks showing previous and new time](image)

NEC Articles Competition Winner Entry Reprint

2017 Humor Article – 1st Place Winner “Duckweed”

by Stephen Sica

Our next reprint won 1st place in the Humor category in 2017 by Stephen Sica. It was published within Greater City Aquarium Society’s August 2017 publication *Modern Aquarium* pages 12-13.
Duckweed: Still A Delight!

Story and Photos by Stephen Sica

I think that it was at the April auction of the Greater City Aquarium Society’s monthly meeting. The final item for sale was a modest bag of duckweed (Lemna minor). Knowing his audience, Ed Vukich casually raised the bag and authoritatively stated one dollar. After a second or two, as no one seemed to want the duckweed, I raised my hand and soon became the winning, and might I add, the only bidder for one small bag of duckweed for one dollar American. I’m not sure why I purchased it. I guess the price was right. I thought that I saw Ed give the auction runner who was standing at his right side a look that said, “Who in their right mind would ever pay a dollar for a little bag of duckweed?” Maybe I was being too sensitive, or perhaps my imagination was in overdrive. I mean, it was only one dollar. I proudly took home my duckweed.

On the drive home I was recalling to Donna that I had written an article about duckweed two or three years ago when I bid on a fish that came in a bag with some duckweed. Earlier this year, Dan Radebaugh forwarded an e-mail to Inform me that my article about duckweed originally published in Modern Aquarium in 2015 was being reprinted in an out-of-town publication. I believe that it was only the second article that I had written that was ever reprinted. Talk about getting a big head! I think that the bigness of my rather small head had increased by at least half a hat size. I was quite pleased.

A dollar’s worth of Duckweed floats upon surface of my seventeen gallon open top aquarium.

It is true that I was searching for a new subject at the time, but I was truly flattered that my article about duckweed had been reprinted. I mean no slight to the society that reprinted it. It made me feel proud, but after all, when all is said and done, duckweed is still duckweed, if you know what I mean. It is difficult to come up with original ideas that might interest a few readers. Plus, I often like to add my ideas of subtle humor to some of my articles, especially when I get carried away. Donna describes my writing as whimsical. I would assume that anyone who seriously writes about duckweed needs to be fanciful, or at the very least, a little quirky, or as my wife would say to me, “You put a lot of whimsy into that article.” Thank you Donna.

Anyway, I know that the illustrious editor of this prestigious publication does an incredibly amazing and fantastic job, if I may borrow a few profound thoughts and favorite adjectives from our recently elected president (not Horst, the other one). Dan can downright make duckweed into a masterpiece! Now let’s get back to our subject.

In a quote from Peter Hiscock’s Mini Encyclopedia of Aquarium Plants, “Duckweed is adaptable, fast growing, hardy, and has no specific requirements, but is often considered a pest. In good conditions it spreads rapidly…” I borrow this quote from my original article. I believe that when you have difficulty growing live plants, which I plainly admit, duckweed...
is not a pest whether it grows slowly or quickly, as long as it grows.

When we arrived home after the meeting I put the duckweed, still inside its little bag, into a clear plastic container next to my aquarium. I wanted it to receive light from the aquarium’s LED system. I left the duckweed in place for almost a week. I think that I was too lazy to do anything, but I am unsure. At Donna’s prompting, I finally poured all of the duckweed into the tank, after checking that it was still in good condition. It spread out and covered most of the surface of my modest seventeen gallon tank.

In an article that was published in the June Modern Aquarium, I had mentioned that in May we had visited several wineries on the shores of Cayuga Lake. Early one morning we drove to Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, and took a walk through a woodsy bird sanctuary on Cornell’s property. The woman in charge said that we could take our dog Cordelia on the walk. She warned us that a school group was arriving soon, so immediately we went off walking through a small woods. We soon came upon a succession of informational road map signs. All stated that dogs were not allowed, so armed with the nice lady’s permission, we decided to walk with dispatch.

There were several ponds on the perimeter of the woods. One small pond was particularly well-hidden. Upon reaching its bank and gazing down upon it, I was amazed that its entire surface was covered by duckweed. We walked a little further and discovered another pond half covered by duckweed. For a fleeting moment I thought that I had struck gold! But it was only duckweed. I kept thinking about a dollar a bag. If I was able to scoop some of it up, would it be stealing? Is it even possible to steal something like duckweed? Either way, I didn’t have a bucket or net handy, so I’ll never know. Soon afterward, I began experiencing duckweed withdrawal. But I’m already beginning to feel better.

PS: Donna has told me that I no longer talk about Ed Vukich in my sleep.
The First Annual NEFGA ‘BOS’ Award:

This award is given by the NEFGA to the top 4 IFGA point winners of the combined three "Best of Show" categories (single male, male tank (matched pair) and female) from each of the season's IFGA sanctioned shows for a personal grand total. Each category and place receives the same points allotted in the IFGA Judging Book.

And the winners were.....

1st Place...............................Paul Hotz
2nd Place ..............Michael Marcotrigiano
3rd Place .........................Robert Curran
4th Place ......................Rajeswar Seshagiri

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
Local Fish Store News:

New Tropical Fish Store coming to Western MA: Imperial Aquatics

Fish store will specialize in rare exotic freshwater fish like Arowanas, Discus, Stingrays, Fancy Goldfish and Bettas.

Opening: June 15th @ 11:00AM
Address: 390 Dickinson St. Springfield, MA
Check Out Imperial Aquatics on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Imperial-Aquatics-441574283056955/

Eddie’s Swap Meet!
All Are Welcome!
Bring fish, tanks, supplies, lights, pumps and other small items to trade with fellow hobbyists!
June 22
10am-1PM

Space is limited, please RSVP!

We want to support our local community and help connect hobbyist. Eddie's is not taking a percentage of any sales! This is a FREE event and space is limited. Please RSVP through messenger or email ed@eddiesaqua.com
Long Island Aquarium Society
June 21, 2019 – 7:30PM

Special Auction!

Special Raffle! Big Value Items

At our June meeting, we’ll hold a special raffle of large value items, including light fixtures and a pond pump. Don’t miss it! Some items available are below:

**Light fixtures** by **Coralife** and **Aquasun** LED and fluorescent, 18-30 inches, valued from $60-$290.

**Pond Pump** – **Supreme** Air Fractionating Water Pump – suggested retail $114.

SUNY Stony Brook’s Maritime Science area. Room 120 in Endeavor Hall on the State University at Stony Brook Campus, Stony Brook, NY 11794.
NAS June 20th speaker will be Greg Sage speaking on “Having Success With Livebearers Specifics of Livebearer Husbandry”

Beginning with text photos and satellite images of the wild habitats these fish come from, the talk looks carefully at every aspect of caring for these fish to achieve their best health, growth and maximum reproduction.

With many photos and short videos, it is discussed why many that have kept some types of fish for many years successfully have trouble with livebearers. Tank set up, Filtration, Plants, Foods, breeding and the 3 periods of acclimation the fish go through are discussed. As well, differences between species are covered, including comparisons of temperature and food requirements.

From information provided at Select Aquatics website, customers have sent beautiful pictures of their tanks to show how these guidelines result in very attractive tanks, and some are included. As well, the most common diseases, treatments and medications to have on hand are also discussed.

Time: 8 PM @ Earthplace - the Nature Discovery Center located at 10 Woodside Lane in Westport, CT

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.
JUN 25

70th Anniversary June Meeting!
Public · Hosted by Anthony Lovuolo

🌟 Interested ✓ Going

📅 Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 7 PM

📍 Christ the Rock Fellowship C&MA
1411 Main St, Worcester, Massachusetts 01603

Show Map

Details

Join us for our 70th year anniversary meeting!

There will be dinner, an auction, and plenty of fish talk!

Dinner will be provided at the meeting, free for members, $7 for non members.

Site: https://www.facebook.com/events/1062189147306583/?active_tab=about
June Meeting
Friday – 6/28/2019
7:30 PM

Mark Denaro presents
“Nano Aquariums 101”

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 Welcomed (1st meeting free for non-members)
You’re invited to the Norwalk Aquarium Society’s

Second Annual President’s “Pot Luck Barbecue”

We’re Having a COOKOUT!

The President’s “Pot Luck Barbecue” is intended to allow NAS members, family and friends, the opportunity to share in a good meal with great company. Our monthly meetings are great in sharing our common interest ….Fish. This get together will continue in that spirit, by allowing free and open dialogue without the time constraints of a Thursday night.

This event will be held at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation. Parking is $10 without a Westchester park pass. This is a Westchester County owned park and is a carry out facility. There are trails to walk, a small stream next to the site and an open field to toss a ball or a Frisbee. Plenty of room for a game of Bocce ball or Horseshoes. There are picnic tables there but I suggest you bring your own chairs.

Hot dogs, Hamburgers and BBQ chicken thighs will be provided by NAS along with Soda and Water. This is a pot luck picnic so please bring your favorite “cookout dish” and of course your family. If you have special dietary needs please bring something to eat with you.

If you are coming Please contact Sal by July 6th. We will need a head count and a list of food coming so we have a nice menu for everyone to share and enjoy.

I am looking forward to seeing you ALL!!

The Norwalk Aquarium Society, where fish and friends meet!
Pioneer Valley Water Garden and Koi Club

26th Annual POND TOUR

July 13th - 14th-----8:30 AM - 4:00 PM--both days-- rain or shine

Come out and see gorgeous yard, beautiful ponds and incredible fish.
Open to the public for all to see.
Tickets will go on sale in the middle of June.
Take a peak at what is hidden behind your neighbor's fence.
For more info contact:

Wendy LaFond
mailto:WendiDarlin@aol.com
or go to our website
www.pioneervalleypondclub.com
Come see an extraordinary group of speakers, sharing with us their experiences with their own 'Holy Grail Cichlids.' Hosted by The New England Cichlid Association, expect everything, because that is what you will experience.
Bucks County Aquarium Society

Picnic

Saturday, July 27 at 12 Noon

Maple Avenue, Langhorne, PA

http://www.buckscounty.org/government/ParksandRecreation/Parks/Playwicki

Attendees are encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts

Free raffles for BCAS Members to include:

- Desktop Aquariums
- Plush Plecos
- Adventure Aquarium Tix

Free Raffle for non Members:

1 Year Individual BCAS Membership / BCAS T-Shirts / BCAS Mug / BCAS Cap
CNYAS Family Picnic

Saturday August 3rd
1PM to ???

Ron Fabiny’s House
5237 Cremona Trail, Clay, NY

Bring a dish to pass, bathing suits, towels, and a chair.

Friends

Fun

Ron’s hot pond

Great swimming

Directions from North and South: Exit 81 on Route 31 west go approx. 2 miles at flashing yellow light turn left (south) on Caughdenoy Rd. Got to first left, turn on Navara Rd. Go to end turn right on Rizzo, Go to third street on right and turn on Cremona Trail.

From East: Take Route 481 to Exit 11 Caughdenoy Rd. At exit go straight to your first right, turn on Navara Rd. Go to end turn right on Rizzo, Go to third street on right and turn on Cremona Trail.

Join the fun!
Fish Collecting Expedition

Saturday and Sunday August 24-25
Teelin Farm in Blossvale

Find out what lives in New York State’s outdoor aquarium!

More information will follow.

Please bring all questions to Mary Teelin or Len Futterman
at Futtermania@gmail.com
New England Fancy Guppy Association presents an IFGA Sanctioned
FANCY GUPPY SHOW
OCTOBER 4, 5 & 6, 2019
www.newenglandguppies.org

Where: Ramada Inn, 213 Taunton Ave., Seekonk, MA
Why: Come to the auction to buy great quality breeding stock!
More Info: E.T. Mellor, Amherst MA 413-549-0478
Greg Billings, Sterling MA 01564, 978-870-2593

SCHEDULE
GIANT AUCTION
ON SUNDAY!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019
Registration of all fish: 9 AM – 2:30 PM
Judging - 3 PM until done
(Public may silently observe judging)
Show room open until 9 PM for visitors
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019
Open to the Public: 9 AM – 12 Noon
GIANT AUCTION (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC): 10 AM
(Come at 9:00AM to start viewing auction fish)
Visit our web site for more info:
www.newenglandguppies.org

FREE ADMISSION!

THIS IS WHAT NEW MEMBERS CAN LOOK FORWARD TO....
- Monthly meetings and auction at homes with very different fish room setups
- Monthly club Bowl Show & Interesting and informative monthly seminars
- Club purchasing power and savings of common needed supplies
- "Fish for Kids" project promoting the hobby in schools
- Collectively having hundreds of years of experience raising guppies
- Common sharing of breeding stock among members
- Subscription to “Guppy Gazette” our monthly newsletter
- Team work of putting on an IFGA sanctioned show each year
- Special breeding projects and a free extensive club loan library
Koi Organisation International

We can help!

Learn Online

www.KoiOrganisationInternational.org
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

June

Jun 17
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Jim Cormier
“Teleograma”
More info: http://www.bostonaquariumsociety.org

Jun 19
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Leslie Dick
“CARES Program”
More info: http://tfsri.net/

Jun 20
Norwalk Aquarium Society (NAS)
Greg Sage
“Having Success With Livebearers Specifics of Livebearer Husbandry”
More info: https://norwalkas.org/

Jun 25
Worcester Aquarium Society (WAS)
“70th Anniversary”
More info: https://www.facebook.com/events/1062189147306583/?active_tab=about

Jun 28
Danbury Area Aquarium Society (DAAS)
Mark Denaro
“Nano Aquariums 101”
More info: http://northeastcouncil.org/daas-home-page
July

**Jul 3**
Greater City Aquarium Society (GCAS)
Joseph Ferdenzi
“The Story of Endler’s Livebearer”
More info: [https://www.greatercity.net](https://www.greatercity.net)

**Jul 14**
North England Fancy Guppy Association (NEFGA)
“Culturing Daphnia”
More info: [http://newenglandguppies.org/calendar](http://newenglandguppies.org/calendar)

**Jul 20**
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Mike Hellweg
“Live Food Culture / Micro-Gourami Husbandry”
More info: [http://www.njas.net](http://www.njas.net)

Aug 2019

**Aug 4**
North England Fancy Guppy Association (NEFGA)
Scott Peets
“Nano Tanks”
More info: [http://newenglandguppies.org/calendar](http://newenglandguppies.org/calendar)

**Aug 15**
Norwalk Aquarium Society (NAS)
Brian Kimbark
“Dirted Tanks”
More info: [https://norwalkas.org/](https://norwalkas.org/)
Sep 2019

Sep 4
Greater City Aquarium Society (GCAS)
Tom Keegan
“Spawning Various Types of Tropical Fish”
More info: https://www.greatercity.net

Sep 12
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington (TFCB)
Jeff Cardwell
“Collecting in South America”
More info: https://www.tfcb.org

Sep 13
Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY)
Tullio Dell Aquila
“The Facts of Life”
More info: http://www.basny.org/

Sep 21
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Tony Terciera
“Killifish Husbandry/Fish Photography”
More info: http://www.njas.net

Oct 2019

Oct 19
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Anton Lamboj
“West African Cichlid Husbandry/African Travelogue”
More info: http://www.njas.net
NEC MEMBER CLUBS:
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County ACLC
Boston Aquarium Society BAS
Brooklyn Aquarium Society BASNY
Bucks County Aquarium Society BCAS
Capital Cichlid Association CCA
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
Diamond State Aquarium Society DSAS
Greater City Aquarium Society GCAS
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society JSAS
Koi Organisation International K.O.I.
Long Island Aquarium Society LIAS
Long Island Killifish Association LIKA
Metropolitan Area Killifish Assoc. MAKA
Nassau County Aquarium Society NCAS
New England Cichlid Association NECA
New England Fancy Guppy Assoc. NEFGA
New Hampshire Aquarium Society NHAS
Northeast Livebearers Association NELA
North Jersey Aquarium Society NJAS
Norwalk Aquarium Society NAS
Otter Valley Aquarium Society OVAS
PA Guppy Club PAGC
Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society PVAS
Pioneer Valley Water Garden & Koi PVWG&K
Shore Line Aquarium Society SLAS
South Jersey Guppy Group SJGG
Southern New England Killifish Assoc. SNEKA
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington TFCB
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island TFSRI
Upstate NY Killifish Association UNYKA
Worcester Aquarium Society WAS

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