Next NEC Meeting

First Quarter, NEC General Meeting: February 23rd @ (CP)
(Crowne Plaza Hotel)

2014 NEC CALENDAR

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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.
President’s Message

Hello Everyone,

I want to personally extend my thanks to those of you who attend the DAAS auction and a special thanks to those who also worked the auction. My “crew” and I had the opportunity to attend and work the PVAS auction this weekend. Great auction and we finished at 5pm, which I think is a record. We also worked the GHAS auction two weekends ago. It was short but sweet and there were some interesting lots.

I'll say it again, get out there and support our sister clubs, you'll have a great time doing it, really! Hope to see everybody at the NAS auction on March 2nd...

Leslie and her “crew” are moving forward at full speed on the 2014 convention. Registration is open, so please take advantage of the early registration pricing and the workshops. The workshops tend to fill up fast so sign up now! We would appreciate a link back to the Convention web site from each club's web site to help us advertise the 2014 convention. Check out the NEC website for up to date information on the Convention www.northeastcouncil.org

Just a reminder, any organized aquarium club or society can now apply for membership in the NEC. They should send an email to president@northeastcouncil for additional information.

Also, NEC club dues are due, several reminders have been sent, thank you to those who have paid. Questions should be directed to Joe Dinho at email joedinho@yahoo.com

Upcoming NEC / Sister club events for 2014:

March '14

2 NAS Benefit Auction
15 TFSRI Auction
16 JSAS Auction
28-30 NEC Convention & Auction

April '14

6 April NJAS Auction

Please make the time to get out and support the NEC and these sister clubs…
NEC meeting dates for 2014:

General:
1Q – Feb 23 (CP)
2Q – June 1 (CC)
3Q – Sep 14 (CC)
4Q - Dec 7 (CP) – Annual, Elections

BOG:
2Q – May 4 (CP)
3Q – Aug 9 (CP @ 5pm)
4Q - Nov 16 (CC)

* (CP) – Crowne Plaza Hotel *(CC) – Conference Call

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 Sunday May 4, 2014 at 12 noon. This meeting will be held at the Crown Plaza.

The next NEC General Meeting will be held on Sunday February 23, 2014 at 12 noon. This meeting will be held at the Crown Plaza and a program is planned on “Club Speakers”...

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 webmaster@northeastcouncil.org
4. Speaker list updates to Linda Giza at lindagiza@comcast.net
5. If your club is looking to schedule a conference room at the Crowne Plaza, please contact Leslie Dick at ldick@comcast.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
02/13/14
**NEC Convention Update**

**Convention Registration:**

Please go to the NEC website at [www.northeastcouncil.org](http://www.northeastcouncil.org) to access the registration cart. You may register for the Early Special Registration Package, the Early Registration Package, a la carte meals, convention logo t-shirts and golf shirts, and the freshwater and saltwater workshops, as well as make donations as an NEC Donor and a contribution to the James J. White Memorial Conservation Fund.

We are pleased to report that the cost of all the registration packages is the same price as last year. **Early registration closes on March 12th!**

**Special Registration Package**

Includes:

1. Registration
2. Buffet Dinner Friday night followed by the Convention Kickoff at 9 pm and Keynote speaker Ken McKeighen
3. Buffet Breakfast Saturday morning with Keynote Speaker Rick Borstein
4. Banquet Buffet Saturday night with Keynote Speaker Matt Pedersen
5. Admission to all seminars, the vendor room, the NEC fish show
6. A T-shirt. (Golf shirts, 2XL and 3XL size options are also available for an additional cost)
7. $10 in Raffle Tickets for the "Special Package Only Raffle" (only those purchasing the Special Package get raffle tickets)

Price: $135 for NEC members ($145 for non-NEC members, $105 for those under 17 years of age). **Early special package price is available only until midnight March 12th, 2014. Prices will increase after this date and you will no longer be able to order shirts.**

**Early Registration**

Includes:

1. Registration,
2. Buffet Breakfast Saturday morning with Keynote Speaker Rick Borstein

**NEC member $70.00**

Early Registration
Speaker Rick Borstein,
3. Admission to all seminars, the vendor room, and the NEC fish show.

Price: $70 for NEC members ($80 for non-NEC members, $40 for those under 17 years of age). **Early registration price is available only until midnight March 12th, 2014. Prices will increase after this date.** You may purchase a la carte Friday buffet dinner and Saturday banquet buffet tickets separately. Clothing items may also be purchased separately until March 12, 2014.

**Hotel Rooms:** You may make your hotel room reservations on our website.

**Meals:** The menus for our Friday buffet dinner, Saturday breakfast buffet, and Saturday banquet buffet are posted. If you have specific dietary restrictions, please e-mail ConventionChair@northeastcouncil.org and we will work with the hotel to accommodate you.

**Convention Postcards:** The convention postcards have arrived. The front of the card is graced with a photograph of a captive bred *Hippocampus barbouri* seahorse on a piece of *Muriceopsis flavida* gorgonian coral taken by Matt Pedersen. Thank you, Matt for such a beautiful photo!

These postcards will be available to clubs representatives at the February 23rd NEC General meeting. Please help us promote the convention by distributing the postcards in your local pet shops, work, and schools.

**Hospitality Sponsor:**

Amazonas Magazine has graciously agreed to sponsor our hospitality room on Friday and Saturday evenings. Thank you, Amazonas! More good news regarding the hospitality room – we will be enjoying the evenings in the Governor’s Suite on the third floor after several years in the President’s Suite on the fourth floor. The Governor’s Suite has an adjoining boardroom, refrigerator and bathroom.
**Photo Competition:** This year, the photo competition will be entirely digital! For rules and submission information, please visit the convention pages and click on the Photo Competition link.

**NEC Tropical Fish Show:** Rules and entry forms are now available! This year, there are eight classes – the new class is a planted tank class. Please visit the website for rules and entry forms. If you are interested in sponsoring a class or Best of Show or Reserve of Show, please e-mail show chairman George Goulart at George@aqualifecentral.com.

**Free club registrations:** So far, only four of the eleven clubs that are eligible for one free registration to the convention have returned them! Those club logos framed in red have claimed their free registration. Please don’t miss out on this benefit!

The club registration forms have been e-mailed to the Presidents of each club. Clubs may raffle the registration at a club meeting, pull the name out of the hat, or give it to a deserving member of your club. The choice is yours! Once the registration has been distributed, the member should return the form by mail or e-mail to NECCConvention@northeastcouncil.org.
Club ½ page ads: Club presidents, it’s that time of year to send in your club’s ½ page ad! This is a benefit of membership in the NEC. Please update your club ad and sent it by e-mail to ConventionChair@northeastcouncil.org. If your club ad doesn’t need any update, please let me know by sending to the same address no later than February 3rd. Last call – the booklet is going to press before the next NEC newsletter, e-mails have been again sent to club presidents and NEC reps. Please make sure your club ad is current!

Vendors, Donors, Sponsors: We are now actively soliciting vendors, donors and sponsors. Should you wish to be a vendor, please e-mail Nancy Villars/Hallgring at NECCconvention@aol.com and if you wish to become a sponsor or donate goods, please e-mail Barbara Romeo at BRomeo1234@optonline.net. You will be sent a vendor contract or sponsor/donor letter by e-mail.

With our new webpages comes a new format for company logos. All logos will be displayed on the NEC main page, as well as the vendor room and sponsor webpages. The front-page logos will be displayed year-round with a link to the vendor’s, donor’s, and sponsor’s webpages. We request that new logos be sent to us as 640 x 640 pixels images so they can be displayed properly. There are quite a few logos on our website now, please support the companies that support the NEC and our annual convention.

Ray “Kingfish” Lucas will be present in our vendor room this year. Ray has told us that he is retiring after this year, so please stop by and thank him for all the years he has given to promote our wonderful hobby!

Pictured from Left to Right:
Maryanne Naylor, Ray Kingfish Lucas, and Dan McKercher at the 2013 NEC Convention.

Advertise in the convention booklet: Members of NEC clubs may advertise in this year’s booklet. If you have a company, organization, or website and would like to have an ad in the booklet, please e-mail ConventionChair@northeastcouncil.org.

Full-page ads are $60, half-page ads are $35, and business card sized ads are $25.
As always, we are looking for energetic volunteers during the months prior to the Convention or at the Convention itself! If you would like to volunteer, please send an e-mail to the Leslie Dick, the Convention Chairperson, at ConventionChair@northeastcouncil.org.

Remember, you can view the website by clicking on www.northeastcouncil.org. You can view the home page, the convention pages, and the NEC calendar from this URL.

Only six weeks until the convention!
See you there,
Leslie

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Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)  --- Updated Logo

Congratulations to the Boston Aquarium Society! They updated the club logo including the date the club was established in 1916.
NEC Website update:

NEC Member Clubs page is up on the NEC Website as of February 13, 2014. Go to www.northeastcouncil.org and click on the tab “NEC Member Clubs”. Place your mouse on the club logo and click the clubs’ call sign to go onto their site. The page will open within a new tab.

The clubs are arranged alphabetically.

Please note we have requested higher resolution logos for some of the clubs and will be changing BAS’ logo with their new club logo. Therefore check back soon and thank Leslie Dick for a wonderful job creating this page.
NEC GENERAL MEETING
Sunday, February 23, 2014

1st QUARTER GENERAL MEETING
NOON

Presentation Topic:
“Panel Discussion: Speakers & Speaker Chairs / Coordinators”

Both Sides Represented
To share ideas and advice towards successful speaker presentations

Many of our speaker chairs and coordinators have been doing this for years and their advice will be quite beneficial to new clubs and/or new club leaders.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Linda Giza at Lindagiza@comcast.net.

We look forward to seeing you.

Danbury Area Aquarium Society
(DAAS)

NEW MEETING PLACE

Laura Spain Memorial Cornerstone Park
1 Fair Street, Carmel, NY  10512

Next Meeting Friday, February 28th, 7:30 PM sharp
A NEWBIE JOINS THE CLUB

Alesia Benedict, NJAS

(Reprinted with permission, NJAS)

Author Alesia practices what she preaches!

As a brand new member of NJAS, yet a board-member of two other professional associations, I know how difficult it can be for the newcomer to feel acclimated to a group. With that in mind, I've listed the top five actions that both seasoned members (I hate the phrase "old timers") and newbies themselves can take to ensure a pleasant and rewarding experience. History shows us if the newbies have a great time at their first meeting, the likelihood of them returning is high. The reverse is true if they end up not feeling welcomed.

Top Five Points for Newbies:

1. **Open your mouth.**

   Remember that you will get from the club, exactly what you put into it. Hence, if you want someone to talk to you ... talk to someone! Your experience will be 100 times more rewarding if you connect with others in the club vs. attending just to hear the speaker.
FORCE yourself to "mingle" even if you hate this function. Remember, this isn't some boring cocktail party -- you are amongst other aquarium hobbyists so you have much in common!

2. Get involved.

The quickest and easiest way to feel like you belong in the club is to volunteer in whatever way you can. Offer to be a "runner" during the auctions; write an article of any kind for the Reporter; come early and aid in setting up the room; offer help at Bowl Shows; go to shows with club members even if you aren't showing (great experience). Do whatever you can to make this YOUR CLUB, not just A CLUB.

3. Tell people that you are new.

Be sure to tell people you are new -- new to whatever it is with which you are new meaning, new to the hobby, or new to the association. When you state you are new, you give people the subtle clue that you need help. It may be help in setting up an aquarium if you are new to the hobby, or it may be how the BAP program works if you're a long-term hobbyist but new to NJAS.

4. Consistently attend meetings.

One of the biggest mistakes newbies make is to scan the list of upcoming speakers and make choices of what meetings to attend based on the speakers. This method GUARANTEES you will never feel part of the group. Think of the speakers as the "icing on the cake" rather than the main attraction. Many of the "regular" members are experts in their fields. The "regular" member with whom you converse this month might very well be next month's keynote speaker. Commit to yourself that you will attend every possible meeting you can, REGARDLESS of the speaker or her/his subject matter. Period.

5. Keep coming back.

If you have a bad experience, if something is said that offends you, if the meeting seemed "flat," if no one spoke to you -- WHATEVER. Don't write off the club. Try and look at what YOU could have done differently to ensure you had a better evening (talking to someone, asking for guidance, volunteering, etc). Set your mind to having a fabulous experience next time, take appropriate action by utilizing the above points, and I can guarantee you you'll experience exactly that: a fabulous time!

Top Five Points for Seasoned Members:

1. Remember what it's like to be a newcomer.

All too often, long-term members forget the unease that the newcomer is experiencing, and
rather than seek out a newbie, seasoned members congregate and form something of a click. This can be very intimidating to a newbie, who doesn't know a soul and feels left out right from the start.

2. **Make it a point to talk to at least two newcomers.**

Sometimes at the beginning of a meeting, an announcement will be made asking if there are any newcomers attending. Look around during that announcement to see who is raising their hands, then make it your mission to speak to AT LEAST two of those folks. If no announcement is made, look around for new faces or for folks who "look lost" and go up and introduce yourself. You can also keep an eye on the back tables just before the meeting takes place -- people filling out forms are the ones joining that night.

3. **Get them educated.**

Make sure the newbie has all the paperwork that's available at the meeting -- a copy of the Reporter, fliers, articles, etc. It's taken for granted by seasoned members, but very often, newbies don't even know where to look for these things. Walk them over to the fish/items on display for auction. Explain the raffle table to them.

4. **Introduce the newbie to at least two other members.**

Find out what aspects of the hobby most interest the newbie and then introduce her/him to more experienced members in that area. It's also a great idea to introduce the newbie to a member who owns an aquarium or pet store.

5. **Make it easy for the newbie to stay connected.**

In case the newbie has a question about something prior to next month's meeting, offer your phone number and/or email address to her/him. Remember the Mission Statement for NJAS includes increasing the knowledge of all hobbyists, so do your part to offer support.

Just like our aquariums, meetings and associations are a mini ecosystem. All ecosystems are comprised of intertwined and synergistic dynamics. The long-term members are like the nitrosomonas and nitrobacter bacteria in our tanks: they are the core, and are essential for stability and well-being. Without them, things die. The newbies are like water changes: they bring in a new supply of elements and energy. Without them, things also die. Hence, the blend of both groups is essential, and makes for a healthy, growing vibrant aquatic organization.

*See you at the next meeting!*
# 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

## DVDs

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Scott Fellman – Workshop, Saltwater

Rhonda Wilson – Easy Plants
Rhonda Wilson – Native Plants
Tony Terceira- Workshop, Photography

2009 NEC Convention seminars (app. 1 hr each)

Bruce Turner – Pupfish
Justin Credabel – Coral Propogation
Rusty Wessel – Thorichthys
Stephan Tanner – Loricarid Nutrition
Wolfgang Staeck – Charachins
Wolfgang Staeck – Tropheus

Ghazanfar Ghorı – Cryptocorynes
Karen Randall – Collecting in Thailand
Les Kaufman – Conservation
Ole Pedersen – The Algae-free aquarium
Ole Pedersen – Uptake of CO2 by plants

2008 NEC Convention seminars (app. 1 hr each)

Luis Navarro - Aquascaping
Eric Do - Freshwater Crustaceans
Eric Bodrock - Cory Breeding Made Easy
Charles Clapsaddle - New Livebearer Strains
Chuck Davis - Showing and Judging Fish

2007 NEC Convention seminars (app. 1 hr each)

Ingo Seidel - Plecos
Anton Lamboj - Rheophilic African Cichlids
Dr Frank Marini - Marine Fish
Jeff Cardwell - Collecting in Uruguay

Evening with the Legends April 7-8, 2006

2 ½ hrs, ongoing conversation
Bonus disk with interview footage

2006 NEC Convention seminars (app. 1 hr each)

Disk 1:
Mark Soberman - catfish
Claus Christensen - Aquatic Plants
Bob Goemans - Reef Aquaria
Larry Jackson - Reef Aquaria
Rosario LaCorte - Characins
Wayne Leibel - Amazon Waters

Disk 2:
Ad Konings - Malawi Cichlids
Sallie Boggs - Anabantoids
Alan Fletcher - 3/16/2000, hobby history
Chuck Davis - Banquet
2005 and 2003 NEC Convention seminars (app. 1 hr each)

Vol 1:

30th Convention - 2005
Christel Kasselmann - Aquascaping
Paul Loiselle - Lake Victoria Update
Rosario LaCorte – Killifish

28th Convention - 2003
Pam Chin - Lake Tanganyika Chichlids
Paul Turley - Reproduction of Catfish

Vol 2:

30th Convention - 2005
Christel Kasselmann - New Plants
Ian Fuller - Breeding Corydoras
Gary Lange - Rainbowfish
Anton Lamboj - West African Characoids

28th Convention - 2003
Karen Randall - Aquascaping
Randy Carey - Spawning the Scatters
Anthony Calfo - Coral Propagation

Videos

Raising Livebearers Fry, by Mike Reed, 35 minutes
Aquatic Maestro #1, Equipment and setup
Aquatic Maestro #2, Set up and water quality
Aquatic Maestro #3, Feeding, food, nutrition
Aquatic Maestro #4, livebearers
Aquatic Maestro #5, salt water
Aquatic Maestro #6, Barbs and Tetras
Aquatic Maestro #7, Disease
Aquatic Maestro #8, Gouramis
Aquatic Maestro #9, Live Plants
Aquatic Maestro #10, Catfish and Bottom gang
Aquatic Maestro #11, Cichlids
Aquatic Maestro #12, Aging Aquarium
Aquatic Maestro #13, trickle filters

Tetra Cichlid Aquarium, 20 minutes
Tetra fish Nutrition, 12 minutes
Tetra’s video for a Successful Aquarium, 27 minutes
Tetra’s video for a Successful Garden Pond, 22 minutes
Tetra’s video for a Successful Marine Aquarium, 30 minutes
How to Setup and Maintain Marine Aquariums, 20 minutes
Aquarium Maintenance 1 & 2
Wet Dry Filtration
Koi Handling #1
Koi Classification
Get the Most out of Your Reef Aquarium

Harro Heironomous, Catfish
Harro Heironomous, Rainbowfish
Derek Lambert, Livebearers
Peter Lewis, Shell Dwellers
Dan Logan, Northwest Natives
Kathy & Erik Olson, Amazon Adventure
Dave Sandford, Killifish
Stan Weitzman, Characins

2003 NEC Convention Seminars (each approx 1 hr)
Anthony Calfo, Reef Gardening- Coral Propagation
Randy Carey, Patterns for Spawning the Scatters
Ed Champigny, Koi
Pam Chin, Lake Tanganyika
Dr Paul Loiselle, Aquarists and Conservation
Dr Paul Loiselle, Madagascar Rainbowfish
Dr. Gene Lucas, Update of Variation in Betta splendens
Charlie Nunziata, Plant Spawning Killifish
Karen Randall, Sunken Gardens
Mike Schadle, Banquet
Paul Turley, Reproduction of Catfish

Slides
Cichlids, by David Banks, 72 slides with outline

Additional videos available (TFCB library)
Fish People, BBC production
TFCB beginners video
ACA, ICC video of selected speakers (Stawikoski, Bleher, Ribbink, Barlow, Konings, Dieckoff)
ANGFA, 1998 Convention (Hieko Bleher, Gerry Allen, Neil Armstrong)
ANGFA, 1998 Convention (3 presentation by Gunter Schmida)
Collecting in Townsville and Queensland, Australia, Kevin Hosmer
Dandy’s Orandas, tape 10, 120 minutes
Dandy’s Orandas, tape 11, 120 minutes
Dandy’s Orandas, tape 15, 125 minutes

NEC Slides & Videos Updated 2/8/14
Tropical Fish Show
at the 39th NEC Convention
March 28th to 30th
Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, CT

The NEC Tropical Fish Show is now accepting entries!
The show has eight classes this year – **the newest class is the planted tank class!**

### Cash Prizes!
- 1st Place in Class: $25
- 2nd Place in Class: $15
- 3rd Place in Class: $10
- Best of Show: $125
- Reserve of Show: $75

### 8 Classes
- Cichlids
- Catfish
- Killifish
- Bettas & Other Anabantoids
- Guppies & Other Livebearers
- Goldfish & Koi
- Planted Tank
- Open (All Other Fish)

### Rules
- Only 1 entry per person or family per class.
- Three different winners in each class.
- Open to all convention attendees but space is limited!

Pre-registration is STRONGLY recommended on the convention website at [www.northeastcouncil.org](http://www.northeastcouncil.org).

Walk-in entries allowed only if there is space available. **Please note:** Individuals who wish to show fish who are not attending the convention will be required to pay a $50.00 show registration fee as well as the entry fees for each class entered. Complete Rules & Entry Form available at [http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/pdf/NECShowEntryFormandRules2014.pdf](http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/pdf/NECShowEntryFormandRules2014.pdf)

### Sponsorships Available:
- Best of Show ($125)
- Reserve of Show ($75)
- Classes ($50 each): Catfish, Cichlids, Goldfish and Koi, Livebearers, Bettas and other Anabantoids, Killifish, Planted Tank, Open (All Other Fish)

If you are interested in sponsoring either a class or the Best of Show or Reserve of Show, please contact Show Chairman George Goulart at [mailto:George@aqualifecentral.com](mailto:George@aqualifecentral.com)
Buy a NEC 39th Annual Convention T-Shirt or Golf Shirt

Deadline is March 12, 2014

T Shirt: $18 – $21 (dependent on size)
Golf Shirt: $27 -$30 (dependent on size)

The picture representation is not accurate: The convention logo will be on the BACK of the shirt, with the NEC logo on the left front. Please Note: A Convention T-shirt is included in the Early Special Registration Package.

Join ASPCA for Massachusetts Lobby Day for Animals 2014

Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2014
Time: 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Place: Massachusetts State House, 24 Beacon Street, Boston, MA, 02108

Global Fish And Pets  
(Soon to be World Wide Fish & Pets)  
1522 Whalley Ave, New Haven, CT 06515  
Cell Phone: 203 892 4199  

Owner: Peter Sachs (owner of the former Naugatuck, CT pet store World Wide Pet Supply)  
Store Hours: 10 AM – 8 PM Monday-Saturday, 11 AM – 6 PM Sunday  
Tank #: approximately 170 fresh & salt water tanks (mostly 30 gallon tanks)  
Current Stock: Discus, Brazilian plecos, many varieties of freshwater shrimp, tank-raised fish, corals, expanding line of small animals  
Other info: Willing to work with clubs, brings in hard to find fish and manages special orders. Peter intends to change the store name to World Wide Fish & Pets with the launch of his website.  

Go Visit Peter’s Store!  

Does your club work with a local fish store? If so, please send Barbara information or a write-up to include in a future newsletter at mailto:BRomeo1234@optonline.net
Dear Fellow NEC Hobbyists,

The James J. White Memorial Conservation Fund was formed to help conservation efforts through fundraising and donations to well-established and working conservation groups. For several years the Committee has hosted a silent auction at the Annual NEC Convention to benefit organizations that are involved in conservation.

This year the NEC has chosen two very exciting programs for support from the JJW Memorial fund.

Project Seahorse is a marine conservation organization committed to the conservation and sustainable use of the world’s coastal marine ecosystems. We generate cutting-edge research and turn our findings into highly effective conservation interventions. We collaborate with other researchers, governments, and local communities.

By working to protect seahorses, Project Seahorse supports marine conservation more broadly. Seahorses suffer from the same pressures and benefit from many of the same interventions as other marine life.

They are threatened by overfishing and habitat loss. Action for seahorse conservation directly benefits other marine animals, particularly when it comes in the form of marine protected areas or improved governance. See [Seahorse.fisheries.ubc.ca](http://Seahorse.fisheries.ubc.ca) for more information.

and
The North American Goodeid Working Group, (GWG) is an international organization of over 50 aquarists and scientists from Europe and North America dedicated to the preservation of fish species in the family Goodeidae.

Nearly all of the approximately 40 species in this family are in grave danger of going extinct within their native habitats in Mexico and the southwestern United States. Goals of the GWG are to promote and support the captive maintenance and breeding of endangered goodeids, to preserve goodeid habitat, and to support scientific research relevant to goodeid conservation.

The GWG has two branches, one in Europe (12 countries) and the other in North America (Mexico, USA, Canada), with the North American branch (NAGWG) just formed in spring 2013. At present, the NAGWG has 20 members who maintain a total of 183 populations of 38 goodeid species in captivity.

The NAGWG is actively raising funds to help expand the number aquarists maintaining captive populations of rare goodeids in North America, to support two large-scale conservation aquarium facilities in Mexico (in Morelia and Monterrey), and to promote on-the-ground habitat preservation and scientific research at several springs with high goodeid diversity in central Mexico. See http://www.goodeidworkinggroup.com for more information.

We are asking fellow hobbyists to consider donating rare or unusual freshwater/saltwater fish, new or gently used equipment, dry goods or aquarium related art or books. Cash donations are also accepted at the NEC Convention site.

With your help we can continue to provide support for present and future projects.

Thank you,
David Giza davegiza@comcast.net
Steven Allen 1-774-212-1025
Scott Dowd sdowd@neaq.org

The 39th Annual NEC Convention will be held at the Crown Plaza in Cromwell CT
Fri March 28-Sun March 30, 2014

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NEC Fish Show 2014

Photo Contest Chairperson, Richard Pierce

We invite all NEC members and convention attendees to submit your best aquatic photographs to the NEC Photographic competition. All entries will be displayed at this year’s Annual Convention, with prizes awarded for the top three photos in each class.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all registered Convention attendees and members of the NEC clubs. You do not have to be present to participate.

Classes: The advanced class is for anyone who has ever received a first place award in any aquarium related photo competition or who has ever been paid for any photographic aquarium related subject. If you have previously won a first place in the NEC photo contest, you are entitled to enter in the Advanced class, but are not required to do so.

1. Individual Fish / Fish Identification – Advanced Class

2. Individual Fish / Fish Identification – Open Class

3. Underwater Life (Group or Tank Photos) – Advanced Class

4. Underwater Life (Group or Tank Photos) – Open Class

5. NEC Activities People Pictures

Limit of Entries: Three in either class 1 or 2, three in either class 3 or 4, and 3 in class 5 – nine entries maximum.

Format: All entries must be digital. Prints or slides will not be accepted. Images should be in jpeg format and between 1200 pixels and 2400 pixels in the greatest dimension. Each digital file submitted should be composed of the actual photograph only. No borders, other decorative effects or text should be added to the image.
There are no restrictions on post-exposure editing and/or image manipulation. It is understood that photographers may take creative liberties with digital files. It is up to the judges to detect and determine when such manipulations are unnatural or obtrusive, and evaluate images accordingly.

**File Name**: The file name for each entry should include the entrant's last name, first name, species name or brief description, and class and entry number (per class) as per the following examples:

- doe_john_corydoras_sterbai_C1_E1
- doe_jane_planted_aquarium_C4_E2

**Method of Delivery**: Entries should be e-mailed as file attachments to rw_pierce@verizon.net by Midnight the Thursday before the convention. Each e-mail should not exceed 2 Mb in size and may contain multiple photos. Use several e-mails if necessary. The body of the e-mail should include the entrant's name, address, e-mail address and phone number. A list of files sent should also be included giving the file name, description of the photo, class and entry number. The contest chairman will reply by e-mail within 72 hours indicating the files have been received. If you do not hear back within 72 hours you should follow up with another e-mail or phone call to be sure that the files were received.

Entries may also be sent by snail mail on CD, DVD, SD Card, micro SD card, or USB drive to Richard Pierce, PO Box 132, North Attleboro, MA 02761-0132. The media should include a text or MS Word file with the entrant's name, address, e-mail address (if available) and phone number. A list of files sent should also be included giving the file name, description of the photo, class and entry number. If sending the entries by SD card, micro SD card or USB drive use an inexpensive device as it will not be returned. These devices can typically be purchased for less than $10. Snail mail entries must be received by Noon the Thursday before the Convention. Postmark date is irrelevant and the contest chair is not responsible for entries that do not arrive on time. The Chair will follow up with an e-mail or phone call to let the entrant know that the files were received and were readable.

**Entries will not be accepted at the convention.**

All entries will be archived, renamed and cross-referenced so that the judges will not see the entrant's name as part of the judging. The judges' decisions will be final.

**Use of Entries**: The entrant agrees to allow unrestricted publication of images by the NEC whether for editorial or promotional purposes. Notwithstanding the NEC’s unrestricted use of submitted images, entrant retains ownership/copyright of submitted images, whether published...
or not, and merely grants the NEC permission to reproduce images. A photo credit and/or copyright notice shall accompany any image reproduced in any context. Pursuant to the above, the NEC stipulates that entrant claims ownership/copyright for all images submitted (i.e., entrant is presumed to own the intellectual property rights for all images he or she submits under his or her name). Display of Entries: It is expected that all entries will be displayed on a digital picture frame or other digital device in the vendor room of the convention starting Saturday. This display may include the entrant's name and other text on each photograph and will start after the awards have been announced. Display of the photographs at the convention is independent of judging. Contest personnel are not responsible for technical problems that may prevent display of the photographs at the convention. Judges will make their decisions on unmodified photographs, not the photographs with identifying text added.

Review of Entries and Judging: On Friday evening, the first night of the convention, there will be a public review and critique of the entries. All convention attendees are welcome. Refer to your convention program for the time and location of this event. This will be the judges' first look at the photographic entries and the judges will be invited to critique the photos, pointing out the strong points and weak points of each photo. The purpose of this session is education. The judges will be asked to give honest constructive criticism on the photographic entries. If you are not ready to hear such criticism of your photographs, please do not attend. The audience is expected to remain respectful during this session. From this session observers should get a better idea of what makes a strong photograph, in the opinion of the judges. After all the photographs have been critiqued the public will be asked to vacate the room and the judges will make their selections for the winning photos.

Awards: Cash awards will be presented at the annual convention breakfast. $20 for 1st, $10 for 2nd, and $5 for 3rd

Technical support: If entrants have questions pertaining to preparing their photographs for submission they are welcome to contact the Contest Chair for help. The Chair will provide help and advice in resizing, formatting and submitting the photographs only. The Contest Chair will not give advice on artistic issues, post work, or other issues not pertaining to getting the photographs in the correct size and file format for submission.

Contest Chair:
Richard Pierce
PO Box 132
North Attleboro, MA 02761-0132
E-mail: rw_pierce@verizon.net
Phone: 508-643-4603
The Tropical Fish Club of Burlington Celebrates 25 Years!

The Tropical Fish Club of Burlington was formed with very few expectations in February of 1989. The hobbyists in the area however really showed enthusiasm and built a great organization that is still going strong today.

We are celebrating our 25th anniversary this year! From the first meeting with 50 interested people attending, to all of our events and activities, TFCB has really taken to heart the motto that was used to start the club, “Meet and Learn from Others Who Share Your Interest”!

Our February 13th meeting is our actual anniversary party and we hope to have many past and present members attend, eat cake and enjoy the great friendships we have all formed over the years. We will also have lots of prizes and a short presentation on the history of the club.

The weekend of June 6-8 we will have a weekend long event. We hope to have many people join us for this event as there will be something for everyone. We begin Friday with an informal tour of Vermont microbreweries followed by a barbeque at David and Janine’s house on the lake in Grand Isle.

Beginning early Saturday morning we will have six programs by four great speakers at the Holiday Inn in South Burlington. We have worked out lunch with the hotel so we can be all together throughout the day. Saturday night will bring a unique Vermont experience to everyone; a dinner cruise on Lake Champlain on the ‘Spirit of Ethan Allen’ (www.soea.com). Sunday will top off the weekend with our annual Fish Auction. For those that are travelling, we have a great price for rooms at the Holiday Inn, and for those that want more of a Vermont experience, Shore Acres (www.shoreacres.com) in North Hero is also holding rooms for us. We have kept the price of the weekend to a bare minimum so that all can participate, and we hope everyone takes advantage.

We hope everyone can attend our anniversary meeting in February and/or our June weekend event. Milestones like this do not come often, and we want to have everyone celebrate with us!

Thank you.
David Banks, and all of the TFCB members.  
Editor’s Note: See The 25th Anniversary Flyer enclosed in this newsletter.
2014 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

February 17
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Scott Dowd
“Project Piaba”
More info: http://www.bostonaquariumsociety.org/

February 19
Central New York Aquarium Society (CNYAS)
Kapil Mandrekar
“Arapaima & visiting Santarem, Brazil”
More info: http://www.cnyas.org

February 19
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Karen Randall
“Having Fun with Nano-Tanks”
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/

February 20
Norwalk Aquarium Society (NAS)
Sal Silvestri
“A Journey into Sal’s Fish Keeping Experience. Everything You Wanted To Know- But Were Afraid To Ask!”
More info: http://www.norwalkas.org/xoops/

February 20
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Dr. Ted Coletti
“Wild Type Livebearers”
More info: http://www.njas.net
February 21
Long Island Aquarium Society (LIAS)
Frank Greco
“Fish Nutrition”
More info: http://www.liasonline.org

NEW DATE: February 22
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County (ACLC)
Joel Antkowiak
“The CARES Preservation Program, Goodeids & More”
More info: http://www.aclcpa.org

March

March 1
New England Cichlid Association (NECA)
Dr. Paul V. Loiselle
Cichlids

March 3
Greater City Aquarium Society (GCAS)
Joseph Ferdenzi
“The Greater City A.S.’s 90th!”
More info: http://www.greatercity.org

March 10
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society (JSAS)
Gary Jones
“Collecting in South America”

March 13
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington (TFCB)
Video Presentation
Cristel Kasselmann-new plants
(2005 NEC convention)
More info: http://www.tfcb.org
March 14
Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY)
Gene Ritter
“Reef Diving in New York”
More info: http://www.basny.org/

March 15
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County (ACLC)
Greg Steeves
“Lake Victoria Haplochromine Cichlids”
More info: http://www.aclcpa.org

March 17
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Bill Gill
“Designer Nano Guppies”
More info: http://www.bostonaquariumsociety.org/

March 29
Northeast Livebearer Association (NELA)
Ted Coletti
“The History and Husbandry of the Montezumae Swordtails”
NEC Convention, Crowne Plaza, Cromwell, CT
More info: http://northeastcouncil.org/nela/

April 2014

April 3
Greater City Aquarium Society (GCAS)
Larry Johnson
“Lake Malawi”
More info: http://www.greatercity.org
April 10
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington (TFCB)
Peter Izzo
Uruguay
More info: http://www.tfcb.org

April 11
Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY)
Rachel O’Leary
“Freshwater Nano Diversity”
More info: http://www.basny.org/

April 14
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society (JSAS)
Discussion on Aquatic Plants

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.
Norwalk Aquarium Society
36th Annual Tropical Fish & Aquarium Equipment Benefit Auction for Earthplace

Sunday, March 2, 2014
Set up and viewing 10:30 AM-11:30 AM
Auction begins around Noon
At
Earthplace-The Nature Discovery Center
10 Woodside Lane, Westport, Connecticut
Auction open to the Public - free of charge

One of the Northeast’s Largest Auctions of Beautiful Tropical Fish & New and Good Used Aquarium Equipment!

For more information visit websites: www.norwalkas.org or www.earthplace.org
Or Call (203) 227-7253 ext. 110

Directions to the Earthplace Nature Discovery Center
From Merritt Parkway - Wilbur Cross:
Exit 41. If coming from New Haven turn right at exit, (if coming from New York, turn left at exit). Proceed on CT Route 33. At first traffic light turn right onto Kings Highway North. Proceed straight and turn right (second town road) onto Woodside Avenue. Woodside Avenue ends at the stop sign and Woodside Lane continues to Earthplace.

From New England Thruway (I-95)
From either direction take exit 17 and turn left onto Riverside Avenue (Route 33). Go straight approximately 1 mile to Sylvan Road South (on left - gas station at corner). Turn left onto Sylvan Rd S. Turn right at light (Post Road, Route 1) take first left onto Kings Highway, take left at Woodside Avenue-proceed to end of street. Woodside Lane continues to Earthplace.

From Norwalk or Westport Via Rte 1.
Follow Route 1 to Kings Highway North. Take left onto Woodside Avenue and proceed to end of street. Woodside Avenue ends at the stop sign and Woodside Lane continues to Earthplace
The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Presents

Kathy Cardineau

FRIDAY, FEB. 14 @ 7:30 PM

At The New York Aquarium, Education Hall, Surf Ave. & West 8th St., Bklyn, NY 11229

Held the 2nd Friday each month, except July and August

Free Parking • Free Refreshments

$5 Donation for Non-members. Good towards membership that night only.

For Information Visit BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.COM
Or Call BAS 24 hr. Calendar of Events Hotline (718) 837-4455

Setting Up a Pond

Marine Fish, Aqua-cultured Corals, Freshwater Fish, Plants & Dry Goods Auction

Car Directions: Belt Parkway to Ocean Parkway South (Exit 7S). Take Ocean Parkway approx. 1/2 mile. The NY Aquarium will be on your left.

Subway Directions: Either the Q or F trains to West 8th St., NY Aquarium Station.
The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island presents

Triple Crown Fish Auction
Saturday, March 15, 2014

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

Free Admission! All are welcome!

Doors will be open at 10:00 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
(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!

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 10th 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

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 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.
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.
THE JERSEY SHORE AQUARIUM SOCIETY
presents its
22nd ANNUAL
Tropical Fish and Dry Goods Auction!
SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2014

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 ($2 bidder fee).

To be held on Sunday, March 16, 2014 at the Knights of Columbus at 70 E. Main St. in Freehold, NJ.

Live goods registration: 9 to 11 a.m. No guarantee that items registered after 11 a.m. will be auctioned. No used dry goods.

Viewing of items: 10 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.

Auction starts at noon sharp!

Any person may bring quality live fish and aquatic plants to enter into auction.

60/40 split when preregistered by Mar. 16 or 50/50 split when registered at the auction.

Auction rules available upon request.

For more information or to preregister:
e-mail allaboutpetsllc@yahoo.com, call (732) 223-4530, or visit www.jerseyshoreas.org
Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies

39th Tropical Fish Convention
March 28 – 30, 2014

Speakers - Vendor Room
Fish Show – Workshops
All Day Auction Sunday!

Don’t miss this opportunity to see great speakers, get new fish and learn from others who share your interest!

THE CROWNE PLAZA
Cromwell, Connecticut
Exit 21 off I-91 South of Hartford. Turn left off exit.

An Educational and Social Weekend Open To All!

SPEAKERS
Rick Borstein
Ted Coletti
Ken McKeighen
Matt Pedersen
Roxanne Smolowitz
Mark Soberman
Kris Weinhold

Workshops
Andrew Murphy
Roxanne Smolowitz

Visit Convention Web Page for All Details including Auction Info and Rules, Online Registration, Hotel Reservations, Event Schedule & Speaker info and Show info!

http://www.northeastcouncil.org/
Speakers – Vendor Room – Sunday Auction 11am (viewing from 9:30am) – Banquet – Workshops

Club meetings – Fish Show

Rick Borsetein – Spawning Cichlids – 60 Tips – Digital Photography
Ted Coletti – Xiphophorus – Water Gardens
Ken McKeighen – Evolution of Fish – Pupfish
Matt Pedersen – Marine Fishrooms – Aquarium Ark

Roxanne Smolowitz – Anatomy/Physiology FW Fish
Mark Soberman – African Catfish – Cory/Aspidoras/Brochis
Kris Weinold – NA native plants – Aquascaping

Roxanne Smolowitz – FW Fish Disease Diagnoses Workshop
Andrew Murphy – SW Coral Fragging Workshop

Leslie Dick 203-748-7800 ConventionChair@northeastcouncil.org
http://www.northeastcouncil.org/convention
NJAS ANNUAL AUCTION
SUNDAY APRIL 6
THE LARGEST SELECTION OF TROPICAL FISH OFFERED FOR AUCTION ON THE EAST COAST
QUALITY INN LYNDHURST NJ
REG: 9AM AUCTION AT 12 NOON
Central New York Aquarium Society

Love Fish?

Come to
The 36th Annual
Fish Auction

April 26th at 11:00am
St. Matthews Over The Rainbow Child Care Center
214 Kinne Street, East Syracuse, NY, 13057

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: cnyas@yahoo.com
Or visit our website at:

www.cnyas.org
*** Announcing ***

**New England Cichlid Association**

**NECA’s Spring Tropical Fish Auction!**

Join us at the Polish American Club, 9 1st Street in Windsor Locks, CT on **Sunday, April 27**th **for our spring Tropical Fish Auction.**

- Door Prizes
- 50/50 Cash Raffle
- Free Admission
- Refreshments
- Good people….Good fish….Good fun!

Auction starts at 12:00 noon. Doors open at 9:30 AM for viewing and registering lots. Bring ALL your fish (NOT JUST YOUR CICHLIDS!) and new or “gently used” aquarium equipment for $3 per lot. Donations are great too!

Visit [www.necichlids.com](http://www.necichlids.com) for more information
Otter Valley Aquarium Society
2014 Auction & Bowl Show
Sunday May 18
Noon - 5:00 PM
Holiday Inn Rutland
US Rte. 7 South - near Green Mountain Plaza
Tropical Fish / Aquatic Plants / Equipment / Fish Food / Door Prizes

Auction Guidelines:
Auction runs from Noon till 5:00 PM
Registration and viewing opens at 9:30 AM
Preregistration encouraged by contacting Brian & Lee Scott at leenbrianscott@yahoo.com
50/50 split on all auction lots (60/40 split to those who preregister lots by May 16th)
Donated lots encouraged (100% of sale to OVAS)
Maximum of 4 lots per species per person
Maximum of 40 lots per person total (fish, plants, etc.)
Auction goers may request a lot be bumped to the front for a fee of $2 per auction lot
All “wet” auction lots (fish or plants) must be double bagged. All lots that arrive in single bags will be double bagged for a fee of $1 per lot
All bagged fish and plants must be clearly labeled with species and common name. We encourage adding “adult” photos of fish to add to the lot’s salability
All equipment up for auction must be in working order

NOTE: Aquatic Plant Sale Table New for 2014!!
How many times have you seen your plants go for next to nothing at auction? To expedite the auction, and to keep prices at a reasonable level, we are offering an Aquatic Plants Sale Table for direct sale of your aquatic plants. Let’s get the most out of our plants, and the most out of our auction this year!

Bowl Show Guidelines:
Prizes:
$100 (1st), $75 (2nd), $50 (3rd)
No entry fee this year
Preregistration encouraged for show label printing
All species eligible
Set up is 9:30 - 11:30 AM
Judging is “People’s Choice” voting by attendees of the auction event (winners announced at 2:00 PM)
Fish must be shown in bare tank (no gravel, plants, or decorations) with at least one flat side
You may include your fish in the auction at the close of judging (standard 50/50 auction split)

Things we will provide:
We have a limited number of small show tanks
We have a few air pumps, stones, tubing
Water conditioner
Show tables

Things you should plan to bring:
Show tank (with at least one flat side), seasoned water, nets, fish, air pump & stone, plastic bags if you intend to auction your fish

50 / 50 Raffle
Support OVAS, Buy more fish! Drawing at 3:00 PM

Contact: Bob Hooker at bjhookervt@gmail.com
Brian Scott at leenbrianscott@yahoo.com
THE TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON

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- Holiday Inn, South Burlington, VT

Great seminars and speakers:
• Eric Bodrock
• Regina Spotti
• Rachel O’Leary
• Stephan Tanner

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

We hope you will come celebrate this milestone with us!
For more information, please visit www.tfcb.org.
New England Fancy Guppy Association
presents an
International Fancy Guppy Assoc.
Sanctioned
Fancy Guppy Show
June 28 & 29, 2014
www.newenglandguppies.org

Where: Luther Burbank Middle School, 1 Hollywood Dr., Lancaster, MA 01523
Junction of Rt. 70 & Rt. 117
Why: Come to the auction to buy great quality breeding stock!
More Info: E.T. Mellor, 11 Morgan Circle, Amherst MA 01002, 413-549-0478
Greg Billings, 10 Sky Farm Lane, Sterling MA 01564, 978-870-2593

Schedule

Saturday, June 28, 2014
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, June 29, 2014
Open to the Public: 9 AM – 12 Noon

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

Come join us and consider becoming a member of the New England Fancy Guppy Association.

This is what new members can look forward to….

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“monthly” meetings at homes with very different fish room setups
interesting and informative monthly member requested 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 shock among members
electronic copy of PAST year’s "Guppy Gazettes"
team work of putting on an IFGA sanctioned show each year

 monthly bowl shows
perfect male tee shirt
special breeding projects
detailed collection in our club loan library
NEFGA "coffee table" picture book
ECC HUGE Spring Auction '14!
Sunday March 2nd
Union Elks Club
Union, NJ
http://www.eastcoastcichlids.org

SAVE THE DATE
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Schaumburg Convention Center
Chicago, Illinois
http://www.aquaticexperience.org
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Boston Aquarium Society    BAS
Boston Guppy Club        BGC
Brooklyn Aquarium Society    BASNY
Connecticut Aquatic Plant Enthusiasts  CAPE
Central New York Aquarium Society  CNYAS
Connecticut Betta Club        CBC
Danbury Area Aquarium Society  DAAS
Greater City Aquarium Society  GCAS
Greater Hartford Aquarium Society  GHAS
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society  JSAS
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Metropolitan Area Killifish Assoc.  MAKA
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
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Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society  PVAS
Pioneer Valley Water Garden & Koi  PVWG&K
Southern New England Killifish Assoc.  SNEKA
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Please bring an item or two from your clubs for our “mini” auction at our general meetings. The proceeds are used to offset the cost of the meeting, and your items can be
NEC Member Clubs
(click on individual logos to go to the respective website or contact info)