

The Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies, Inc.



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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING – SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH @ 12:00
(CONFERENCE CALL)**

**IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT JOE MASI AT
PRESIDENT@NORTHEASTCOUNCIL.ORG OR 845-896-4793**

2011 NEC CALENDAR

February

20 PVAS Auction

March

5 NEC General Meeting (conference call)
6 NAS Benefit Auction
12 NJAS Swap Meet
19 TFSRI Spring Auction
20 JSAS Annual Auction
25-27 NEC Annual Convention

April

10 NJAS Spring Auction
24 BAS Swap Meet

May

1 DAAS Annual Auction
22 ACLC Spring Auction
15 OVAS Auction
TBD NEC Board Meeting (conference call)

June

5 NEC General Meeting (conference call)

July

8 BASNY 100th Anniversary

August

13 NEC Board Meeting
14 NEC Auction

September

18 NHAS Annual Auction
25 NEC General Meeting

October

16 BAS Annual Auction
21-23 NJAS Show & Auction

November

13 NEC BOG Meeting (conference call)

December

4 NEC General Meeting (conference call)

The NEC does not coordinate dates for club events, but does publish a 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 the Editor of the new date immediately at cpolICASTRO1@verizon.net, or by phone @ 609-371-1195.

President's Message

Happy New Year Everyone,,,

The Planning for the 2011 convention is in full swing; please refer to the convention web site for the latest updates: www.northeastcouncil.org/convention . I would like to ask each club to please help in advertising this year's convention by mentioning it in your newsletter and placing a link on your club's web site.

The NEC has secured an agreement with the Crowne Plaza to provide conference room meeting space for member clubs, under the same payment arrangements. Please contact Leslie Dick, the NEC Hotel Coordinator if you are interested: ldick@comcast.net.

The next **NEC General Meeting** is scheduled for Saturday March 5, 2011 at 12:00 noon. This meeting will be a conference call, details will be sent prior to the meeting. **Please note this meeting was originally scheduled as a "face-to-face" at the Crowne Plaza.**

The next NEC Board Meeting is currently TBD, due to a scheduling conflict with a sister club's event. This meeting will be a conference call, details will be sent prior to the meeting. **Please note this meeting was originally scheduled for May 22, 2011 as a conference call.**

Please remember to send your club contact updates and calendar events to Christine Policastro at cpolicastro1@verizon.net ; we still have several emails bouncing... Linda Giza is always looking for speakers to add to the NEC list, please send the information to lindagiza@comcast.net .

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

Joe Masi
NEC President

01/13/2011

NEC Convention March 25-27, 2011

36th Annual NEC Convention

www.northeastcouncil.org/convention

NEC Convention Update

The 36th Convention is coming quickly! March 25-27, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, CT. Check the convention website, www.northeastcouncil.org/convention for all the details including the speaker list and description, schedule and the Sunday auction information

The menus for the 3 meals available are posted on the site as well. Registration will open January 20th and there will be many options (many possible combinations) available in the registration shopping cart.

Congratulations to Chuck Davis (NJAS) for his beautiful winning logo! Chuck has entered and won many convention logo contests in the past and we are very pleased he won again this year. Many thanks to the many artists who entered. The entries were all very creative and I would have been pleased to have any of them represent this year's convention!



Online Registration

We are offering a Special Registration Package (which is inclusive of a Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast and banquet Saturday night, registration, a shirt and a raffle ticket for a Special Package Only raffle) along with the usual a-la-carte registration options. Like last year, all those that register for the convention will also get a full buffet breakfast Saturday morning. After the pre-registration deadline of **March 4th**, prices will increase, so register early! An email will go out announcing the opening of registration and anyone who did not supply us with an email address will receive a post card in the mail about the convention and registration. Thanks to Ad Konings for the beautiful fish picture we used on the front of the postcard (and on our convention poster)! A printable/mailable registration flier will also be available on the website for those who do not wish to register online. Leslie Dick is handling registration this year and she'll be glad to answer your questions.

ldick@comcast.net.

Vendor Room

Nancy Villars is Chair of the Vendor Room, and she has some great ideas to bring in new and different vendors. If you have suggestions for her, please email her at sscichlids@aol.com. Check the website for updates and a listing of confirmed Vendors as it becomes available.

Sunday Auction

Again we have expanded the Sunday Auction to give more options to the Sellers! The 40 lot maximum per seller now includes up to 5 lots of clean, working equipment or dry goods, and lots can be entered into the auction even on Sunday morning this year! You are not *required* to pre-register, but we strongly urge you to use the online pre-registration system and receive a 60/40 split. We request that all auction lots be brought to the auction room and submitted to the Fishroom before 9:00am Sunday March 27, 2011. Lots that are submitted to the Fishroom after 9am will not be included in the viewing unless time permits distribution into the 10 table system before viewing opens at 9:30am. If you don't pre-register your lots and need to register your fish and get lot labels printed on Sunday (you will receive a 50/50 split), you are encouraged to plan to arrive early so you can submit your lots to the Fishroom before 9am! See the Sunday Auction Rules (will be posted on the website shortly) for further information and details.

[Jim White and the NEC Conservation Fund](#)

Jim's parents have donated all of Jim's hobby related equipment (tanks, stands, lights, gravel, filters, etc) to the NEC and we will be selling it all in a "flea market" Sunday March 27th from 10-12 noon at the convention. All items will be priced to sell and all money collected is being donated to the James J. White Memorial Conservation Fund which is raising money this year for two conservation efforts: The Stuart M. Grant Cichlid Conservation Fund (see more details at www.cichlidpress.com) and a second fund yet to be determined. The sale will only be for 2 hours Sunday morning from 10am - noon, so make your plans to attend the Sunday Auction viewing when it opens at 9:30am so when you're done you can then shop the flea market and benefit conservation!

[Photo Competition](#)

We invite all NEC members and convention attendees to submit your best aquatic photographs to the NEC Photographic competition held at the convention in March. All entries will be displayed at this year's Annual Convention, with cash prizes awarded for the judge's favorites. Please see our website for classes, rules and an entry form!

[Convention Poster](#)

A poster advertising the convention is available to download from the convention website (a copy will also be sent with the newsletter). Please put it in your newsletter and print it and post it at local pet shops, grocery stores, anywhere to advertise the NEC's 36th Annual Convention. Thank you for promoting this educational event!

Any club wishing to have a free ad in the convention program booklet needs to email the ad to Gary Wong at gtwdesigns@yahoo.com no later than February 20th please! The ad will end up being 4"L x 3.5" H so keep that in mind when you are designing it! All NEC Clubs should submit an ad, and we ask all clubs to announce the convention at their next meeting and make sure all their members know about this great event happening in their backyard.

Thank you to each of the following clubs who sent a Delegate to 3 out of the 4 NEC General Meetings this past year. Each club has received a Free Registration to the Convention (\$67 value) which they can raffle off, use as a prize or use as they see fit. **ACLC, DAAS, JSAS, NELA, PVAS, TFCB, TFSRI.**

We are looking for **Sponsors** for the Convention. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, details are listed on the convention website under the "Become a Sponsor" menu option or you can contact Nancy Villars by email sccichlids@aol.com or call her at 732-207-6540. Companies, individuals and clubs are all encouraged to help support our efforts to promote showing fish and educate hobbyists about fishkeeping! *Please support our Sponsors!* Visit the Sponsors page of the website to see who is contributing to this convention and do what you can to support them.

You will be able to find the meal menus, learn details about our speakers & links to their websites, view the tentative schedule, see who is sponsoring our event, register online for the convention, print a convention Registration Form, see who our Vendors will be, register Sunday Auction Lots online, download Auction Rules and learn all about this year's convention on the website so, **please check the website today and check back often!** Any ideas you have and any questions you have may be directed to me at dbanks@together.net (802) 372-8716 or to Leslie Dick at ldick@comcast.net. Hope to see you all in March!! Janine

In an e-mail from Aline Broussesu . . . she is happy to report that her husband Jacques, is doing fine after his surgery to remove cancer from his right lung. They are hopeful that he will have a speedy recovery, and no lingering problems.

Anyone wishing to mail personal get well wishes may do so at:

Jacques &Aline Brousseau
812 San Salvador Drive
The Villages, FL 3219-9228

Special Announcement

Cromwell Crowne Plaza – location for club meetings

As for NEC BOD and General meetings, the Cromwell Crowne Plaza is now available for NEC sister clubs' monthly meetings. The hotel has kindly extended the same agreement for sister club meetings as arranged for the NEC meetings. There is a nominal fee associated with a room reservation. Please contact Leslie Dick, the new NEC Hotel Liaison, at LDick@comcast.net with your club name, date and start/end time of the meeting, and how many members you expect to have in attendance.

NEC Slide and Videos Program

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
dbanks@together.net or 802-372-8716

To view the list of available programs online visit:

http://northeastcouncil.org/video/listings.php?order_by=title&sortorder=ASC

NEC Speaker Program

One of the purposes of the Northeast Council is to assist member clubs in remaining a viable and successful aquarium society. I know from previous experience that one of the hardest jobs in any club is that of the Program Chairperson - who has the responsibility of providing a succession of experienced and entertaining speakers, on a variety of topics, with little or no budget.

Linda Giza is responsible for the NEC speaker list, so please contact her with any corrections or additions you have at lindagiza@comcast.net or call her at (413) 301-2803.

If you would like to advertise your monthly meetings or special events, please forward the information to me by the tenth of each month. **Be sure to include all pertinent information (like location, time, contact person or website for additional information) in your announcement.**

2011 Club Events

Swap Meet & Vendor Expo 2011

North Jersey Aquarium Society

Saturday, March 12

Lyndhurst Elks Club

251 Park Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Admission \$5.00 (kids 12 and under free)

Breakfast & lunch available

Spring Auction 2011

Jersey Shore Aquarium Society

Sunday, March 20

Knights of Columbus Hall

70 East Main Street, Freehold, NJ 07728

Registration 9:00 – 11:00 (items registered after 11:00 may not be auctioned)

Viewing of lots from 10:00 to 11:45

Auction starts @ noon

Spring Auction 2011

Aquarium Club of Lancaster County

Sunday, May 22

Harrisburg Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center

148 Sheraton Drive, New Cumberland, PA 17070

I-83 & PA Turnpike

Doors open 8:30 for viewing and registration

Auction starts @ 11:00 a.m.

2011 Club Meetings

January 20

North Jersey Aquarium Society
Dr. Paul Loiselle
"Update on Madagascar"
Visit www.njas.net for more details

January 25

Greater Hartford Aquarium Society
Charlie Grimes
Visit www.Ghasct.org for more details

February 18

Long Island Aquarium Society
Silent Auction
Visit www.liasonline.org for more details

February 11

Brooklyn Aquarium Society
Christine Williams
"When Aquariums Attack"
Visit www.brooklynaquariumsociety.org for more details

February 27

Northeast Livebearers Association
Rit Forcier
@ 1:00 p.m. @ Crowne Plaza
Contact Linda Giza at lindagiza@comcast.net for more details

January 21

Long Island Aquarium Society
Steve Abrams
"Going To The Sea" - an introduction to Brackish Water Fish
Visit www.liasonline.org for more details
(new location @ SUNY Stony Brook effective 1/21/11)

February 8

Otter Valley Aquarium Society
Rit Forcier
"Three Weeks Collecting in Mexico"
Contact Bob Hooker @ bjhookervt@gmail.com for more details

February 19

Aquarium Club of Lancaster
George Richter
"More than Fish in the Peruvian Amazon"
Visit www.ACLAPA.org for more details

Other Hobby-Related Events

American Livebearer National Convention
April 8-10, 2011 Cleveland, OH
For details and carpool information, contact Rit Forcier, ALChair@aol.com
See more on the web site, www.ALA2011.com

GuppyCon 2011. The World-wide Guppy Conference will take place in Boston, MA October 13th - 16th, 2011. The four day conference is a joint effort between the IGEES (International Guppy Education & Exhibition Society), the World Guppy Association, the Boston Guppy Club, and the Boston Aquarium Society. Special events include a New England whale watch, behind the scenes tours of the New England Aquarium, an IMAX movie presentation in the New England Aquarium theater, and a tour of the city of Boston by Boston Duck Tours. There will be several workshops and speakers, including a presentation by the famous Canadian guppy breeder Philip Shaddock author of the "Theory and Practice of Guppy Breeding" and "The Library of Guppy Color Strains, Their History and Genetics". There will also be a vendor room in the hotel and a dedicated block of rooms for "in-room sales". The event will also include the World Guppy Association's "15th World Guppy Championship" and an "IGEES Guppy Innovation Contest" featuring guppies from breeders around the world. The judging panel includes famous breeders Andrew Lim of Malaysia and Oemer Gulmez of Germany. The final day of the conference will feature the Boston Aquarium Society Annual Auction which will be open to the public. Further details will be released shortly when the GuppyCon.com event website is launched. Vendor and Sponsorship inquiries should be directed to Bill Gill (bostonbreeder@bostonguppyclub.com).

NEC MEMBER CLUBS:

Aquarium Club of Lancaster County	ACLCL
Boston Aquarium Society	BAS
Brooklyn Aquarium Society	BASNY
Connecticut Betta Club	CBC
Danbury Area Aquarium Society	DAAS
Greater City Aquarium Society	GCAS
Greater Hartford Aquarium Society	GHAS
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society	JSAS
Long Island Aquarium Society	LIAS
Nassau County Aquarium Society	NCAS
Norwalk Aquarium Society	NAS
New England Cichlid Association	NECA
New Hampshire Aquarium Society	NHAS
Northeast Livebearers Association	NELA
North Jersey Aquarium Society	NJAS
Otter Valley Aquarium Society	OVAS
Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society	PVAS
Pioneer Valley Water Garden & Koi	PVWG&K
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington	TFCB
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island	TFSRI

NEC Board of Governors 2010-2012

President: Joe Masi (DAAS)
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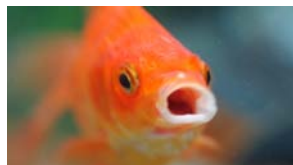
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Past President: Christine Policastro (NJAS)

Members At Large 2008-2010

- Leslie Dick (DAAS)
- Linda Giza (PVAS)
- Ken Menard (TFSRI)
- Frank Policastro (NJAS)
- Nancy Villars (JSAS)
- Kurt Johnston (ACLCL)



Standing Committees:

Corporate Agent	Dan McKercher
Judging & Standards	Anne Broadmeyer
Legislation	Dave Giza
Programs (Slides & Videos)	Dave Banks
Raffles (Fund Raising)	Ken Menard
Workshop	J. Banks/L. Dick

Non-Standing Committees:

Advertising	Dave Hardenbrook
Articles Competition	Mike Liu
Auction	Joe Masi/Dave Giza
Betty Mueller	
Breeder Participation Program	Rich Pierce
Conservation	Bill Maier/Rit Forcier
Donations	Nancy Villars
Exhibitor Competition	Christine Policastro
Historian	Dave Banks
Innes Cup Award	Frank Policastro
Newsletter	Christine Policastro
Photo Contest	Rich Pierce
Speakers	Linda Giza
Sunshine	Fran Masi
Webmaster	Doug Patac

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 auctioned either as a 100% donation or a 50/50 split