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## MEETING NOTICE

The General Meeting will be held  
**Wed., June 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM**  
at the Somersworth High School  
in Somersworth, N.H.

Next BOD Meeting will be held on  
**Monday, August 21, 2017**  
at 7pm  
at Don's home

## MAY MEETING

**Wednesday,  
June 14, 2017**

### **RICHARD ROSS**

**Stingrays in the Aquarium**

**bowl show • photo show  
auction**

**refreshments and raffle prizes**

**Everyone is looking forward  
to seeing you there!**

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Denise Brown

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NHAS Photography Contest to  
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## PREZ SAYS !



Greetings!

It is late May and Memorial Day is upon us! We are coming up on our last Club Meeting before our annual summer break, Wed. June 14th. Our June speaker is **Richard Ross - "Stingrays in the Aquarium"**. I personally have been looking forward to this month as Stingrays fascinate me. Additionally, we will be placing a "members only" order with the **Wet Spot** with the Club picking up the tab for shipping! It doesn't get much better than that, so be sure to be at the June meeting with your Wet Spot order and cash or a check payable to "New Hampshire Aquarium Society". The plan is to order the next day with the club paying a little extra for next day shipping enabling delivery on Sat., June 17. Please make sure you are available to pick up your order in Durham, NH on that day! Or Chuck gets a lot of free stuff!

We also would love to see everyone at the **annual club picnic, Sat. July 22, 2017 at Fort Foster in Kittery, ME** (Rain date Sat. July, 29). Please try and attend! Club provides all meats, etc. We ask you to bring a salad or dessert as well as what you like to drink (non-alcoholic, please). If you can make it, please try and RSVP via e-mail by July 15 so we can have an idea of how much food to buy!

With Summer here as well, everyone is out having a good time with friends and family. Please, be careful on the roads, not just over the holiday weekend but every day.

Have a Great Summer!!

Your President,  
Keith Richardson

## **NHAS T-Shirts For Sale:**

Featuring three angels and the Old Man of the Mountain by 2016 President, Robert Tyrrell.

**S-XL = \$8.75    XXL-XXXL = \$11.75**



**Make check to Denise Brown  
or cash for your t-shirt.**

**Shirts are black with  
white ink or order at  
[denise@adceteragraphics.com](mailto:denise@adceteragraphics.com)**

# WETSPOT ORDER!

## \*\*\*GREAT FISH AVAILABLE\*\*\*

The Board of Directors at a recent meeting discussed a **group purchase from Wetspot**, one of our supporters, in Portland, Oregon. At the same time the Board agreed that NHAS would pay for the shipping.

### Here is how it works:

Go to <http://www.wetspottropicalfish.com/> and **click on fish and/or plants**. Select what you want to purchase, make a list and bring that list and a check to cover the cost of your purchase to the meeting on June 14th. The order will be placed and it will be delivered to Chuck Smith's house at 50 Ross Road, in Durham, NH ready for your pick-up. It is as simple as that. By the way, this is open to NHAS members only.

## \*\*\*\*\*DON'T MISS OUT\*\*\*\*\*

This is a great opportunity to get some great and unusual fish and plants from a very reliable source and avoid shipping costs. A few of us have purchased fish from Wetspot over the years and have always been satisfied and the last group order was a great success. NOTE: Since they update their list on Fridays it might be best to wait until the Friday before the meeting (6/9) to finalize your list.

Don Van Pelt has offered to coordinate the process so give him your list and check made out to NHAS.

**From Don:** The order will probably arrive on the morning of **Saturday, June 17th**. The last time we did this it came in around **11:30AM**. You must get your fish from Chuck sometime on the day they come in. Please include your email address on your list in case there is a need to contact you and so I can contact you about pick-up time and place. I will destroy the addresses after the order is complete. Any questions you can contact me through the web page using [secretary@nhaquariumsociety.com](mailto:secretary@nhaquariumsociety.com)

## Thank You NHAS Supporters 2016/2017!

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New Hampshire Aquarium Society		
Financial Report- May 2017		
Beginning balance:	\$4,512.82	
Income		
From		Comment
50/50 Raffle	\$16.00	
Auction	\$74.50	
Don Van Pelt	\$5.00	Fish Bags
Martha Bonney	\$5.00	Fish Bags
Oliver Bender	\$15.00	Membership Due to October 2017
Eli Carleton	\$15.00	Membership Due to October 2017
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$130.50</b>	
Expenses		
Paid to		Comment
Paul Lynch	\$8.00	50/50 Raffle Winner!
Paul Lynch	\$10.00	50/50 Seed
Don Van Pelt	\$275.00	Check for Fee for Non-Profit Status Federal
Ann Whitman	\$100.00	May Speaker - 2017
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$393.00</b>	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$4,250.32</b>	

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**New Hampshire  
Aquarium Society**

**Congrats to  
Raffle  
Winners!**

**Buy Raffle  
Tickets to  
Support our Club.**

## **NHAS BOD MEETING May 15, 2017**

The May board of directors meeting was held at the home of Jennifer and Keith Richardson on May 15, 2017. In attendance were Martha Bonney, Denise Brown, Joe Dreckman, Jennifer Richardson, Keith Richardson, Chuck Smith, Don Van Pelt, Ed Wasiewski and Anita Weidnecht. There were no bills to be paid so Keith moved directly into committee reports. Once again there was considerable discussion regarding filing with the IRS for federal non-profit status. Don reported that the first filing was rejected because an incorrect form was used. The old form had a filing fee of \$275.00 and the new form has a fee of \$400.00 and is considerably more complex. It was decided to table the process until Chuck has a chance to contact a friend who is a CPA and tax consultant.

An annual audit is required by the constitution so Ed and Jennifer agreed to meet on June 9th to go through the process.

Jennifer reported that she reimbursed our May speaker \$98.84 to cover the cost of Ms. Whitman's hotel room. This payment was approved at the April board meeting. There was a brief discussion about the Wetspot order which will be placed following the June monthly meeting. It was noted that the financial records of the club have been accumulating since 1989 much of which is not digital. The question was, "how long must we keep these records?" It was decided to maintain seven years of records and destroy the rest.

There was a general discussion regarding some sort of contest starting next fall. A growth or breeding contest was among the ideas and Keith will poll the membership at the June meeting for any other ideas or suggestions.

The meeting adjourned around 8:30 PM. The next board meeting will be held at the home of Barbara and Don Van Pelt on Monday August 21st, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the great state of Maine.

— Respectfully submitted by Don Van Pelt, Sec. NHAS



Jennifer's wild cat fish  
(no photoshop on these eyes,  
they are actually this  
stunningly vibrant color!)



BOD May 2017: Anita, Joe, Keith, Ed, Don, Chuck, Denise, Martha, Jennifer

## BAP (Breeders Awards Points) — May 2017

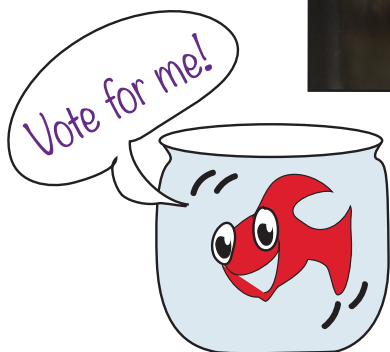
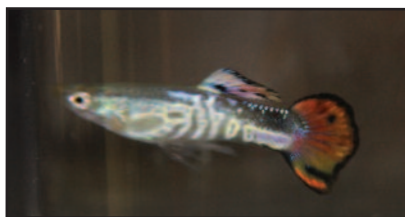
Bonney, Martha	Puntius	titteya	cherry barb	C	15	2017	3/8/2016
Bonney, Martha	Corydoras	aeneus	bronze Catfish	B	10	2017	3/8/2016
Bonney, Martha	Planorbis	rubrum	Rams Horn Snails	A	5	2017	4/12/2017
Bonney, Martha	Melanoides	tuberculata	Malaysian Trumpet Snails	A	5	2017	4/12/2017
Bonney, Martha	Lymnaeinae	sp.	Pond Snails	A	5	2017	4/12/2017
Bonney, Martha	Xiphophorus	helleri	Red Wag Swordtail	A	5	2017	4/12/2017
Bonney, Martha	Corydoras	habrosus	Salt and Pepper Cory	C	15	2017	4/12/2017
Bonney, Martha	Inpaichthys	kerri	Blue Emperor Tetra	C	15	2017	5/10/2017
Bonney, Martha	Poecilia	wingei	Endler's Livebearer	A	5	2017	5/10/2017
<b>Bonney, Martha Total</b>					80		
Smith, Chuck	Nimbochromis	venustus	Giraffe fish	B	10	2017	2/8/2017
<b>Smith, Chuck Total</b>					10		
Van Pelt, Don	Nannostomus	beckfordi	Golden pencil fish	C	15	2017	2/8/2017
Van Pelt, Don	Betta	rubra	betta rubra	C	15	2017	3/8/2016
Van Pelt, Don	Epiplatys	spilargyreios "Djiri River"	2nd Gen Epiplatys Killifish	B	15	2017	5/10/2017
Van Pelt, Don	Aphyosemion	Riggenbachi "Ndokama"	1st Gen Aphyosemion Killifish	B	10	2017	5/10/2017
<b>Van Pelt, Don Total</b>					55		
<b>Grand Total</b>					145		

### May 2017 Bowl Show Winners

**1st: Martha Bonney  
Fancy Guppy**

**1st: Joe Dreckmann  
Red Swordtail**

It was a tie for 1st place!



**Will you be the next  
Winners**

**Bring in your most spectacular fish  
and enter the Bowl Show!  
See you next month — Martha**

### Bowl Show Rules

1. The bowl show is open to all members and all entries must be accompanied by their owner.
2. Members may bring up to three fish.
3. Members must have owned the fish for three months prior to the entry.
4. Containers must have one flat side.
5. There are to be no decorations on or in the container.
6. The fish will be judged by all present and awards will be given for first, second, and third place based on popular vote.
7. Points will be given for each place (first-4 points, second-3 points, third-2 points).  
In the case of a tie, tying members will be given equal points.
8. With the exception of the Best of the Best, first place winners may not be reentered in future bowl shows within the calendar year.
9. At the end of the year awards will be given to the members with the most points.
10. Bowl show points are to be awarded on an individual basis, not on a family membership basis.
11. No fish that has been surgically altered (Examples of which are, but not limited to, dying, tattooing or trimming of fins) may be entered in any "NHAS" bowl show.

# Aquarist Points as of 5/2017

Please let Don Van Pelt know if any question on this information:

NAME	May	YTD
BONNEY, MARTHA	6	38
BROWN, DENISE	3	13
CARLETON, ELI	0	0
CASE, JASON	0	0
DESMARAIS, I	2	4
DRECKMAN, JOSEPH	3	9
DUDLET, CAMERON	2	16
HAYES, MARK	0	0
JONES, SHAWN	0	0
KLICK, AMY	0	0
KOOKEN, JASON	0	0
LYNCH, PAUL	2	4
PEARSON, JOHN	0	2
RICHARDSON, JENNIFER	4	10
RICHARDSON, KEITH	3	19
SITEK, ALEX	4	12
SMITH, CHARLES	2	12
SPOFFORD, STEPHEN	0	2
STIRK, BEN	2	6
TERRIL, RICHARD	0	0
TYRRELL, ROBERT	0	10
VAN PELT, DONALD	4	26
WASIEWSKI, ED	3	11
WEIDNECHT, ANITA	2	10

## GENERAL MEETING: May 2017

On May tenth, 2017, with about twenty-five people in attendance, president Keith Richardson called the May meeting of the New Hampshire Aquarium society to order. Keith started with some announcements including the summer get-together, which will again be held at Fort Foster at Kittery Point, Maine. The dates are Saturday July 22nd with a rain date a week later on the 29th. The club will provide the meat and condiments and members are asked to bring a desert or salad to share with the group. Also announced was the process for the Wetspot member only group order. The BOD voted to pay for the overnight shipping which can be expensive and perhaps prohibitive. See the June issue of the *Granite Fisher* for details. **This is a great opportunity, don't miss out.**

The board also voted to change the monthly raffle to a 50/50 raffle. Tickets will be sold in the usual manner and the winner will receive one-half of the money taken in by the sale of tickets (the other half goes to the club) plus ten dollars from the club treasury. And the winner of the first monthly 50/50 was Paul Lynch. Nice going Paul. Now let's have more participation.

The final order of business was a suggested constitution change that can be found printed in the May issue of the newsletter and will also be in the June *Granite Fisher*. The vote on the change will be taken at June's monthly meeting.

The speaker for the evening was Ann Whitman and her topic was Back Porch Ponds. The talk included containers that work well particularly many that come from Tractor Supply. Ann had some beautiful photographs of some of lotus plants and various tropical and hardy water lilies. There are so many varieties of marginal plants, submerged and partially submerged plants that the choice is probably greater than the choice of fish. Ann spent some time on different fish that might do well in your back porch pond. We all want to thank Ann for a great talk. It was easy to see that one could really get carried away with another branch of our hobby. Thank you, Ann.

The evening ended with the drawing for the annual auctions 'special' raffle which was won by Don Van Pelt for the second year in a row. The winners for the bowl and photo show were announced and we concluded with a rather large and varied auction. Overall, a nice evening.

*It should be noted that both Ann Whitman and her sister made an effort to speak to me about how impressed they were by the warmth, enthusiasm and overall friendliness of our members.* I certainly agree but it is great to hear from others!

The meeting adjourned around 9:30 PM.

— Respectfully submitted by Don Van Pelt, Sec. NHAS



**Our May Guest Speaker  
Ann Whitman  
told us all about  
Back Porch Ponds  
and plants  
focusing on  
water lilies**



**Meeting  
Auction  
table  
selection**



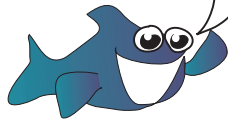
Welcome  
New  
Member

Paul Lynch

The deadline  
for articles and  
photos is the 25th  
of every month.

Share your  
stories —  
Write an  
article.  
Your might  
win the  
Bill Janetos  
Editor's  
award!

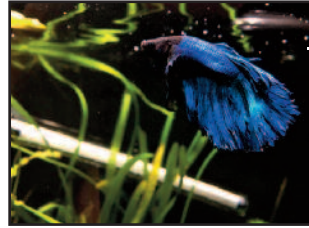
Hey, Take my picture!



## Photo Contest Rules

### May 2017 Winners:

1st place –  
Jennifer Richardson –  
Blue Betta



2nd place –  
Keith Richardson –  
Orange Rainbow



3rd place (tie) –  
Keith Richardson –  
Ropefish  
Martha Bonney -  
Frog



Please EMAIL your entry from now on.  
**DO NOT bring a PRINTED photo to the next meeting**

1. **The Photo Show** is open to all members. Members must take the photograph and accompany the entry to the show.
2. Members may bring up to two photos, unframed, measuring up to 8.5x11 inches per meeting.
3. Photos will be judged by all present and awards will be given for first, second and third place based on popular vote.
4. The First Place photo cannot be reentered for the current year. NHAS will hold on to all First Place photos until the November meeting. Second and Third Place photos may be reentered in future shows.

At November meeting all first place photos will be judged for the **Best Photo of the Year**. A plaque will be awarded to the Best Photo of the Year winner.

### Email YOUR PHOTO SHOW Entry DIGITAL FORMAT

We now accept and digital photos! Please Do NOT bring in printed photos for the photo show.

Please email a jpg  
and id the subject line  
**“ENTRY FOR NHAS PHOTO CONTEST”**  
for viewing at the next meeting!

Email your fish photos for  
NHAS Photography Contest to  
[president@nhaquariumsociety.com](mailto:president@nhaquariumsociety.com)

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The Bill Janetos Editor's Award 2016-17

The Editor is soliciting original entries from NHAS members to be published in the Granite-Fisher. Any drawing, poem, cartoon, puzzle and article will receive an entry in the drawing at the November general meeting 2017. (Prize to be determined)

Bring a friend to our next meeting and get an Aquarist point for a first time guest. Find out more about Aquarist points and the year end prize! See you at the NHAS meeting.

MEMBER APPLICATION

Date:
Name:
Address:
City: State: Zip:
Email:
Phone:
What is your main interest in the hobby?

What fish do you keep, if any?
New [ ] Renewal
Family [ ] Individual
Subscription Only [ ]
How did you hear about the club?

Dues are \$15.00 per year for an Individual or \$20.00 per year for a Family, and includes a one year subscription to the "Granite Fisher". Subscription only is \$10.00 per year.

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