

The Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies

Quarterly Newsletter

September 2026



Next Meeting: September 13 @ 7:00PM

Please join us for the next NEC meeting which will be held Sunday, September 13 at 7:00PM via Google Meet. This is a general meeting; club delegates, club presidents, any other members are encouraged to attend and participate.

[Join the meeting here.](#) If you need to call in, dial 443-461-5009 (PIN: 453 706 358#)

[📞 Click to Join the Meeting 📞](#)

Please forward this newsletter along to members of your home club and suggest they sign up for our mailing list using the links below!

We want to hear from you! Make sure you are subscribed to all NEC updates using the following links:

- [Sign up for the NEC leadership mailing list](#)
- [Sign up for the General NEC mailing list](#)

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NEC Q2 2026 BOG Meeting Notes

The notes from the June Q2 2026 Board of Governors meeting are [available for review](#).

Proposed 2026 Calendar of Events

The following are the proposed meeting dates for 2026. These dates will be discussed during the December meeting, and the finalized calendar will be published in the Q1 newsletter.

General meetings @ 7PM

3rd quarter Sunday, September 13

4th quarter Sunday, Dec 6

BOG meetings @ 7:30PM

4th quarter Wednesday, Nov 11

Member Club Events

Is your club hosting an event? Send details to jameswcurtin@gmail.com, ed@platypus.net, and dbanks@together.net so it is included in the newsletter, on Facebook, and on the NEC website. Don't forget to send us a copy of your flyer!

- Sep 19 – DSAS Annual Auction **New Castle, DE**
- Oct 4 – NECA Auction **Chicopee, MA**
- Oct 4 – [BAS Annual Auction](#) **Newton, MA**
- Oct 11 – GCAS Swap and Learn **Douglaston, NY**
- Oct 15 – [TFCB Annual Online Auction](#) (lot exchange date October 24) **Virtual**
- Oct 17-18 – NEFGA Fancy Guppy Show **Springfield, MA**
- Oct 18 – SCTFS Annual Auction **New Bedford, MA**
- Oct 18 – NAS Auction **Norwalk, CT**
- Nov 8 – NJAS Fall Auction **Union, NJ**
- Mar 20, 2027 – TFCB Fish, Frog and Reptile Expo **South Burlington, VT**
- April 9-11, 2027 – NEC Convention **Scranton, PA**

The NEC does not coordinate dates for club events, but does publish this calendar for your convenience. The NEC advertises for NEC clubs and National/International Organizations in the NEC calendar.

Looking for speakers for a club meeting?

Consider joining Dr. Ted Coletti's [Aquarium Club Speaker Programs](#) facebook group a clearinghouse for speakers to list their programs and availability and program reps to find speakers and programs.



We Want YOU for NEC Leadership Nominating Committee

Our NEC 4th Quarter General Meeting is December 6th, and we typically vote for our slate of NEC officers and members at large at that time. We are looking for volunteers for the Nominating Committee, which helps identify NEC members interested in running for an officer or board member position. If you are able to participate in the nominating committee, please contact Joe Ferdenzi and attend the Sept 13 meeting.

NEC Breeder Participation Program (BPP) Standings

The NEC BPP was created to encourage the breeding of aquarium fishes, make tank-raised fry available to fellow hobbyists, and recognize aquarists who participate in the breeding of aquarium fishes. We'd like to congratulate the following participants from the past year.

Club	Last Name	First Name	Plateau	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total	2025 Placement
ACLC	Callahan	Steve	Breeder				15	49	137	201	
ACM	Goan	Mandy	Master Breeder			66	205	515	446	1232	1st place 2025
ACLC	Haas	Karen	Master Breeder		107	113	131	64	142	1104	3rd place 2025
ACLC	Liepins	George	Breeder			23	26	81	138	268	
ACM	Lyons	Valorie	Breeder					186	167	353	2nd place 2025
ACM	Mackall	Nicolas	Breeder					83	129	212	
DSAS	Schmidt	Scott	Breeder			92	64	43	28	227	

2025 NEC Article Competition Results

The following aquarium clubs supplied articles this year:

- Aquarium Club of Lancaster County (Tank Tails)
- Central New York Aquarium Society (Reflector)
- Greater City Aquarium Society (Modern Aquarium)

All issues submitted were viewed and approximately forty articles were selected for the competition and then printed. Each of these articles were then read and assigned a numeric grade from zero to ten. The top three articles were then assigned as class winners. In case of tie scores, the articles were then re-read and re-scored.

OPEN Category

- 1st Place - A Life In Fish: Borneo-ish by Jayson Gold GCAS
- 2nd Place - Aquarium Advice that Never Reaches Beginners by Joseph Ferdenzi GCAS
- 3rd Place - In Defense of Frozen Bloodworms by Clifford Crain Jr

BREEDING Category

- 1st Place - Breeding Rice Fish by David Pomeranz CNYAS
- 2nd Place - Apistogramma borellii by Joseph Ferdenzi GCAS
- 3rd Place - How to Breed Cardinal Tetras (Without Even Trying) by Thomas Warns GCAS

HUMOR Category

- 1st Place - Cartoon Caption Contest by Denver Letmann GCAS
- (No 2nd or 3rd place entrants)

CONTINUING COLUMN Category

- 1st Place - Between the Covers Timothy Brady ACLC
- 2nd Place - Under Gravel Reporter Anonymous GCAC
- 3rd Place - President's Message by Warren Feuer GCAC

JUNIOR CLASS Category

- No articles identified

Honorable Mention Category

- Borneo Biotope Part 1 & 2 by Jason Gold GCAS

NEC Programs

NEC Photo Competition

If you are interested in participating, you can find all details at <https://northeastcouncil.org/photo-competition>

Breeder Participation Program

Please submit all entries to David Banks (dbanks@together.net). If you have questions let him know. If you have not participated in the past, it is never too late to start. Let other clubs know you have breeders in your club! Points can be submitted by individuals or clubs. Annual prizes for top breeders, and cumulative plateaus too.

Article Competition

Please send all submissions to: Dave Hardenbrook, Articles Chair, david.hardenbrook@cox.net

Slide and Video Library

NEC has a [collection of video and slide presentations](#) available to any NEC club to use as their monthly meeting program. Any other use should be discussed with the NEC slide and video chairman prior to the request.

Please make requests as far in advance as possible to allow for scheduling and regular mail delivery. The NEC will pay for standard postage to the requesting NEC club. Any NEC club requesting expedited delivery will need to pay for that postage. The NEC club requesting the program is responsible for postage back. Failure to return the program will result in a \$50 replacement charge.

See the [library page](#) for additional information and information on how to request items.



Diamond State Aquarium Society

10th Annual Auction

Saturday, September 19th, 2026

Wilmington Manor Lions Club
320 N. DuPont Hwy (Rt 13 N)
New Castle, DE 19720

\$1 BIDDER CARDS

First 100 bidder cards get a **FREE** Aquarium Co-Op Shopping Bag

Refreshments and snacks will be available for purchase

*Pre-Register to consign items for auction on **auction.fish** (no online bidding)*

75% to the seller, 25% to DSAS

Doors open at 9am

Auction begins at 12 noon

See our website and/or Facebook for more information

<https://dsas.online/>

DSAS meets the second Monday night of every month (except July and September) at the Wilmington Manor Lions Club at the above address. Doors open at 6:30pm, meeting starts at 7:00pm. Door prizes, members-only drawings, 50/50, raffles and live auction at every meeting. Open to all ages – free admission.

The Diamond State Aquarium Society is a Delaware non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of the tropical fish hobby.



Annual Fish Auction

The Boston Aquarium Society

Open to the public free admission!

*Locally bred tropical
fish, aquatic plants,
and more!*

Oct 4
10AM

Ciociaro Social Club
144 Bridge Street
Newton, MA



- **10AM:** Doors open: registration and lot viewing
- **Noon:** Bidding starts

Scan QR for more info

SELLERS

Online registration encouraged!
70/30 split for pre-registered lots
Pre-registration ends Oct 3 at 8PM
60/40 split for all other lots



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NEW ENGLAND CICHLID ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2026

CHICOPEE MOOSE FAMILY CENTER

244 FULLER RD, CHICOPEE, MA 01020

AUCTION STARTS AT 10:30 AM

DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 FOR VIEWING AND REGISTRATION

THIS IS A 70/30 (80/20 IF PREREGISTERED) SPLIT AUCTION

FISH (AND THE LIKE) AND PLANTS ONLY NO DRY GOODS

BRING ALL YOUR FISH, NOT JUST CICHLIDS!

FREE ADMISSION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

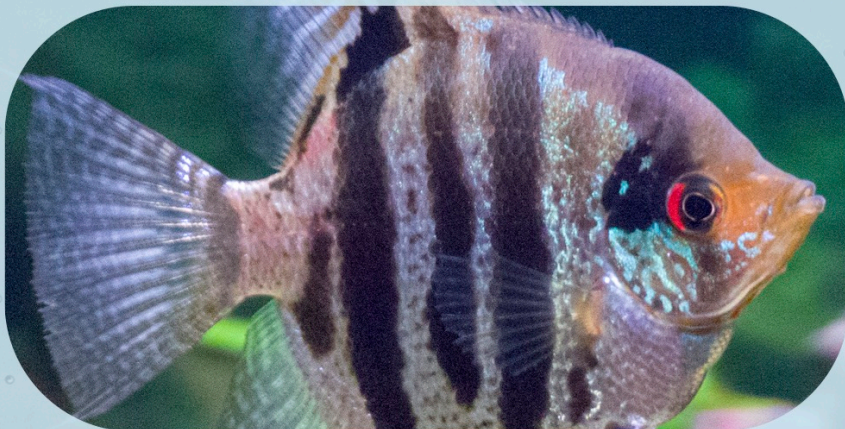
GREAT QUALITY FISH 50/50 CASH RAFFLE



Tropical Fish Swap & Learn



Co-Sponsored by
Greater City Aquarium Society
Alley Pond Environmental Center



Sunday, October 11th from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Come and learn about keeping tropical fish

Visit with the Fresh Water Fish Vendors

See the available options of live tropical fish

At Alley Pond Environmental Center
229-10 Northern Boulevard, Douglaston, NY 11362
(718) 229-4000 | contact@alleypond.org

FISH AUCTION

NORWALK AQUARIUM SOCIETY



OCT.18

Doors Open: 9:00

Auction: 11:00

Pre-registration
begins **Oct. 1st**
on Auction.fish

60/40 split for
pre-reg
50/50 for day of
auction

The American Legion
60 County Street
Norwalk, CT

NAS Members
get \$20 credit
during checkout!

Check us out:
www.Norwalkas.org



New England Fancy Guppy Association

presents an



International Fancy Guppy Association

Sanctioned

Fancy Guppy Show

October 17 & 18, 2026

www.newenglandguppies.org



Come and see some of
the best guppies in the
world!!!

Where: La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham
100 Congress St., Springfield, MA 01523

Why: Come to the auction to buy great quality breeding stock!

More Info: E.T. Mellor, 11 Morgan Circle, Amherst MA 01002, 413-658-7206
Greg Billings, 10 Sky Farm Lane, Sterling MA 01564, 978-870-2593

Schedule

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Registration of all fish: 9 AM – 2:30 PM

Judging - 3 PM until done (best time to see fish)

(Public may silently observe judging)

Show room open until 6 PM for visitors

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Open to the Public: 8 AM – 12 Noon

Auction (open to the public): 9 AM

(Come at 8:30AM to start viewing auction fish)

Visit our web site for more info: <https://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....



- ☞ "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/senior centers
- ☞ collectively having hundreds of years of experience raising guppies
- ☞ common sharing of breeding stock among members
- ☞ electronic copy of PAST year's "Guppy Gazettes"
- ☞ team work of putting on an IFGA sanctioned show each year
- ☞ monthly bowl shows
- ☞ special breeding projects
- ☞ detailed collection in our club loan library
- ☞ NEFGA "coffee table" picture book
- ☞ IFGA "Guppy Abstracts" in loan Library
- ☞ Auction at each monthly meeting



2027 Burlington Aquarium Fish, Frag and Reptile EXPO

Saturday,
March 20, 2027

Noon — 3PM

Delta Hotel, 1117 Williston Rd
South Burlington, VT

Free Admission

Early VIP admission at 11:30 \$5

Door Prizes and Raffle

Fun see what other hobbyist breeders have to offer!

What to Expect:

- Local Breeders, Hobbyists and Retailers selling
- Freshwater fish, shrimp and plants
- Saltwater coral frags
- Reptiles
- New and used equipment and aquariums

Questions and Vendor Registration:

Register to be a vendor prior to March 15th

David Banks — dbanks@together.net 802-372-8716

Ira Gardner — ira@toxex.org 802-735-8819



Sponsored by **The Tropical Fish Club** - Burlington, tfcg.org

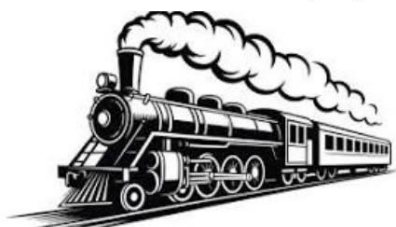


**SAVE THE
DATE!**

NEC Aquarium Convention

April 9-11, 2027

Scranton, Pennsylvania



Hilton

SCRANTON &
CONFERENCE CENTER

About Us

NEC Member Clubs

Clubs: Please make sure your officer and NEC delegate list is up to date. Send updates to our corresponding secretary, Dee Manuel (deefrombrooklyn@gmail.com)

- [Aquarium Club of Lancaster Co.](#) ACLC
- [Aquarium Club of Maryland](#) ACM
- [Aquarium Club of New Bedford](#) ACNB
- [Boston Aquarium Society](#) BAS
- [Brooklyn Aquarium Society](#) BASNY
- [Capital Cichlid Association](#) CCA
- [Central New York Aquarium Soc.](#) CNYAS
- [Cichlid Club of York](#) CCY
- [Danbury Area Aquarium Society](#) DAAS
- [Diamond State Aquarium Society](#) DSAS
- [Erie Aquarium Society](#) EAS
- [Greater City Aquarium Society](#) GCAS
- [Jersey Shore Aquarium Society](#) JSAS
- [Koi Organization International](#) K.O.I.
- Long Island Killifish Association LIKA
- Metropolitan Area Killifish Assoc. MAKAA
- [Nassau County Aquarium Society](#) NCAS
- [New England Cichlid Association](#) NECA
- [New England Fancy Guppy Assoc.](#) NEFGA
- [North Jersey Aquarium Society](#) NJAS
- [Norwalk Aquarium Society](#) NAS
- [Otter Valley Aquarium Society](#) OVAS
- [Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society](#) PVAS
- [Skylands Aquarium & Water Garden Group](#) SAWGG
- [South Coast Tropical Fish Soc.](#) SCTFS
- [South Jersey Guppy Group](#) SJGG
- [Southern NE Killifish Assoc.](#) SNEKA
- [Tropical Fish Club of Burlington](#) TFCB
- [Tropical Fish Society of RI](#) TFSRI
- Upstate NY Killifish Association UNYKA
- [Worcester Aquarium Society](#) WAS

NEC Leadership

NEC Board of Governors 2024 – 2026

- President - Joe Ferdenzi (GCAS)
- Vice President - Scott Schmidt (DSAS)
- Treasurer – Richard Pierce (SNEKA)
- Recording Secretary – Jackie Anderson (BAS)
- Corresponding Secretary – Dee Manuel (BASNY)
- Past President - Russ McAndrews (BAS)

Members-at-Large 2024 - 2026

- Ed Nieves (NJAS)
- Nancy Villars (TFCB)
- Greg Gregory (PVAS)
- Karen Pattist (KOI)
- Carlos Pereyra (UNYKA)
- Maggie Goeller (BAS)

