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## LOCATION

**The DeWitt Community Center  
148 Sanders Creek Pkwy**

## **CNYAS GENERAL MEETING**

**East Syracuse, NY**

## DATE / TIME

**Wednesday March 18, 2026  
@ 7:00 pm**

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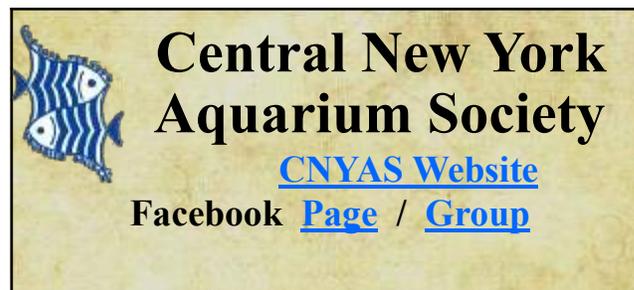
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Ron Fabiny

#### President's Message March 2026

I hope everyone is staying warm with all this frigid weather.  
Just think spring is right around the corner.

This Month David is going to do a presentation of the app Discord. I hope that club members will use this app since we will be able to video meetings through it if the weather gets bad again.  
Ron will also be going over auction jobs.

A reminder that April's meeting is going to be a presentation by Mandy Goan on her black worm breeder box with a workshop on it after. If you would like a breeder box please see Ron at this month's meeting and give him \$25. We need it this month so that Mandy can have the correct number of kits for everyone.

Ron and Bryan are working on the auction and requesting donations. If anyone would like to help, please contact Ron. The auction is April 25<sup>th</sup> which is right around the corner.

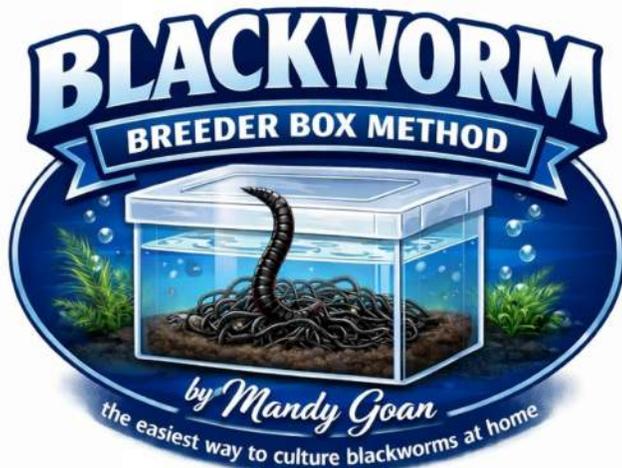
Well, I hope to see everyone at the meeting. Stay warm.

Ron

### April's Speaker

## Mandy Goan presenting the Blackworm Breeder Box Method

Order and reserve your kit for \$25.00 at the March meeting





## BOARD MEETING

### CNYAS Board meeting

2/11/2026

Attending: Ron Alexander, Len and Mary Futterman, Doug Hillman, Bob Kotcher, Bill Newell, Clifford Crain, Ron Fabiny, David Pomeranz, Mike Flintrop

#### 1. Committee Reports:

1. Treasurer-Report and budget.
2. AHAP-see Reflector, Issues with data base, Bill working on updates to AHAP rules.
3. BAP- see Reflector, working on changing # of fry for points, now have BAP computer. Clifford and Mike to work on fry #s. Updated rules and looked at scientific names to update.
4. WAP- see Reflector. Exchange editor points not eligible for Scaly Eraser.
5. Membership-6 lifetime memberships; 57 memberships total. Can get rid of the paper membership as long as the PDF is backed up per Board.
6. Auction –New tee-shirts next year for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Projecting fish bag on the screen, Large banner with pictures. Look at getting lightweight banner. Shrimp/ Pleco raffle. FW has a digital board to advertise the auction. Ron has signed contract. Check to see if we have enough paper-work/cards. Need membership person at the front desk. Can get an auction flyer together soon- Chip to work on. Auction locked in for 4<sup>th</sup> Sat in April 2026.
7. Bowl Show- see Reflector. Ribbons ordered.
8. Webmaster- Tom doing a great job at updating. Most recent handbook on the website. Potential to have articles posted to the website (Bill).
9. Exchange editor- still getting articles. Cliff doing a great job. Cliff made an exchange editor email.
10. Reflector- Doug is doing a great job! 5% off code for Brine Shrimp Direct in Reflector.

#### 2. Old Business:

1. Voted to Change SuperBowl prizes to cash, talk about increasing prize amount next year. Voted to increase prizes to 1<sup>st</sup> 35.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> 25 and 3<sup>rd</sup> is 20.
2. Send speaker info to Chip.
3. Board discussed that the NEC rep for the club will receive the free convention registration if they attend the required meetings and the club will give them 150.00 to be used to attend the Convention. Passed.
4. Ron got VFW contract signed for 2026 Auction.
5. Board decided that points for WAP that are part of a officers or chairs duties can be posted but not used for Scaly Eraser or any awards, passed.
6. Upcoming Board meetings:
  - MAR- Bill
  - APR- David
  - MAY- Bob and Sue
7. Ron to look at do we need both a facebook page and group?
8. Previous member Jack McGraw wants to donate fish room, more to come.
9. David set up Discord as a app for members to connect with each other. Will discuss more at meetings.
10. Clifford talked about potential auction software, more to come. Auction.fish

**New Business:**

1. Banquet updates – It will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> (a Saturday) at Bella Domani, Sue moved to approve a budget of 4000\$, Bill seconded, approved. Sue, Mike and Ron to meet to plan some events. Sally has lots of historical information from the early days of the club, Sue to write an article. Selection 5 for the menu. Getting the soda bar too. Will be a cash bar too. Having a photo booth. Mike to continue taking about the early reflectors. Pictures will be in one part of the room. Banner to be set up as a background. Ron to look into getting a stand. Also 3 posters of deceased members, sponsors and local stores. Prices for boards- \$140 a piece. Len to ask if anyone can take pictures for us. Len looking for pictures for the slide show. Len to organize songs. Members to give suggestions for music. Doug to ask in the Reflector. Cost for banquet to be \$15 for all past and current members. Awards program. ? Open mike at banquet. Deadline for music, photos ect. Possible videos from old members.
2. Mandy Goan, Aquarium club of Maryland asked if we were interested in a demonstration of blackworm breeding. She will be presenting in April. Breeding kits are \$25. Please pre order at March meeting.
3. March meeting will be auction planning meeting.

**2/18/2026 CNYAS General meeting**

1. Great presentation by Jason Den Haese on breeding plecos, thanks Jason!
  2. Had a large turnout for the meeting with new people attending.
  3. Great mini auction!
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**Crystal Red Caridina Shrimp****By: Debbie Walcott**



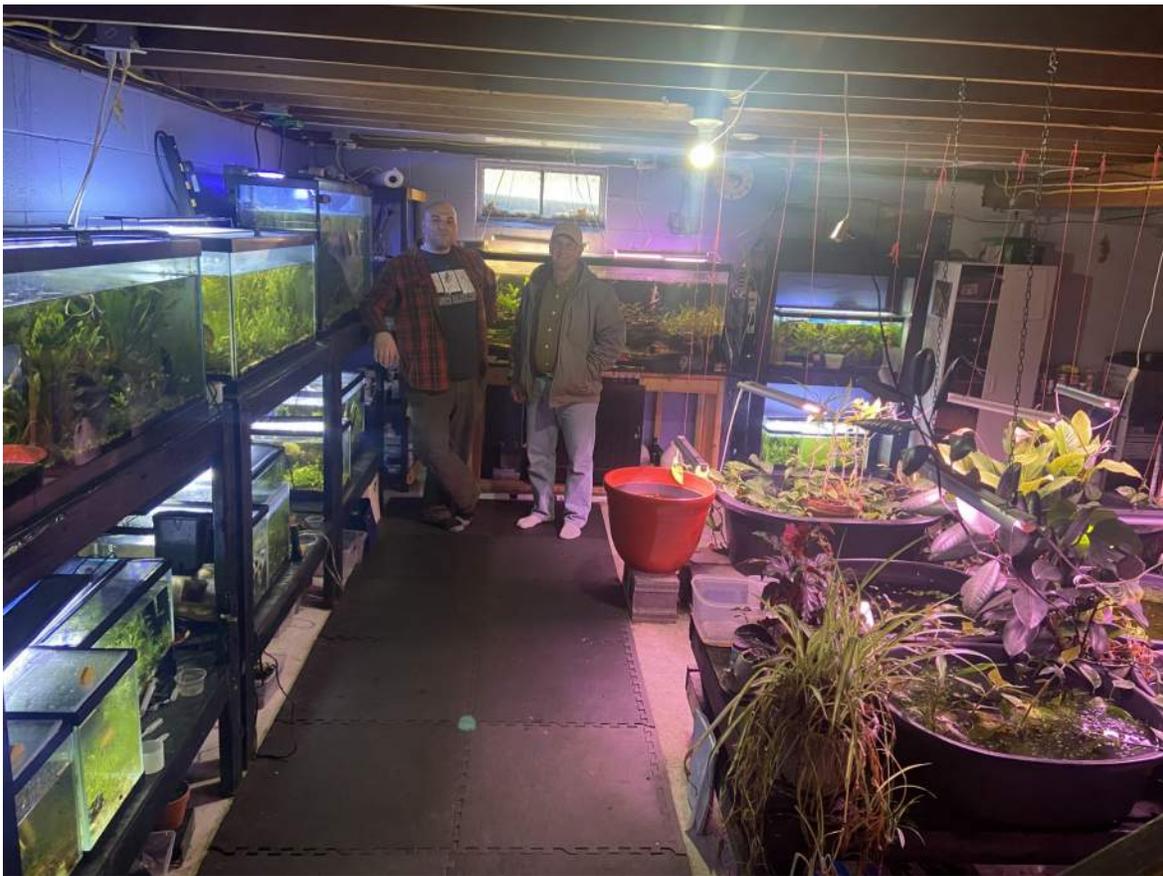
# David Pomeranz's Fish Room

By: Doug Hillman

Photos By: Suzie Rafferty

When you first walk into David's fish room you are blown away by the amount of open stock tanks, tubs and plants in the room. The stock tanks and tubs are elevated on cement blocks and platforms that he built to have the tanks at a good working height. Most of David's tanks are beautifully aquascaped. The most beautiful is a 180 gallon tank that he has setup in two tiers with rocks the entire length of the 6' tank. There are multiple caves set in between the rocks that are amazing. David told us that it took him an entire day to aquascape that tank. Unfortunately, David and myself are standing in front of that tank so you can't see it in the picture. David also has thick rubber interlocking matting on the concrete floor which makes it very comfortable standing on.

David just recently got involved this year in the AHAP awards program racking up an incredible 245 points and 17 species (keeping our AHAP chairman, Bill Newell, very busy). David also has a Facebook page, David's Aqua Nook, where he sells plants and other items in the hobby (check it out).



**David Pomeranz on the left and Doug Hillman on the right**



# The Think Tank

A Monthly Club Write-in

Welcome to the club write in. Next months question can be found bellow, and will be shared with our members at the next meeting, and via email,

Today's question is: **What fish or other aquatic critters did you undervalue at first, but became one of your favorites after keeping them? What made you come around on them?**

Growing up my dad always kept Oscars in an 80-gallon custom tank that he built. As a kid I didn't really appreciate them, I was more drawn to livebearers, especially Swordtails. A couple of years ago, I finally bought a Tiger Oscar, and it quickly became my favorite fish in my fish room. They have quite the personality and recognize me as soon as I walk into the fish room and come right up to the glass. Unfortunately, I lost that fish to a bacterial infection. I now have a Longfin Tiger Oscar and this guy is great too!!!

**-Doug Hillman**



Most of my fishkeeping life I underrated white cloud minnows. Pet stores and fish shows do not do them justice. They usually look washed out and bland-probably due to acute stress. I thought of them more like expensive feederfish. Then, David brought a school of them home. He told me they were cool, but I just didn't believe him (statistically David loves 98.887% of fish so his opinion to me can be a little suspect). It took about a year to see what white clouds were all about. When they aren't stressed, they display for each other, they dance and they don't look washed out at all. We had a few I really liked that had a pronounced red lipstick look. I wished they lived longer. Now, I don't love 98.887% of fish, but I think we can finally agree on this one.

**-Amber Pomeranz**

Corydoras is the fish that I did not like when I first got into the hobby. I was into native fish and African cichlids at the time. They served no purpose for me. Once I started a fish room and got into breeding I bought a few albinos to "clean up" the bottom of the guppy tank. Then they bred and it was over. Cory's quickly became my favorites fish to work with. There are so many different fish and spawning habits it's nearly impossible to figure them all out. Once you get the eggs laid and hatched you've got a bunch of baby fish to share with others to enjoy.

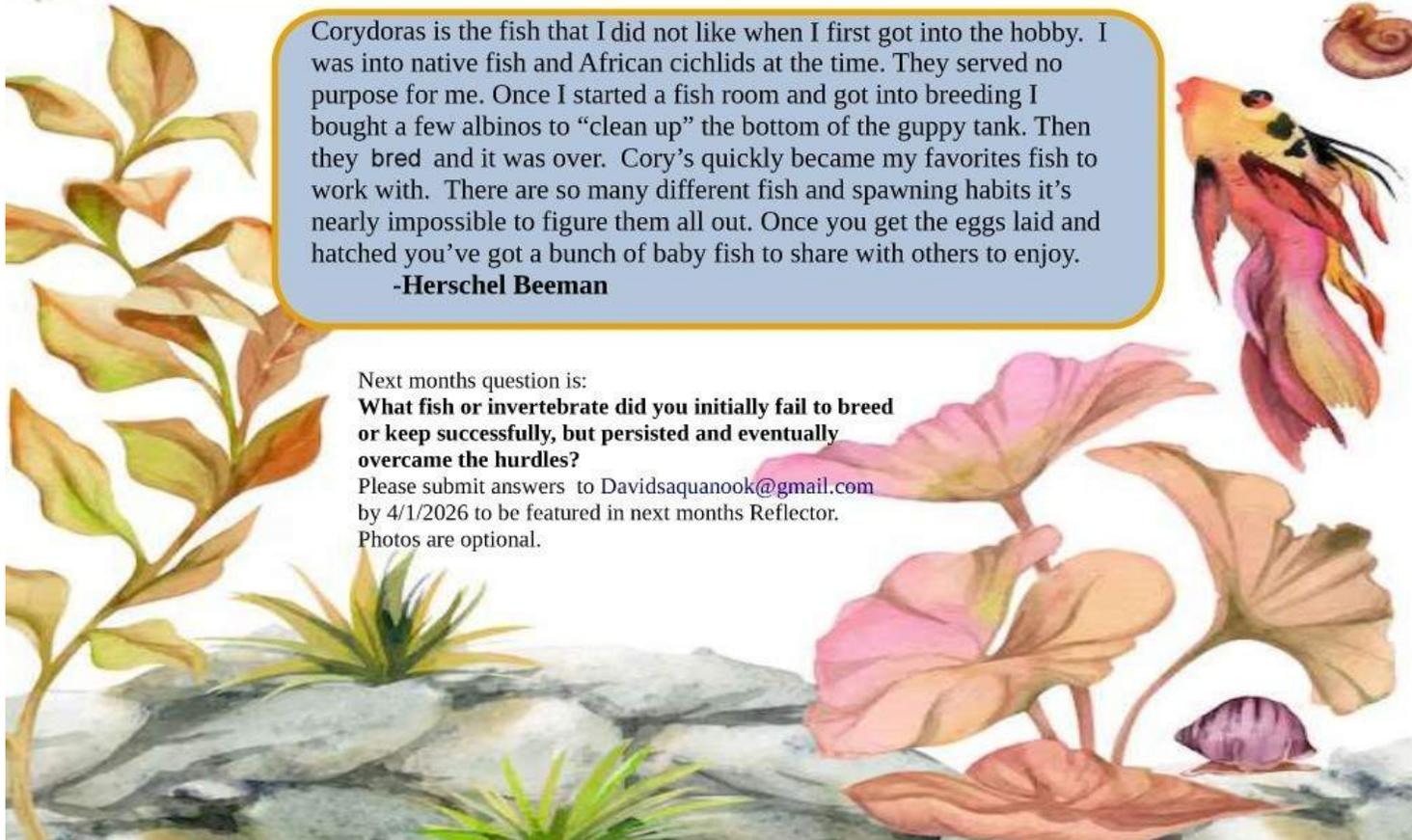
**-Herschel Beeman**

Next months question is:

**What fish or invertebrate did you initially fail to breed or keep successfully, but persisted and eventually overcame the hurdles?**

Please submit answers to [Davidsaquanook@gmail.com](mailto:Davidsaquanook@gmail.com) by 4/1/2026 to be featured in next months Reflector.

Photos are optional.





**Central New York Aquarium Society Inc.  
Writer's Award Program**

**Chairman: Clifford H. Crain, Jr., Committee member Doug Hillman**

Based on submissions to date through the Feb 2026 Reflector and points published in March 2026 Reflector

Name	Status	March Reflector	Scaly Eraser	Total
Crain	Pen & Quill	65	612	3,151
Spahn	Pen & Quill	0	0	1,276
Kotcher	Pen & Quill	20	120	971
Teelin-Futterman	Pen & Quill	10	25	736
Pitzeruse	Pen & Quill	0	0	652
Fabiny	Pen & Quill	10	10	571
Hillman	Author	5	220	490
Pomeranz, D.	Author	60	191	326
Rademacher	Author	0	0	215
Futterman	Author	10	95	205
Rafferty	Participant	10	60	155
Baird	Author	0	0	130
Beeman	Author	0	15	120
Cody	Participant	0	40	110
Flintrop	Author	35	65	100
Walcott	Participant	0	45	95
Tuori	Participant	20	30	90
Sager	Participant	0	0	70
Pomeranz, A.	Writer	0	50	50
Newell	Participant	10	40	50
Gibbs	Participant	0	0	40
Valdez	Participant	15	40	40
Sumner	Participant	0	15	15
Lindblom	Participant	0	15	15

WAP news!

Congratulations Mike Flintrop who moved up from Writer to Author status

Number participating in the Writer's Award Program	12	18	24
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Submissions appearing in the February 2026 Reflector:

Crain, "Fish Friends From Afar #41," 1 article, 20 points

Crain, "Fish Store Visit: Low Tide Corals," 1 article, 20 points, 5 photos, 25 points = 45 points total

Fabiny, "Think Tank," article < 50 words, 10 points

Flintrop, "Think Tank" article, 20 points

Flintrop, "BAP Report: *Julidochromis dickfeldi*," 1 BAP article, 10 points, 1 photo, 5 points = 15 points total

Futterman, "Think Tank" article < 50 words, 10 points

Hillman, "Board meeting at Clifford Crain's house," 1 photo, 5 points

Kotcher, "Think Tank," 1 article, 20 points

Newell, "Think Tank," article < 50 words, 10 points

Pomeranz, D. Plant photos, 6 photos, 30 points

Pomeranz, D. "*Tateurndina ocellicauda* (Peacock Gudgeon)," 1 BAP article, 10 points, 4 photos = 30 points total

Rafferty, "Think Tank," article < 50 words, 10 points

Teelin, "Think Tank," article < 50 words, 10 points

Tuori, "Club Members' Fish and/or Aquarium," 4 photos, 20 points

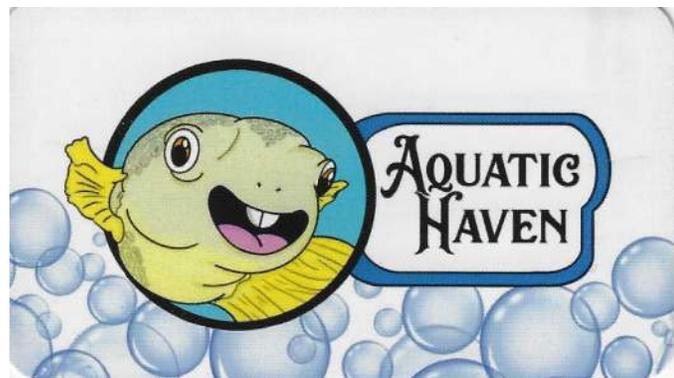
Valdez, "Fish Store Visit: Low Tide Corals," 3 photos, 15 points



**BREEDER AWARD PROGRAM**

**Chairman - Michael Flintrop**  
**Email: [michaelflintrop@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelflintrop@yahoo.com)**

Name	Points	Species	Name	Points	Species
<b><u>Grand Master</u></b>			<b><u>Participants</u></b>		
*Van Camp	965	77	Spahn	30	3
1-2-3-4-6-7-8-9-11-13-15-16			Domanowski, S	25	4
<b><u>Master Breeder</u></b>			Chris Pollard	20	2
*Pitzeruse, W.	610	50	Maxwell	20	2
1-2-3-4-7-8-9-11-12-13-14-15-16			Kotcher	10	1
Beeman	660	49	Lenny Futterman	10	1
4-6-7-8-11-12-16			Russell Phelps	10	1
Fabiny	565	50	Mary Futterman	5	1
1-7-8-11-12-14-15-16					
<b><u>Expert Breeder</u></b>			Numbers under the name are completed Specialty Classifications groups.		
Clifford Crain Jr.	320	28	*Indicated Species Classification Award		
1-7-8			^Indicates first spawning		
William Newell	250	23	<b><u>New Additions:</u></b>		
8			NONE		
Hunter Collins	235	13			
8-11					
Doug Hillman	230	24			
1-8-11					
<b><u>Advanced Breeder</u></b>					
David Pomeranz	140	16			
16					
Mike Flintrop	150	15			
11					
<b><u>Breeder Award</u></b>					
Wisneski	65	7			
11					
Denise Baird	70	8			
Chris Allen	60	5			
11,14					
Rich Pitzeruse	55	5			

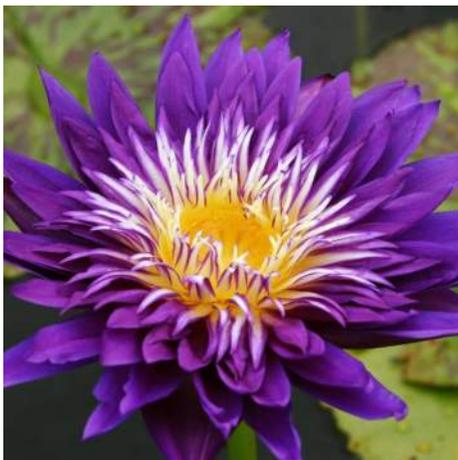




**AQUATIC HORTICULTURE  
AWARD PROGRAM**  
Chairman– Bill Newell  
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Name	Points	Species	Name	Points	Species
<b><u>Grand Master</u></b>			<b><u>Beginning</u></b>		
Spahn*	4,015	288	Hillman	90	7
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14			Yard	95	9
Pitzeruse, W*	1,230	87	Wisneski	65	7
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14			Flintrop	60	6
Fabiny*	940	68	Taylor	50	6
2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,13,14			Flintrop	45	5
<b><u>Master</u></b>			<b><u>Participants</u></b>		
Van Camp*	465	36	Rademacher	35	2
1,7,8,9,11,14			Janus	25	4
Lee*	575	42	Smith	20	1
3,4,7,8,10,12,13,14					
<b><u>Expert</u></b>			<b>Additions: NONE</b>		
<b><u>Senior</u></b>					
Snead*	460	26			
2,4,7,10,14					
Lioto	285	21			
<b><u>Aquatic</u></b>					
Pomeranz	245	17			
Newell	215	21			
6					
Kotcher*	185	14			
6,10,14					
Futterman*	180	16			
Beeman	190	19			
3,4,6,7					





## BOWL SHOW

Chairman - Arnaud Germain

### YTD Scores:

Bill Newell:	198	Points
Doug Hillman:	182	Points
Chloe Gibbs:	22	Points
Michael Mikulewicz	21	Points
Denise Baird:	18	Points
Debbie Walcott	1	Point
David Pomeranz	1	Point
Greg Summer	1	Point

### The 2025-2026 Categories will be as follows:

September:	Livebearers
October:	Orange and Black Fall Colors
November:	New World Cichlids
December:	Barbs, Rasboras & Danios
January:	Killies
February:	Catfish & Loaches
<b>March:</b>	<b>Bettas, Anabantoids &amp; Gouramis</b>
April:	Old World Cichlids: Africa & Asia
May:	Super Bowl

Don't forget the OPEN category option at each meeting.

All bowl show guidelines are available online in the Members Handbook (pages 5-6)

To participate, either bring your fish in person or submit pictures to [ag297@cornell.edu](mailto:ag297@cornell.edu) before noon on Tuesday before the general meeting. Online submissions will be displayed during the meeting break using the projector for judges to award points.

## We had 6 entries for the February Bowl Show!

### CATFISH & LOACHES:

- A: *Agamyxis pectinifrons* (Spotted Raphael Cat) – Third place – Bill Newell – 10 points
- B: *Synodontis lucipinnis* (Dwarf Petricola) – First place – Bill Newell – 21 points
- C: *Hoplisoma cf. trilineatum* (False Julii) – Second place – Bill Newell – 15 points
- D: *Beaufortia polylepsis* (Mosaic Hillstream loach) – Greg Sumner – 1 point
- E: *Sewellia speciosa* (“Beautiful or Angel” Hillstream loach) – Greg Sumner

### OPEN:

- A: *Xiphophorus variatus* (Wild - Huextetitla Mexico) – First place – Bill Newell – 21 points

**A**



**B**



**C**



**D**



**E**



**A**





# Don't Put Lead and Other Nasty Stuff into Your Tank!

By: Clifford H. Crain, Jr.

Like many aquarists with multiple tanks, I use a hose to refill the aquariums during the water change process. I've always used a hose rated for drinking water for this purpose. A side benefit of these hoses is they tend to kink less than the standard garden hose, in my experience.

An article in the July 13, 2025 Syracuse *Post-Standard* newspaper got me to think about this again. The good news, as reflected in the headline, "City water tests shows [sic] lead levels far below EPA limit," is that if you get your water from the city of Syracuse, you won't have a problem with harmful chemicals, especially lead, in your water. (This assumes you have replaced the lead service line leading from the street to your house with a modern copper pipe, as I did many years ago.) Water tests taken in May and June show that lead levels are well below the strictest limits. What caught my eye was this: "These latest results are a far cry from a year ago, when Syracuse's testing in the first half of 2024 recorded 70 ppb under EPA guidelines. ...A city investigation later blamed the enormous spike on improper collection methods, including a city water employee taking samples from a garden hose instead of following mandated procedures." (The *Post-Standard* followed up with a front page, detailed investigation in their September 4 edition.)

Did you see that? "Taking samples from a garden hose." If you are using a standard garden hose to refill your aquariums, you could be introducing dangerous levels of lead. And lead isn't the only problem. As reported by the group Toxic-Free Future ([garden hose tests](#)), the Ecology Center tested 32 garden hoses from six national retailers and found that "PVC (vinyl) hoses frequently contained elevated lead, bromine, antimony and phthalates in the flexible hose part. ...29% of the PVC hoses contained at least 100 ppm and as high as 68,000 ppm [!!] lead. Phthalates were found in 75% of PVC hoses tested. ...BPA and lead were found to leach from the hoses into water."

OK, so I've always used a 25' hose that is rated safe for drinking water. But I use a leader hose, that's a short 6' hose that connects the faucet to the hose reel, or in my case from the faucet to the bucket in my laundry sink, that I purchased when we moved into our house 28 years ago. I use this hose to fill up a bucket of water while waiting for the hot water and cold water to reach their temperatures. It's not rated safe for drinking water! So the water in this bucket, which I pour into one of the aquariums at the start of the water change process, could have elevated levels of the nasty stuff.

I ordered and installed a 6' leader hose that is rated safe for drinking water. The hose I bought was much more flexible than the PVC hose that it replaced. I also took the opportunity to replace the Y-shaped faucet adapter that, after five years of use, had started to leak. (The seal in the valve to the leader hose failed, allowing water to come out of the leader hose when the adapter valve was turned off.) No more lead going into my tanks!

**New Fevone drinking water-safe leader hose purchased on Amazon for about \$24**



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**New black leader hose and 25' white hose connected to new faucet adapter. Both hoses are safe for drinking water**

# CLUB MEMBERS' FISH AND/OR AQUARIUM

Photos by: Debbie Walcot





## **FISH FRIENDS FROM AFAR #43**

### **EXCHANGE REPORT**

**By: Clifford H. Crain, Jr.**

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Aquarium society exchange editors: please note the new email address listed above.  
Remove my personal email address and use: **[exchange.cnyas@gmail.com](mailto:exchange.cnyas@gmail.com)**.

**“Shipping Live Fish” by Timothy Brady**  
***Tank Tales*, Aquarium Club of Lancaster County, February 2026**

We all know the fundamentals of shipping fish: “stable water, proper insulation, oxygen and fast delivery.” After reading Timothy’s articles over the years, I expect that they will be very thorough, and this article is no exception. He covers shipping preparation, fasting, box preparation, weather considerations, bagging, breather bags, special considerations, shipping logistics and includes “extra tips from experienced shippers.” He also lists helpful links to shipping videos.

**“MASI Member Highlights” youtube video of Steve Coxon’s fishroom**  
**Link in the *Newsletter*, Missouri Aquarium Society, January/February 2026.**

Steve Coxon of St. Louis is a very active, experienced member of the Missouri Aquarium Society, and this issue of the MAS *Newsletter* has a link to a tour of his fishroom. What I found impressive was what he was keeping *and breeding*: a variety of “off the beaten path” fish. An impressive and fascinating fishroom. Here’s the link: [Steve Coxon's fishroom](#)

**“A South American Beauty: The Red Head Tapajos (*Geophagus pyrocephalus*)” by Steven Bieda**  
***Tropiquarium*, Motor City Aquarium Society, February 2026.**

Steven isn’t kidding when he calls the Red Head Tapajos a beauty. Even its scientific name, meaning “fire head,” alerts you to the bright red head that this fish sports. (Steven includes a photo in the article.) A fairly peaceful, medium-sized cichlid from South America, it like soft, neutral/slightly acid water, some vegetable in its diet, and smooth sand through which to sift. They “do best in groups of at least five.” It’s a female mouthbrooding cichlid, and “with the right conditions, is not a particularly difficult fish to breed.” All Geophagi likes to sift through the substrate for food, so smooth sand, instead of gravel, is recommended. While the bright colors are not usually on display in a pet shop tank, “once acclimated to an established and less crowded aquarium set-up, the color of this fish really pops.”

Reprints and reviews:  
None this month.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- March 11, Board Meeting**
- March 15, TFCEC Spring Auction**
- March 18, General Meeting**
- March 21, UNYKA Swap Meet**
- April 8, Board Meeting**
- April 15, General Meeting**
- April 25, CNYAS Spring Auction**

**BOARD MEETINGS**

Board meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and are open to all members who would like to attend.



**2025-2026 Schedule**

- |                        |                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sept: Ron Fabiny       | Oct: Doug Hillman           |
| Nov: Mike Flintrop     | Dec: Mary & Lenny Futterman |
| Jan: Clifford Crain    | Feb: Chip Alexander         |
| Mar: Bill Newell       | April: David Pomeranz       |
| May: Bob & Sue Kotcher | June: TBD                   |

**CNYAS CLUB MEETINGS**

Each monthly meeting consists of :

- Short business meeting; program (slide show, movie, guest speaker, etc.).
- Break (refreshments/social gathering)
- Bowl Show
- Mini auction of member items (plants, fish, equipment, etc).
- Raffle (equipment, books, food, magazine subscriptions, etc.).
- Question and discussion session.



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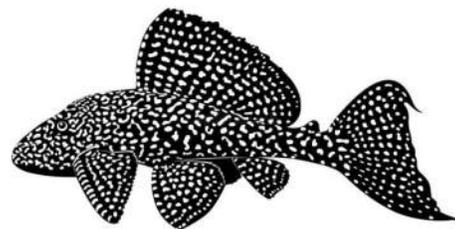
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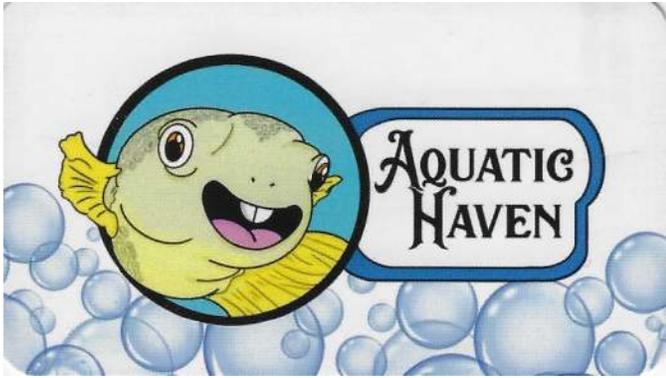
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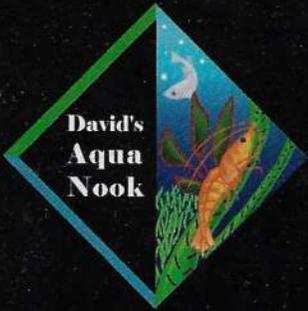
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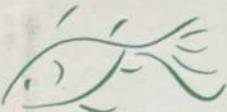


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