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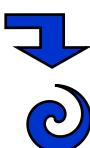
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FROM THE SHOW CHAIR



Kathy Deutsch

I am serious when I say everyone made this show the success it was! If you attended and smiled, chatted with a stranger, commented on a fish, you helped. Attendance is so important at these events. It tells visitors to our club that we care about what we are doing.

Many people complimented our friendly group.

As for the fish show, it was rather small, but the fish looked well and the visitors enjoyed seeing them. People really enjoyed the bettas and the decorated tanks.

Thank you to the MASi members who did so much to pull this show together and keep it running:

Lora and Bob Watson, Daniell Kinder (also Cory

and River), Pat Tosie, Mike Hellweg, Gary Lange, Kevin Wise, Chuck and Connie Bremer, Charles Harrison, Scott Bush, Steve Edie, David Palmer, Kurt Zahringer, Leroy McCreary, Ed Millinger, Jim Amsden, Derek Walker, Chuck Davis, Rusty Wessel, Ted Judy and I know I am missing someone.

Finally, thank you to Steve Deutsch, who did a million things to make the show go well, and James Pilarcik, who

watched the dogs, chickens and chicks so I could be gone all weekend.

-Kathy



Kathy & Assistant Kevin

FROM THE EDITOR

Chuck Bremer

It was a full MASi Show Me Fish Weekend! To echo what Kathy has already said, "Thanks to everyone who participated or even if you just came out for the annual Show weekend". I just couldn't wait till the next issue of the Darter to let those of you who couldn't attend know what happened. I'm sure you're curious about the show and awards and if you missed any good speakers... And anyway, those who attended found the weekend so full they don't remember everything either, so this is a recap for them too.

This issue of the Darter is being sent by eMail only,

dedicated primarily to the show and it contains so much stuff it is still a big special issue. It will give us a chance to get you updated pronto and leave more room in the regular email/printed Darter to come out in May. You can look forward to more Fishy articles in that issue.

I chose the cover of this eSpecial issue because I feel the future of the Hobby is the youngsters we can get interested now so they can enjoy it in the future. River is certainly excited about the Best Junior award she got with her friend Keeg the Goldfish! Elsewhere you will notice that

Keaton Walker also represented himself well and won a year's subscription to Tropical Fish Hobbist Magazine. This can only help keep him interested and maybe he will follow in Harold and Derek's footsteps...er... fishtanks.

Enjoy this eSpecial issue and please use my email link below to send comments about what is missing or what you would like to see in future Darter issues. I am also interested in how you like the email distribution or other improvements we can make to the magazine. And I'm calling in all those promised and yet



to be promised articles for the May Darter, deadline is May 10th.. You've got a page reserved but if you can't make that deadline please contact me.

CHUCK B

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Please note: Change in Speaker for the April 20 MASI General Meeting

Mike Hellweg Miniature Livebearers

This talk covers many of the truly tiny Livebearing species that are popular in the hobby, and many that are less common including many of the diminutive Poecilia, "Micropoecilia", Girardinus, Gambusia, Heterandria, Neoheterandria and several others. In this talk, guppies are the giants! It covers some of these amazing fishes' specialized adaptations to meet the challenges of delivering live young when the females are often not a whole lot larger; husbandry, feeding and much more. "Miniature Livebearers" was recently given to the Chicago Livebearers Association.

About Mike: Mike's Profile was in the last Darter issue. Local and surrounding Aquarium Society members know Mike as Auctioneer and source of information and hard to get fish for their tanks. Mike was just named the first "Tremendous-est Grand master Breeder" for MASI with over 6500 points in our BAP program. He has had successful spawns from various miniature fishes totaling over 400 species from 32 families of fish including more than 125 livebearer species. He credits his success to large regular water changes, keeping live plants in every tank and culturing and feeding an assortment of live foods daily for feeding his breeding stock and for growing the fry of these diverse fish.



Save the Date!!
Ian Fuller, world renowned
Corydoras expert
speaks to MASI
October 20, 2016!!



Upcoming MASI General Meeting Speakers

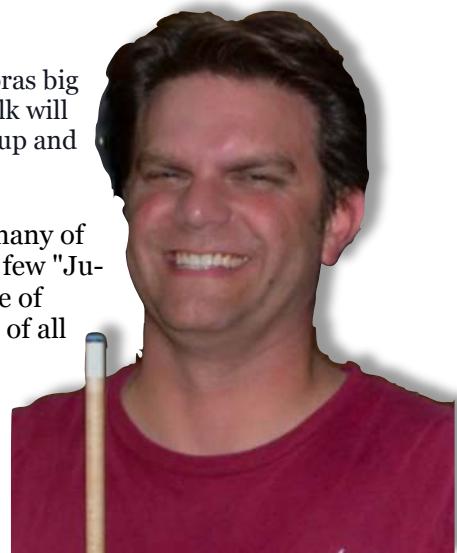
Rob McLure – May 19th Meeting

"An Overview of Spawning, Husbandry & Raising of Corydoradinae fish"

"Rob will try to update you with the latest Corydoras news, let you know what Corydoras big and small like to eat, and show you breeding tips and tricks that have worked. The talk will show even the most dedicated aquarists something new about the Corydoradinae group and challenge you with Cory trivia!"

He has managed to breed nearly 40 species in the Corydoradinae group to date, many of those multiple times. Rob was introduced to Corydoras when his father bought a few "Juilli catfish" at a local pet shop for his younger sister "Julie". After a spawning spree of

breeding 25 different fish in one year, out of all the fish spawned that year, the Corydoras paleatus were by far the most fun. Three years later he has more than 80 types of Corydoradinae fish in his home and likely qualifies as an addict of some sort!



Rescheduled for June 16

Aquascaping for Average People:

How to have a beautiful aquascape in your home without having to be a professional aquascaper

By Jennifer Williams



Jennifer: "I got my first tank when I was seven. Years later, a craigslist ad: "Firemouth Cichlids, bring a net and a bucket", introduced me to formidable former Army Lieutenant filling his bucket with fish, and telling me all about local fish clubs and planted tanks.

I attended my first Greater Washington Aquatic Plant Association (GWAPA) meeting and was completely hooked. I have served on the Board in several positions, and enjoyed participating in events with the other local clubs and the true friendships I have made in this hobby. I currently sit on the board for the Aquatic Gardener's Association (AGA). Now I have several wins from aquascaping contests, including most recently a repeat win at the 2015 Aquatic Experience/AGA Aquascaping Live! Invitational Competition in Chicago for my 75 gallon entry collaboration with Rachel O'Leary and her daughters.



I am an avid fan of Blue-eyed Rainbowfish and enjoy keeping and breeding them with my eclectic assortment of fish. To pay the electric and water bills that accompany all of the assorted gallons of aquatic madness, I work as a Graphic Designer...and also enjoy fast cars as a former professional drag racer and purring cats as a long-time volunteer/rescuer with the 4Paws Rescue Team."



MASI FISH BOWL!

EPIPHANY LANES 6:00 - 9:00 PM

April 30, 2016



**In
appreciation
to its
Members,
MASI is
sponsoring a
Bowling Party
to get
together,
have some
fun and
exchange
interests!**

**Free Bowling
and Shoes**



provided for MASI Families and Guests

**No outside food is allowed but there is plenty of food and drink
offered at the Venue!**



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CLUB HOPPING By Steve Edie

Apr 16 - Cedar Rapids, IA: Eastern Iowa Aquarium Association - Auction
Apr 29-May 2 - South Bend, IN: American Livebearer Association - Annual Convention
May 27-29 - Chicago: Greater Chicago Cichlid Association - Cichlid Classic
May 27-29 - Denver: American Killifish Association - Annual Convention
Jun 9-12 - Portsmouth, NH: North American Native Fish Association - Annual Convention
Jun 23-26 - Tulsa, OK: International Betta Congress - Annual Convention
Jul 16 - Urbana, IL: Champaign Area Fish Exchange - Summer Auction
Jul 16 - Kansas City: Heart of America Aquarium Society - Swap Meet
July 7-10 - Cincinnati: American Cichlid Association - Annual Convention
July 7-10 - Chicago: North American Discus Association - Annual Convention
Aug 14 - St Louis: MASi - Summer Auction
Sep 25 - St Louis: MASi Swap
Oct 30 - St Louis: MASi Fall Auction

A Lot going on this Spring!

Check with individual clubs for more details
Links to most are on our [webpage](#).
Convention Ads Hotlinked!



The 2016 ACA Convention "Born to Be Wild" - July 28-31, 2016
Red Lion Hotel - 11320 Chester Rd. - Cincinnati, OH 45346

April 8-10
Sheraton Hartford South
100 Capital Blvd
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
<http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/all-about-the-convention>
speakers:
Joseph Ferdenzi,
Lawrence Kent,
Dr. Paul V. Loiselle,
Steve Lundblad,
Dr. John Lyons
***Friday dinner with keynote speaker**
***Sunday auction**
***Fish Show**

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MAY 27-29, 2016



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Speakers: Ben Slocum, Pat Hartman, John Lyons, Mike Hellweg, Matt Rfriski, Rick Borstein, Jeremy Phillips
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Foolin' with Fish 2016 Recap



FRIDAY , APRIL 1ST

2:00 to 5:00 pm SHOW and Vendors room set up
5pm - Show/ Vendors room opens to public



The 2- 75 gallon tanks were filled with the Raffle items and Door Prizes for the rest of the weekend.



After the usual initial PC start up issues. Chuck Davis' Talk was very informative and also Entertaining. It set the stage well for the rest of the weekend.



No, that's not Chuck Davis' brother, the one with hair on both top and bottom of his head is Steve Edie.

FRIDAY , (CONT.)

**7:00-8:00 pm- Talk #1 -
Chuck Davis -
“Catfish- The Un-
scientific method”.
8: 15- Social Hour w
Snacks & Donated
Fish Auction**

Catfish Groupings:

- 1. Wide Mouths**
- 2. Vacuum Mouths**
- 3. Sucker Mouths**



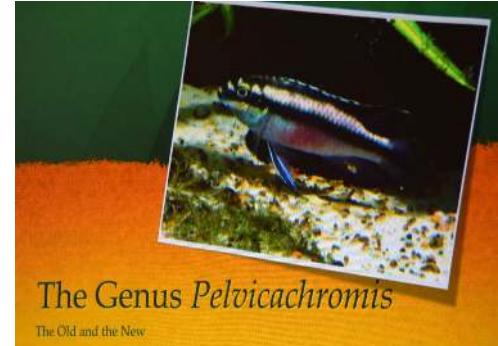
Chuck's Talk was followed by an auction of Segrest's donations and a Pizza Party



On Saturday, not to be outdone by Chuck, Ted Judy presented very useful talks on the Pelvicachromis and Tetras of West Africa. Followed by an exploration of the Cichlids of Maya by Rusty.

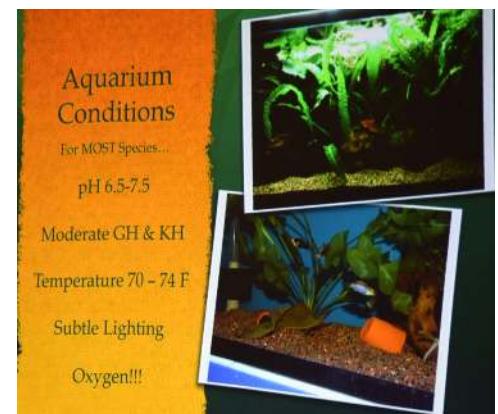
If you had been at these talks you could have better understood the bidding wars at the Sunday Auction!

Some very rare fish were sold!



The Genus *Pelvicachromis*

The Old and the New



8am -10 :00 am - Show Room closed for Judging

10:00 am - Show / Vendor's room Reopens.

10:00 am- 11:30 am - Talk #2 - Ted Judy - "The Genus Pelvichromis"

11:30 am - 1:30 pm - Lunch Break

1:15 pm- 2:30 pm - Talk #3 - Rusty Wessel - "Fish of the Maya"

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm - Talk #4 - Ted Judy - "African Tetras"

(Ask someone about Rusty's brown dog.)



Foolin' with Fish would not have been complete without the banquet and

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS



Sat Evening (cont...)

6:30 pm Banquet room opens for seating and drinks
7:00 pm Banquet Dinner
8:00 pm Awards
8:30 pm Speaker- Chuck Davis-
“Fishroom Gadgets & Gizmos”
9:30 pm - ? , Tank glow in Show room



Show Chairman: Kathy Deutsch and Judging Assistants: Derek Walker and Ed Milligan.





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“Foolin’ With Fish”

Show Classes and Placings



Class	Place	Entry	Owner	Sponsor
Aquascaping	1	Planted Tank 2	Gary Lange	Chris Mohrle
	2	Planted Tank 1	Gary Lange	
	3	Nano Planted Tank	Chuck Bremer	
School, Family or Biotope	1	Corydoras metae ★	Mike Slater	Ray "Kingfish" Lucas
All Other Fish	1	Ameca splendens Male	Daniell Kinder	Dave Thies
	2	Golden Dojo Loach	Chuck Bremer	
	3	Ameca splendens Female	Daniell Kinder	
Old Word Cichlids	1	Julidochromis dickfeldi	Chuck Bremer	Debbie Sultan & Tom Corradini
	2	Jacobfreibergi sp. Otter Point "Eureka Red"	Chris Mohrle	
New World Cichlids	1	Discus ★	Mike Slater	Bob & Lora Watson
	2	Aristogramma cruzi	Chuck Bremer	
	3	Phillipine Blue Marble Angel	Rick Tinklinberg	
Killifish/Rainbows	1	Pseudomugil conniese Male	Gary Lange	Jack Heller
	2	Simsonichthys santanae	Chuck Bremer	
	3	Cyprinodon veronicae Male	Kurt Zahringer	
Fancy Livebearers	1	Red Dragon Guppies ★	Lora Watson	Lynn Jacks
	2	Gambusia holbrooki - Marbled	Chuck Bremer	
	3	Xiph. helleri - Melanistic	Chuck Bremer	
Egglayers	1	Congo Tetra ★	Ron Huck	Mike & Angela Hellweg
	2	Carassius auratus ★	River Kinder-Russell	
	3	Neon Rosy Barb	Dan Hoermann	
Fancy Betta splendens	1	Halfmoon Double Tail ★	Keaton Walker	Lynn Jacks
	2	Blue Marble Betta ★	Michael Gray	
	3	Crowntail Betta	Al Grudzinski	
Catfish - Cory Types	1	Aspidoras albater	Chuck Bremer	Matt Schauer
	2	Corydoras pygmaeus	Chuck Bremer	
	3	Albino Corydoras	Ron Huck	
Catfish - All Other	1	Brown Bristlenose	Chuck Bremer	Mike Huber
	2	White Bristlenose	Chuck Bremer	
	3	Ancistrus sp. Pucallpa	Chris Mohrle	
Photography	1	Melanotaenia rubivittatus	Gary Lange	Dave Rush
	2	Chilatherina axelrodi	Gary Lange	
	3	Ghost Catfish	Jerry Montgomery	
Arts & Crafts	1	Aristogramma Laptop Bag	Chuck Davis	Kathy Daly
	2	Corydoras T-Shirt	Chuck Davis	
	3	Synodontis T-Shirt	Chuck Davis	
Anabantoids - Wild Types	1	Pearl Gourami	Ron Huck	Andy White
	2	Betta rubra	Gary Lange	
	3	Betta albimarginata	Gary Lange	

★ Indicates additional award.





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“Foolin’ With Fish”

Major Placings



Award	Fish	Owner	Sponsor
Best Fancy Betta	Blue Marble Betta	Michael Gray	Kathy Deutsch
Reet Thomas Livebearer	Red Dragon Guppies	Lora Watson	Lynn Jacks
Ralph Wilhelm Catfish	Corydoras metae	Mike Slater	Steve Edie
Best Cichlid	Discus	Mike Slater	Kathy Deutsch
Best Junior	Carassius auratus	River Kinder-Russell	Chuck Bremer
Best Fish in Show	Congo Tetra	Ron Huck	Klaus Bertich
Judge's Award	Halfmoon Double Tail	Keaton Walker	Robby Simmons



Lora



Mike



River

Unfortunately, not everyone was available for a photo.



Best Anabantoid and Best Fish in Show



Aquascaping



Best Craft



MASI Horticultural Awards

Novice Aquatic Horticulturist
General Aquatic Horticulturist
Advanced Aquatic Horticulturist
Senior Aquatic Horticulturist
Senior Aquatic Horticulturist
Master Aquatic Horticulturist
Most Illustrious Grand Master Aquatic Horticulturist
2015 Green Thumb Award
29 Propagations

Daniell Kinder
Chris Mohrle
Chris Mohrle
Bruce Mayhew
Chuck Bremer
Kevin Wise
Mike Hellweg
Chuck Bremer



MASI Breeder's Awards

General Breeder - 50 Points
Master Breeder - 300 Points
Master Breeder - 300 Points
Master Breeder - 300 Points
Grand Master Breeder - 500 Points
Grand Master Breeder - 500 Points
Supreme Grand Master Breeder 2000 Points
Most Exalted Grand Master Breeder 3000 Points
Most Exalted Grand Master Breeder 3000 Points
Tremendousest Grand Master Breeder 6500 Points
Breeder of the Year Award - 28 Spawns
CARES Breeder of the Year - 12 Spawns

Scott Campbell
Chris Mohrle
Todd Powers
Scot Roach
Chuck Bremer
Mike Huber
Kevin Wise
Chuck Bremer
Debbie Sultan & Tom Corradini

Jerry Jost

Jim Miller

Pat Tosie

Mike Hellweg

Mike Huber

Cory Koch

Unfortunately, not everyone was available for a photo.



Missouri Aquarium Society, Inc. Proudly Presents Our Highest Award:

MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2015

Mark England

I nominate Mark England as Member of the Year for his work as Editor of The Darter. Mark did a great job as editor, not just by producing the Darter, but by working to transform it. Mark greatly increased the electronic distribution, implemented a more contemporary layout, and increased the use of color and graphics, taking advantage of current standards and production technology.

Mark did not just perform a job for MASi, he improved it. For this I nominate him for consideration as your member of the year.

Nominated by Steve Deutsch

We Thank you Very Much and Congratulate you on
your selection, Mark.
Sincerely, The MASi Membership



Missouri Aquarium Society, Inc.



2015 Major Annual Awards

2015 Member of the Year

Mark England

2015 Hobbyist Society Service Award

Pat Tosie

2015 Hobbyist Show Champion

Jim Miller

2015 Ralph Wilhelm Writer of the Year

Dirted Substrate Tanks - January Darter

Holly Paoni

Pat



Mark



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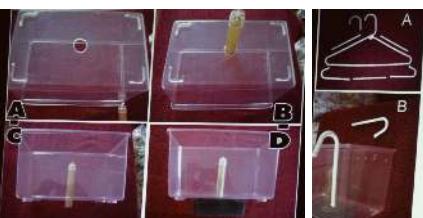
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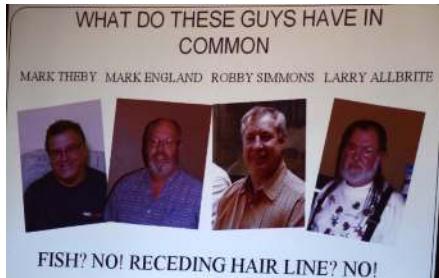
Chuck Davis concluded the evening discussing things he uses in his fishroom made from household items and others' previously unknown “Foolin’ with Fish” ventures.



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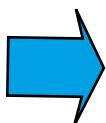


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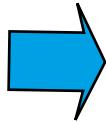


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An expanded line of MASI Logo merchandise is now available from Café Press. Pick from

T-shirts, jerseys, caps, tote bags, coffee cups, and more. Go to

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Lynn Jacks from Dyersburg, Tennessee and Paula McVann from Springfield, MO carried off the big Raffle Prizes. Each winner lives nearly exactly 240 miles from the Auction venue! What are the Odds of that?

SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD

11:00 am - Verbal Auction Begins
 2:30 - Special Art Auction
 3:30 pm - Silent Auctions end
 4:00 pm - 1st 75 gal tank raffle
 4:30 pm - 2nd 75 gal tank raffle
 6 pm (?) - Auction ends

Sunday Raffles

2 - 75 gallon tanks, tops & lights provided by Tropical World Pets. Must be present to Win.

Keaton Walker, winner of one of the TFH subscriptions given away.



A few hardy souls got the good deals right at the end!! No one went away disappointed!



Time to begin planning another successful Event Weekend for 2017!

Don't forget to volunteer ideas and effort to help make it another success!!

...and don't forget to
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Together they donated over a Thousand Dollars toward the success of this event!!

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