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President's Message

The October Giant Auction event was a great success! We had many donations from stores, manufacturers and our own members. The 50/50 model is bringing in a lot of bags of fish and plants each month. What is a 50/50? Whatever livestock our members bring in, they split the winning bid with the club, 50/50. This is for livestock only. We are going to continue to do a 50/50 every month except during our next Giant Auction which is in May 2024.

November 10th was our last meeting and we were thrilled to have Jackie Anderson from Project Piaba speak to us on how having a home aquarium can help conserve rainforests. She delivered her compelling presentation virtually, talking to us from Boston. We ran a story on Project Piaba in our Fall 2020 issue of AquaticNews. Check out the back issue on this site.

Next month we won't have a meeting because we're holding our annual holiday party. It's being held at Dolce Vita at 5811 Avenue N in Brooklyn, the same location as last year. We'll have a terrific private room all to ourselves!

I know that I mention this every month, but it's true! Our board members work hard to bring you a great show every month. I want to thank them for arriving on time to open the event space, set up chairs and for accommodating guests and sometimes unusual fish. Anyone else who wants to help out, we'll gladly give you something to do! Let's talk about it at the holiday party. Get involved!!

Look on our Facebook page for aquatic sales, from our club. We post things for sale periodically, but always have tanks and equipment. If you are looking for something aquatic, reach out to us!

Please note: we need content for our quarterly publication AquaticNews. Any hobby or aquatic information you come across, please share with our editor, Ginny Cahill. It can be your own aquatic experience written up with



photos of your fish and tanks. Please send all emails to Ginny at basny.editor@gmail.com. We are always looking for your input! We need our members to be more involved as we are always trying to improve our club and publication.

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STEVEN MATASSA President



November's auction gets underway.



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Upcoming Speakers

January 12, 2024 James Perronod

James operates a 5000 sq. ft. discus and tropical fish showroom (Discus R Us).

He is the President of the Jersey Shore Aquarium Society.

February 9 Joe Yaiullo

Joe was the senior aquarist at NY aquarium for 8 years before becoming the curator/co-founder of the Long Island Aquarium

March 8 Hock Ng — Nature style aquascaping
Hock Ng is a member and past president of the NJ Aquatic Gardener's Club.





45th Annual Tropical Fish Convention

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April 5 - 7 2024



MEGA All Species Tropical Fish Auction

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The board members meet once a month to discuss club business, and we can use your help! There are four board positions currently available: corresponding secretary, treasurer, webmaster and recording secretary. If you'd like to attend a meeting which are held the **1st Friday of the month**, September through June, please notify Steve Matassa at (347) 277-4793 by the Tuesday before the meeting.

Tip of the Season

During the winter, the heating of your home will evaporate water in your tanks faster then in the summer. Keep an eye on the water level in your tanks; to make sure they're at the proper level. This is particularly important with marine setups. Water evaporates but the salt does not, driving up the salinity of the water.

Freshwater tanks should be kept at a consistent level to make sure the filter system works properly and heaters are not exposed to the air. If there is insufficient, water level the filter will stop and possibly break and the heater coil, if exposed, could crack the glass. This could be dangerous to both you and your fish.

Current NEC affiliate clubs

If someone wants to travel, they can visit another club. Here's a list of the clubs.

Aquarium Society of Lancaster Boston Aquarium Society Brooklyn Aquarium Society Bucks County Aquarium Society Capital Cichlid Association Cichlid Club of NY **Central New York Aquarium Society Danbury Area Aquarium Society Diamond State Aquarium Society Erie Aquarium Society Greater City Aquarium Society Jersey Shore Aquarium Society Koi Organization International** Long Island Killi Assoc **Long Island Aquarium Society** Metropolitan Area killifish Assoc.

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Upstate NY killifish Assoc
Worcester Aquarium Society

The last few meetings at NYA!















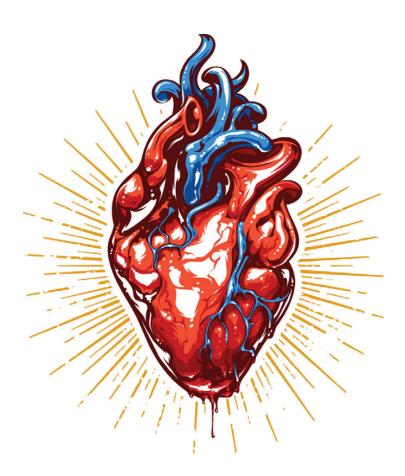


John Todaro was a past president of BAS and editor of the Bulletin and Aquatica Magazine for decades. We republishing recipes from the Brooklyn Aquarium Society's publication SCRUMPTIOUS MEALS & LIVE FOOD TREATS compiled, edited and written by John.

Classic Beef Heart Recipe

This version of the all time classic beef heart recipe comes from Gene Baudier of the East Coast Guppy Association. This is one of the staple foods he feeds his guppies, who eat it with gusto. A great paste food for any fish that thrives on or needs a diet high in protein.

This is one of the most flexible recipes around. You can add veggies or baby cereal, extra vitamins, fish, shrimp or commercially prepared fish foods to enhance the basic recipe and make it your own.



INGREDIENTS:

1–2 lbs. beef heart, uncooked Spirulina powder 1 tbsp per pound of meat Liquid vitamins 1 ml per pound of meat (1 ml. = 20 drops)

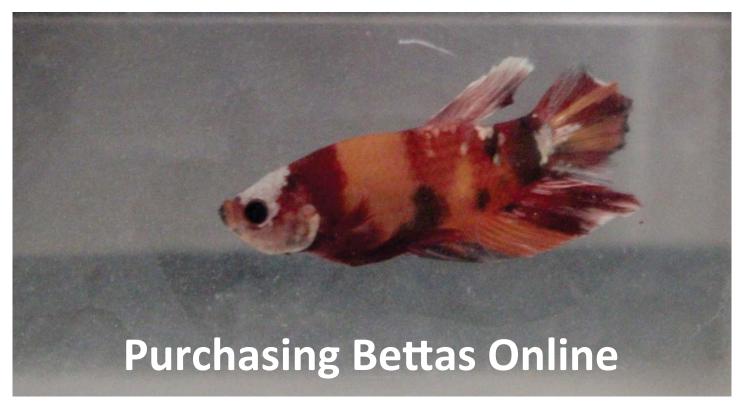
PREPARATION:

- 1. Trim beef heart of allfat, veins and tough outer skin.
 - 2. Cutinto 1 inch cubes.
- 3. Combine ingredients in food processor, processing for about 1 minute. Check after 30 seconds. Adjust to bring particles down to 1/16 to 1/8 inches. Be careful not to liquefly mixture.
- 4. Spoon ingredients into ice cub trays and freeze.

FEEDING:

Grate frozen cubes into a cup. A revolvingdrum type grater like a Mouli works great. Feed by spooning small portions into the tank. Just about anything could be added to this recipe, but keep in mindthat the more you add, the less beef heart by proportion is in the final mixture.

Never feed more than fish will eat in 5 to 10 minutes.



Female Koi Betta

Bill Amely — BAS

Needless to say, I love Bettas. I have been in the fish keeping hobby for almost 50 years. My interest in Bettas started somewhere in the late 1990's. Their great varieties of colors and fin shapes, and their behaviors, is what drew me in.

Most of them I purchased at my local pet store, or at an auction held by my local fish club (or Aquarium Society). Generally, you can find what you're looking for in these two sources.

But about 3 or 4 years ago, I began to shop online, via auction sites such as Aquabid and Ebay. The only reasons one should use these is to acquire wild Bettas species (B. Macrostoma, B.Coccina or B. Imbellis), which are a bit harder to find in your local Pet store or Fish club. The other is that maybe the color or fin variant you desire is not available in the first two sources.

Some sellers may utilize auctions to sell their fish. They can also utilize a flat "BUY IT NOW" price, which will vary per seller, and their

livestock. Most may be US sellers, where they will charge a flat shipping fee, for either Priority Mail, or Express Mail (you will also be charges sales tax, by the auction sites, so keep these factors in mind when you're deciding to shop this way).

A number of sellers will be Foreign, like The UK, Asia, etc. I have purchased several, via Ebay, from a seller in Thailand. In addition to the price of the fish, I paid an export fee of \$5 per fish. The fish will then will be shipped to a transshipper, located in the US. I use one located in New Jersey. The foreign sellers will NOT ship to you directly. Once the Transhipper receives them, he contacted me that he received them. I then pay him a \$3 per fish import fee plus \$28 for UPS one day shipping.

I tend to buy between 3 to 9 Bettas at once, which lowers the overall cost per fish. Keep these costs in mind, when deciding if you wish



Male Koi Plakat



Female Koi Halfmoon female

A Koi Male Plakat

to go this route, or not. The reason I went this way was the beautiful color and fin variants he offered on Ebay. I hope to provide photos of these fish in the foreseeable future. I purchased mostly Plakats (shortfin wild type male Bettas). I also picked up two female Koi halfmoon Bettas. While Koi Bettas are available locally, I was

wowed by the ones I purchased from the Thai seller.

If you are in the market for beautiful Bettas, research all your options before you buy them. Thanks for your attention, and happy fishkeeping to all!

DIY — Floating Planters

David Manuel — BAS



You can do it!

This tip is for those that want to add a little green to their aquascape. I've use this method to grow herbs and other non-aquatic plants to my home aquarium. The best part is — it cost about \$2 and the price of the plant of your choice to get started.

To get going, here are a few things you'll need:

- Scissors
- Pool noodle
- Cotton balls or aquarium filter floss

Plant of choice

Now keep in mind, you need to be familiar with the care requirements of the plant you intend to use because some plants don't like excessive water. Plants like pothos, mint or peace lilies do very well in the aquarium. You also need to take under consideration whether you have an aquarium cover that leaves room for the plants to float above the waters surface. If using a glass cover, you may need to lower the water level to give space for the plants to grow above the water surface. You can learn about the plants water and







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care requirements from a local garden supply store or nursery.

The first step is to cut a 1 inch to two inch cutting of your plant of choice. In this instance I'm using a mint plant. Remove the lower portion of leaves so you only have about 3 to four top leaves on the stem. This lower area will be in contact with the water and allow for root growth.

The second step is to cut a 1 inch diameter from the pool noodle. This should look like a little donut. Depending on the plant you decided on, you can cut a large diameter in order for it to support the weight of the plant cutting. Next you pack the filter floss into the center of the pool noodle donut.

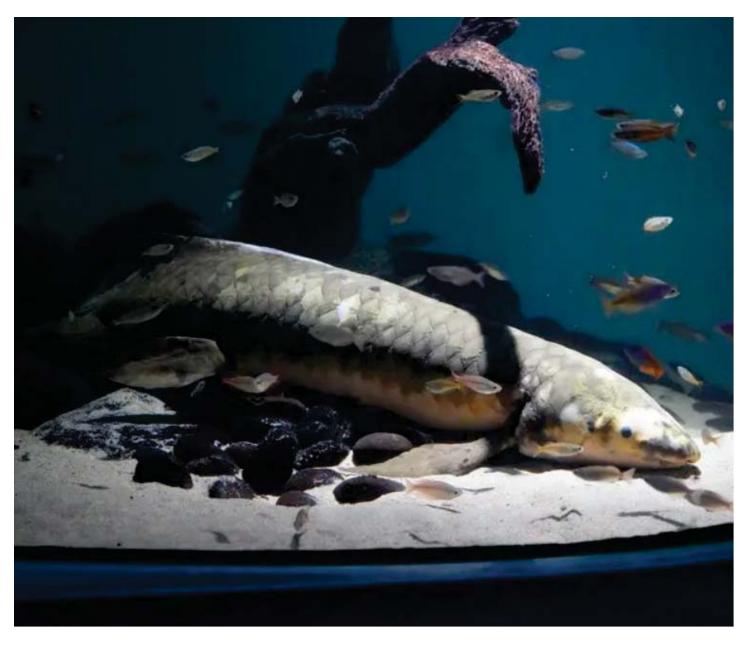
The last step is to insert the cutting into the center of the filter floss so the bare stem sticks out the bottom as shown in image above.

And that's it. You're ready to float the plant in your tank or pond. This technique is great for sharing plants or just getting multiple plants from one large one. You can also place the cutting into a plastic cup near a sunny window. Pothos is an excellent plant for the home aquarium and easy to share with friends. I hope this gets you going green and better yet, experimenting with different plants. Your fish will thank you!

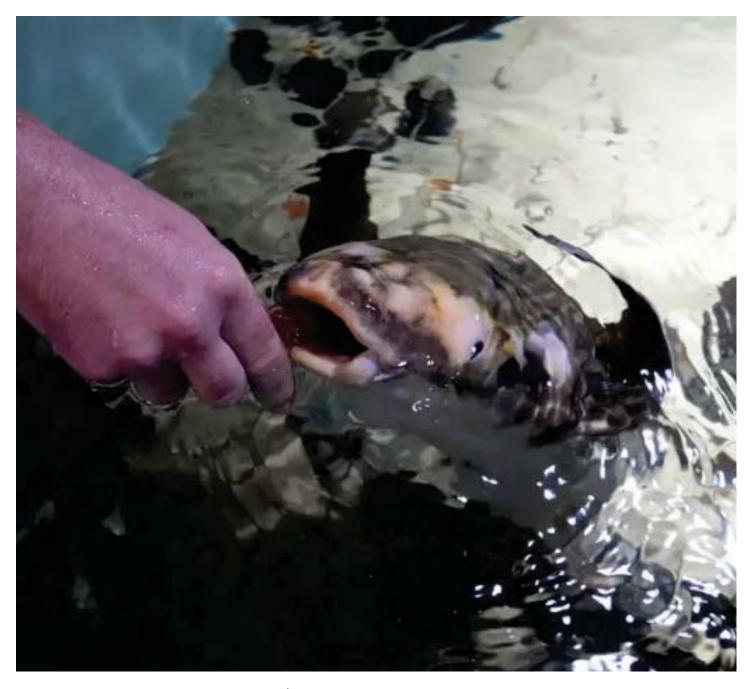
Soumya Karlamangla — New York Times • Sept. 18, 2023

Meet Methuselah, the World's Oldest Living Aquarium Fish

The nonagenarian lungfish has lived in a tank in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco since 1938.



Methuselah, an Australian lungfish, in her tank at the Steinhart Aquarium at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco. Credit: Jim Wilson/The New York Times



Methuselah being fed. Credit: Jim Wilson/The New York Times

In the fall of 1938, the Golden Gate Bridge had been open for a year, the United States was still recovering from the Great Depression and Franklin D. Roosevelt was in his second term as president. World War II had yet to begin.

And in the cargo hold of a steamship, a young lungfish arrived from Australia to a new home at an aquarium in San Francisco.

She's still alive today.

In a delightful piece of California trivia, what

is believed to be the world's oldest fish in human care can be found in Golden Gate Park, at the Steinhart Aquarium of the California Academy of Sciences.

I recently met Methuselah, as the fish is known, and can attest that she's a particularly charming celebrity.

With a torpedo-shaped body covered in mossy green scales, she glides through her tank at a glacial pace that seems only appropriate for her

advanced age. She pokes her flattened snout out of the water when her caretaker offers prawns, earthworms or her favorite food, figs. She eats out of humans' hands, and sometimes even enjoys a gentle belly rub or a tickle on her chin.

"She's a pretty content, happy fish, I'm going to say," Brenda Melton, the aquarium's director of animal care and well-being, told me. "She's been around a long time. She's seen more than any of us at Steinhart Aquarium. We're lucky to have her."

The staff knew the date when Methuselah arrived at the aquarium, so it's been clear for years that she was at least an octogenarian. And she assumed the unofficial title of world's oldest aquarium fish in 2017 when Granddad, another Australian lungfish, died at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago at age 95.

But it's only recently that a scientific analysis of Methuselah's full age has been performed, because traditional methods for doing that are invasive and for the most part feasible only post-mortem. Using a new DNA-dating technique, though, Australian scientists tested a tiny sample of one of Methuselah's fins and concluded that she's probably about 92, with an upper estimate of 101. The results are being officially released today.

The news is especially meaningful for its timing: This month, the aquarium turns 100, so its most beloved fish might well "be celebrating her centennial birthday along with Steinhart," Melton told me. (If you're interested, there are a bunch of events around San Francisco in September in honor of the aquarium's milestone.)

The Australian scientists, who plan to publish their full findings later this year, studied samples from 30 other lungfish living at institutions in the United States and Australia. Steinhart's two other lungfish were found to be about 54 and 50 years old.

"I don't know that we truly know how long they can live," Kylie Lev, a curator at the aquarium, told me as we peered through the glass, watching the younger two lungfish flap their fins as they swam through their tank. Bowhead whales, rougheye rockfish and some giant tortoises can live for roughly 200 years, but even so, lungfish probably rank among the longest-living species in the world.

And they're unusual. They are native to only a handful of slow-moving rivers in Queensland and, as their name suggests, have a lung that allows them to supplement the oxygen they get through their gills.

Lungfish are primitive creatures that have been around for 380 million years and are the closest living relatives to the first fishes that crawled out of the sea. In other words, lungfish represent the evolutionary link between fish and amphibians. Steinhart staff members call them living fossils.

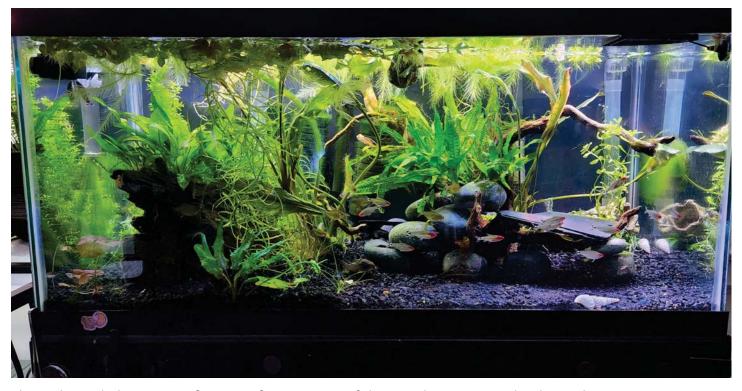
Methuselah may not be quite as old as the biblical figure Methuselah — Noah's grandfather, who lived for 969 years — but in many ways, she is truly ancient.



A young visitor watching Methuselah in its tank. Credit: Jim Wilson/The New York Times

Meet My Tank!

Liz Puello — BAS



This is the tank that Liz won from BAS for aquarium of the month on BAS Facebook page!

How long have you been in the hobby?

I've been in the hobby since I can remember. First in the Dominican Republic with my father, where we had two ponds, one with kois, gold fish, angels and plecos; and another with tilapia and 15 turtles. We also had a 100-gallon salt water tank with a moray eel, shrimps and clown fish. But here in New York I've been keeping fish since 2010.

How many tanks do you have?

Eight; with the occasional plastic sterilite 7.5-gallon bucket that I use as hospital tank.

How many gallons each tank?

55, 40, 29, 20, and 2 10 gallon tanks, 6 gallon.

Freshwater or saltwater?

Freshwater.

Types of fish?

I currently have a small school (9) of Black Neon tetras, and a Gold Cloud Mountain Minnow. I just lost some fish a few weeks ago. I am a huge fan of nano species.

What do you feed them?

I feed them flakes, freeze dried brine shrimp sinking and carnivore pellets as well as frozen live food.

Do you have live plants?

All the tanks are planted!



29 gallons with teras, kuhli loach, dwarf gourami and hillstream loach.

Latest 10 gallon set up.



This tank won Liiz a new tank.



6 gallon with one female betta.

Joe Graffagnino was a past president of BAS as well as an accomplished breeder. He passed away from Covid in September 2021. He left behind a substantial archive of his aquatic experiences which we are republishing.

Corydoras stenocephlus

Joe Graffagnino — BAS

RECEIVED A GROUP OF five fish (two females and 4 males) from a friend in the North Jersey Aquarium Society on September 21, 2014. I placed the group in a 10 gallon tank with riverbed gravel (#3), some java moss and a small corner filter. The temperature was 75 degrees Fahrenheit (24 degrees C), with a pH of 7.0. I did not check for water hardness. The group had spawned for my friend more than once.

They were fed twice each day with the first feeding in late morning/early afternoon of flake food and in the evening with frozen blood worms. On October, 23 the cory's laid eggs on both of the long glass piece sides with small amounts of eggs on both the front and rear short glass panels. I removed the eggs with a razor blade and placed them in a shallow plastic tray with an aerstone and acriflavin. After the first day I changed the water in the container by 60% with water from the parent's tank. The next day I did a 50% water change using water from my faucet at approximately the same temperature. I siphoned out any fungused eggs. On the third day, October 26, the eggs started to hatch. I moved the hatched fry to a five gallon tank with the water from the parent's tank. When the fry's egg sack was absorbed, after four days, I fed the fry frozen baby brine shrimp twice daily. I did 50% water changes every other day using water from my faucet at approximately the same temperature. After three to four weeks the fry were large enough to move into a 12 gallon grow out tank.

On November 28, the Corydoras stenocephlus started another spawn in their 10 gallon tank. I witnessed the spawn and took detailed notes as well as photographs. This spawn was 38 days after their last. The water temperature was 78 degrees Fahrenheit (26 degrees C) and the pH was 7.18. They began their spawn at 8:40 PM and it continued until 12:50 AM (4 hours and 10 minutes). While the spawn took place I inserted a pH monitor tube and they laid eggs on the tube! The eggs

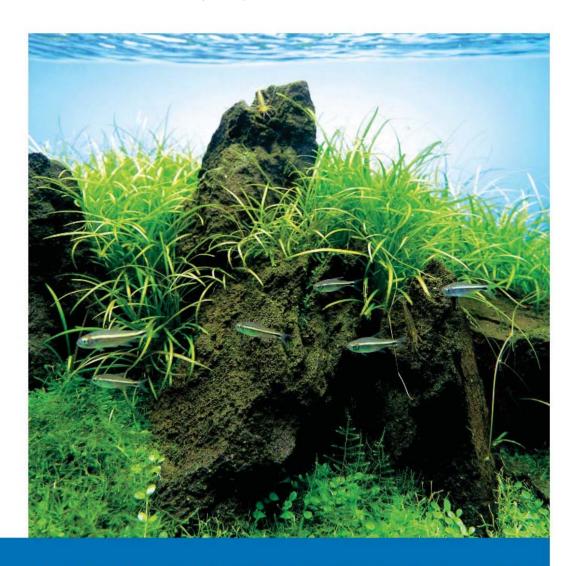


started to hatch on December 1, 2014 at 11:50 PM.

On December 17 one female and several males started to spawn again. When completed they had laid 30 eggs. Five days later (December 22) they started to spawn again. I was not sure if it was both females. I counted over 100 eggs when the spawn was complete. On December 25 the eggs started to hatch.

I had bred different types of Corydoras species previously; specifically Corydoras aneus and Scleromystax barbatus. I noticed something different in the manner of egg fertilization with C. stenocephlus. The males were excited and continued to chase the much larger females, but they didn't follow the egg trail laid by the female. The males visually checked the eggs but stayed with the female. Occasionally the female and one male would be on the gravel and the male would turn his body and curl himself so that he was almost lying on his side with his abdomen facing the female. She would then go to his stomach area. I could see that she was taking something because her gills were pumping at a fast rate. She would then leave the male, go up approximately 75% of the glass side, and start laying eggs again. Then she would stop and return to where she started that egg trail and mouth each egg without removing it from the glass. I believe that the female took the milt from a willing male into her mouth and then applied the milt to the egg for fertilization. Perhaps this was why each time I had an 85-90% fertile egg count.

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AN IWAGUMI LAYOUT PRODUCED WITH A SIMPLE PLANT ARRANGEMENT USING SANSUI STONES

by Aqua Design Amano
Translated by Tomoko Schum Photos by Aqua Design Amano

The presence of stones influences the overall impression of an Iwagumi layout greatly. Sansui Stones used in this layout have the characteristic appearance of stacked stone slabs and fine surface texture. The planting is kept simple using only short aquatic plants to make the most of the presence of the stones. This

article introduces undergrowth plants that are essential to lwagumi layouts and other Nature Aquarium layouts along with the production process of the aquascape in this issue.

Since the 60 cm aquarium is relatively small, it limits the size of the stones used for a layout. Sansui Stones with somewhat



TANK DATA

Aquarium: Cube Garden W60 x

D30 x H36 (cm)

Lighting: Aquasky RGB x 1 unit,

turned on for 10 hours

per day

Filter: Super Jet Filter ES-600

(Bio Rio, NA Carbon)

Substrate: Aqua Soil Amazonia,

Power Sand Basic S, Bacter 100, Clear Super, Tourmaline BC

CO₂: Pollen Glass Series,

3 bubbles per second via CO₂ Glass Counter

(using Tower)

Aeration: 14 hours after the

light is turned off using Lily Pipe P-2

Additives: Brighty K,

Green Brighty Iron

Water Change: ⅓ once a week

Water Temperature: 25°C (77°F)
Quality: pH: 6.8; TH: 20 mg/l

Aquatic Helanthium tenellum Plants: Glossostigma elatinoides

Riccia fluitans

Fontinalis antipyretica

Fish: Hemigrammus

armstrongi Otocinclus sp.

Caridina multidentata

pointy shapes were selected and radially arranged around Oyaishi. Soil was mounded high behind the stone arrangement to produce a powerful appearance.

Helanthium tenellum is planted behind the stone arrangement. Small Riccia Stones to which a mixture of Riccia and Willow Moss are attached are placed in the foreground. Planting *Glossostigma elatinoides* among the Riccia Stones produced a natural appearance of three types of aquatic plants growing together in the foreground.

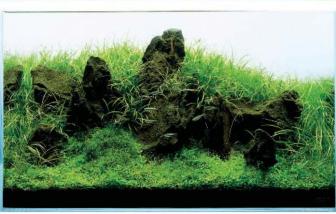
Helanthium tenellum is planted not only behind the stone arrangement



An Iwagumi layout that makes the most of Sansui Stone shapes.



A simple plant arrangement to enhance the Sansui Stones' presence.



The natural appearance produced by undergrowth plants growing around the stone arrangement.

but also between the stones. Since Helanthium tenellum spreads by runners, it ties the background to the foreground naturally. The bright green aquatic plants go well with the color of Sansui Stones and give a refreshing impression to the Iwagumi layout.

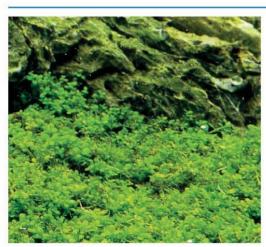
UNDERGROWTH PLANTS USED FREQUENTLY IN NATURE AQUARIUM

Hemianthus callitrichoides Perfect for the use in small aquariums and creating

small features around stone arrangements. Since it grows slowly and is somewhat difficult to grow, an extra amount of it should be planted at the initial planting stage. This plant should be planted somewhat deeper using powder type Aqua Soil.

Micranthemum sp.

A plant in the family of Pearl Grass. It grows fast and produces a green carpet by spreading sideways. It has larger leaves than Cuba Pearl Grass and is easy to grow unlike Cuba Pearl Grass. Since it







Utricularia graminifolia.





a Riccia Stone using Riccia Line and then the wrapped stones are placed side by side in a layout. Although it requires high light and an ample CO₂ level, the sight of the plant adorned with a myriad of oxygen bubbles produced through photosynthesis is impressive.

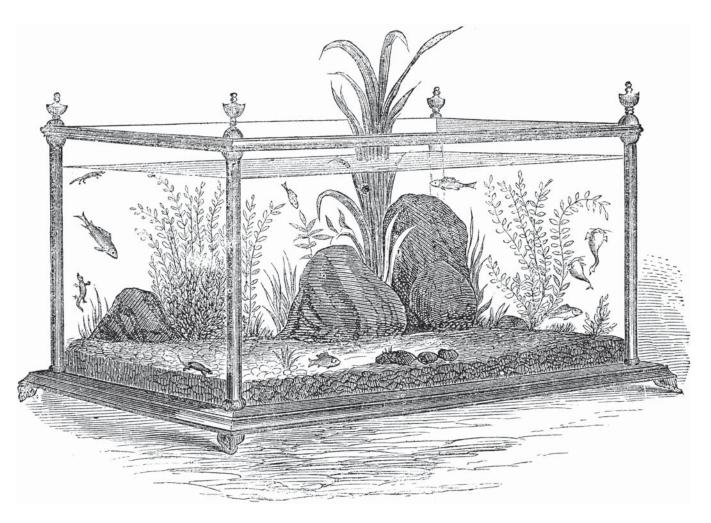
Eleocharis acicularis

The height of this plant varies every time it is used in a layout. It is not clear if it is due to the difference in the shipping condition or the growing condition. However, it is possible to keep its length short through repeated trimming. Although the plant is inexpensive and easy to acquire, it declines quickly

unless the growing condition is properly adjusted.

Eleocharis parvula

It would be better to use this short hairgrass, rather than the Eleocharis acicularis previously discussed, if you want to maintain the plant short. Although it is difficult to differentiate the emersed grown leaves and the submersed grown leaves, the plant will grow denser if trimmed when the submersed grown leaves start to develop. When the leaves become too dense and sludge builds up due to poor water flow, algae tend to attach to the leaves.



The Shrimp Farm.com is the place to go for freshwater shrimp. The owner is **Ryan Curtis**, with a new mailing address: 2401 East Washington St, STE 200 A2, Bloomimgton, Il 61704. Visit the Aquarium Shrimp Forum http://theshrimpfarm.com/forum/index.php to ask questions, talk to other shrimp nuts and discuss everything related to Freshwater Aquarium Shrimp.



The Difference Between Caridina and Neocaridina Shrimp

A common issue for new shrimp keepers is trying to figure out the difference between Caridina Shrimp and Neocaridina Shrimp. Freshwater aquarium shrimp come in multiple species types, however Neocaridina caridina are the two most common shrimp for sale.

Neocaridina shrimp are types like the Red Cherry Shrimp, Blue Dream Shrimp, or Snowball Shrimp.

Caridina shrimp are types such as Crystal Red Shrimp or Blue Bolt Shrimp.

Interestingly enough there is more to it that meets the eye literally.

Most freshwater shrimp keepers think the main differences was rostrum length. It has become apparent that this can vary drastically from each sub species of Shrimp. For this very reason rostrum length cannot be a viable means of identification.

To the naked eye there are no differences between the species other than the rostrum length as noted above. To see the only two differences between Caridina and Neocardina freshwater shrimp you have to dive in to the macro world. These are dwarf shrimp after all! We can't expect them to be large, right?

The first major difference is the shape and size of the reproductive appendage. This is a modified

swimming leg, it is the first set in a swimming pair called Pleopods.

On Neocaridina the end of the appendage is called the Endopod also referred to as Endopodite. Which is the inner branch of the crustacean's limbs, it is round and flat. It is almost like someone is holding a table tennis bat.

The end of the Caridina species appendage (Endopod) is longer but more slender than that of the Neocaridina.

This is likely the reason the two cannot inter breed, their "parts" simply put, do not fit together.

The other difference between the species is a small part on the first Maxilliped (body appendage), in most but not all Caridina species there is a small spur, almost like a finger (Endopod). This is something that is completely missing from Neocaridina.

Freshwater Shrimp Breeding

Breeding the neocaridina shrimp is considered to be an easy task by most. Proper water conditions along with aquarium plants, high quality pellet foods/blanched vegetables will help your shrimp tank of neocaridina breed readily. Live plants add a huge benefit to breeding. Live plants provide micro-organisms

for the baby shrimp and adult shrimp to happily eat on. Often times shrimp pellets food are not enough to keep the baby shrimp alive. This is why planted tank setups are ideal for most shrimp.

Caridina shrimp breeding is also not difficult but more so than their counterpart neocaridina shrimp. They require soft water and PH below 7.0 to truly thrive and breed higher grades.

In general terms breeding either neocaridina caridina shrimp is not hard. Things to consider are tank size, other livestock in the community tank who might prey on the shrimp. Shrimp love to eat algae so a having a good natural supply in your tank aids them.

Red cherry shrimp care or bee shrimp care is overall a low demanding task. This is if you have proper equipment, and knowledge on their care. Breeding bright red high grade cherry shrimp in your red cherry shrimp tank is very achievable. Cherry Shrimp are often considered beginner shrimp due to their ease

We offer complete guides on how to breed and care for shrimp on our Shrimp Farm University Blog. We even include more challenging types to breed like the Amano Shrimp or Ghost Shrimp. Amano shrimp and ghost shrimp at a certain stage demand brackish water for their baby shrimp. This is what presents a challenge to get

the baby shrimp to survive in the correct water parameters. Our detailed article will explain PH levels, water temperature, test kits needed, food source, sponge filters, and other things these algae eaters need to breed.

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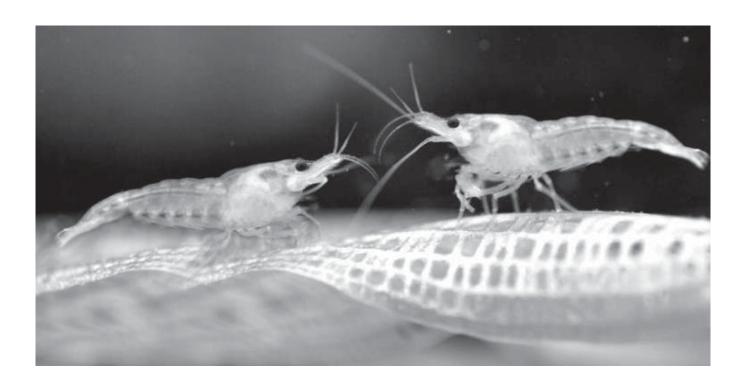
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Cannot Cross Breed Neocaridina to Caridina Shrimp

Taking away from this article is the fact that neocairidna and caridina simply cannot physically crossbreed. Thus, it is a nonissue when keeping them as tank mates. Keeping them as tank mates requires they be kept in caridina parameters. More on this at our Shrimp Farm University Blog Page.

Happy Shrimp Keeping!

-Mark Peggie



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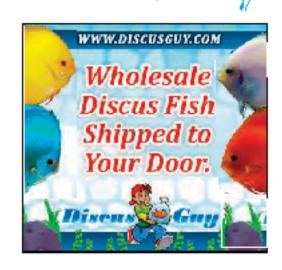
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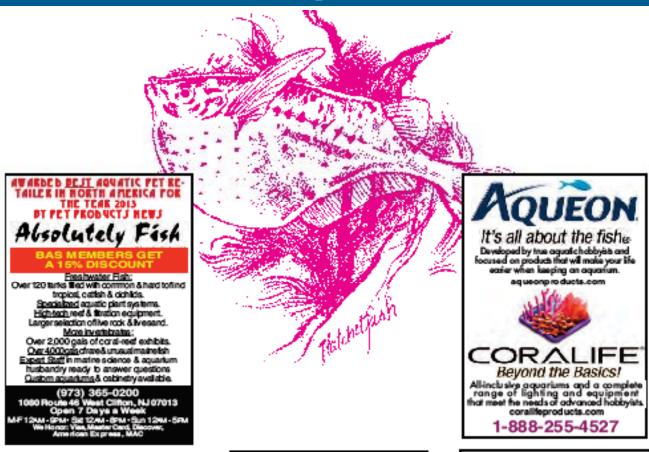
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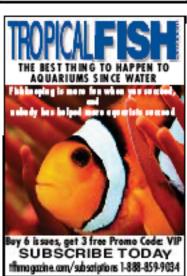
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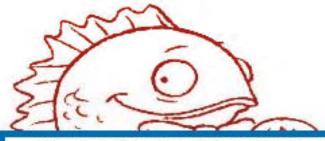
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