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January Meeting
Photo Awards
Plant Auction

January Bowl Show
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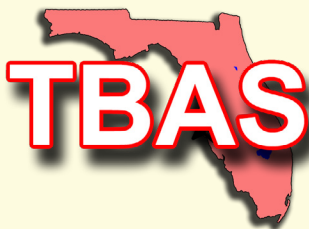
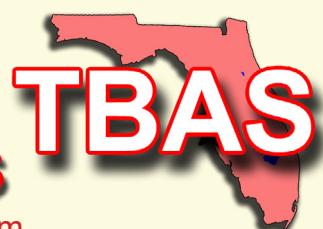


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President's Dharmesh Patel Stuff

First and foremost let me wish you all a Happy New Year with great health and happiness! I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday season.

2016 brought us many great things. We had some excellent speakers, a great Swap Meet, our Annual Fish Auction was terrific and our Holiday Party was tons of fun! Also, our Annual Plant Auction is back! If you missed it in 2016, please come to our January 2017 meeting. Regarding the January meeting: This is a plant only auction. We will also be presenting the awards for the photo contest at this meeting.

The State Fair is February 9-20. The entries for the 2017 Competitive Exhibits are due January 6, 2017. Please enter online at:

www.floridastatefair.com

The First Annual Aquarium Swap of Florida is February 25-26 in Lakeland, Florida. Info about this event can be found at **www.aquariumswapfl.com**

2017 is going to be great!

See you all at our next meeting!



Dharmesh





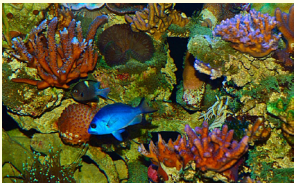

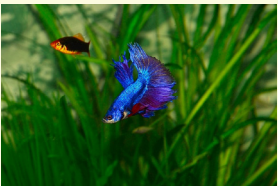




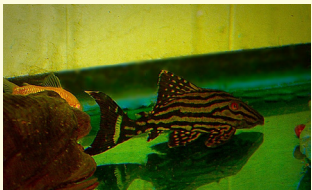
Dharmesh Patel, President, TBAS

***Caridina cantonensis* sp “Bee”**




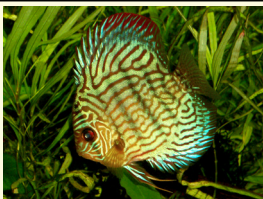






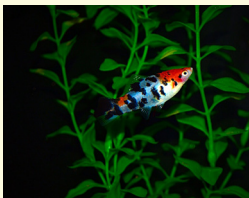
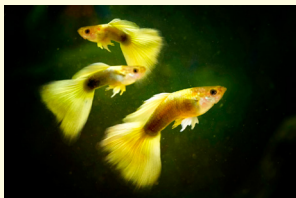



Black & White Bee Shrimp
















TBAS 2016




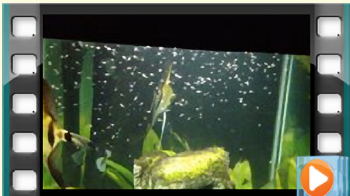
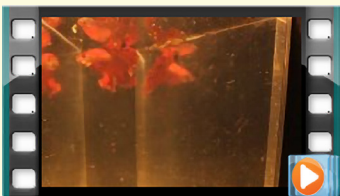
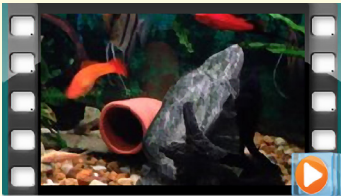
PHOTO WINNERS

Aquarium Beautiful Freshwater	Aquarium Beautiful Freshwater	Aquarium Beautiful Freshwater
1st Place - Brad Gartner	2nd Place - Nan Smith	3rd Place - Brad Gartner
		
Aquarium Beautiful Saltwater	Aquarium Beautiful Saltwater	Aquarium Beautiful Saltwater
1st Place - Nan Smith	2nd Place - Brad Gartner	3rd Place - Brad Gartner
		
Anabantids (including Bettas)	Anabantids (including Bettas)	Anabantids (including Bettas)
1st Place - Brad Gartner	2nd Place - Brad Gartner	3rd Place - Kent Sheets
		
Catfish	Catfish	Catfish
1st Place - Nan Smith	2nd Place - Larry Nelson	3rd Place - Brad Gartner
		

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Cichlids Old World	Cichlids Old World	Cichlids Old World
1st Place - Brad Gartner	2nd Place - Brad Gartner	3rd Place - Nan Smith
		
Cichlids New World	Cichlids New World	Cichlids New World
1st Place - Hank Darin	2nd Place - Brad Gartner	3rd Place - Ludo Van Den Bogaert
		
Characins & Barbs	Characins & Barbs	Characins & Barbs
1st Place - Brad Gartner	2nd Place - Kent Sheets	3rd Place - Kent Sheets
		
Livebearers	Livebearers	Livebearers
1st Place - Brad Gartner	2nd Place - Brad Gartner	3rd Place - Larry Nelson
		
Loaches & Sharks	Loaches & Sharks	Loaches & Sharks
1st Place - Brad Gartner	2nd Place - Kent Sheets	3rd Place - Robin McBride
		

Rainbows		
1st Place - Nan Smith	2nd Place - Brad Gartner	3rd Place - Nan Smith
		
North American Native		
1st Place - Kent Sheets	2nd Place - Kent Sheets	3rd Place - Kent Sheets
		
Spawning		
1st Place - Krissy Damico	2nd Place - Kent Sheets	3rd Place - Kent Sheets
		
All Other Fish & Invertebrates		
1st Place - Dharmesh Patel	2nd Place - Ludo Van Den Bogaert	3rd Place - Nan Smith
		
Koi & Goldfish		
1st Place - Brad Gartner	2nd Place - Brad Gartner	3rd Place - Kent Sheets
		

Cell Phone Photos	Cell Phone Photos	Cell Phone Photos
1st Place - Nan Smith	2nd Place - Nan Smith	3rd Place - Nan Smith
		
Video	Video	Video
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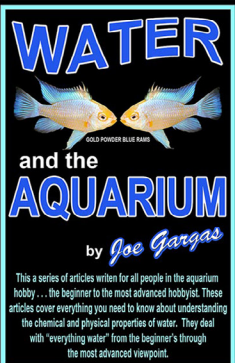
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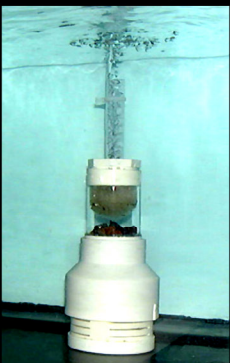
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ANTIQUE AQUARIUMS: Artistic and a thing of the past

by Bill Little



Many years ago when I married my “bride” she was described by many friends as an “enthusiastic antique collector”, having been raised in a late 1800’s house in New England. Our home was filled with antiques passed down from previous generations of family members. Aquariums, regardless of the size, were relegated to the fishroom in the basement; they simply did not fit the decor of our home. One Sunday afternoon we traveled to the north side of Omaha to visit a little hole-in-wall fish shop run by a sweet little old lady. After wandering around the shop for a bit my wife said to me “come, look at this”. Tucked in the back corner of the shop was an antique aquarium, showing its age and in need of much repair. Surprisingly, my wife said to me, “Let’s buy it, if it’s not too expensive.” After considerable negotiation with the proprietor of the shop, the aquarium was loaded into the back of our station wagon for the trip home.

Arriving home, we were met by our neighbor, who was the owner of a local machine shop in town. He helped me get the very heavy aquarium out of the car and into the garage. He looked down at our find, shook his head and commented, “THAT is some kind of ugly”. The words were not out of his mouth before he realized he had hurt our feelings. Several days later he approached my wife and said he would be willing to take it to the shop and clean it up if she wished; he was obviously attempting to make up for his previous comments. He did take it to the shop and later in the week he returned it to the house. It had been sandblasted and the rust had been totally removed from the wrought iron and was covered with a coat of fresh black paint. It looked fantastic! I spent the weekend cleaning the glass and re-sealing the inside of the aquarium to make sure it would not leak water on the hardwood floors.

Several weeks later it was installed in the living room between two caned chairs and across the room from a large Victorian couch. It looked very similar to

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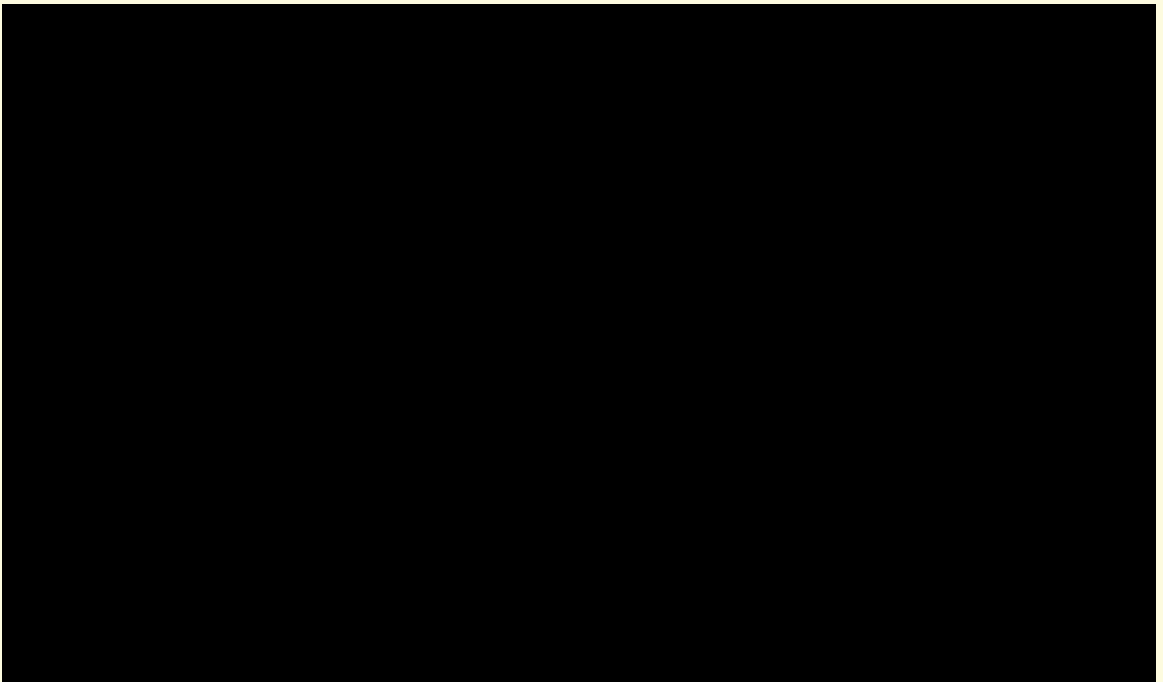
picture to the left, but the eagles did not adorn the top of our unit. As you can see the aquariums of the day were not very deep and there was no opportunity for a cover or a light. We settled on three very nice large Oranda goldfish and it adorned our living room for a number of years. In fact it became a point of conversation when people would visit our home. Eventually the military moved us to a new assignment and with much regret the antique aquarium found a new home in Omaha.

Unfortunately, we never found another replacement in our travels and now that I can search on the internet they are few and far between and the prices are out of sight. I have included a number of photos of ones I have found - some very simple and other much more ornate. Historical records indicate they were very fashionable in the late 1800's in the wealthy homes of America and in Europe. They were a mix of aquariums and bowls that sat atop ornate stands. There was a revival of vintage aquariums and ornate fishbowls during the Art Deco period of the 1920's. Even up through that period the inhabitants of both the aquarium and particularly the fishbowls were mostly limited to goldfish. The literature of the times does mention occasionally the keeping of Paradise Fish in these aquariums.

Finally, Zoo Med founder Gary Bagnall is a diehard aquarist and he entertains an extensive collection of vintage fishbowls and aquariums. These can be viewed at <https://reefbuilders.com/2014/02/10/zoo-med-keeper-amazing-aquarium-museum/>. I hope you have enjoyed this brief examination of the vintage aquariums of the past.



A Video: Ted Judy & Apistogramma





Aulonocara Sp. Dragons Blood - "Aulonocara Firefish"

photo: Mike Jacobs 2016

MONTHLY BOWL SHOW

January

- 1)
- 2) **None - Plant Auction**

February

- 1) Male Betta Splenden
(single fish)
- 2) Open

March

- 1) Tetras, Barbs, Rasbora
- 2) Cichlids

April

- 1) Platies
- 2) Guppies

May

No Bowl Show
Swap Meet

June

- 1) Corydoras
- 2) Anabantoids no Bettas

July

- 1) Arts & Crafts (hand made)
- 2) Fish "T" Shirt (must be worn)
- 3) Aquatic Photos
(personally taken)

August

- 1) Mollies
- 2) Rainbows

September

- 1) Swordtails
- 2) Pleco/Sucker type fish

October

- 1) Dwarf Cichlids
- 2) Angelfish

November

- 1) Goldfish & Koi
- 2) Invertebrates (Fresh or Salt)

December

No Bowl Show . . . Christmas
Party and the
2016 Results of the Bowl Show!!!



BOWI Show Results

2016

by AL

NAME	JAN-OCT	NOVEMBER	TOTAL

**IT ALL STARTS OVER FOR
2017 . . .
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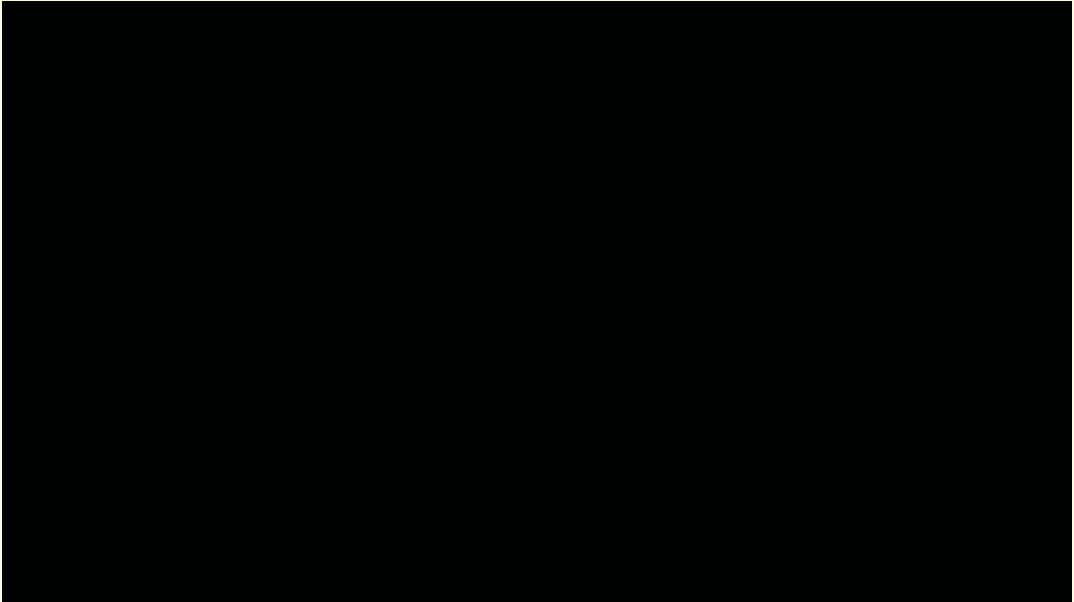
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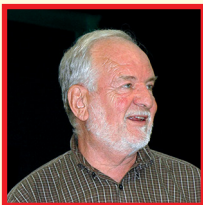


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