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January Issue	December 10th	July Issue	June 10th
March Issue	February 10th	Sept. Issue	August 10th
May Issue	April 10th	Nov. Issue	October 10th

Items submitted for **Calendar of Events** must be submitted by the deadline of the previous issue.

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# President's Message



Jerry Montgomery  
*President*

We are in a new year and I sincerely hope that each of you will become more involved in the Federation of American Aquarium Societies. In past newsletters I have repeatedly requested volunteers for various positions and to help on various committees. At this time I have received very little response from our member clubs. For FAAS to hold a prominent position in both legislation, and in the hobby, we need to have a larger membership base. To do this we need considerable more input and participation from each of you.

Before you decide that you do not have the time or want to make the commitment, please consider what can happen in both the hobby and the industry if we do not do our best. Many fish have already become extinct and this problem increases each year. People like Don Conkel have been tackling this problem by reintroducing native fish back into their native environment as these environments have been cleaned up. The government is putting more and more restrictions of importing fish into the United States and state governments are imposing further restrictions. We can make a difference.

I would like to introduce you to our new Publication Award Chairman, John Peterson, Ph.D. John has been in the fish hobby for over 40 years and is known for both his breed/raising and presentations on catfish and is known in the hobby as Colonel Catfish. Remember that submissions for the 2002 Publication Awards must be postmarked by January 31, 2003. They should be mailed directly to me and I will forward them on to the new Chair.

Photo Award Nominations postmark deadline is March 31, 2003, so get those submissions in.

I wish each of you a happy and healthy New Year.



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# 2001 Publication Awards

Kathy Deutsch  
*Publication Award Chairman*

## LEGEND:

GCA – Greater City Aquarium Society  
CAS – Calgary Aquarium Society  
SAS – Sacramento Aquarium Society  
DCAS – Delaware Co. Aquarium Society  
SWMAS – SW Michigan Aquarium Society  
YATFS – Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society  
PCCA – Pacific Coast Cichlid Assoc.  
SCALES – Stark Co. Aquatic Life Enthusiasts Society  
NCAS – Nassau Co. Aquarium Society  
CAFE – Champaign Area Fish Exchange  
CNYAS – Central New York Aquarium Society  
GAAS – Greater Akron Aquarium Society

### 1. **Best editor/publication-more than 6 issues**

- 1 GCAS – *Modern Aquarium* – Editor **Al Priest**  
CAS – *The Calquarium* – Editor **Grant Gussie**
- 2 SAS – *The Tropical News* – Editor **Martha Volkoff**
- 3 DCAS – *FinFax* – Editors **Martha Kurman & Bob Kulesa**

### 2. **Best editor/publication-six or fewer issues**

- 1 PCCA – *Cichlidae Communique* – Editor **Pam Chin**
  - 2 PCCA – *Cichlid Blues* – Editor **Jim Ellenberger**
  - 3 SWMAS – *Swam* – Editor **Vickie Coy**
- HM SCALES – *Aquatic Forum* – Editors **Tom & Denise Gill**

### 3. **Best non-changing cover**

- 1 SCALES – *Aquatic Forum*
  - 2 PCCA – *Cichlid Blues*
  - 3 YATFS – *Youngstown Aquarist*
- HM SWMAS – *Swam*

### 4. **Best changing cover; original art**

- 1 CAS – *The Calquarium*
- 2 SAS – *The Tropical News*

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**4. Best changing cover, original art (con't)**

3 NCAS – *Pisces Press*

**4a. Best changing cover, non-original art**

1 PCCA – *Cichlidae Communicate*

2 GCAS – *Modern Aquarium*

3 SAS – *The Tropical News*

HM CAFE – *In Seine MENU*

**5. Best FAAS-related article**

1 GCAS – **Alexander Priest**

2 SAS – **Spencer Kawasaki**

3 NCAS – **Pat Smith**

**6. Best exchange column**

1 CAS – **Tom Borwick**

2 NCAS – **Michael Foran**

3 DCAS – **Len Thomas**

HM DCAS – **Barbara Moyer**

**7. Best review column (SR)**

1 GCAS – **Susan Priest**

2 PCCA – **Chuck Rambo**

3 CAS – **Anne Savannah**

HM CNYAS – **Cheryl Stephens**

**7. Best review column (JR)**

1 DCAS – **Julie Herestofa**

**8. Best spawning article, under 500 words**

1 **Chase Klinesteker** – SWMAS – *Melon Barb*

2 **George & Vickie Coy** – SWMAS – *Apisto. sp. pandurini*

3 **Joe Semeister** – DCAS – *Forgotten Beauty*

HM **Mike Schuster** – SWMAS – *Lab. coeruleus*

HM **Scott Tetzlaff** – SWMAS – *Notho. guentheri*

HM **Bob and Cathy White** – GAAS – *Cory. gossei*

HM **The Huggins Family** – SAS – *Swordtails*

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**9. Best spawning article, 500-1000 words (SR)**

- 1 **Charley Sabatino** – GCAS – *Pseudo. nicholosi*
- 2 **Dan Martentette** – CAS – *Pseudo. socolofi*
- 3 **Birgit McKinnon** – CAS – *Betodia geayi*
- HM **Chuck Rambo** – PCCA – *Cich. bimaculatum*
- HM **Mike Schuster** – SWMAS – *Sailfin goodeid*
- HM **Mike Schadle & Robin Jendrian** – SWMAS – *Desert Gobies*
- HM **Cheryl Miller** – YATFS – *Neolamp. brichardi*
- HM **James Oman Pitts** – DCAS – *A Fish called Fuelli*
- HM **Barb Moyer** – DCAS – *Barb's Barbs*

**9. Best spawning article 500-1000 words (JR)**

- 1 **Chris Guardino** – DCAS – *Xystichromis phytophagus*
- 2 **William Shreves III** – YATFS – *Bumblebee gobies*
- 3 **William Shreves III** – YATFS – *Bristlenose catfish*

**10. Best spawning article, more than 1000 words**

- 1 **Susan Priest** – GCAS – *Betta enisae*
- 2 **Claudia Dickenson** – GCAS – *Pelvic. delhane*
- 3 **Birgit McKinnon** – CAS – *Rhineloricaria*
- HM **Rick Gomes** – PCCA – *Neolamp. daffodil*
- HM **Michael McLaughlin** – PCCA – *Victoria Hap. Fulu Swamp*

**11. Best article on a genus of fish (SR)**

- 1 **Joseph Ferdenzi** – GCAS – *Killies*
- 2 **Dr. George Barlow** – PCCA – *Soda Cichlids*
- 3 **Bernard Harrison** – GCAS – *Tridacnas*
- HM **Joseph Ferdenzi** – GCAS – *Livebearers*

**11. Best article on a genus of fish (JR)**

- 1 **Chris Guarino Jr.** – DCAS – *Stingrays*
- 2 **Chris Guarino Jr.** – DCAS – *The Darter*

**12. Best article on a species of fish (SR)**

- 1 **Alexander Priest** – GCAS – *Choc. Gourami*
- 2 **Alexander Priest** – GCAS – *Hillstream Loach*

**12. Best article on a species of fish (SR) (con't)**

- 3 **Alexander Priest** – GCAS – *Kissing Gourami*  
HM **Earle Shim** – CAS – *Betta akarensis*  
HM **Warren Feuer** – GCAS – *Red Lizard Cat*

**12. Best article on a species of fish (JR)**

- 1 **Chris Guarino** – DCAS – *Oscar*

**13. Best Marine Article-Fish**

Articles submitted were not about a fish; no placing. (However, they were very good!)

**14. Best Marine Article-Invertebrates**

- 1 **Bernard Harrigan** – GCAS – *Tridacnas*  
2 **Jennifer Lioto** – CNYAS – *Flatworms*

**15. Best continuous FAAS column**

- 1 **Al Priest** – GCAS  
2 **Pat Smith** – NCAS

**16. Best article on aquascaping/design**

- 1 **Joseph Ferdenzi** – GCAS – *Tank #33*  
2 **Joseph Ferdenzi** – GCAS – *Tank #55*  
3 **Joseph Ferdenzi** – GCAS – *Tank #70*  
HM **Joseph Ferdenzi** – GCAS – *Tank #71*  
HM **Joseph Ferdenzi** – GCAS – *Series Beginning*

**17. Best article on plants (SR)**

- 1 **Birgit McKinnon** – CAS – *Aponogeton*  
2 **Ann Savannah** – CAS – *Water Plants*  
3 **Chase Klinesteker** – SWMAS – *Hornwort*  
HM **Charley Sabatino** – GCAS – *Lucky Plant*  
HM **Ray Spahn** – CNYAS – *Langenandria ovata*

**17. Best article on plants (JR)**

- 1 **Kapil Mandrekar** – SWMAS – *Potted Plant Tank*

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**18. Best show article**

- 1 **Pat Hartman** – SWMAS – *Displaying Show Fish*
- 2 **Joseph Ferdenzi** – GCAS – *2001 Norwalk Show*
- 3 **Martha Volkoff** – SAC – *August Extravaganza*
- HM **Barb Moyer** – DCAS – *Home Tank Show*
- HM **Rick Graham** – GAAS – *Goldfish show”*

**19. Best judging article**

no placing for 1 and 2

- 3 **John Rankin** – GAAS – *Tact”*

**20. Best “do-it-yourself” or “how-to” article (SR)**

- 1 **Joseph Ferdenzi** – GCAS – *Basic Marine Aquarium*
- 2 **Craig Osman** – NCAS – *Tub Pond*
- 3 **Carie Nixon** – CAFE – *Mosquito Eggs*
- HM **Curt Smith** – YATFS – *Fish and Egg Shipping*

**20. Best “do-it-yourself” or “how-to” article (JR)**

- 1 **Kapil Mandrekar** – SWMAS – *CO2 System*

**21. Best general article on society management**

- 1 **Curt Smith** – YATFS – *New Members*
- 2 **Rick Graham** – SCALES – *Aquarium Society*

**22. Best article on live food (SR)**

- 1 **Al Priest** – GCAS – *Microworms*

**22. Best article on live food (JR)**

- 1 **Chris Graham** – SCALES – *Fish Food Experiment*

**23. Best collecting article**

- 1 **Pam Chin** – PCCA – *Collecting Cichlids and Friends*

**24. Best humorous article**

- 1 **Bob Kolimaga** – DCAS – *White House Fish Room*
- 2 **John Schopp** – CAS – *Plant Tank Therapy*
- 3 **Tony Lovash** – YATFS – *Salt Tank*
- HM **Eric Hanneman** – PCCA – *Yellow Fish*

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25. **Best original artwork (SR)**

- 1 **Martha Volkoff** – SAS – *Synodontis*
- 2 **Diana Dubbeld** – SWMAS – *Heterandria formosa*
- 3 **Bernard Harrigan** – GCAS – *Iridescent Shark*
- HM **Dan Brown** – SAS – *Brochis Photo*
- HM **Grant Gussie** – CAS – *Mad. Lace plant*
- HM **John Sokol** – NCAS – *Fish Diagram*
- HM **Martha Volkoff** – SAS – *Snail*

25. **Best original artwork (JR I)**

- 1 **Bryan Sokol** – NCAS – *Don't Eat the Fish*

**(JR II)**

- 1 **Andrew Smith** – NCAS – *Marine*
- 2 **Chris Sokol** – NCAS – *Cover art*
- 3 **Joey Nappi** – NCAS – *Octopus*

**(JR III)**

- 1 **Jon Sanders** – SWMAS – *Killie*
- 2 **Jon Sanders** – SWMAS – *Clown/anemone*
- 3 **Emily Smith** – NCAS – *Striped Fish*
- HM **Matthew Smith** – NCAS

26. **Best cartoon**

- 1 **Cheryl Miller** – YATFS – *Betta*

27. **Best continuing column, single author (SR)**

- 1 **Pam Chin** – PCCA – *Ask Pam*
- 2 **Jim Quarles** – SAS
- 3 **Deborah Dano** – SAS
- HM **Ed Keene** – DCAS
- HM **Martha Volkoff** – SAS
- HM **Warren Feuer** – GCAS – *Fun Fish*
- HM **Joseph Ferdenzi** – GCAS – *My Favorite Tanks*
- HM **Susan Priest** – GCAS – *Wet Leaves*
- HM *The Undergravel Reporter* – GCAS

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**27. Best continuing column, single author (SR) (con't)**

HM **Susan Priest** – GCAS – *Fin Fun*

HM **Pat Smith** – NCAS – *From the Web*

**27. Best continuing column, single author (JR)**

1 **Chris Sokol** – NCAS – *Aquajumble*

**28. Best article not nominated in any other category (not to be submitted anywhere else) (SR)**

1 **Pam Chin & Marcelo Casacuberta** – PCCA – *Mouthbrooders*

2 **Neil Lilliedoll** – PCCA – *Dwarf Cichlid*

3 **Dale Spiers** – CAS – *History*

HM **Al Priest** – GCAS – *Three Filters*

HM **Claudia Dickenson** – GCAS – *Back to Fish*

HM **Jerry Montgomery** – CAFE – *Tang. Test*



# Expired Or Expiring Memberships

The following memberships have already expired or will be expiring shortly.

**Robert Rofen** 3/03  
**Allegheny River Valley A.S.** 1/03  
**American Livebearers Association** 1/03  
**Asoci. de Acuaristas de Aguadilla** 1/03  
**Bucks County Aquarium Society** 1/03  
**Calgary Aquarium Society** 11/02  
**Central New York Aquarium Society** 3/03  
**Circle City Aquarium Club, Inc.** 3/03  
**Cleveland Aquarium Society** 1/03  
**Delaware County Aquarium Society** 1/03  
**Diamond State Aquarium Society** 1/03  
**Greater Akron Aquarium Society** 1/03  
**Greater Chicago Cichlid Association** 3/03

**Greater Detroit Aquarium Society** 1/03  
**Greater Orlando Aquarium society** 3/03  
**Greater Pittsburgh A.S., Inc.** 12/02  
**Heart of America Aquarium Society** 2/03  
**Long Island Aquarium Society** 11/02  
**Milwaukee Aquarium Society** 11/02  
**Ohio Cichlid Association** 10/02  
**Pacific Cichlid Association** 1/03  
**Rocky Mountain Cichlid Association** 10/02  
**Sacramento Aquarium Society** 3/03  
**Tampa Bay Aquarium Society** 10/02  
**Tri-County Tropical Fish Society** 8/02  
**Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society** 3/03

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# Delegates' Council Report

Al Priest

*Chair, FAAS Delegates' Council*



About two month's ago, I sent an email to all Delegates Council members. The question we were discussing related to the FAAS Publication Awards — and I hope everyone is getting their society's 2002 submissions ready before the January 31, 2003 deadline. (When your society renewed its membership, your FAAS Delegate should have received an email from Judi Peterson with some attached files. The Publications Awards deadline can be found in the file "Calendar.PDF" on page 2, and in the file "Faaspol.PDF" on page 6.) Our Council discussions were specifically about reinstating the "Author of the Year" award. After two months have passed, I had hoped for more responses, so here's one final summation and opportunity to comment before I submit our recommendations to the Board. If you think I misquoted you, or anyone else, or that my summary is inaccurate, PLEASE speak up. Also, if you sent a response not reflected here, please resend it (replying to "All"), as it is entirely possible that it was lost during the period of my computer crashes (yes, multiple ones over several weeks!).

To date in our current discussion, the Council agreed that the "Author Of The Year" award should be reinstated, and that it should be based on a point system (five points for every first, three points for every second, and one point for every third place article). The author with the most points gets that year's "Author of the Year" award. Current rules permit an article to be submitted in more than one category (for example, an article on the care and captive spawning of goldfish can, depending on its content, be submitted as both a "species" and as a "breeding" article). Because of this, a majority of the delegates expressed the opinion that an article that wins in more than one category should be counted only

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once — for the highest number of points it won (so, an article that one won a first place in one category, and a third place in a different category would count as five, not six, points towards the “Author of the Year” award). In the event of a numeric tie, a majority of the delegates felt that two or more “Author of the Year” awards should be awarded.

Prior to 1998, “juniors” (as defined by their own society) were free to participate in the publications awards, and win awards in, all categories, with an additional “junior” category reserved only for them. Under that system, junior articles were judged on their individual merit against adults by the same judges, and using the same rules and judging criteria (the judges were unaware that the article was, in fact, from a “junior”). However, the current rules provide that every FAAS Publications Award category has its own “junior” division (in fact, three junior divisions, based on age group). In addition, in an apparent effort to encourage more young authors, every article in every junior division wins something. This means that under a point system for awarding “Author of the Year,” junior entrants would have an advantage over adult entrants if those “automatic” junior points (that are awarded regardless of the merit of the articles) are counted.

In my last communication to the Council, I asked whether we should exclude juniors, and/or have a separate “Junior Author of the Year” award (assuming we continue the practice of automatically giving something to every junior author)?

I received the following three replies:

Alan Robbins of the Cleveland Aquarium Society wrote: “The Cleveland Aquarium Society would like to have junior members eligible for the “Author of the year” award, but NOT by counting automatic points. We feel, as do most, that this is an important award and should not be cheapened under any circumstances.”

Pam Chin of the Pacific Coast Cichlid Association wrote: “The

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Junior entries are judged separately and awards given the same as the adults, but in addition to that ALL Junior entries that don't place are also given an award... You can call it what you want... A honorable mention would be my pick. This way the entries are actually judged, there is a Junior Author of the Year, and each Junior is still rewarded. I don't have a problems with Junior author's articles also being entered in the adult categories, and I don't have a problem with a Junior winning the "Adult" Author of the Year. If they can produce the goods, more power to them!"

Carie Nixon from the Champaign Area Fish Exchange wrote: "I believe that the Juniors should have their own "Junior Author of the Year" that way they can be honored, and only be judged with other juniors. This could be done like "Author of the Year" by ranking them by the number of points they have earned, and the one(s) with the most points wins. Whatever method of dealing with ties in the "Author of the Year" category should be used for the juniors."

Alan and Carie seem to be recommending the elimination of separate junior awards in every class (so all junior entries are judges against adult entries by merit alone), with perhaps a separate junior-only category so junior articles are still judged by merit, but only against other juniors. This would essentially be a return to pre-1998 rules, with the addition of a separate "Junior Author of the Year" award. Under such a system, total points earned by juniors would, indeed, be reflective of merit. Pam appears to agree, but goes one step further in recommending an "Honorable Mention" or "Certification of Merit" or "Certificate of Participation" be given to every Junior entry that does not win a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place, based on merit.

To date, no one has put forth any other recommendations (although we are still open to them, just make them in an e-mail reply, being sure to reply to "All," so everyone sees your response).

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Now we are (hopefully) almost at the point where we can finalize our recommendations to the FAAS Board. (Please remember, the Delegates Council is NOT the Board, and that we only make recommendations for their review.) This is YOUR council. You all asked to participate in it. Please do so.

Finally, please do not send me e-mails asking about the results of the 2001 entries. I do NOT know the results of the 2001 awards — I have nothing to do with the judging, and I don't even know who is doing the judging. I'm just another entrant, both personal and society, as many of you are.

This is being sent as an e-mail to the FAAS Board and Delegates Council members listed below. If you want to comment (and I do welcome and invite comments), please do so by sending an e-mail reply to "All." I have seen comments about Delegate Council discussions in society newsletters by people who did not raise those issues in our discussions. While you are free to do so, this deprives the rest of us of the benefit of your thoughts while we are in the process of making up our minds. This is also being sent to Judi Peterson for publication in the FAAS Report, so anyone not currently on the Delegates Council mailing list (and you only need send me an e-mail to join up!) can still comment.

**SENT TO:**

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# Committee Update

**Advertising**

Nothing to report this month.

**Aquatic Photography Awards**

Nominations for Awards are due by  
March 31, 2003

**Awards**

No response received

**Breeders Award Program**

No response received

**Computer**

No response received

**Delegates**

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**Elections**

Nothing to report this month

**Federation Liaison**

No response received

**Horticulture Awards Program**

No response received

**Legislation – Canada**

Nothing to report this month

**Legislation – USA**

No response received

**Membership**

Nothing to report this month

**Nominations**

Nothing to report this month

**Programs**

Nothing to report this month

**Publication Awards Program**

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2002 Materials for Publication Awards  
Program must be postmarked by  
January 31, 2003.

Mail to:

**Jerry Montgomery  
2508 Alton Drive  
Champaign, IL 61821**

**Publishing**

Nothing to report this month

**Sales**

No response received

**Show Sanctioning**

No response received

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# Calendar Of Events

## January 2003

### **January 25, 2003 - Saturday** **Champaign Area Fish Exchange** **Winter Auction**

Urbana Civic Center, 108 Water Street, Urbana, IL. This is an auction of fish, plants, supplies, equipment, books and other hobby related items. The FAAS 10 table method will be used for all items auctioned. The split is 70% to seller. Doors open at 8 A.M. for Registration, Auction begins promptly at 10:30 A.M. For more information or to advance register contact Jerry: 217-359-6707 or e-mail [jmont@soltec.net](mailto:jmont@soltec.net) or Mark at 217-428-6133 or e-mail [guppymom\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:guppymom_2000@yahoo.com) You may also request info by mail to C.A.F.E., 2508 Alton Dr., Champaign, IL 61821-4777

### **January 31, 2003** **FAAS Publication Awards Nominations Postmark Deadline**

Mail entries to Jerry Montgomery, 2508 Alton Drive, Champaign, IL 61821

## March 2003

### **March 15, 2003 - Saturday** **Delaware County Aquarium Society** **DCAS Annual Fish and Equipment Auction**

Contact Roger Halleen for more information 309-699-7394 or [rogfish@aol.com](mailto:rogfish@aol.com)

### **March 22, 2003 - Saturday** **Tri-County Tropical Fish Society** **Spring 2003 Auction**

Springfield Township Building, Springfield, PA 19064. 12:00 Noon till? For more information contact Joe Semeister at [Joejls@msn.com](mailto:Joejls@msn.com)

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