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# President's Message

Jerry Montgomery  
*President*

I would like to welcome Kathy Deutsch as the new Chair of the Publication Awards Committee. Kathy is a member of the Tri-County Tropical Fish Society (Peoria, Illinois) and the Missouri Aquarium Society, Inc., in St. Louis, Missouri. Kathy will be a valuable addition to the FAAS working group. Kathy works for a commercial breeder/wholesale/retail operation in the St. Louis area. Thanks for joining us.

The Federation of American Aquarium Societies has recently updated its web site. We are interested in adding links to member societies web pages as well as other international, national, regional and specialty groups. We are also interested in sites appropriate to the purpose of FAAS which may include things such as public aquaria, academia sites, government sites such as Natural History, etc. If you or a member of your society know of a site we should consider please forward the link address to me at [jmont@soltec.net](mailto:jmont@soltec.net) for consideration. I would also like to hear from any society having a web page so that it may also be listed.

I would enjoy and find it beneficial if each society could send me a copy of their newsletter each month. It would help me stay up on what is going on in the hobby.

There are still Chairman openings for the following committees: Awards, Aquatic Photo and Elections. Please contact me if you or a member of your society would like more information or might be interested in one of the open positions. I would be happy to discuss the positions with you.

Providing slide programs for rent to member societies has in the past been an important function and valuable asset to FAAS. Those programs were acquired through the cooperation of FAAS member societies and generous individual hobbyists who were willing to share slide material and complete programs. I am

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challenging each member society to assist in the acquisition/development of a single program. If this were to be accomplished, the membership would have over 50 new programs available for use during the next year. Talk to your members, seek out the "expert" in your group and see if your society can do it's part toward that goal. If your society is willing to help or if you would like suggestions for a topic/idea for a program, please contact the Chairman listed in the committees section of the Federation Report.

I would like to see more member societies join the Delegates' Council. If your group is not already participating please contact Al Priest by e-mail to join the discussion. Al's address is listed in the committee section of the Federation Report.

Your society will gain more from it's membership in FAAS by becoming involved. The FAAS Board of Directors and I welcome your input and assistance. By working together much can be accomplished.



# Aquatic Photo Awards

Jerry Montgomery  
*Aquatic Photo Awards Chair*

Correction to last month's Aquatic Photo Awards

## **Entry Level 4 – Digital Images**

### **Category L – Marine**

Honorable Mention

*Zanclus cornatus* (Morish Idol) listed as Al Smith should have been:

**Alexander Priest** – Greater City Aquarium Society

Please accept my apology for the error.



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# Delegates' Council Report



Respectfully submitted  
Al Priest  
*Chair, FAAS Delegates' Council*

Before the tragic events of September 11, the council was continuing a discussion of the FAAS Publication Awards. Five suggestions for changes were being discussed and four of them seem to have achieved enough of a consensus to recommend that they be presented to the FAAS Board of Directors. As follows:

1) A new rule to read as follows: "Any amendment to the rules governing the publication awards which has the effect of eliminating, or reducing the scope of, a judging class without a replacement for such eliminated or reduced class will be effective no sooner than the calendar year following the calendar year in which such amendment is finalized and announced to the membership." This means that, while new classes could be added, say at the end of this year, and you could enter articles published any time this year into that new class, if a class existed under the rules at the start of this year, that class could not be eliminated for articles written this year.

2) Renaming judging classes 25 and 26 ("Best Artist, Original Works" and "Best Cartoonist," respectively) to "Best Original Artwork" and "Best Cartoon." This would bring the names of these classes in line with the way they are actually judged.

3) Reinstating several classes eliminated in the 1998 rule revisions, which are: (1) a class for articles that do not fit into any existing class. This was formerly Category U and was called "Best Article Not Nominated in Any of the Other Classes"); (2) "Best Article on the Traveling Aquarist" (Formerly Category S); and (3) "Author of the Year" (Formerly Category X). Some concern was expressed that (1) might become a "dumping ground" for poor articles, and that (3) might give an unfair advantage to

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“professional” writers. But, based on the results from the years when these judging categories existed, it would seem that these were not major problems in the past, and could certainly be addressed by entry qualifications for these classes in the rules.

4) The “Do-It-Yourself” category should be renamed to something more generic, such as “How To” or even “How To/Do-It-Yourself” to make it broader. This would make it clear that it includes titles such as (and these are only some made up examples): “Writing a Breeding Article.” “Researching Fish on the Internet,” “Setting Up a Special Interest Group in Your Society,” “Picking The Best and Healthiest Fish In A Store,” “Hosting a Guest Speaker,” or “Secrets of Successful Slide Presentations.”

If your society is not represented, it should be. All you need is a member with email who can communicate Council discussions to your society’s governing body, and can relay their views back. The FAAS Delegates’ Council currently consists of the members below.

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# Newsletter And Membership Committee

Judi J. Peterson  
*Editor*  
*Membership Chairman*

Most of us were affected either directly or indirectly by the events of September 11th. To those of you that were directly affected, I would like to extend my sincere sympathy. However, now is the time to help make America stronger and to do that we must move forward with our lives, no matter how hard that may seem.

Many of our societies have not sent in their renewals and we sure could use more articles for the Federation

Report. Also, FAAS is in dire need of new rental program materials. Please help us out with this program and contact anyone that you know who might be able to contribute toward this worthy project. If you or anyone you know can contribute programs, please contact Jerry Montgomery with the information. Thank you.

Also, Jerry has request that you please send him copies of you individual clubs newsletters so that he can be kept abreast of what is happening in the hobby.

I would like to wish each of you the very best for the holiday season.



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# General Information

## Speakers List

Individuals that FAAS has listed as persons who are willing to present programs for the membership are currently being contacted to upgrade our Speakers List. If you have any club members who are speakers, please have them contact us, with a short biography, topics they will speak on, speaker fees, a current picture and contact information.

We have a partial list at this time. If you want me to e-mail you what we have, please e-mail me at judi@4cohen.com and I will get it to you.

## Judges List

All of the individuals on our Judges List are currently being contacted to verify and update their current information.

If you have any club members who are judges, please have them contact the President or the Delegate Liaison with a short biography, topics they will speak on, judging fees, a current picture and contact information.

We will publish this list as soon as it is updated.

**PLEASE NOTE:** FAAS, at this time, does not “certify” judges in any fashion. This listing is intended to supply the membership with the names of persons who are willing to judge shows or other events without regards to any particular specialization.

Individuals listed may, or may not, hold any certification within a speciality society and if such certification is needed, it is up to the society holding the event, to determine if the individual is so qualified.

## Listing Of Aquarium Clubs

We are in the process of compiling a listing of as many aquarium clubs as we can find, both in the United States and

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foreign countries. We are therefore asking all of our member clubs to submit any clubs that are in their areas or that they are affiliated with. We have previously requested that you submit this information but have had very little response. Please send this information to the newsletter editor.

We will publish this listing as soon as we have the information to do so.

## **New Rental Programs**

FAAS is in need of new and updated Rental Program. We need to acquire new Rental Programs and in some cases update the programs we currently have. Also, Jerry Montgomery has numerous slides, to create new programs, that need to be identified and programs written to go with the slides. I you, your society or friends can be of any help, either as organizing, labeling and writing programs for the slides we have or will contribute new programs, please contact our President, Jerry Montgomery. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.

## **Manufacturer's List**

The Manufacturer's list is currently being updated and will be available the first of the year. It will be mailed with new and renewal memberships. However, should you need a list prior to your renewal, please contact Judi Peterson at 813-677-8859 and she will mail you a copy of the new listing, after January 15, 2001.

If there are any other areas that you feel FAAS should be looking into, please contact the committee head that is responsible for that particular area or any member of the Board.

We thank you in advance for any information that you can supply for the above lists.



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# Program Rentals

There are a number of programs now available for use by FAAS member societies. Programs may be obtained by contacting **Jerry Montgomery, 2508 Alton Drive, Champaign, IL., 61821-4744, Phone: 217-359-6707 or e-mail [jmont@soltec.net](mailto:jmont@soltec.net)**

All shipping costs are the responsibility of the renter. **A separate check for deposit** must accompany the request for a program as well as the check for rental and shipping. The check for deposit will be held (not cashed) and then returned to you unless there is a problem with damage or in the return of the program material. Programs will be sent by Priority Mail and be insured, return receipt requested. **They must be returned by the same method.** Expedited shipping may be available in an emergency by contacting the Chairman. Please contact me for current shipping costs.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Rental</b>	<b>Deposit</b>
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## **Slide Programs**

<b>Breeding and Maintenance/In the Beginning (75 slides/30 minutes)</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$75</b>
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This program places emphasis upon breeding fishes. Several different groups are represented with details for the spawning and care of each.

<b>Rare and Unusual (63 slides/27 minutes)</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$65</b>
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Species covered may be considered rare/unusual depending on their availability in your area. Though some of these fish are no longer considered that rare, they are unique. Care, maintenance and description of each species is provided.

<b>Killifish #3-North American Natives and Others (57 slides/30 minutes)</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$60</b>
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Covers in detail members of the Epiplatys, Rivulus, and Lampeye groups. Care, feeding, egg collecting and the raising of fry are all explained. Several North American genera are also discussed as are several representatives of other killie groups

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<b>Catfish #2-Cats without Claws</b> <b>(63 slides/23 minutes)</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$65</b>
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A look at the major catfish groups with hints and ideas for their maintenance. Also included are some seldom seen species. Special attention is made to the varied characteristics of each special group and species as well as special requirements of each.

<b>Florida Fish Farms</b> <b>(70 slides/25 minutes)</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$70</b>
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An in-depth look at the source of a large number of the many tropical fishes sold in North America. Methods used and the operations of these farms are of major concern.

<b>Shell Dwelling Cichlids of Lake</b> <b>Tanganyika/Dr. Peter Lewis</b> <b>(45 slides)</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>\$45</b>
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This program was presented by Dr. Peter A. Lewis at the 1998 ACA Convention in St. Louis. It contains several of the Lamprologus and Neolamprologus species and covers such topics as natural habitat, keys to successful breeding, and the observations and experiences of Dr. Lewis.

<b>Modern Aquascaping by George &amp;</b> <b>Karla Booth (80 slides)</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>\$80</b>
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Aquascaping has become an important aspect of the hobby in recent years. This program presented by George and Karla Booth will help you learn to arrange plants in a pleasing design. Color, texture, size and shape all come into play. Learn about planted aquarium basics, lighting, water chemistry, plant nutrients, maintenance and how to aquascape a "tank beautiful".

**Videos**

<b>Laguna: How to Build a Pond</b> <b>(34 minutes)</b>	<b>\$5</b>	<b>\$10</b>
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This video will show you just how easy it really is. Follow step by step instructions to learn everything you need to know about planning, setting up and maintaining a pond system with practical tips from professional gardeners and landscapers. Learn about ideal sites, choosing a style (formal or informal), containers (liners/pre-formed pools) and filtration elements (pump/filter/U.V. sterilizer). Observe actual set-up procedures,

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decoration techniques, introduction of fish, and how to maintain your pond system.

**Garden Pond Basics (35 minutes) \$5 \$20**

A comprehensive video with tips on planning, building and maintaining a beautiful and healthy garden pond. You will learn how to build an effective and inexpensive filter system, the secrets to good water quality (including pH, Ammonia, Nitrite, Nitrate and problems associated with overstocking). There is also useful information on Koi, Goldfish & Catfish. Tips on Plants & Water Gardening plus you'll see sample ponds from 100 to 100,000 gallons.

**Tetra Pond: Video for a Successful Garden Pond (16 minutes) \$5 \$20**

Step by step instructions on how to establish and maintain a successful garden pond, selection information on pond fish and plants, with information on Tetra Pond products. The information on this video will show you how to establish and maintain a successful garden pond with additional information about plants and fish.

**Tetra Pond: Video for Successful Koi Keeping (17 minutes) \$5 \$20**

This program features by Mr. Robert Spindola of the Associated Koi Clubs of America. Learn how to establish and maintain a successful Koi pond, the history of Koi culture and how to identify Koi varieties.

**Tetra/Secondnature: Video for a Successful Aquarium \$3 \$20**

Learn how to set up and maintain a successful aquarium, also features a color segment and useful information on the most popular tropical fish.

**Coralife/Freshwater Fundamentals The Beginners Guide (32 minutes) \$10 \$30**

This video will provide both the basic elements of aquarium keeping and some key details which will ensure the success of your aquarium. It explains how to select your aquarium and accessories, a step by step guide to set up, choosing fish and plants, introducing new fish, feeding your fish, water testing and aquarium maintenance.



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# Calendar Of Events

## December 2001

**December 31, 2001 – Monday**  
**Federation of American Aquarium Societies**  
**End of calendar year for all awards**

## January 2002

**January 11, 2002 – Friday**  
**Brooklyn Aquarium Society**  
**Breeding the Oddballs (Synodontis Catfish & Loaches)**  
**Sallie Boggs Ph.D.**

New York Aquarium, Education Hall, Surf Avenue & West 8th Street, Brooklyn  
New York

7:30 pm. Free Parking, Refreshments and fish food samples. \$5.00 donation for non-members. Good towards membership that night only. For more information check our web site at [www.brooklyn-aquarium-society.org](http://www.brooklyn-aquarium-society.org) or call (718) 837-4455 for a BAS 24 hour Calendar of Events.

**January 15, 2002 – Tuesday**  
**Federation of American Aquarium Societies**  
**Nominations due for all awards – Delegate's National Achievement & Meritorious Service**

**January 19, 2002 – Friday**  
**Champaign Area Fish Exchange**  
**Winter Auction**

Urbana Civic Center, 108 Water Street, Urbana, Illinois

Doors open at 8:00 am, Auction begins at 10:30 am promptly. Items include, fish, plants, equipment, supplies and more. For more information contact Mark at 217-428-6133 or [guppymom\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:guppymom_2000@yahoo.com) or Jerry at 217-359-6707 or [jmont@soltec.net](mailto:jmont@soltec.net).

**January 31, 2002 – Thursday**  
**Federation of American Aquarium Societies**  
**Publication Awards nominations postmark deadline**

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# **Calendar Of Events (con't)**

## **February 2002**

**February 8, 2002 – Friday**

**Brooklyn Aquarium Society**

**Fish in Your Reef Tank (How You Can Keep Them Disease Free) – Pat Donston**

New York Aquarium, Education Hall, Surf Avenue & West 8th Street, Brooklyn  
New York

7:30 pm Free Parking, Refreshments and fish food samples. \$5.00 donation for non-members. Good towards membership that night only. For more information check our web site at [www.brooklynaquariumsociety.org](http://www.brooklynaquariumsociety.org) or call (718) 837-4455 for a BAS 24 hour Calendar of Events

## **March 2002**

**March 2, 2002 – Saturday**

**Tri-County Tropical Fish Society - Annual Spring Auction**

Mark Twain Hotel, East Peoria, Illinois. For mor information contact Roger Halleen at [Roghfish@aol.com](mailto:Roghfish@aol.com) or phone 309-699-7394.

**March 5, 2002 – Tuesday**

**Federation of American Aquarium Societies**

**Board of Directors nominations postmark deadline**

**March 31, 2002 – Tuesday**

**Federation of American Aquarium Societies**

**Aquatic Photography Award nominations postmark deadline**

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