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# President's Message



Jerry Montgomery  
*President*

During the end of 2002 and the first two months of 2003 I have been less than focused on my responsibility to FAAS. This was due mostly to the declining health and the passing of my Mother two days before Christmas.

Please accept my apology for not doing a better job. I am now getting back on track and expect the year to be a good one. I would like to say "Thank You" to those who sent cards and for the kind thought and prayers during that time.

I was recently informed that we have lost another of our older member societies. Kitsap Aquarium Society recently dissolved. FAAS will miss their support and participation.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome the newest members of the FAAS "working group" to the membership. Dr. Alan Robbins of the Cleveland Aquarium Society has been appointed as a Director to the FAAS Board of Directors and Dr. John Peterson of the Orlando Aquarium Society, The International Betta Congress and the Tampa Bay Aquarium Society, is the Chair of the Publication Awards Committee. I look forward to working with them both in the coming year.

Dr. Alan Robbins has been keeping fish since the age of 10. He has been in the organized hobby since 1988-89 and is interested in breeding, judging and showing fish. He currently has 7 tanks ranging in size from 10 to 55 gallons. Dr. Robbins previously served as Vice President of the Cleveland Aquarium Society and is currently their FAAS representative and also Chairs the CAS breeders and horticulture awards programs.

Dr. John Peterson has been maintaining and breeding fish since 1949. John's specialty over the years has always been catfish and in fact he is know as Col. Catfish throughout the industry. John

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currently maintains tanks ranging from 30 gallon to 340 gallon with approximately 3,500 fish. John is well known for his presentations on the various species of catfish and effective breeding procedures. He has written numerous articles on both catfish and other aspects of the aquarium hobby and has served on the board of various aquarium societies.

If possible I would like your society to add me to the mail list to receive their publication. By doing so you will give me the opportunity to see what is going on around the country. This will also let me see what your group is doing which will help me understand what is important to your society.

As I previously mentioned I would like to hear from each member society during this year. You can expect me to either contact you by e-mail, letter or phone to give you the opportunity to have input in what FAAS is doing. If you have suggestions/ideas/comments you wish to share with me in advance of my contacting you, please do not hesitate to contact me first. It will make FAAS a stronger more representative organization if we have your participation.

I would again urge your society to join the Delegates' Council discussion. All you need is a member willing to receive e-mail messages and be the voice for your group in the ongoing discussions. You may find the contact information elsewhere in the Federation Report and may join the discussion by contacting Al Priest.





# **Horticultural Award Program 2002**

## **Annual and Cumulative Award Results**

Karl R. Schoeler  
*Chairman, Horticulture Awards Program*

### **1. CUMULATIVE INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATES FOR VEGETATIVE REPRODUCTION (ISSUED IN 10S - 10-20-30-ETC.)**

#### **Minnesota Aquarium Society**

##### **Aquatic Plant Vegetative Reproductions**

Milo Squires	50 entries
David Behler	30 entries
Robin Engelking	20 entries
Bruce Cameron	10 entries

#### **Greater Akron Aquarium Society**

##### **Aquatic Plant Vegetative Reproductions**

Joanne & Wayne Toven	100 entries
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#### **Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society**

##### **Aquatic Plant Vegetative Reproductions**

Cavan Allen	30 entries
Ted Neill	10 entries

#### **Central New York Aquarium Society**

##### **Aquatic Plant Vegetative Reproductions**

Raymond Spahn	30 entries
Winnie Pitzeruse	10 entries

### **2. CUMULATIVE INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATES FOR FLOWERING (ISSUED IN 5S -5-10-15-ETC.)**

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**Greater Akron Aquarium Society**

Joanne & Wayne Toven                      80 entries

**Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society**

Cavan Allen                                      5 entries  
Ted Neill    5 entries

**Central New York Aquarium Society**

Raymond Spahn                                  5 entries

**Minnesota Aquarium Society**

Bruce Cameron                                  5 entries

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS - SEXUAL PROPAGATION**

**Central New York Aquarium Society**

Winnie Pitzeruse  
Rich Pitzeruse                                  all with one entry  
Cheryl Stevens

**ANNUAL AWARDS - INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES**

**Most Vegetative Reproductions**

1. Raymond Spahn - CNYAS
2. Cavan Allen - GPAS
3. Bruce Cameron - MAS

**Most Flowerings**

1. Raymond Spahn - CNYAS
2. Bruce Cameron - MAS
3. Wayne Toven - GAAS

**Most Marine Propagations**

1. Cavan Allen - GPAS
2. Mark Short - GPAS
3. Winnie Pitzeruse -CNYAS

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**Most Sexual Propagations**

1. Winnie Pitzeruse
1. Rich Pitzeruse CNYAS-tie
1. Cheryl Stevens

**ANNUAL AWARDS: SOCIETY CATEGORY**

**Most Participants**

1. Minnesota Aquarium Society
2. Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society
3. Central New York Aquarium Society

**Most Vegetative Reproductions**

1. Central New York Aquarium Society
2. Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society
3. Minnesota Aquarium Society

**Most Flowerings**

1. Minnesota Aquarium Society
2. Central New York Aquarium Society
3. Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society

**Most Marine Propagations**

1. Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society
2. Central New York Aquarium Society

**Most Sexual Propagations**

1. Central New York Aquarium Society

**MOST AWARDS: – ALL CATEGORIES**

1. Central New York Aquarium Society
2. Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society
3. Minnesota Aquarium Society



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# Delegates' Council Report



Al Priest  
*Chair, FAAS Delegates' Council*

First, I want to welcome Delegate Pat Smith of the Nassau County Aquarium Society and Tony Berry of the Tri-County Tropical Fish Society to our Council. To recap for them, and the rest of us, The Council has been discussing reinstating the “Author of the Year” award to the Publication Awards, but we have been hung up over “Junior” issues. After this e-mail is published in the FAAS Report, and if there are no other substantive comments or objections, I will make the recommendations numbered 1 through 5 below to the Board on behalf of the Council. This is likely your final opportunity to have input on this, so if you have something to say, now's the time!

With respect to the Publication Awards, 1) “Author Of The Year” award should be reinstated, 2) 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.

(Only first, second, and third place awards for articles are considered for Author of the Year, so excluded from consideration are any Honorable Mention awards, and any awards given for “best publication,” “best cover,” “best cartoon,” and “best original artwork.” Included towards the Author of the Year award would be any first, second or third place awards given for columns, if the column was written by one person.) 3) An article that wins in more than one category will be counted only once — for the highest number of points it won in any one category. 4) In the event of a tie, two or more “Author of the Year” awards will be awarded. 5) With respect to “Juniors,” a separate “Junior Author of the Year” award will be given. First, second and third place awards for juniors in all categories will be judged solely on the basis of merit, using

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the same criteria used to judge the adult entries. In addition, ALL Junior entries that do not receive a first, second, or third place award on the basis of merit will still be given something (e.g., an honorable mention, a participation certificate, etc.), which has no point value with respect to qualification for an Author of the Year award. Juniors are also eligible for the adult Author of the Year award, if they qualify point-wise on the basis of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place awards in their Junior categories. (Adults, however, are NOT eligible for the Junior Author of the Year award.)

If there are objections, clarifications, etc., please let me know as soon as possible, preferably by e-mail addressed to "All" (if answering this email) or to all of the persons listed at the end of this message (for those not currently on the Delegates Council mailing list). Any society (including those not currently participating in the Council) is free, and welcome, to voice comments.

On another, related, topic, I have been thinking that we might consider recommending expanding two current article categories: "Best Collecting Article" and "Best Article on Live Foods." I'd like the opinion of the members of the Delegates' Council on expanding the scope of both these, so that "Best Collecting Article" would become "Best Collecting or Traveling Article" (to include, for example, an article about visiting a public aquarium, another fish club, another member's fish room, or even a "tour" of local pet shops, etc.), and have "Best Article on Live Foods" become "Best Article on Health and Nutrition" (to include, for example, a discussion of freeze dried vs. frozen foods, best foods for different fish, recipes for home-made foods, plus articles on treatment of bloat, Ich, velvet, pop-eye, etc.). Expanding these categories would also reduce the number of articles in the highly competitive "not nominated in any other" category.

This is being sent as an e-mail to the FAAS Board and Delegates' Council members listed below. If you want to comment  
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(and I do welcome and invite comments), please do so by sending an e-mail reply to "All." I have seen issued raised relating to Delegate Council discussions in society newsletters that were not raised during 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!) can still comment.

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# Legislation For March And April 2003



Roger Halleen  
*Legislation-USA  
Chairman*

In the way of Legislation I really have very little to bring up this month. I guess all of our government people are far more interested in other events and leaving us hobbyist along for a while. I would like to ask that if any of you out there know of anything taking place on your State level please let me know.

One thing that I would like to bring up this month is a word of warning about fish that we sell at fish auctions. I attended an auction last month here in Illinois that had some juvenile snakeheads for sale. They were the one of the dwarf species of snakeheads but they are still listed on the federal list as band as far as importing and transporting them is concerned. Illinois has taken this law a step farther and even band the possession of them. This is from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

*"SPRINGFIELD, Ill. - The Illinois Department of Natural Resources today filed an emergency rule banning the importation, possession and release of snakehead fish in Illinois, declaring the snakehead an "injurious species" posing a threat to wildlife, aquatic life and habitat in the state. Illinois' action complements efforts by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to impose a nationwide ban on importation and interstate transportation of snakeheads by adding the family of 28 snakehead species to the Federal list of "injurious wildlife" under the Lacey Act.*

*The emergency rule filed today lists snakeheads as an injurious species in Illinois, banning possession, propagation, buying, selling, bartering or transfer of snakehead species*

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*unless a permit is obtained from the Department of Natural Resources. The rule also bans the release of snakeheads. Violations are punishable by fines of up to \$5,000."*

I know that Illinois is not the only state that has enacted legislation covering the snakeheads, as of this writing I understand that at least 13 state have some form of legislation covering snakeheads. I have been trying to come up with a complete list but so far I have not been able to do so. I hope to have one by the next FAAS Report.

I also found out well looking into information for snakeheads that in Illinois you must have an aquaculture license from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to posses, raise or sell any species of gambusia in Illinois. I know I have been to many auction were they have been for sale. I think it would be a very good idea if everyone that is helping run a club auction or some type of fund raiser involving the sale of fish make themselves aware of the state and local laws covering the sale of fish. I would also urge all of you to keep your club members informed.

I would really hate to see a club or one of its members fined for selling something illegal. While we here in the U.S. poison a pond to get ride of Asian fish (the snakehead) it looks like other countries are getting ride of our native fish. The following is from the Environmental News Network Inc.

Web site. <[http://www.enn.com/news/2003-02-14/s\\_2673.asp](http://www.enn.com/news/2003-02-14/s_2673.asp). >

"Fearful that indigenious Japanese fish are being wiped out by foreign fish like bluegill and black bass, the Environment Ministry said Thursday (February 13, 2003) it will begin draining sections of the moat to kill off the North American natives. The decline of native Japanese species, such as the southern top-mouthed minnow, deep crucian carp, and flat bittering, has been a growing concern in Japan since foreign fish were introduced decades ago by sports anglers. Particularly worrisome are robust black bass and

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ravenous bluegill, which tend to feed on local fish.”

While reading on I found out that the blue gill have been a problem starting sometime after 1960 when some were presented to Emperor Akihito, then the crown prince, by Richard J. Daley, then the Mayor of Chicago. To take care of the problem officials will begin draining the 1<sup>st</sup> of 13 sections of the moat ringing Japan's Imperial Palace on February 25, 2003 the process will take about two weeks per section. There are 17 species of native fish living in the moat. Native fish will be reintroduced once each section is refilled.

Well, that will cover it for this month.



## **Expired Or Expiring Memberships**

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

- Allegheny River Valley A.S. 1/03**
- Bucks County Aquarium Society 1/03**
- Central New York Aquarium Society 3/03**
- Champaign Area Fish Exchange 5/03**
- Circle City Aquarium Club, Inc. 3/03**
- Delaware County Aquarium Society 1/03**
- Greater Chicago Cichlid Association 3/03**
- 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**
- Rocky Mountain Cichlid Association 10/02**
- Sacramento Aquarium Society 3/03**

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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

See article

## Elections

Nothing to report this month

## Federation Liaison

No response received

## Horticulture Awards Program

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## Legislation – Canada

Nothing to report this month

## Legislation – USA

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## Membership

Nothing to report this month

## Nominations

Nothing to report this month

## Programs

We urgently need help and new  
materials for new programs – please  
contact Jerry Montgomery and  
volunters.

## Publication Awards Program

2002 Awards will be listed in the May/June  
Federation Report

## Publishing

No response received

## Sales

No response received

## Show Sanctioning

No response received



## Newsletter And Membership Committee

Judi J. Peterson  
*Editor*

*Membership Chairman*

First, I would like to apologize for not getting your membership renewal e-mails and letters out in a timely manner. My husband, John, was rushed to the hospital with chest pains and subsequently had surgery, so nothing else got done when it should have. I will try

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# Calendar Of Events

## March 2003

### **March 15, 2003 - Saturday** **Tri-County Tropical Fish Society** **Spring Auction**

Contact Roger Halleen for more information 309-699-7394 or roghfish@aol.com

### **March 22, 2003 - Saturday** **Delaware County Aquarium Society** **DCAS Annual Fish and Equipment Auction**

Doors open at 9:00, Springfield township Building, Springfield, PA 19064. For more information contact Joe Semeister at Joejls@msn.com.

### **March 31, 2003** **FAAS Aquatic Photography Award Nominations Postmark** **Deadline**

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

## May 2003

### **May 23 - 25, 2003 - Friday - Sunday** **Cichlid Classic** **Sponsored by Greater Chicago Cichlid Association**

Fish Show, Speakers, Cichlid Only Auction Sunday May 25th. For more information contact:

Monica Boester 815-885-2054 or Cory Helfand 773-763-0507



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# Calendar Of Events (con't)

## July 2003

### **July 26, 2003 - Saturday Champaign Area Fish Exchange Summer Auction**

Champaign Area Fish Exchange Summer Auction will be on Saturday July 26th, 2003 at the Urbana Civic Center, 108 Water St., Urbana, IL. This is an auction of fish, plants, supplies, equipment, books and hobby related items. The FAAS 10 table method will be used for all items auctioned. The split is 70% to the seller. Doors open at 8:00 am for Registration, Auction begins at 10:30 am. For information or to advance register contact Jerry: 217-359-6707 or e-mail [jmont@soltec.net](mailto:jmont@soltec.net) or Mark: 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



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to get them out in a more timely manner this month, but I just can't promise anything, since they are still running more tests and everything with his health is still up in the air.

Again, I am asking for you to send me a listing of all Aquarium clubs in your area. We need to increase the membership of FAAS, so we can have more impact on the hobby, industry and legislation. So, please help me out and send me a listing.

We are also looking for articles for the Federation Report. Any and all appropriate articles would be appreciated.

I would also like to apologize to Roger Halleen and Joe Semeister for reversing their show announcements in the January/February Federation Report. Please note the corrected information in this newsletter.



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