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May Issue	April 10th	Nov. Issue	October 10th

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

President's Message

Jerry Montgomery
President

I will have soon finished my 3rd term as a Director and second year as President. During this time I have met many hobbyists and made friends from coast to coast as well as abroad. Meeting fellow hobbyists has been the most rewarding aspect of my involvement with the Federation of American Aquarium Societies. I hope that I can continue to be of service and am involved for several years to come. I am, however, becoming frustrated at the lack of interest and involvement shown by many of the FAAS member societies.

WE NEED AND WANT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND ASSISTANCE.

We need you to help us in many areas. For example, we need you to help us monitor proposed legislation in your state as well as anything you might hear of on the federal level, just in case we miss something. If you know of any pending legislation please bring it to the attention of Roger Halleen or notify me.

Last month, I ask for the assistance of the Delegates in verification of official mailing address, club officers, FAAS delegate, etc.. it is sad to say that I received NO response from anyone to this plea for information and assistance. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, update and verify your contact information with the Membership Chair and myself. It is impossible to communicate with your group if the information we have is no longer current.

I also mentioned a desire to compile a list of specialty groups and aquarium societies by the end of summer. I would like to finish this endeavor but will need the help of others to do so. I wish to include all known groups, even those not members of FAAS. Please help by sending me the names, contact info, etc. of any groups in your region.

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Board Of Directors Election

Greg Wooters
Elections Chairman

The election for members of the Board of Directors will take place this year using the same guidelines as the previous election. Last year FAAS instituted e-mail ballots for the convenience of our membership and it gained FAAS one of its largest turnouts in election history. We hope to continue with that success again this year.

By the time you receive this it will serve mainly as a reminder in case you have not already voted. Your delegate should have received an e-mail from FAAS which included the names & biographies of the candidates along with the deadline. Here is the information you should already have received.

1. The deadline for a ballot to be returned and counted as valid is June 1, 2002. If you mail in your ballot that means the postmark must be no later than June 1st and if e-mailed it must have dated header of no later than June 1st. You can return your ballot earlier but absolutely not later.
2. You must indicate the names of those candidates you are voting for - a simple positive statement saying that "(Society Name) votes for candidate A, candidate B and Candidate G" is fine.
3. The name of your society must be stated in the letter/e-mail and if mailed, signed by the FAAS Delegate.
4. You can vote for up to the maximum number of vacancies (4) but no more. If you vote for more people than there are openings your entire ballot will be invalid. You can vote for fewer (1 or 2 or 3) if you wish, but please keep in mind this simple rule of our elections. To be elected a candidate must receive a majority of all valid votes cast. So, if there are 20 valid ballots a candidate must receive no fewer than 11 votes
5. There are no write in candidates.

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Board of Directors Elections
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The following people submitted biographical information and a statement of candidacy to the Nominations/Elections Committee and were slated by the committee:

Jerry Montgomery

Judi Peterson

Scott Tetzlaff

Please vote for the candidates of your choice by the deadline.
Remember: June 1st is the Deadline!

Bios

Jerry Montgomery

My name is Jerry Montgomery and I have been active in the hobby for 40+ years. I started as youngster with guppies as many of us did when first in the hobby. I now maintain between 40-50 tanks with an interest in unusual livebearers, rainbowfish, guppies, and medium sized cichlids. I have been active in the organized hobby since I joined a local aquarium society in 1991. I have held the office of Trustee in my local society since its incorporation in 1993. I also serve as Publicity/Membership Chair, Newsletter Editor and have previously done the job of Auction and Program Committee for the Champaign Area Fish Exchange.

I have been involved on the national level since becoming active with FAAS. I have served as FAAS BOD member from 1996 - 2002. I currently hold the office of President for FAAS. I am also the Chair for Program/Rentals and Aquatic Photo. I would be honored if given the opportunity to continue my service to FAAS. I will work hard to strengthen the hobby in any way I can, if elected.

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Judi Peterson

I have been in the aquarium hobby very extensively for the past 20 years. I am currently a member of the following member societies; International Beta Congress, Greater Orlando Aquarium Society and the Tampa Bay Aquarium Society. I have served on the Board, as both Secretary and Treasurer of the Tampa Bay Aquarium Society and also as their Newsletter Editor, as-well-as being on the Board of the North American Catfish Society, Inc.

I am currently the Vice President-Finance of an advertising agency in the Tampa Bay area and the Treasurer of a large homeowner's association as well as being their Newsletter Editor.

I am currently serving as a Board Member of FAAS and also as the Newsletter Editor and Membership Chairman. If reelected, with your help, I plan to go on a membership drive for FAAS. We need to do this if we are to make FAAS an entity that can hold a more influential position in helping to direct the direction of rules, regulations and policies affecting the aquarium hobby and industry. I also plan to update the Manufacturers list and put together a complete Speakers Program Listing for use by our membership.

If reelected I plan to continue working as hard for this great organization as I have for the last year and a half.

Scott Tetzlaff

I have been in the hobby for over 25 years. I am the current BAP Chairperson for FAAS. I am a member of most of the national aquarium organizations. Currently I serve as President of the South West Michigan Aquarium Society. I have been on the FAAS Board of Directors for 1 term.



Horticultural Award Program 2001 Annual And Cumulative Awards Results

Karl R. Schoeler
Chairman
Horticulture Awards Program

Cumulative Individual Certificates:

Shane Heinen - Minnesota Aquarium Society
Aquatic Plant Vegetative Reproductions: 30 entries

Dan Frase - Greater Akron Aquarium Society
Aquatic plant Vegetative Reproductions: 20 entries

Wayne Toven - Greater Akron Aquarium Society
Aquatic Plant Flowerings: 75 entries

Dave Williamson - Greater Akron Aquarium Society
Aquatic Plant Flowerings: 5 entries

Rich Serva - Greater Akron Aquarium Society
Aquatic Plant Flowerings: 5 entries

Don Grey - Medina County Aquarium Society
Aquatic Plant Vegetative Reproductions: 10 entries

Linda Walrath - Medina County Aquarium Society
Aquatic Plant Vegetative Reproductions: 20 entries
Aquatic Plant Flowerings: 5 entries

Annual Awards - Individual Category:

Most Vegetative Reproductions:

1. **Wayne Toven** - Greater Akron Aquarium Society
2. **Linda Walrath** - Medina County Aquarium Society
3. **Rich Serva** - Greater Akron Aquarium Society

Most Flowerings:

1. **Wayne Toven** - Greater Akron Aquarium Society
2. **Rich Serva** - Greater Akron Aquarium Society
3. **Dave Grzanka** - Motor City Aquarium Society

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Horticultural Awards
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Most Marine Propagations:

A Tie for First: **Tom Gromek** and **Gary Schultze**
The Minnesota Aquarium Society

No Sexual Propagations entries

Annual Awards: Society Category:

Most Participants:

1. **Minnesota Aquarium Society**
2. **Greater Akron Aquarium Society**
3. **Motor City Aquarium Society**

Most Vegetative Reproductions:

A Tie for First:
Greater Akron Aquarium Society
Minnesota Aquarium Society
3. **Motor City Aquarium Society**

Most Flowerings:

1. **Greater Akron Aquarium Society**
2. **Motor City Aquarium Society**
3. **Medina County Aquarium Society**

Most Marine Propagations:

1. **Minnesota Aquarium Society**

Most Awards All Categories:

1. **Greater Akron Aquarium Society**
2. **Minnesota Aquarium Society**
3. **Motor City Aquarium Society**



Delegates' Council Report



Respectfully submitted
Al Priest
Chair, FAAS Delegates' Council

I've been holding off sending another e-mail until the 2001 FAAS Publication Awards were announced, mainly because our discussion relates to those awards. If no announcements are made soon, I will be contacting the Council, by e-mail. Our discussion will be on setting forth definite judging criteria for "Author of the Year." Just think about it for a while, until such time as you are asked for comments.

Right now, I want to mention something. As the Exchange Editor of my society, I see other club publications. In the last three months I read in three different publications, accounts of the activities of the Delegates Council that either expressed an opinion that was never conveyed to the Council, or indicated possible disagreement with Council discussions, which, again, was never communicated. The Delegates Council is YOUR forum. Regardless of whatever experience you may have had in the past with FAAS, I promise that NO opinion will be ignored or "put down" without discussion. The Delegates Council is there to get YOUR opinions. While I may express my opinions, NO opinions will ever fail to be given a fair hearing, as long as I Chair this committee.

SO, I again urge all FAAS member societies that do not yet have a representative on this council, to please appoint some person with Internet e-mail access to it (just send me an e-mail). And, I ask that the existing delegates to please feel free to express their opinions by replying to "all" in any e-mail from the Council. I may not agree with you, but I promise I will not suppress your comments or make any personal attacks on you, nor will I tolerate that behavior from anyone else in Council discussions.



Breeder's Award Program Results For 2001

Scott Tetzlaff
Chair, Breeder's Award Program

Most Spawns – Club

1. 228 **Milwaukee Aquarium Society**
2. 183 **Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society**
3. 181 **Greater Chicago Cichlid Association**

Most Species – Club

1. 163 **Milwaukee Aquarium Society**
2. 128 **Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society**
3. 115 **Greater Chicago Cichlid Association**

Most New Species – Club

1. 20 **Minnesota Aquarium Society**
2. 15 **Greater Chicago Cichlid Association**
3. 13 **Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society**

Most Spawns – Individual

1. 55 **Eric Rogne** – Milwaukee Aquarium Society
2. 39 **Al Desautels** – Greater Chicago Cichlid Association
3. 34 **Kevin Korotev** – Milwaukee Aquarium Society

Most New Species – Individual

1. 10 **Eric Bordrock** – Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society
2. 7 **Randy Carey** – Minnesota Aquarium Society
3. 6 **Al Desautels** – Greater Chicago Cichlid Association

Category 1 – Livebearers

1. 14 **Darryl Haussler** – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
2. 13 **Steve Smith** – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
3. 11 **Mike Schuster** – Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society

Category 2 – Anabantids

1. 5 **Kevin Korotev** – Milwaukee Aquarium Society
 2. 3 **Hank Marzina** – Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society
 3. 2 **Brian Carson** – Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society
 - 2 **Darryl Haussler** – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
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Category 2 – Anabantids

- 2 **Tom Wojtech** – Milwaukee Aquarium Society

Category 3 – Barbs

1. 2 **Randy Carey** – Minnesota Aquarium Society
2 **Shane Heinen** – Minnesota Aquarium Society
3. 1 **Lenny Ancheta** – Minnesota Aquarium Society
1 **LeeAnne Byers** – Minnesota Aquarium Society
1 **Terry Scepurek** – Minnesota Aquarium Society
1 **Karl Schoeler** – Minnesota Aquarium Society
1 **Hank Marzina** – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
1 **Darryl Haussler** – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
1 **Dave, Michelle & Drew** – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
1 **Eric Rogne** – Milwaukee Aquarium Society
1 **Tom Wojtech** – Milwaukee Aquarium Society
1 **Scott Tetzlaff** – Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society

Category 4 – Minnows

1. 2 **Randy Carey** – Minnesota Aquarium Society
2. 1 **Jim Mathis** – Minnesota Aquarium Society
1 **Joseph Graffagnio** – Brooklyn Aquarium Society
1 **Dick Breitfelder** – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
1 **Kenneth McAdams** – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
1 **Cheryl Ann & Bryan Stevens** – Central New York Aquarium Society

Category 5 – Rasbora

1. 1 **Darryl Haussler** – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society

Category 6 – Characins

1. 6 **Randy Carey** – Minnesota Aquarium Society
2. 2 **Pete Scaletto** – Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society
3. 1 **Salley Boggs** – Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society
1 **Ed Redgate** – Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society
1 **Dan Cram** – Milwaukee Aquarium Society
1 **Kevin Korotev** – Milwaukee Aquarium Society

Category 6 – Characins

- 1 **George Coy** – Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society
- 1 **Scott Tetzlaff** – Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society
- 1 **Chase Klinesteker** – Southwest Michigan Aquarium
Society
- 1 **Darrel Ullisch** – Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society
- 1 **Darryl Haussler** – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
- 1 **Bill Brogan** – Central New York Aquarium Society
- 1 **William Shreves III** – Youngstown Area Tropical Fish
Society

Category 7 – Old World Cichlids

1. 43 **Eric Rogne** – Milwaukee Aquarium Society
2. 39 **Al Desautels** – Greater Chicago Cichlid Association
3. 22 **John Oyer** – Greater Chicago Cichlid Association

Category 8 – New World Cichlids

1. 8 **Kevin Korotev** – Milwaukee Aquarium Society
2. 7 **Steve Smith** – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
3. 5 **Scott Tetzlaff** – Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society

Category 9 – Mop Spawning Killifish

1. 8 **Eric Bodrock** – Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society
2. 7 **Darrel Ullisch** – Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society
3. 6 **Scott Tetzlaff** – Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society
- 6 **Dave Hemmerlein** – Southwest Michigan Aquarium
Society

Category 10 – Soil Spawning Killifish

1. 4 **Kevin Korotev** – Milwaukee Aquarium Society
2. 2 **Scott Tetzlaff** – Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society
- 2 **Donna Rectenwalt** – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium
Society
- 2 **Steve Graner** – Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society

Category 11 – Catfish

1. 4 **Kevin Korotev** – Milwaukee Aquarium Society
- 4 **Chase Klinesteker** – Southwest Michigan Aquarium
Society
- 4 **Eric Bodrock** – Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society

Category 12 – Sharks Botias Loaches

1. 1 **Lisa Quilty** – Brooklyn Aquarium Society

Category 13 – Brackish Marine

1. 2 **Sally Boggs** – Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society
2 **Dave Michelle & Drew** – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
3. 1 **Hank Marzina** – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
1 **Jason Clester** – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
1 **Robert Timmins** – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
1 **Tom Wojtech** – Milwaukee Aquarium Society
1 **Lenny Ancheta** – Minnesota Aquarium Society
1 **LeeAnne** – Byers Minnesota Aquarium Society
1 **Tim Rutz** – Minnesota Aquarium Society
1 Darryl Haussler – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
1 **Donna Recktenwalt** – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
- 1 **Eric & Stacy Foldenauer** Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
- 1 **William Shreves** – Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society
- 1 **Mike Schadle & Robin Jendrian** – Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society

Category 14 – All Other Varieties

1. 3 **Kevin Korotev** – Milwaukee Aquarium Society
3 **Eric Rogne** – Milwaukee Aquarium Society
3. 2 **Jerry & Jeff Michels** – Milwaukee Aquarium Society
2 **Tim Fitzgibbons** – Minnesota Aquarium Society

Category 15 – Rainbows

1. 7 **Phil & Jan Benes** – Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
2. 3 **Eric Bodrock** – Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society
3. 2 **Jerry & Jeff Michels** – Milwaukee Aquarium Society





Newsletter And Membership Committee

Judi J. Peterson
Editor
Membership Chairman

I am sorry for the delay in getting the newsletter out this month, but with my vacation, youngest son's wedding and not receiving the final article until this evening, there just wasn't any to get it printed and out to you any sooner.

It seems hard to believe that I have been Editor of the newsletter for over a year and a half. Time sure does fly. I need to take a brief pause and thank all of the Board members and Committee Chairs for their support, and in some cases, only a few hours sleep, but still putting the effort forward to get me their articles. Without these dedicated people you would not have a newsletter or society for that matter. Thanks to all of you who made my life much easier.



President's Message con't from page 2

Many of the FAAS member societies consider the program rentals to be a vital asset of membership. I agree and am pleading for assistance from member societies and fellow hobbyists in my attempt to acquire new program material. I am sure there is at least one member of your group that is capable of assisting in this effort. I wish I could, but, I am not able to do this alone. I am sure there is at least one member of your club that is capable of either taking slides/photos, writing scripts, identifying slide material already acquired, etc., etc. Please see if your Society can assist in this effort. FAAS needs your help. Working together we can make FAAS a leader in the hobby and keep the hobby strong as well.



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**

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.

Description	Rental	Deposit
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Slide Programs

Breeding and Maintenance/In the Beginning (75 slides/30 minutes)	\$20	\$75
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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.

Rare and Unusual (63 slides/27 minutes)	\$20	\$65
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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.

Killifish #3-North American Natives and Others (57 slides/30 minutes)	\$20	\$60
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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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Slide Programs con't

Catfish #2-Cats without Claws (63 slides/23 minutes)	\$20	\$65
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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.

Florida Fish Farms (70 slides/25 minutes)	\$20	\$70
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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.

Shell Dwelling Cichlids of Lake Tanganyika/Dr. Peter Lewis (45 slides)	\$30	\$45
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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.

Modern Aquascaping by George & Karla Booth (80 slides)	\$30	\$80
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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

Laguna: How to Build a Pond (34 minutes)	\$5	\$10
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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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Videos con't

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.



Calendar Of Events

May 2002

May 24 - 26, 2002 – Friday, Saturday & Sunday **The Greater Chicago Cichlid Association** **Show/Speakers/Workshops**

For more information visit our website at <http://www.gcca.net> or call Don Cave at 630 980-5933, Cory Helfand at 773 763-0507 or Mark Schmidt at 708 409-4213.

June 2002

June 1, 2002 – Saturday **Federation Of American Aquarium Societies (FAAS)** **Board of Directors Election**

Deadline for Ballots

June 28-30, 2002 – Friday, Saturday & Sunday **Colorado Aquarium Society and Colorado Killie Club** **55th Anniversary All Species Show and Sanctioned** **Killie Show and Auction**

Heiko Bleher is the featured speaker. For more information call George Tefft at 303 886-3213 or 3-mail to tefftga@attbi.com.

August 2002

August 3, 2002 – Saturday **Champaign Area Fish Exchange** **Summer Auction**

Urbana Civic Center, 108 Water Street, Urbana, Il. Doors open at 8 a.m., auction begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. For more information call Mark at 217 428-6133 or e-mail guppymon_2000@yahoo.com or Jerry at 217 359-6707 or e-mail jmont@soltec.net. FAAS Ten Table method is used to auction items.

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Calendar Of Events (con't)

August 2002 (con't)

August 3 - 4, 2002 – Saturday & Sunday Greater Akron Aquarium Society Ultra-Aqua 2002 Show

Tallmadge Community Center, 137 East Avenue, Tallmadge, Ohio. For more information contact Dan Frase at 330-434-4860 or danf@neo.rr.com, Bud & Cathy White 330-848-3856 or bwhite@neo.rr.com or GAAS directly at G_A_A_S@hotmail.com.

November 2002

November 3, 2002 – Sunday Greater Akron Aquarium Society Fall Auction

Tallmadge Community Center, 137 East Avenue, Tallmadge, Ohio. For more information contact Dan Frase at 330-434-4860 or danf@neo.rr.com, Bud & Cathy White 330-848-3856 or bwhite@neo.rr.com or GAAS directly at G_A_A_S@hotmail.com.

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