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President's Message



Jerry Montgomery
President

Another year is rapidly coming to a close and I am really concerned about the future of FAAS. I have been trying for at least the last year to get more of the clubs to become active members and to open better channels of communication between the "working members" that is the BOD, the committee chairmen, etc., and the FAAS Societies representatives. It greatly disturbs me that when there is a problem (which I will admit there have been entirely to many of in recent months) that nothing is said or no inquiry made until things have gotten to the point of extreme frustration on the part of the delegate. Many times a simple inquiry to the committee involved would have gotten an explanation regarding the situation. If you could get no reply from them, then a note or call to me could have probably given you an answer as to what was causing the delay or problem. We are all just volunteer workers and many times life creates problems beyond our control and we are not able to do things like we know we should or would like.

How many times have you been in a similar situation in your own life...I am sure it has happened to all of us at one time or another. One of the biggest problems that FAAS has is this lack of communication and volunteer workers and I am at my wits end as to how to improve the situation. I would be happy to have suggestions from ANYONE that might have a solution that would improve communication. I am currently having a problem even getting a reply from a BOD member and one of the committee chairman and am not sure what is wrong or why they have not responded. My last hope is that I will be trying to call them and speak directly to them to find out what is going on. If I can not get the lines of communication improved, I am afraid FAAS is going to be in even more serious trouble.

Do you have your current contact information updated. We can

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Calendar Of Events

October 2005

October 9, 2005

**Allegheny River Valley Aquarium Society
Annual Auction**

John Ash Community Center
12:00 noon at the , 112 N. Barry , St., Olean, NY 14760. Registration 11:00 a.m.; 70/30 split; 10 table system. For more information and seller pre-registration contact Carol 716-372-2096, [_Fish716@localnet.com_](mailto:Fish716@localnet.com) (mailto:Fish716@localnet.com) or Wilma at 716-373-2639, [_Wilmaches@hotmail.com_](mailto:_Wilmaches@hotmail.com) (mailto:Wilmaches@hotmail.com).

October 15, 2005

**Milwaukee Aquarium Society
Fall Auction**

Burnham bowl
6016 W. Burnham Avenue, Milwaukee WI
For further information please visit our website at www.fishclubs.com/wi/mas or contact revo@execpc.com

October 16, 2005 - Sunday

**Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society
Fall Auction**

2005 Lordstown Administration Building
Lordstown, Ohio
Split Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. Auction starts at noon. Check [_www.YATFS.com_](http://www.YATFS.com) (<http://www.YATFS.com>) for directions and more details

October 2005

November 20, 2005

**Milwaukee Aquarium Society
Fish O Rama (A Swap Meet)**

Burnham Bowl
6016 W. Burnham Avenue, Milwaukee WI
For further information please visit our website at www.fishclubs.com/wi/mas or contact revo@execpc.com

people to spend their own money and then wait for long periods of time to get reimbursed.

I do request at this time, that if any of you have funds that are due FAAS or reimbursements that are due you, please get them to me so they can get into the current years books. At this point in time I haven't received anything other than the dues I have received. I need to get the Financial Statement out and turned over to the new Treasurer as soon as possible after the first of the year.

Now to the positive side of being part of the working group in FAAS. You will meet and talk to some great people and you will also have the personal satisfaction that you have contributed to a great organization.

If you are interested in any of the Chairs, contact our President, Jerry Montgomery and if you are interested in a Board position, contact our Vice President, Roger Halleen.



**President's Message
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not communicate with you or be of any assistance if it is outdated. We value your ideas and input and would truly like to hear from you with both your criticism, concerns and your suggestions and solutions to improve things. We will be in need of several new members of the working staff soon from the way it appears. PLEASE consider becoming more involved yourself or help find a member of your group that might be able to contribute their time to FAAS. I believe that we all love the aquarium hobby and have the same goals. FAAS can not continue to exist without everyone working together toward our common goals. FAAS is a worthwhile organization and needs to continue its efforts toward that end. Please help anyway you can.



Nominations Committee Special Election

Roger Halleen
Chairman



**THIS NOTICE IS A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR
A POSITION ON THE FAAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

The FAAS Board of Directors is made up of 8 members with 4 members being elected every two years. While these nominations and

elections should have taken place last year, FAAS has had some internal problems and some miss communications over the last year. So, the nominations and elections are taking place now.

To give you a general overview of what expected I will try to explain what is expected of a Board Member. First of all we try to de everything by e-mail. This makes the processes work a lot quicker and smoother, however, it maybe carried out by regular mail if you don't have e-mail. On or about the 5th of each month the FAAS President sends out the President's Letter to all Board Members. The Board Members then have 10 days to respond to the President's Letter. The process is fairly simple and doesn't require a lot of tine.

I need everyone that is interested to send me a short biography of themselves, name of the society that you belong to, list of offices you have held within your society, how long have you been in the hobby, your interest in the hobby and anything else that you believe might be helpful. These biographies will then be printed in the FAAS Report and sent out in ballot form to all FAAS society members. All members will then be asked to vote with th top four candidates being elected. You will then start your position on January 1, 2005.

If you would like more information please read the FAAS By-Laws that can be found on the FAAS website at www.faas.info in the members section.

I need to have all biographies sent to me by September 30, 2005. I would appreciate your e-mailing them to me, if possible, so

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2004 Publication Awards



John E. Peterson, Ph.D.
Publication Award Chairman

I'm sorry for taking longer this year in the judging, but there have been some pressing personal health and family obligations that crept into our lives.

Each year the judging has become more difficult because of the quality of the articles has increased over the years. Everyone can not be a winner, but the effort enhances each and every aquarium society. The more knowledge we pass on, the more the hobby will be enhanced in the future. Some of us have been around the hobby for a long time, I started in 1949, and my desire to pass on the lessons learned to future generations has never wavered.

Judging the awards is a time consuming process if done correctly. Every element of the article is checked and rechecked. Yes, even grammar is taken into consideration. Every article is read at least two times and researched to ensure accuracy of the material presented. The more professional your presentation the higher the rating. I try to be fair in all judging and where there is a question, I put the article aside and come back to it later.

I have stated on numerous occasions how very impressed I am with some of the authors and their knowledge of the topics they are writing about. My wife Judi, was the editor of a forty-eight page newsletter for over five years and is the current editor for FAAS, so I know how hard it is for editors to meet their deadlines, get articles, etc. Each editor needs to be commended for what they are doing for their organization and for the hobby as a whole. You are all to commended for a job well done.

I am sorry that some of you were not happy with the length of time the process took. With health problems and family obligations the judging took much longer than I had hoped. We also had some confusion with how articles should be presented to misinformation on the website, articles entered into the wrong category and

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Treasurer/Membership/ Advertising/Publication News



Judi J. Peterson
Treasurer and Chair(s)

As you have already heard it is felt that there needs to be new blood on the Board of Directors. Well, now is your chance, the following positions will become vacant January 1, 2006; Treasurer, Advertising, Membership, Publication Awards, Publishing (Newsletter Editor) and two board positions.

Now is the time for you to stand up! Rather than being part of the problem, be part of the solution. Volunteer to get active in FAAS and make it the organization that it could become. I know many of you want to know what FAAS can do for you. You should be considering what you can do to make FAAS a better organization.

I will, however, warn you to be careful that health, family problems/illness, or your job does not interfere with your position with FAAS or you will definitely hear about it.

If you become the Newsletter Editor you will get phone calls if the newsletter is late, even if you don't get the articles until a week before the membership received their copy.

If you take the Membership Chair you will find that you will have multiple addresses, phone numbers and e-mails that are bad and that you haven't received notification of change. You will need to send multiple e-mails, letters and then send more e-mails and letters to those that don't respond.

The Treasurer position is not difficult, all you need to do is deposit dues, etc., and write checks to repay individuals that have used their personal funds to pay for items for FAAS. This is important! I went months without receiving reimbursement for the printing and postage for the newsletter and for the postage spent to mail medallions and renewal letters. It is not reasonable for

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so two months or so and announced in the FAAS Report and in the Delegates Council report e-mail). This will increase "traffic" to our website, increase awareness of FAAS, and provide a new (virtually no-cost) member benefit. Any thoughts on this?

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Jerry Montgomery
Chairman

Please help. I have a lot of slides that need to be made into programs. Please contact me if you would be willing to identify, write copy and put together a presentation that can then be lent out to our membership. This is an important task and, FAAS and I, need your help.



**Publication Awards
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articles being sent in for the Author of the Year Award (which had to be broken out into the proper categories). As was stated in an email to the Delegates' Committee, this will be the last year I will be doing the judging.

Finally, I would like to commend each of you for a job well done.

LEGEND:

ARAS – Allegheny River Aquarium Society
ACLC – Aquarium Club of Lancaster County
BCAS – Bucks County Aquarium Society
CAFE – Champaign Area Fish Exchange
CAS – Cleveland Aquarium Society
CNYAS – Central New York Aquarium Society
DCAS – Delaware Co. Aquarium Society
DFC – Desert Fish Club
GCCA – Greater Chicago Cichlid Association
GCAS – Greater City Aquarium Society
MCAS – Medina County Aquarium Society
MAS – Milwaukee Aquarium Society
NCAS – Nassau County Aquarium Society
PCCA – Pacific Coast Cichlid Association
SAS – Sacramento Aquarium Society
SWMAS – SW Michigan Aquarium Society
TCTFS – Tri-County Tropical Fish Society

1. Best Editor/Publication – More than 6 Issues *

- 1 Editor **Alexander Priest** – *Modern Aquarium* – GCAS
- 2 Editor **Martha Volkoff** – *The Tropical News* – SAS
- 3 Editor **Pat Smith** – *Pisces Press* – NCAS
- HM Editor **Jennifer Lioto** – *Reflector* – CNYAS
- HM Editor **Marolyn Kurman** – *Fin Fax* – DCAS

2. Best Editor/Publication – Six or Fewer Issues *

- 1 Editor **Pam Chin** – *Cichlidae Communique* – PCCA
- 2 Editor **Mike Mazurkiewicz** – *Cichlid Chatter* – GCCA
- 3 Editor **Vickie Coy** – *Swam* – SWMAS

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2. **Best Editor/Publication – Six or Fewer Issues (con't) ***

- 3 Editor **Naomi Gettler** – *Splash* – MAS
- HM Editor **Kevin Plazak** – *Cichlid Blues* – PCCA
- HM Editor **Lisa Englander** – *The Wet Thumb* – CAS

3. **Best Non-Changing Cover ***

- 1 Editors John & Peggy Clark – *All Wet Gazette* – MCAS
- 2 Editor Judy Marshall – *SWAM* – SWMAS

4. **Best Changing Cover – Original Art ***

- 1 Editor Pat Smith – *PiscesPress* – NCAS
- 2 Editor Bob Kulesa – *Tank Tales* – ACLS
- 3 Editor Jerry Montgomery – *In Seine Menu* – CAFE

4a. **Best Changing Cover – Non-Original Art ***

- 1 Editor Lisa Enlander – *The Wet Thumb* – CAS
- 2 Editor Jason Kerner – *Modern Aquarium* – GCAS
- 3 Editor Pam Chin – *Cichlidae Communique* – PCCA

5. **Best FAAS – Related Article**

- 1 **Tony Berry** – *February 2004* – *Fish Tales* – TCTFS
- 2 **Spencer Kawasaki** – *FAAS Update* – *The Tropical News* – SAS
- 3 **Joe Semeister** – *FAAS Report, February 2004* – *Fin Fax* – DCAS
- HM **Pat Smith** – *November 2004* – *Pisces Press* – NCAS

6. **Best Exchange Column**

- 1 **Len Thomas** – *Piscatoril Pearls* – *Tank Tales*– ACLC
- 2 **Jim Graham** – *The Exchanges* – *SWAM* – SWMAS
- 3 **Deborah Dano** – *Catch of the Day* – *The Tropical News* – SAS

7. **Best Review Column**

- 1 **Chuck Rambo** – *Cichlids in the News* – *Cichlidae Communique* – PCCA
- 2 **Susan Priest** – *Wet Leaves* – *Modern Aquarium* – GCAS
- 3 **Tony Berry** – “*You Show Me Yours and I’ll Show You Mine*” – *Fish Tales* – TCTFS
- HM **Christian B. Homrich, Jr.** – *Grand Rapid’s Pet Shops* – *SWAM* – SWMAS

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it. And, if this was so, what is your opinion about recommending that this category be reinstated? Granted, it might be considerably more difficult to judge, but aside from that — is it a worthwhile idea for the Council to discuss?

Finally, please let me (and Judi Peterson) know of any change in your e-mail address, or in your society’s website address.

Supplement to Previous Report

Please try to communicate Roger’s request for nominations to your society’s members. Maybe even some of the Delegates receiving this e-mail would be interested. (Since the Delegates Council is an informal, advisory body with no standing in FAAS under its bylaws, I’d rather not blur the lines between the Board and the Council by serving on the FAAS Board myself. Also, while I try not to “take sides” but rather to moderate discussions, if I were on the Board, I might be seen as being biased in favor of Board actions, and I would prefer to be able to applaud or complain about Board decisions without being seen as having hidden motives. But, I do intend to approach my society’s members through our magazine, and I urge all of you to at least do the same.)

There was some recent rather strong criticism of FAAS by one of our Delegates, and unfortunately, it was fairly on the mark. But, before yet other society drops out, because “FAAS isn’t doing anything,” we need to make suggestions to the Board via the Delegates Council, and to have new blood on the Board willing to consider, approve, and implement those changes. One suggestion for change comes to mind, now that we have a more skilled and willing webmaster, is to post award winning articles and photos on the FAAS website, with permission for other societies to reprint them, provided both the original source, and the FAAS website are credited. A few articles and photos (and maybe entire issues of some club publications) would be available to anyone. Others would be listed in the public section, but available only in the “members” section (the website password would be changed every

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Delegates' Council Report



Al Priest
Chair, FAAS Delegates' Council

It would seem that no one is opposed to (and everyone expressing an opinion was in favor of) having the FAAS Report distributed in electronically format, as an Adobe® Acrobat® .PDF file. The FR Editor has the latest version of the Adobe creation software (I do also, but I am about to uninstall it in favor of a prior version whose features I prefer) and is able to do the necessary conversions.

On another note, at least three societies are now among the "missing" from the Delegates Council, because they have not renewed their FAAS membership. I understand that the number of societies participating in the FAAS Publication Awards was fairly small. If there are issues that your societies have with FAAS, this is the place to voice them. Are there things FAAS could be doing to help your societies? Are you making use of what FAAS currently offers? For example, I know that, as Editor of my society's publication, I play up the fact that, in addition to the points, certificates, and raffle prizes available through our own Author Award Program, original articles printed in our magazine are eligible for FAAS awards. Those of you who are, or were, editors of your society's publication know that anything that gets even one or two more articles out of the members is worthwhile, and I've found that the lure of the FAAS Publication Awards does just that. (Since the Council is "shrinking," I'm also open to suggestions as to how we can get more FAAS member societies involved in our discussions.)

In doing some research on a certain fish recently I came across mention of the fact that FAAS apparently had, as late as 1993, an "Article of the Year" publication awards category. This just predates my association with FAAS, so maybe someone else reading this can verify that this was so, as I have no recollection of

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8. Best Spawning Article – Under 500 Words

- 1 **Christian B. Homrich, Jr.** – *Breeding of the Gambusia affinis holbrooki* – *Swam* – SWMAS
- 2 **Chas Klinesteker** – *Gambusia Luma - The Clawed Mosquitofish* – *Swam* – SWMAS
- 3 **John Clark** – *Poecilia maylandi* – *All Wet Gazette* – MCAS

8a. Best Spawning Article – Under 500 Words-Junior–Level III-Age 14

1. **Ryan Piedhida** – *Poecilia enderi* – *All Wet Gazette* – MCAS

9. Best Spawning Article – 500-1000 Words

- 1 **Pam Chin** – *Neolamprologus savori* – *Cichlidae Communique* – PCCA
- 2 **Anthony Tu** – *Spawning Xenotilapia ochrogenys "utinta"* – *Cichlidae Commonique* – PCCA
3. **Carl Laurino** – *Nandopsis salvini* - *Pisces Press* – NCAS
3. **E. Ray Latham** – *Fun with Clynotilapia afra 'Yellow Bee'* – *Cichlidae Communique* – PCCA

9a. Best Spawning Article – 500-1000 Words-Junior-Level II-Age II

1. **Jennifer Hale** – *Breeding Livebearers* – *Reflector* – CNYAS

10. Best Spawning Article – More Than 1000 Words

- 1 **Chuck Rambo** – *Julidochromis regani 'Sambu'* – *Cichlidae Communique* – PCCA
- 2 **Alexander Priest** – *An Unusual and Different Mouthbrooder - Betta falix* – *Modern Aquarium* – GCAS
- 3 **Scott Womak** – *Spawning Hypselecara temporalis* – *Cichlid Chatter* – GCCA
- HM **Roger Hooks** – *Kenotilopia melanegenys* – *Cichlidae Communique* – PCCA
- HM **Alexander Priest** – *Put a Leopard in Your Tank* – *Modern Aquarium* – GCAS

11. Best Article on a Genus of Fish

- 1 **Pam Chin** – *Fear Factor Tropheus* – *Cichlidae Communique* – PCCA
- 2 **Richard C. Griffiths** – *Who or What are American Cichlids?* – *The Tropical News* – SAS

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11. Best Article on a Genus of Fish (con't)

- 3 Pat Hartman – *A Tale of Two Brachys* – SWAM – SWMAS

12. Best Article on a Species of Fish

- 1 Joe Middleton – *Purple Convicts of Panama* – *Cichlidae Communique* – PCCA
2 Alexander Priest – “*Queen of the Underworld Betta persephone, A Critically endangered species* – *Modern Aquarium* – GCAS
3 Susan Priest – *Love, Luck and the ‘Lonely Loach’* – *Modern Aquarium* – GCAS
HM Dennis Heltzel – *Bristelnose Cats – A Fun Family Fish* – *Tank Tales* – ACLC
HM Josh Link & Bob Link – *Cross River Cameroon Cichlid* – SWAM – SWMAS

13. Best Marine Article – Fish

- 1 Chris Cuarino – *Courtship and Spawning of the Wolf Eel Blenny - Congrogadus subducens* – *Fin Fax* – DCAS
2 Bernard Harrigan – *Spawning Clownfish* – *Modern Aquarium* – GCAS
3 Bill Carpenter – *SW Profile – Ocellaris Clown* – *The Scorched Tank* – DFC
HM Bill Carpenter – *SW Profile – Bangai Cardinal* – *The Scorched Tank* – DFC

14. Best Marine Article – Invertebrates

no entries

15. Best Continuous FAAS Column

- 1 Pat Smith – *FAAS Report* – *Pisces Press* – NCAS

16. Best Article on Aquascaping/Design

- 1 Arie Gilbert – *Making Light of a DIY Canopy Project* – *Pisces Press* – NCAS
2 Ed Millinger – *Tub Gardening* – *Fish Tales* – TCTFS
3 Pat Smith – *Setting Up a Simple Backyard Pond* – *Pisces Press* – NCAS
HM Victoria Bohme – *A Fish Home, Safer in a Tank!!!* – *Modern Aquarium* – GCAS

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Expired Or Expiring Memberships

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Southwestern Michigan Aquarium Society 6/05



Election Committee
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The above deadline is required to allow publication of the nominees in the November/December 2005 Federation Report. Hopefully there will not be any delay in member clubs receiving their copy and having time to present the slate to their members. I said this will be a crunch.

To allow member clubs as much time as possible to cast their ballots the next deadline will be December 31, 2005 for completed ballots to be returned to me. The results of the election will be published in the Federation Report as soon as possible.

All that remains to get business going again is for YOU to send in your nomination with a willingness to conduct FAAS affairs to the best of your ability. We need a few good people.



they can be forwarded to the newsletter editor for publication. This will save the additional time of retyping them.



Election Committee Special Election

Tony Berry
Chairman

At the July 16, 2005 Champaign Area Fish Exchange auction in Urbana, Illinois, I had a lengthy conversation with FAAS President, Jerry Montgomery, and FAAS Vice President, Roger Halleen. The discussions were primarily about board elections for directors whose terms expired December 31, 2004. The bottom line is total confusion.

It should be easy enough to get back on the right track. First, Jerry and Roger asked me to fill the Elections Committee vacancy. I had to weigh this responsibility long and hard due to other obligations. I will not give my word to do a job until I'm certain I will. After a careful reading of our Constitution and Bylaws, I notified Roger that I would accept the position.

Roger Halleen, Jan Benes, John Peterson and Mark Schmidt held terms that expired. There is doubt about the validity of their being reelected to terms ending December 31, 2003. To correct matters the Directors extended the terms of the four named above for one year to end December 31, 2005.

The Directors are calling for a special election of these four positions whose terms will expire on December 31, 2008. The election will be for three (3) years, and not four. This puts us on crunch time. Each and every member seeking election must get their nominations (please see Roger Halleen's Nomination Committee Report for specific details and where nominations need to be sent to). They must be submitted no later than **September 30, 2005**.

17. Best Article on Plant Maintenance/Cultivation/Reproduction (SR)

- 1 **Bernard Harrington** – *“Six Keys to an Aqua-Green Thumb”* – *Modern Aquarium* – GCAS
- 2 **Carol M. Ross** – *Java Moss* – *The Bucketette* – BCAS
- 3 **Carol M. Ross** – *Water Lettuce* – *The Bucketette* – BCAS

18. Best Show Article

- 1 **Pam Chin** – *Cichlids in Chicago, Cichlid Classic 2004* – *Cichlidae Communique* – PCCA
- 2 **Eric H. Hanneman, Ph.D.** – *Denver ACA 2004, A Wide Open Space Odyssey* – *Cichlidae Communique* – PCCA
- 3 **Pam Chin** – *Cichlids in Winnipeg, Aqua Expo 2004* – *Cichlidae Communique* – PCCA

19. Best Judging Article

no entries

20. Best “How-To” or “Do-It-Yourself” Article

- 1 **Lee R. Harper** – *Semi-continuous Water Replacement System for Aquaria* – *Fin Fax* – DCAS
 - 2 **Tony Berry** – *Fore More Than Killifish* – *Fish Tales* – TCTFS
 - 3 **Bill Carpenter** – *Adding CO² to Your Planted Tank* – *The Scorched Tank* – DFC
- HM **Ron Fabiny** – *Do-it-Yourself CO²* – *Reflector* – CNYAS

21. Best General Article on Society Management

- 1 **Warren Fever** – *100 Issues* – *Modern Aquarium* – GCAS
 - 2 **Susan Priest** – *Memoirs of a Proof Reader* – *Modern Aquarium* – GCAS
 - 3 **Mike Garibaldi** – *How To Have A Great Auction* – *Cichlid Chatter* – GCCA
- HM **Bob Earl** – *Truth in Auction* – *Reflector* – CNYAS

22. Best Article on Health/Nutrition

- 1 **Claudia Dickinson** – *They are what They Eat* – *Modern Aquarium* – GCAS
- 2 **Bernard Harrigan** – *Understanting Fish Nutrition* – *Modern Aquarium* – GCAS
- 3 **Greg Wooters** – *Raising Wingless Fruit Flies* – *Inseine News* – CAFE

22. Best Article on Health/Nutrition (con't)

- 3 Harry Faustmann – *Live Food Primer* – *Modern Aquarium* – GCAS
HM Rit Forcier – *Microworms My Way* – *Pisces Press* – NCAS

23. Best Collecting Article

- 1 Joe Middleton – *Purple Convists from Panama: A Lesson in Diversity* – *Cichlidae Communique* – PCCA
2 Richard C. Griffiths – *The Ichthyology Collection at Cornell University* – *The Tropical News* – SAS

24. Best Traveling Aquariist Article

- 1 Chuck Rambo – *Observations of Nimbochromis livingstoni in the Wild* – *Cichlidae Communique* – PCCA
2 Pam Chin – *Cichlids on the Road* – *Cichlidae Communique* – PCCA
3 Claudia Dickinson – *All Aquarium Catfish Convention 2004* – *Modern Aquatium* – GCAS

25. Best Humorous Article

- 1 Barbara White – *My Life as a Fish Wife* – *Cichlid Chatter* – GCCA
2 Robert J. Swartz – *Convict Cichlids (Cichlosoma nigrofasciatum)* – *The Buckette* – BCAS
3 Martha Volkoff – *King Meets Queen* – *The Tropical News* – SAS
HM Robert Taylor – *Help, My Cloan Loaches are Missing* – *Aquatic Digest* – ARVAS

25a. Best Humorous Article - Junior - Level II - Age 11

- 1 Jennifer Hale – *Hi, My Name is Gypsy* – *Reflector* – CNYAS

26. Best Original Artwork *

- 1 Bob Kuleas – *October 2004* – *Tank Tales* – ACLC
2 Bob Kuleas – *March 2004* – *Tank Tales* – ACLC
3 Pat Smith – *December 2004* – *Pisces Press* – NCAS
HM Bob Kuleas – *May 2004* – *Tank Tales* – ACLC

26a. Best Original Artwork (Junior - Level I - Age 5) *

- 1 Sean Welsh – *April 2004* – *Fin Fax* – DCAS

26a. Best Original Artwork (Junior - Level II - Age 11) *

- 1 Julie Hetestof – *June 2004* – *Fin Fax* – YATFS

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27. Best Cartoon *

- 1 Bob Kuleas – *September 2004* – *Tank Tales* – ACLC
2 Bob Kuleas – *November 2004* – *Tank Tales* – ACLC
3 Bob Kuleas – *December 2004* – *Tank Tales* – ACLC

28. Best Continuing Column – Single Author

- 1 Chuck Rambo – *Cichlid in the News* – *Cichlidae Communique* – PCCA
2 Pam Chin – *Ask Pam* – *Cichlidae Communique* – PCCA
3 Alexander Priest – *The Editor's Babblenest* – *Modern Aquarium* – GCAS
3. Susan Priest – *Wet Leaves* – *Modern Aquarium* – GCAS
HM Deborah Dano – *SAS Bites* – *The Tropical News* – SAS
HM Richard C. Griffiths – *I Remember When* – *The Tropical News* – SAS

29. Best Article – All Other Categories (not to be submitted anywhere else)

- 1 Kevin Plazak – *Why Bother with Cichlids?* – *Cichlid Blues* – PCCA
2 Richard Griffiths – *The Rio Tapajos, a Shrinking World, a Changing River* – *The Tropical News* – SAS
3 Deborah Dano – *Dreams in a Box* – *The Tropical News* – SAS
HM Dan Fromm – *Volunteers Volunteering Voluntarily* – *Fin Fax* – DCAS

29a. Best Article – All Other Categories (not to be submitted anywhere else) (Junior – Level II - Age 13)

- 1 Danielle Soberman – *My Dad, The Fisherman* – *Modern Aquarium* – GCAS

30. ARTHOR OF THE YEAR

PAM CHIN – *CICHLIDAE COMMUNIQUE* - PCCA

* Not considered for Arthor of the Year

