

Speakers

Dr. Brian Plankis is the founder and President of the Reef Stewardship Foundation, a non-profit organization with over 1,000 members in 30 states and 5 countries. He has a doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Houston, specializing in environmental education and instructional technology. His passions include helping slow the decline of coral reefs, communicating the urgent need to address environmental problems to the general public and finding environmentally responsible ways to maintain a reef aquarium. Brian kept freshwater tanks for 7 years and has had a least 1 saltwater tank since 2004. His aquarium interests include fish breeding, invertebrate identification/reproduction and coral propagation/reproduction.

Chris Moscarell has been keeping and breeding tropical fish for almost 30 years. While employed at a large wastewater treatment plant he worked with numerous manufacturers to perfect water treatment standards for specific applications. He translated much of that knowledge into his aquarium keeping skills, which allowed him the opportunity to create an array of different biotypes for the myriad type of fishes that he keeps and breeds. He currently maintains 66 aquariums from 15-150 gallons in his fish room. Most tanks are planted biotopes that house single species. He is an accomplished and breeder of South American Dwarf Cichlids, Discus, domestic and wild Angelfish, Corydoras and southeast Asian torrent Loaches. He has the distinction of being the first person to breed *Schistura cf. balteata* in captivity.

Ken Davis has been active in the hobby for 46 years, starting with introduced exotics caught behind his house in Tampa when he was 6. He keeps a variety of cichlids from Africa, Central and South America and many wild type and fancy livebearers and discus. He has owned a LFS, worked at a major university for 18 years and currently runs a fish hatchery, Fishfarm USA. He has been the President of the Atlanta Area Aquarium Society since 1998 as well as serving 2 terms as ACA BOT and Chairman of the Board in 1999. He was elected to the Board of Directors of The North American Discus Association in 2005 and has been a member of the ALA for many years.

Scott Arney has been active in the hobby for 40 years, starting with a metal framed tank and feeder guppies. He is now active in importing fish from South American and travels there 2 or 3 times a year collecting and looking for the more unusual and exotic fish types. He uses these fish to help supply the local Public Aquarium, the Catawba

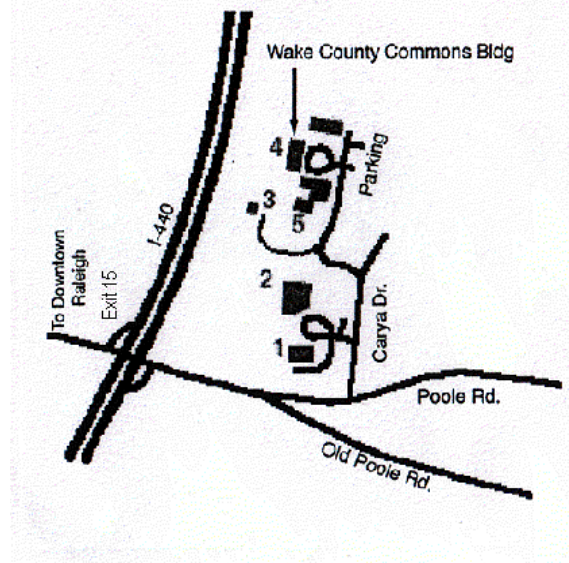
Science Center. He is a life member and past BOT member of the ACA. Besides being a member of RAS for the last 15 years, he is also a member of the ALA, Atlanta Area Aquarium Association, Charlotte Area Aquarium Society and helped to found the Western North Carolina Aquarium Society.

All Aquarium Hobbyists Welcome!

The Raleigh Aquarium Society invites you to attend our Twenty-sixth Annual Carolina Aquarium Workshop, one of the best and oldest regional aquarium conventions in the Southeast. We have an excellent line up of speakers with many years of experience representing many different aspects of the aquarium hobby. Our Workshop offers you the opportunity to get information, ask questions, and to share ideas or problems with other hobbyists. Past Workshops have had attendees from several other states, including Georgia, South Carolina, Maryland and Virginia.

The Workshop registration fee covers the Friday field trip and evening programs and Saturday daytime programs and exhibits. There is an extra charge for Saturday's dinner and speaker. There is no charge for Sunday's open auction. Anyone may bring items to be sold.

Many aquarium shops and manufacturers serving this region donated the aquarium equipment and supplies offered in the raffles and auction. We greatly appreciate the support the Workshop receives from these businesses.



Further information and speaker updates available at <http://www.raleighaquariumsociety.org>

The Raleigh Aquarium Society presents

The Carolina Aquarium

Workshop XXVI

June 11, 12 & 13, 2010

at

Wake County Commons

4011 Carya Drive

Raleigh, NC

Friday

Afternoon: Native Fish Collecting Trip

Brandon Berry - Reef Lighting &

Retrofit DIY: Get the Biggest Bang

for your Buck

Grace Romano & Carmalee Scarpitti –

Frag Demo and Frag Swap

B.J. Staton - How to Build an Acrylic

Sump - DIY Demo

Saturday

Joseph Granato, Jr. – Creating

Awesome Ponds and Water Gardens

Todd Wenzel – Characins..That's

Tetras for you in Rio Linda!

Scott Arney – All the Corys

(Identifying, Keeping and Breeding

Corydoras)

Dr. Brian Plankis – Setting up and

Maintaining an Economic & Eco-

friendly Reef

Ken Davis – The History of Discus in

the Hobby

Chris Moscarell – Blackwater Fish

John Patterson – Collecting in the

Amazon

Ray Lucas – Fish, Food, Fun & Friends

Sunday

*All day Giant Auction of Fish, Plants,
Accessories and much more!*

Schedule

Friday, June 11, 2010

12:30 pm Native Fish Collecting trip – Meet at Wake County Commons Bldg. and return by 5:30. Equipment provided, but bring dry clothes, boots/waders, buckets, & dip nets if you have them. Contact John Patterson at jrpatte@hotmai.com, 919-264-4011 to sign up or for further info.

6:30pm Registration
7:00pm **Brandon Berry** – Reef Lighting & Retrofit DIY: Get the Biggest Bang for your Buck
Grace Romano & Carmalee Scarpitti - Frag Demo and Frag Swap
8:00 pm **B.J. Staton** – How to Build an Acrylic Sump – DIY Demo

Saturday, June 12, 2010

8:30 am Registration Begins
9:00 am **Joseph Granato, Jr.** – Creating Awesome Ponds and Water Gardens
10:00am **Todd Wenzel** – Characins..That’s Tetras for you in Rio Linda
11:00pm **Scott Arney** – All the Corys (Identifying, keeping and breeding the Corydoras catfish)
12:00pm Lunch
1:00 pm **Dr. Brian Plankis** – Setting up and Maintaining an Economic and Eco-friendly Reef
2:00 pm **Ken Davis** – The History of Discus in the Hobby
3:00 pm **Christian Moscarell** – Blackwater Fish
4:00 pm **John Patterson** – Collecting in the Amazon
5:00 pm Break
6:00 pm Dinner – **Ray Lucas** – Fish, Food, Fun & Friends

Sunday, June 13, 2010

9:00 – 11:00 am Auction Registration Open
11:00 am Auction Begins

Registration & Contact Information

For information call Linda Twaddle 919-639-8520 or John Patterson 919-264-4011 or email address raleighaquariumsociety@yahoo.com.

Accommodations

Fairfield Inn 2641 Appliance Dr. (919) 856-9800
 Sleep Inn 2617 Appliance Dr. (919) 755-6005
 MainStay Suites Hotel, 2601 Appliance Dr. (919) 807-9970.

Speakers

Ray “Kingfish” Lucas has been a hobbyist for 48 years, starting at 13 breeding live bearing fish and quickly expanding into aquatic plants, then South American Cichlids, catfish, goldfish and Koi. He’s been active in numerous aquarium societies since the late 1950’s, including Buffalo Aquarium Society, Western NY Aquarium Society, FAAS, North American Breeders Guild, AGA, the Dead Fish Society and many more. Ray started Kingfish Services in 1989 to promote the hobby as a manufacturer’s spokesperson. Ray currently maintains 12 aquariums and 2 ponds.

Todd Wenzel has been keeping aquariums for over 40 years. Born in a Milwaukee suburb, he now lives near Raleigh, NC. He has an undergraduate degree in Fishery Science and a Masters in Zoology, specifically, fish immunology. Todd has worked for the Cooperative Extension Service and managed both a fish store and an aquaculture research center. He has spawned about 140 species of fish, both fresh and salt water. Todd has collected in Peru, Brazil and Jamaica (on his honeymoon). When he’s not playing with fish he competes as a national level target shooter or brews beer to keep sharp as he is also a certified beer judge.

Joseph Granato, Jr graduated 1993 with a degree in horticulture. He did his Internship at Lilypons Water Gardens in Buckeystown, Maryland. Joe started Star Ridge Aquatics November 1993 in Carthage, NC with an emphasis on Aquatic Plant Production. The business includes Retail, Wholesale as well as water garden and koi pond construction. The nursery consists of 5 acres of aquatic plant production, 3 greenhouses and 1 warehouse. 6 years ago he also started Carolina Reef Growers, a division of Star Ridge Aquatics, as a coral propagation and retail reef aquarium facility.

John Patterson is the owner of an aquaculture facility in North Carolina that specializes in the propagation of tropical species. He has bred many species of tetras, cichlids, catfish, barbs, invertebrates, and minnows. As a hobbyist, he also keeps and collects many North American native species. John has been keeping aquariums for over 20 years with a mix of both fresh and saltwater tanks over the years. He has been collecting and diving all over the US for both freshwater and salt water species. John has also been collecting in South America a number of times both in Amazon and non-Amazon drainages.

Twenty-sixth Annual Carolina Aquarium Workshop Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip _____

Phone: () _____

Email _____

If registering for more than one person please list all names or use additional forms.

No.	Description	Amount included
	Native Fish Trip *	No Charge*
	Registration - \$20.00 (individual or family)	
	Student Registration \$10.00	
	Pet Food Donation Discount - \$5.00	
	Dinner - \$20.00 each **	
	Dinner Children Under 12 - \$10.00 each**	
	Raleigh Aquarium Society membership \$15 includes family	
	Total. Make check payable to “Raleigh Aquarium Society”	

* Workshop registration required for the Native Fish Collecting trip. See Friday schedule for more info.
 ** Banquet Dinner, early registration encouraged for the dinner due to limited space.

Send to:
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