

June, 2020 - Missouri Aquarium Society Newsletter

Changes to address COVID 19



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S TANK

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and rioting! With not having meetings, time sure passes fast and its easy to forget to do things. With that being said there are a couple things we are hoping to do; Zoom meetings, webinars, monthly on-line fish shows and possibly even an outdoor auction! We are all working hard to keep things going for our fishy friends.

We have also (which you will see in this issue) modified, temporarily, the rules for the Horticultural Award Program so you can still be active and are considering similar for BAP.

We have talked about hosting a convention here, and now we will be having 2!! It looks like we will be hosting the AKA (American Killifish Association) Convention in June of 2021 and the ACA (American Cichlid Association) Convention in July 2021! What a great year 2021 is looking to be!! Let us know what you think.

Send in your comments, suggestions and ideas of how we can continue growing our club.

Keep looking below water....

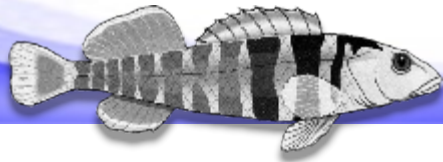
What is happening in 2020?

What a crazy year it has been!! First (and still going on) the Coronavirus and then the protesting, looting

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Your Missouri Aquarium Society Membership is now worth twice as much!

MASI Memberships purchased in 2020 will not expire until January 1, 2022!!

Several MASI spring events had to be called off because of COVID and although we don't know when they may be resumed, the MASI Executive Council voted at their May Zoom Council meeting to extend all MASI 2020 memberships through two years. This means that any membership paid up in 2020 at the regular rate of \$15 per year, either new or a renewal, will automatically be extended through 2021 at no additional charge.

2020 Members will get:

- More than the full complement of quarterly auctions,
- 2 National St Louis Conventions in 2021:
 - American Killifish Association
 - American Cichlid Association
- Up to 12 issues of The DARTER with Fishy articles
- Up to 2 years of discounts at some Local Fish Shops
- And Double all other benefits of a paid membership!



If you have not renewed your 2019 membership or know someone you think should be trying the club, now is the time to join or renew.

Any 2020 memberships will automatically be extended till January 1, 2022 and you will receive a reminder to renew again only as that time approaches.

MASI was very close to surpassing 200 memberships at the end of 2019, we hope this extension will cause long term members who let their memberships lapse because of the uncertainty of a COVID future renew and bring us back up to full membership.

We are planning additional activities using Social media and Webinars you'll want to take part in so join or renew soon! Because of the lack of Face-2-Face meetings we urge you to renew using PayPal from the [MASI Membership page](#). You do not need a PayPal account, secure payment may be made with any valid Credit Card.

Want to continue to get the DARTER 6x per year for 2 years?

Don't Forget to Join/Renew your MASI membership!!

Membership through 2021 is only \$15 and includes an electronic subscription to The Darter published six times per year. While F2F meetings are suspended, join or renew membership by PayPal from the MASI [Website's Membership Page](#) or by contacting Ed Millinger, Membership Chair, at 573-883-9943 or Email: amazoneddy1@yahoo.com.

Help MASI Support the Aquarium Hobby!

Support Locally by shopping our supporters.

Support Nationally & Internationally by supporting the MASI Challenge.



HAP Temporary Rule Change



For the duration of the COVID 19 outbreak, we will suspend the requirement that for vegetative reproduction credit one must donate plantlets, cuttings or plants for auction at a MASI General Meeting or at one of the quarterly MASI auctions.

Instead, a member can now submit by Email:

1. HAP form
2. Photo of the propagated plant -a cell phone photo is fine
3. Short, approximately 200 word, article about the plant and how the entrant propagated it.



These 3 items must be submitted for each species/variety for which HAP credit is being sought. All three items can be submitted in one email. These 200 word articles do not replace the required articles for level advancement in the program, which are more extensive.

Rules for submitting a photo of a bloom for bloom credit; and for submitting a photo of the bloom, fruit, seed and seedling for sexual reproduction credit remain unchanged as these can already be submitted electronically.

Forms, photos and articles should be submitted to me using the following email:

HAPReports@missouriaquariumsociety.com

Thanks,

Mike Hellweg

HAP forms are available from the [HAP page of the MASI Website](#) or by clicking the HAP-form icon below my photo above. They can be filled out using the FREE Adobe Reader DC which can be found at <https://acrobat.adobe.com/us/en/acrobat/pdf-reader.html> or by clicking this Icon:





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Bowl Show

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The Missouri Aquarium Society's **NEW Virtual Bowl Show** Combining our Monthly Bowl Show with Social Media



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Social Media

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MASI ONLINE BOWL SHOW

These rules for the Bowl show are intended to be similar to F2F rules with the following changes to facilitate being online versus in person. Each month, in the stated category, 1st, 2nd & 3rd places will be chosen by the Judges from the photos submitted. In addition a People's Choice will be chosen by viewers of our FaceBook Group Social Media posts.

- Judges' and Show Chair's decisions are final.** Judges are chosen by the Show and Social Media Chairmen and may change from month to month. Judging will be according to the guidelines normally used for bowl shows as listed on the MASI website.
<http://www.missouriaquariumsociety.com/monthlybowl.htm>
- By entering the contest, you give MASI permission** to use submitted photos in our social media groups, our newsletter: The Darter, or for other uses.
- Photo must have been taken by you,** of a fish/ plant/ other, that you have owned for at least 60 days before photographing. Photos must also have been taken in the same calendar year as the contest, and or at least the last 6 months. You must still own the fish at the time it is entered, and until the end of that month's contest.

If ownership, authenticity, or time frame of the photo is questionable, Judges and Show chair can ask for more photos privately to prove that fish / plant / other is yours and still in your possession.
- Submitted with EACH entry will be the following....**
 - Owner's real name***
 - Fish / Plant / Others- **Scientific and common name.**
 - Age & Sex of the fish / plant / other .**
 - Current tank size and other species** the fish / plant / other is currently living with.

*Used to tally Fishy Bucks and other club record keeping. If submitted with an alias, either Holly or Chris must be notified privately with the special circumstances as why

the real name can not be used or the entry will be disqualified.

- Participation is open to everyone,** but up to date dues paying MASI members** will be awarded FISHY BUCKS (\$FB), as follows...

- All Entries earn **1 Fishy Buck.**
- Third Place earns 3 Fishy Bucks.** (Chosen by the Judges)
- Second Place earns 4 Fishy Bucks.** (Chosen by the Judges)
- First Place** (Chosen by the Judges) & **Peoples' Choice** (Chosen by the viewers on Social Media) **earn 5 Fishy Bucks each.** If they are the same fish this would be a total of 10 \$FB.

**MASI Paid Membership is available online at - <http://www.missouriaquariumsociety.com/membership.htm>, and comes with multiple benefits including, access to F2F club programs and social events, ability to enter the HAP & BAP programs, discounts at some LFS's, 6X yearly Darter newsletter, early access as F2F auction seller, accumulation of Fish Bucks used only at special MASI Reward Auctions, members only annual uncommon fish sale, etc.

- Peoples Choice will be calculated by** tallying all positive reactions (likes, cares or hearts) below each photo. Other reactions buttons will not count. In the Event of a tie, a second vote held for 24 hrs - not to exceed 48 hrs, will be announced.

- All are monthly contests run during the calendar month,** starting on approximately the 1st, and ending at 11:59 on the 25th of each month.

Late entries will be deleted, and commenting closed on the thread to gives the Judges and the Show chair time to review and properly judge them.



JUNE BOWL SHOW- PHOTO THREAD- Post your entries HERE...

[< ^ LINKED](#)



8. **There will be 2 Monthly classes**, as listed in the show categories. One is a standard category, (Marked class A), one is an extra or fun category (marked class B), to keep things interesting, and allow for a wide range of opportunities. Each category will have its own pinned thread in the announcements, in the MASI Facebook Discussions group.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MissouriAquariumSociety/> This group is public, and can be seen by anyone, however, only members of the group can post.
9. **Each person can enter 5 photos each month**, between the 2 classes- total. This number may change in the future, depending on participation, as per Judges and Show chairs authority.
10. **This membership participation activity of the " Bowl Show " will run as long** as Show Chair, Chris Mohrle, & Social Media - Holly Paoni deem it is needed during and after the Covid pandemic.

SHOW CLASSES

JUNE -

Class A - Characins: Tetras, Pencilfish, Piranhas, Pacu, Silver Dollars, etc.

Class B - Bare Essentials. Fish that are 1 solid color, including finnage.

JULY -

Class A - Catfish, all types except cories (See April).

Class B - Outdoor aquarium aquascapes. (Includes tubs, containers, ponds)

AUGUST -

Class A- Wild type and standard finnage Livebearers

Class B- Tubs, Containers & Pond plants and ' scapes.

SEPTEMBER -

Class A- New World Cichlids

Class B - Fish raised outdoors for the summer season. (pond, tub, containers, tanks)

Please show in a flat sided clear containers, with the outdoor container visible in your entry photo.

OCTOBER -

Class A - Rainbowfish & Blue eyes

Class B - Giant Fish, fish that are 12 inches or more.

NOVEMBER -

Class A- Cyprinids: Barbs, Danios, Rasboras, Minnows, Goldfish

Class B - Your Favorite tool or hobby gadget

DECEMBER -

Class A- Anabantoids: Bettas, Gouramis, Ctenopomas, etc. (Excludes fancy finned bettas)

Class B - Holiday inspired tanks

JANUARY -

Class A - Aquatic Critters/ Oddballs Sharks, Loaches, Eels, Oddballs, and fully aquatic Amphibians

Class B - Shrimp & Snails

FEBRUARY -

Class A - Old World Cichlids

Class B - Hobby Related Art. Must be made by person entering, and still own the artwork.

MARCH -

Class A- Killies & Ricefish

Class B - Natural Aquascapes. (Use of driftwood, rocks, and live plants)

APRIL -

Class A- Cories. Includes Aspidoras, Brochis, Corydoras and Scleromystax catfish .

Class B - Fancy Finned Bettas

MAY -

Class A - Fancy Finned livebearers

Class B - Unnatural aquascapes. (Legos, toys, fake plants, etc.)



MASI 2020 Challenge Extended through 2020 & 2021!!



CONSERVATION FISHERIES
PRESERVING THE SOUTHEAST'S AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY
KNOXVILLE, TN



CFI is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization in Knoxville, Tennessee. Founded in 1986 and incorporated in 1992, CFI is dedicated to the **preservation of aquatic biodiversity** in our streams and rivers. Over nearly 30 years they have developed techniques to propagate more than 65 nongame fish, including some of the **most imperiled species** in the southeastern United States. They were the first facility in the Southeast to propagate rare, non-game fishes for recovery work.

CFI's primary goal is to **restore fish populations** that have been eliminated because of pollution or habitat destruction. However, CFI also produces many rare or difficult-to-collect species for other purposes related to aquatic conservation.

Conservation Fisheries is most proud of the region's freshwater fish diversity, which includes more than 400 species, many of them threatened or imperiled.



New ways to Help MASI exceed our goal of supporting this Native Fish Resource are forthcoming.

SHOP HOPPING - St Louis Area, 2020



These Local Fish Shops (LFS) help introduce hundreds of people to the Aquatic Hobby every day.

They also help the Missouri Aquarium Society reach those hobbyists and keep them engaged by promoting our programs. **Support their programs too!**

Happy Fish Shopping!

The Missouri Aquarium Society

Local Fish Shop	Location	Phone
AquaWorld, Gravois	St Louis, MO	(314) 772-0100
AquaWorld, Manchester	Ellisville, MO	(636) 391-0100
Corals-n-More	St Charles, MO	(636) 757-3684
Give Shops a Call or Order On-Line where available		
Malawi Aquatics	Florissant, MO	(314) 830-6460
Midwest Tropical Fish	Jerseyville, IL	(618) 946-7408
Pet Connection	St Louis, MO	(314) 773-7387
Petco, N Lindburgh	Florissant, MO	(314) 839-5136
Sailfin Pet Shop	Champaign, IL	(217) 352-1121
Saltwater Paradise	Fairview Heights, IL	(618) 514-9571
Seascape Studios	St Louis, MO	(314) 843-3636
Tropical World Pets	Webster Groves, MO	(314) 849-4020

