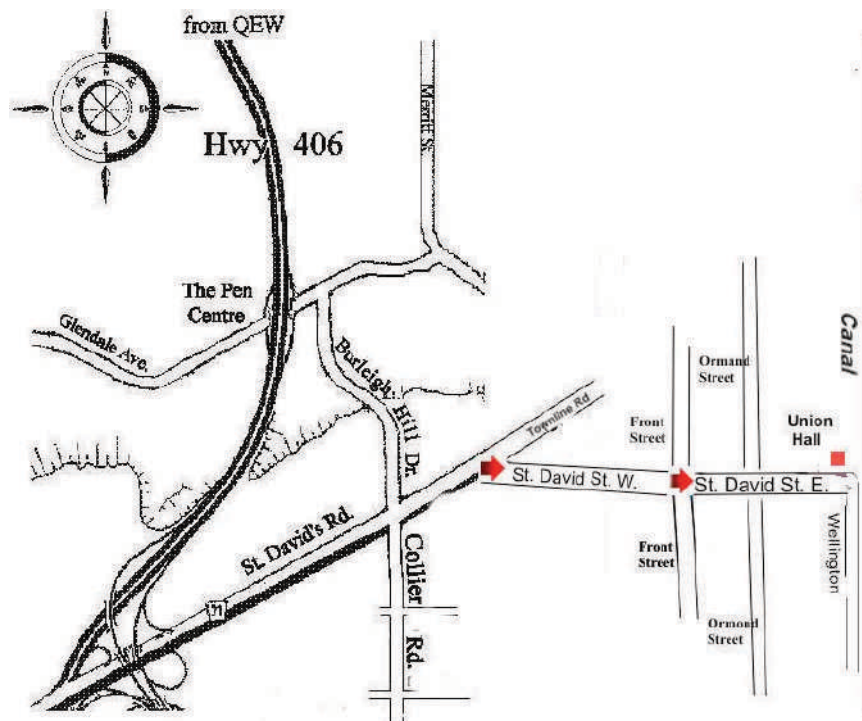


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Jar Show F.O.M.

- September Goldfish
- October Danios, Barbs & Tetras
- November Cichlids (any type)
- December. No Specific Fish of the Month – Open to All Types
- January Plants
- February Loaches & Sharks
- March Swords, Platies, Mollies
- April Anabantids including Gouramis and Bettas
- May Guppies
- June Corys & Catfish (including plecos)
- OPEN CLASS EVERY MONTH



November Program

On Monday, November 5th, Bob Wright will deliver the "Collecting and Keeping Native Fish: Do's and Don'ts" presentation. Bob has been keeping fish since the age of 8. He has been interested in native fish for the last decade, and has been a member of the North American Native Fish Association for many years. As an avid collector of fish books, currently Bob has a library of over a 1,000 books.

Regular Jar Show, Mini Auction, Raffles to follow.

Last Month's Meeting Minutes

- 7:15 Meeting Called to Order
- B.A.P. Report - several awards handed out to Andrew Fruck
- A.H.A.P. Report - several awards handed out Andrew Fruck and Ernest Bitimkirov
- Library Report - Aqualog L# Pleco Book in Library
- Oct 14 - Waterloo show and auction
- Oct 28 - Peel show and auction
- St Catharines auction will be held Nov. 4th
- Chris Hudson "Introduction to Keeping Jellyfish" presentation.
- Mini auction held
- 9:15 Meeting adjourned

Upcoming Events

4- St. Catharines Aquarium Society Auction - details are to follow

4 - CAOAC Executive Meeting 10:00 General meeting will follow NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE; IT WILL BE AT THE ST. CATHARINES AUCTION

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Pat's Presidential Message

Welcome to you all, it was good to see so many member attend our October meeting. We had 49 in attendance at that meeting! Chris Hudson delivered a very interesting presentation on keeping jellyfish. I know myself I learned a lot from this and possibly sometime in the future will attempt to keep them.

As I prepare this message we are a week away from our annual fall auction on November 4, 2018 at the hall. If you are able to help out the club for any or all of the day it would be greatly appreciated. This is our largest fundraiser for the year which allows us to continue to bring in interesting speakers throughout the year. The doors open at 8 AM with the auction starting sharply at 10 AM. I find that there is always some interesting fish or aquarium related items at our auction.

Our November club meeting is the day after the auction where Bob Wright will deliver the "Collecting and Keeping Native Fish: Do's and Don'ts" presentation. We will begin the meeting at 7:30 PM sharp so please try to make it to the hall a few minutes early.

I hope to see you at our auction on November 4 and at our meeting on November 5 at 7:30 PM.

Thank you

Pat

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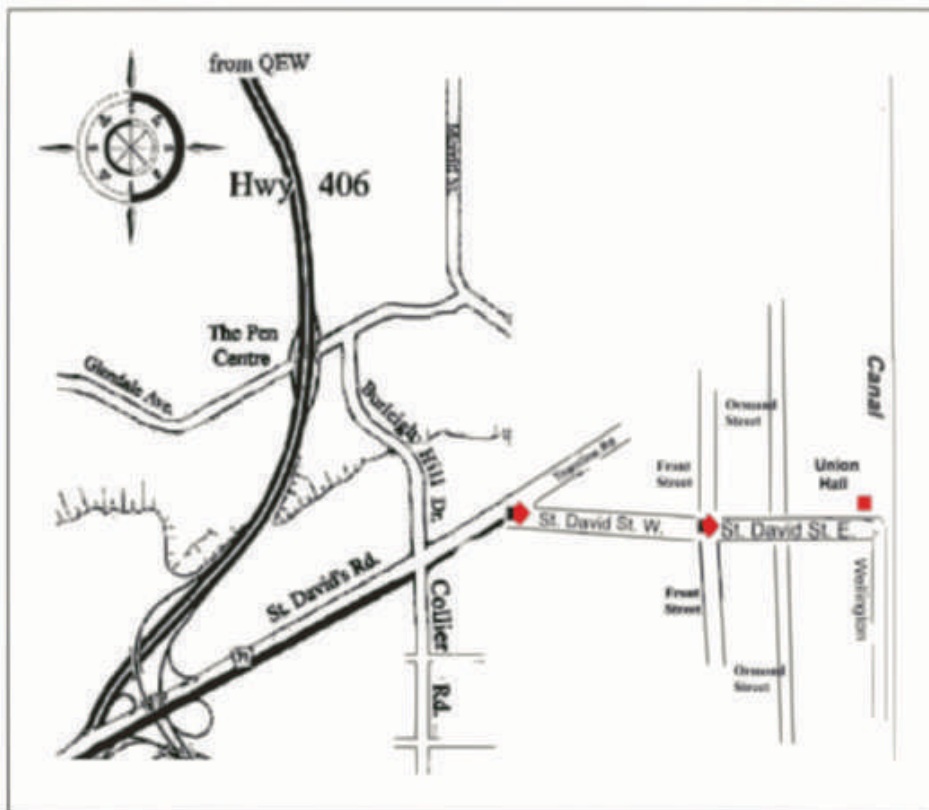
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Prohibited Species in Ontario

It has been brought to my attention that in past auctions there have been a prohibited species of crawfish, as well as a prohibited species of plant up for auction.

The Common Yabby - *Cherax destructor* is a prohibited species in Ontario.

> This species carries a possible fine of up to \$250,000 for each specimen.

> *Egeria* has been seen at one of the last auctions, this plant species carries the same possible fine.

For more information on the Invasive Species Act and Regulations visit www.ontario.ca/invasionON.



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C.A.O.A.C. Update

From Phil Barrett

The October C.A.O.A.C. meeting was held Sunday the 14th during the Kitchener club's October fish show and auction. The meeting was informal and nothing was voted on. There was some beginning talk of how to update and make the speakers page of the caoac website improved and more user friendly.

With the upcoming federal ban on antibiotics for fish being sold in pet stores and only by a veterinarian an information statement to be released by C.A.O.A.C was discussed.

More information was released on a great fundraising opportunity given to C.A.O.A.C by the Canadian pet expo. As a non profit organization fish will be able to be sold to help raise funds.

Help is needed with fish rescue in Ontario, it was suggested that each club help re home unwanted fish in their area as some volunteers have driven distances of over 100km to pick up rather average fish.

It could be turned into a promotion for the club, trying to sell people on the idea that the club promotes responsible fish ownership and not dumping of fish. Which we of course do support.

The November C.A.O.A.C meeting will be held at 10am the the day of our auction, with hope that a few more people will come sit in on part of the meeting and see what's happening.

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Executive Meeting Minutes

- 7:10 Call to Order
- Discussed jobs for upcoming auction
- Delegated jobs for auction
- Advertising for auction to be done through Facebook, Website and Kijiji
- T-shirt submissions voted on, and T-shirt design was chosen
- \$685 has been received in membership fees
- \$5987.24 in account
- Discussed the start time for our monthly meeting. Upcoming meeting start time will be 7:30 until it is finalized.
- 8 45 End time

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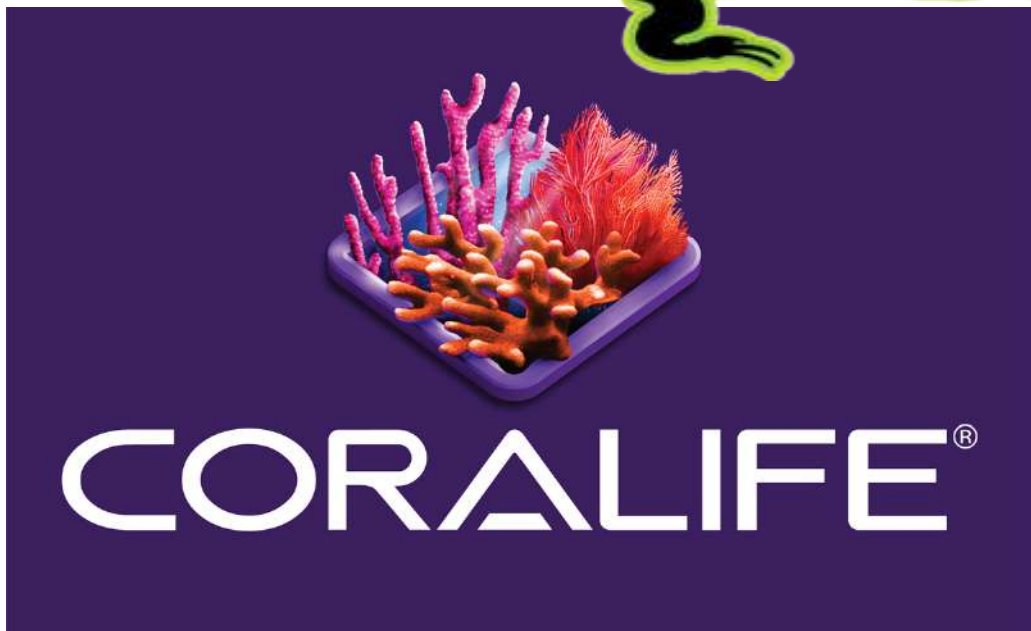
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Last Month's Awards

BAP AWARDS

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Andrew Fruck

- Herichthys tepehua (Turquoise Cichlid) 10 pts
- Xiphophorus helleri (Swordtails) 5 pts
- Xiphophorus maculatus (Platys) 5 pts
- Xiphophorus variatus (Variatus Platys) 5 pts
- Labidochromis caeruleus (Yellow Lab) 10 pts
- Poecilia reticulata (Guppy) 5 pts
- Poecilia sphenops (Black Molly) 5 pts
- Pseudotropheus demasoni 10 pts
- Poecilia wingei (wingei) 5 pts

Ernest Biktimirov

- Xiphophorus helleri (Swordtails) 5 pts

Congratulations!

Tom Bridges

BAP Chairperson



OAA AWARDS

PRESENTED LAST MEETING

Andrew Fruck

Neocaridina heteropoda (Blue Diamond Shrimp) 10pts

Tom Bridges

OAA Chairperson

A.H.A.P AWARDS

PRESENTED LAST MEETING

Andrew Fruck

Ernest Biktimirov

Andrew Fruck

A.H.A.P. Chairperson

The A.H.A.P. Program

A Brief Explanation By: Andrew Fruck

As the new A.H.A.P co-ordinator I wanted to briefly explain the A.H.A.P program. The A.H.A.P program was designed to recognize plant enthusiasts who have successfully reproduced plants in their ponds, and aquariums. Some of these plants are easy to reproduce, while others may take more work and experience.

Please remember some plants reproduce through seeds, some through cuttings such as stem plants, while others grow baby plants on them such as sword plants, and others such as some water lilies reproduce via a rhizome.

In order to qualify for an A.H.A.P certificate you must have the reproduction verified by the A.H.A.P coordinator and the form filled out. Once this has been done, a certificate will be issued.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Words From the Editor Guy

Who's looking forward to the auction? I sure am and I am hoping to see a good turn out for this event. This will be the first one of our auctions that I will be able to make it to! I can't wait to see what all is up for auction as you never know what might be there.

Then the following night will be our meeting where Bob Wright will deliver his presentation on a subject that intrigues me very much and hopefully answers lots of questions I have had for years.

Next month I am hoping to pop a couple articles in the scat on the plants that seem to be taking over all of my tanks, along with some photos. I am also looking for some member submitted articles as always. What do you keep? What have you had great success with in your aquariums? Anything unusual?

Looking forward to seeing everyone if not at the auction then at the meeting.

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