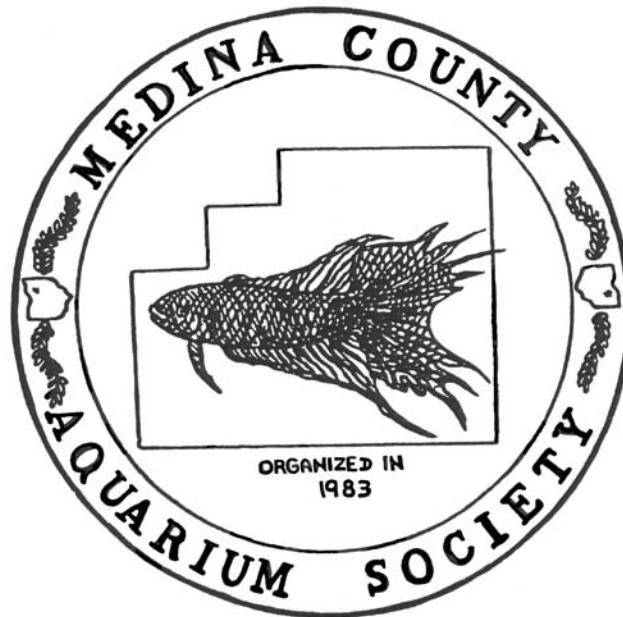


ALL WET GAZETTE

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Medina County Aquarium Society

People helping people learn about aquariums, fish and plants



Meeting date: February 10th 2006

**** Speaker: Dan McMonigle***

**** Meeting topic: Show-n-Tell plant workshop***

**** Bowl Show: February Classes:***

- 1. Single tail goldfish**
- 2. Double tail goldfish**
- 3. RedFish**

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

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We are an all-species club. Our membership covers all aspects and levels of the tropical fish hobby. We welcome all, singles, families, and seniors to this diverse club.

So please come join us in this great hobby and club. You will not be disappointed

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At the Medina County Aquarium Society.

We meet every 2nd Friday of each month at: 8PM

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

3355 Medina Rd. (Rt. 18)

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PREZ SEZ:

GREETINGS ONE AND ALL WELL, WASN'T THAT A GREAT TALK LAST MONTH DONE BY ORIN MCMONIGLE. IF YOU DIDNT COME, WELL YOU MISSED A GREAT TALK, ASK MARY SHE WENT HOME WITH A NEW PET HAHHAHA. ORIN WAS SO WELL VERSED AND KNOWLEDGABLE. THANK FOR A GREAT TIME ORIN. WE REALLY ENJOYED IT.

THIS MONTH WE HAVE A PLANT PRESENTATION BY OUR OWN DAN MCMONIGLE. NOT JUST ANY PLANT TALK EITHER. EVERYBODY'S GONNA GET HANDS ON LEARNING EXPERIENCE. WE'RE GONNA TRY TO IDENTIFY, BAG AND TAG THESE PLANTS. SOMETHING LIKE A WORKSHOP. THEN WE GET TO BID ON THESE BEAUTIES AT THE END OF THE MEETING . SO IF YOU LIKE PLANTS AND WHO DOES'NT YOU NEED TO BE THERE. THESE ARE SPECIAL PLANTS FLOWN ALL THE WAY IN FROM OUR FRIEND PETE MANG AT THE FISH PLACE IN BUFFALO NEW YORK. ALSO KNOWN AS LOTSO FISH ON AQUABID. DONT MISS IT. GET AWAY FROM THAT TV AND JOIN US FOR A GOOD TIME. BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO GENE GORE AND HIS FAMILY. BILL BILSKI AND HIS FAMILY. CHARLIE AND JOHN SUK AND THEIR FAMILIES. THEY ALL LOST SOMEONE VERY DEAR TO THEM RECENTLY. OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO THEM.

WE STILL HAVE A FEW OPENINGS FOR POSITIONS IN THE CLUB. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THIS IS YOUR CLUB, YOU CAN MAKE IT WHAT YOU WANT. NOWS YOUR CHANCE.

THE PREZ

Bowl Show By Mary J. Fox

Happy Valentines Day! What a wonderful time of the year this is. Spring is right around the corner and then... The show season is here. What does Phil know. These little bowl shows are a great way to sneak into the show spirit and begin to get all your fish in tip-top shape for the large shows. Last month was a little slow on the bowl show entries, so anyone can jump right in. All the entries were from Cathy and Charlie Suk and they lead the way with 11 points.

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MCAS wants to give our best to the families of Gene Gore, Bill Bilski and Charlie Suk. All have lost family members in the past month. We extend our deepest sympathies to you and your families.

From The Editor:

I believe that the bap and hap are much closer this month. Please review these 2 things to check your status. If there is anything that needs updated please e-mail me at Aquaman121@verizon.net

We have several positions that we need help with. Dan S. would really like to turn over the Treasury, he has done an outstanding job for our club but wishes to step down. If anyone could help in this position Dan has it very streamlined and it will be an easy transition. We also need help with refreshments, if you can bring in a baked good for the general meeting that will be most appreciated.

**Horticulture Award Program
By Ken Walker**

We had a propagation last month:
Orin McMonigle with Java Moss.

The standings are:

Pattenaude, Thorney	860 pts. *
McMonigle's	840 pts
Wallrath, Linda	340 pts*
Patrick, Robert	130 pts*
Walker, ken	110pts *
Clark, John	100 Pts
Grey, Don	100 pts*
Hazenstab, Carl	80 pts
Yates, Craig	60 pts*
Bilski's	10 pts
Shubert, Jessie	10 pts
McMonigle, Orin	10 pts

One's with * behind their points need to turn in articles to finish their plateaus.

I know this HAP is incorrect. I have not had the opportunity to update it at this point. If you see a mistake please e-mail me and I can get it corrected.

Aquaman121@verizon.net

MCAS PROGRAMS FOR 2006

- FEB DAN MCMONIGLE**
AQUATIC PLANTS
BOARD MEETING AT CHURCH 7
PM
- MAR PAUL TURLEY**
CATFISH
BOARD MEETING AT CHURCH 7
PM
- APR KEN MCGILL,**
OHIO NATIVE FISHES
- MAY PETE MANG TBA**
- JUNE TBA**
- JULY PICNIC**
- AUG TBA**
- SEPT PAUL TURLEY**
CATFISH PART II
- OCT TBA-ELECTIONS**
- NOV TBA**
- DEC CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Breeder's Award Program
By Ken walker**

This past month we had a new spawn,
Bill Bilski with Steatacranus tinanti.
Way to go Bill.

Supreme Grand Master +3 Breeder	100 spawns + 22 articles	
Supreme Grand Master +2 Breeder	90 spawns + 20 articles	
Pattenaude, Thorney	213	20
Supreme Grand Master +1 Breeder	80 spawns + 18 articles	
Supreme Grand Master Breeder	70 spawns + 16 articles	
Grand Master Breeder	60 spawns + 14 articles	
Master Breeder	50 spawns + 12 articles	
Expert Breeder	40 spawns + 10 articles	
Specialist Breeder	30 spawns + 8 articles	
Don & Michele Grey	130	8
Accomplished Breeder	20 spawns + 6 articles	
Novice Breeder	10 spawns + 4 articles	
Clark, John	14	7
McMonigle, Dan	54	4
Ken Walker	29	4
Beginner Breeder	5 spawns + 2 articles	
NEED ARTICLES OR SPAWNS TO RECEIVE PLAQUE		
Joe Reich	29	0
Bilski, Bill & Jan	22	0
Patrick, Robert	11	0
Dale Fuller	9	0
Wallrath, Linda	11	0
Yates, Craig	3	0
Jessie Shubert	2	0
Mike Neelon	1	0
Kendra Walker	1	0

I believe I am close on the bap if you feel there is a mistake please get with me at the general meeting or drop me an e-mail. KW

We do have a couple of new supporters.

Strongsville Pet Emporium. Located at:
15151 Pearl Rd ,Strongsville, Ohio 44136
440-572-3474

They have been gracious enough to take out a business card ad that will start appearing in the March newsletter.

Also Pete Mang the owner of The Fish Place in N.Tonowanda New York has agreed to take out a business card ad that will also appear in the March newsletter

The Fish Place is located at:
141 Robinson Street
N.Tonawanda, New York
e-mail at Pete at:
petemang54@aol.com

Heterandria formosa **by John C. Clark**

If you are one of the clubs members looking to spawn a livebearer ,but don't have a lot of room, I've got the fish for you. You can put 2 or even 3 pairs of Heterandria formosa in a 5 gallon tank. These miniature livebearers happen to be one of the smallest if not THE smallest of all the livebearers.

They can be found in the Southeastern section of our own country. They are found in small quiet ponds, very calm and slow moving creeks, and in ditches along back roads.

The female is very large when compared to the male. The male may reach and I repeat may reach 1 inch. On the other hand the female can exceed 1 ½ inches in size. Personally I have never seen a male over ¾ of an inch in size and females never quite a full 1 inch.

The color of these native livebearers is not flashy, but not that bad either. They have a very dark brown back with their sides a greenish to brown shading. The belly is a off white almost cream in

color. They also have a black strip that starts at the nose and extends back all the way to the caudal fin. There is also very faint vertical bars on the sides of these guys. The dorsal fin also carries a black spot very near where the fin and body meet.

Temperature for these livebearers can vary , from 65 to 80 degrees. But my experiences is for breeding purposes 78 to 80 degrees is the best. I kept these fish for about 3 years. I found that when the temperature drops so does the libido. But just raise the temp and the water is not the only thing that gets heated up.....

Now we come to the fry. As you may have guessed they are very small , but quite hardy. The tanks I kept my H. formosa in was always covered in duckweed. This provided cover for the fry and something for the adults to nibble on instead of the fry. When the females start to drop her fry she will do so at a rate of maybe 2 or more a day until she is finished. This can mean she will drop fry for a week or more.

Feeding was never a problem with these little guys ,unlike some of the other small species they flourished . I usually started them off on a liquid fry food. Then in about a week I started them on very, very fine flake food. Just like adults I varied their diet from day to day. I believe that the more varied the diet of the fish the better it is for that fish. Just remember you are dealing with a very small fry so make sure the diet you select is the correct and proper one for their stature.....

Like I said at the beginning this fish could be just the one your looking for , so try them I think you will be pleasantly surprised.....

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