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**General Meetings** are held at the  
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**General Meetings**  
Sep. 23,  
Oct. 28, Nov. 18

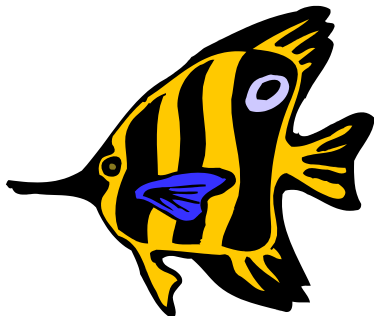
**Board of Directors Meetings**  
7 p.m. at Elmer's Aquarium in  
Monroeville:  
Oct 10, Nov 7

All members and suggestions for  
discussion are welcome. Contact a board  
member for meeting confirmation.

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## Upcoming GPASI Events



### September Meeting

The September meeting will be held at the  
Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium on  
Friday, September 23.

The meeting will start at 7:15 sharp, so please  
be at the Aquarium by 7:00 p.m.  
Refreshments will be served. Park (for free) in  
the lower lot at the zoo. Unlike past years, our  
meeting will take place entirely in the  
Aquarium, near the Amazon tank.

Important note: **There will NOT be an auction (we aren't allowed to bring  
live animals onto zoo grounds).** Please save your fish for our big October  
auction.

We will have an appreciation ceremony for some of the club's long-standing  
local sponsors, and then we'll get behind-the-scenes tours of the PPG  
Aquarium courtesy of Curator Allan Marshall and his staff.

### Fall Auction

Please join us for our fall auction on Sunday, October 9. It's an opportunity to  
catch up with friends and get some great deals on fish, plants, and supplies.

We always need volunteers to help with running bags at the auction, cooking,  
and taking care of paperwork. Please consider helping out for a few hours.

You can find more details about the auction on page 3.

### October Meeting

October 28: Linda Wallrath on "Extreme Cichlids." Linda will show a video  
and discuss her experiences as a cichlid keeper. She lives in Cleveland, Ohio,  
and been in the hobby off and on since she was a child. For the last nine years,  
she's been concentrating on cichlids, especially her favorites, the Aulonocara.  
She has twenty-two species of peacocks. In all, Linda has eighty-four species  
of cichlids in one hundred forty tanks. She also breeds catfish, livebearers, and  
propagates aquarium plants. Linda will also bring fish to be donated to the  
club.

### November Meeting

Program TBA

# GPASI Auction

Sunday, October 9 at noon

Registration starts at 10:00

Fish, Plants, Supplies, Raffle

Snacks and Sandwiches

North Hampton Volunteer Fire Hall

5149 North Pioneer Rd., Gibsonia, PA 15044

Registration will open at 10:00. Non-registered buyers must pay cash at the time of sale. Registered buyers must leave collateral in the form of a driver's license or id card and will be able to run a tab during the auction. Accounts must be paid in full at the end of the auction by cash or check. The auction will start promptly at 12:00. Refreshments will be available. We need volunteers to help with running and paperwork

## Seller's Rules

1. Split is 70% to the seller and 30% to GPASI.
2. The auction will use the FAAS (Federation of American Aquarium Societies) "Ten Table Method." (Bags are to be numbered sequentially and sold in order to last digit, i.e. bags 1, 11, 21, 31, ...go on Table 1 and all of Table 1 is sold before Table 2, etc.)
3. Seller's proceed checks will be mailed within two weeks of the auction.
4. NO PRIVATE SALES. 5. NO MINIMUM BIDS.
6. Sellers are limited to the following:
  - a. No more than 5 bags of any single species, color strain, or item type.
  - b. Double bag your fish in proper fish bags (not Ziplock bags or Baggies): You can buy bags from your local fish store or from GPASI members. Air should fill and inflate about 2/3 of the bag. The first bag should be inverted and then placed in the outer bag. This will prevent fish from getting trapped in a corner since the second bag will bend over the corners of the inner bag. Secure each of the bags with a rubber band or knot. It's always a good idea to bring a few extra bags in case one leaks. Fish that have to be re-bagged will be charged \$1 per bag.
  - c. Mark your bags clearly in waterproof ink with this information: name, phone number, scientific name of fish, common name (if applicable), number of fish in bag, and your seller's code (your three initials plus the number of the bag--starting at one and proceeding sequentially). You may also note any other relevant information (for example, gender). Equipment must state whether it is in good working order or if it needs repair.

You can **download a seller's form** for a GPASI auction (either our regular meeting auctions or our big Fall and Spring auctions) from the home page of our website: [www.gpasi.org](http://www.gpasi.org). Or see page 8 of this newsletter for a seller's form that you can photocopy and use.

## Directions to the North Hampton VFD

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~ There can be no club without its members. If there is anything that you would like to do for GPASI, just let one of us know. We'd be happy to have you as part of the team. ~

**BAP Article*****Pelvicachromis pulcher*****Story by Wallace Cox**

Before the General Store for Pet's in Crafton Ingram shopping centers had their going out of business sale, I had stopped to purchase some black worms. A woman had just traded in 14 nice sized kribensis of both sexes. I quickly picked out the largest and best looking male and the most robust and best colored female in the tank. I raced home with my newest prize and put them in a tank.

The tank was a ten-gallon tank with a glass lid and ATI sponge filter. I placed a pile of 4-inch clay flower pots that were chopped in half in the center of the tank. The tank was placed in my fish rack under 4 feet double 40 watt bulb strip lights to receive 10 hours of light a day. The temperature was kept at 72 degrees Fahrenheit and a pH of 7.4. The feedings were twice daily of flake, trout chow, or live back worms. The tank received my normal 50 percent-a-week water change.

After three weeks during a routine cleaning, I moved a pair of stacked pots to unveil about 60 tan, 1 mm eggs in a spot the size of a silver dollar. With my hectic schedule I only had time to do my daily feedings therefore I do not know how long it took the eggs to hatch. At my next scheduled cleaning date the fry were quite mobile and free swimming. The parents guarded the fry very well and moved them frequently around the tank. After a month the fry were all removed from the breeding tank and given a ten-gallon tank of their own.

At two months old most fry are one inch in length and are the spitting image of their parents. They receive feedings twice daily of micro worms, crushed flake or live baby brine shrimp. The kribensis is a colorful dwarf African river cichlid. They are easy going and good parents. I enjoyed keeping them and watching the interaction between the parents and their offspring.

**Editor's Note****Call for Articles**

We need articles from members for the newsletter. Please take time to write an article on your area of expertise or interest and email it to <[jgrace@pitt.edu](mailto:jgrace@pitt.edu)>. It's always great if you can share photos of the fish you write about, too.

## GPASI Marketplace

### BUY

Jeff Lipsitz is looking to buy a couple of lionhead goldfish. [cgarmn1@aol.com](mailto:cgarmn1@aol.com)

Mike Ott would like to buy 3 or 4 used 10-gallon tank stands. [MEO001@aol.com](mailto:MEO001@aol.com)

### FREE

Plastic and glass hood for a 65-gallon breeder tank (Sorry, no lights included.) Free. [jgrace@pitt.edu](mailto:jgrace@pitt.edu) or (412) 441-1106

“Prehistoric catfish” free to a good home. He is living in a 55-gallon tank right now and finding it hard to turn around. He is about 24 inches long and 3.5 years old. Loves lima beans and being petted. Very healthy—just needs more space. Call Charlie Kierski 412-480-2694.

### SELL

Butch Kucan has a nice selection of unusual pond plants and really nice koi for sale. (724) 266-2877

Jack Liebau would like to sell about 100 tanks of various sizes from 5 gallons to 55. He also has two closed systems that he would like to sell intact: one system consists of sixteen 20 gallon tanks; the other consists of twelve tanks of different sizes. (724) 348-5593 Finleyville, PA

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Walter Roth has plastic bags to sell in 100 count packages. Sizes are 6 x 12”, 8 x 15”, 10 x 20”. Call (724) 449-9651.

Sharon Serbin designs and creates fish-related art: stained glass mosaic tables and wall hangings; tile mosaic floors; and hand-painted T-shirts and other clothes items. E-mail [sjserbin@pgh.net](mailto:sjserbin@pgh.net) or page her at (412) 949-3106.

From Ross and Laura Cronkhite: We still have 34 tens, 69 fifteens, 4 twenty gallon divided breeders, 5 twenty longs, 1 30 long, and assorted metaframes. All can come with or without glass lids. We also still have a 4', a 5', and an 8' three tier wooden stand (stair stepped), and a 22' stand that has a high middle shelf, and a lower shelf on each side. Reasonable offers accepted. Plus a 1960's vintage school cafeteria ice cream freezer that holds quite a bit of frozen food (fish or other), free to anyone willing to drag it out of our basement. (412) 233-0996 or [lauross@libcom.com](mailto:lauross@libcom.com)

To let other members know about aquarium-related items you'd like to buy, sell, or trade, contact Jean Grace at (412) 441-1106 or [jgrace@pitt.edu](mailto:jgrace@pitt.edu).

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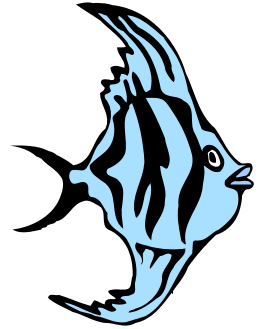
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- 10/16 Yatfs Auction, 330-824-2653 – Curt Smith
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