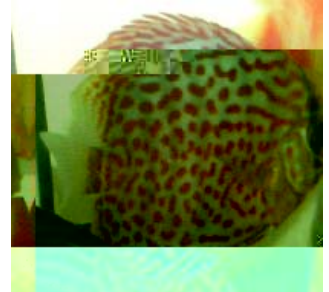


Raleigh Aquarium Society News



June 2004

*Next Meeting: Thursday,
June 3rd @ 7:30pm*



Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the N.C. State Veterinary Medical College located at [4700 Hillsborough Street in Raleigh](#). Visitors are welcome! Snacks and light refreshments are provided. A raffle of fish and fish related items follow the meeting. Due to Security Issues, NCSU has required that the doors going into the downstairs lobby remain locked. Please be on time, as we will have a designated person standing by the door to let you in. If you are late, you may try knocking or call Brandon Berry's cell phone at 252-266-3559, Jeff Jenkins at 919-612-0229, or John Patterson at 919-264-4011.

Meeting Agenda

Color and Behavior in Fish

The ability to change color is crucial to survival, territorial defense, and reproduction in many kinds of fishes. Some fishes change color slowly over weeks or months, while others can dramatically change colors within seconds or minutes. RAS member Gerald Pottern will discuss where fish colors come from, how color changes occur, and how fish use color to hide from predators, trick their prey, threaten other fish, attract mates, and control their kids. Also, there will be a few words on color enhancing tricks used in the aquarium trade.

Other Announcements

Future Speakers for our Meetings

If you know of anyone who would be willing to give a talk at one of our meetings, please contact Gerald Pottern at gpottern@rjgaCarolina.com or Brandon Berry at brandonberry@cox.net. Our goal is to have a variety of different topics, so that we can accommodate all of our members' aquatic interests. Even if you do not know of any speakers, let us know what types of speakers you would like to have in the future.

North American Native Fishes Association (NANFA) 2004 Convention - Columbia, SC - June 17-20

Dustin Smith, Fritz Rohde and Chip Rinehart will be acting as your hosts. The format for the meeting will be a full day on Friday of collecting trips around South Carolina, with the possibility of brief forays into North Carolina and Georgia. Friday night they will have their annual auction as well as guided tours of the aquariums at Riverbanks Zoo. On Saturday they will have presentations of interest to NANFA members by some well-known and highly regarded speakers, followed the banquet that night, also at Riverbanks. Sunday, for those interested, they will do some more collecting. See the website for more details. <http://www.nanfa.org/>

Plantfest – June 25-27, 2004, Gainesville, FL

Last year folks had a great time. The goal is for Plantfest this is not viewing lots of aquariums, but rather seeing the plants growing naturally out in nature in a variety of diverse ecosystems and habitats. There will plenty of chances to acquire plants, driftwood, fish/critters and petrified rock.

http://www.aquatic-plants.org/tb_plantfest2004.html

Monthly Featured Article

A. stuartgranti Maulana

by Dave Hansen

Aulonocara stuartgranti Maulana is a beautiful peacock with a blue body and a band of yellow that runs behind the head and into the pectoral fins. There is also some yellow mixed into the tail as well. The dorsal, anal, and pectoral fins all have a white edge to them. This is one of my favorite peacocks. It also goes by the name of Bi-Color 500. The Bi-Color part is obviously because of the dominant blue and yellow in the fish. The 500 comes from the fact that it was item number 500 on Stuart Grant's African Diving LTD price list.



It is no surprise that this fish is a mouth brooder. I have found it to be one of the most peaceful of peacocks in my experience. I have kept it with Protomelas, Placidochromis, Otopharynx, and other Aulonocara with absolutely no problems at all. It spends most of its time close to the sand and sifts often through the sand. In the wild it is a micro predator and I am pretty sure that is where this behavior comes from. I feed New Life Spectrum as the staple food. I also use Omega One African Cichlid Flakes and frozen brine, mysis, krill, and plankton.

I had my male and female in a 55 gallon with various other fish including a male Aulonocara Rubescens. I noticed that both males seemed very interested in her, which is not surprising as peacocks are notorious cross breeders. I decided to separate the maulana pair from the tank and into a 20 long that I had empty. I did this and kind of left them alone for a while. I put a few rocks in the tank for her sake but I am not sure if it was totally necessary as he has never been hard on his female at all. I peeked in a couple of days later and noticed that she was holding. I pulled the male out and returned him to the main tank. He seemed to have a bit of an extra strut in his step. I threw some food in with the female occasionally but she never gave it a second look, so I decided to let it run its course and left the tank alone. Once in awhile I would turn on the light just to make sure she was still holding. About 3 ½ weeks later I noticed a couple fry swimming around and was kind of disappointed. I was thinking is that it???? A couple of days later she released the rest and totaled 19 fry. One died pretty quick and 3 days later I am at 18 and holding strong.



I have always loved peacocks and have kept quite a few, but this is the first brood I have actually ever kept successfully. Normally I would stress the female out trying to catch her after she was holding and moving her. Other times I had no room and would let the release happen in the main tank and let nature happen. This is a great fish that I think everyone should have the pleasure of keeping.

Trading Post

To advertise please send the information to:
raleighaquariumsociety@yahoo.com

Patricia Ceger has for sale - 6 Botia sidthimunki (dwarf chained loach) \$12 each, will sell them individually or as a group, schooling fish and do best in groups of at least 3, e-mail me at flummery@verizon.net or call (919) 403-5522

Todd Wenzel has for sale - Selling for a close friend: 29 gal setup - currently running, Whisper 4 filter, heater, background, Fl. hood, even has an angel and a neon if you're interested. Best offer!
Also: I have Limia melanogaster (Jamaican Blue Limia) livebearers, Java Moss, and Daphnia magna- for sale or trade.
Todd Wenzel: 329-9326 wenzelt@bigzoo.net

John Patterson has for sale –

Discus Blue diamonds, and rio/jutapo - \$15 each
Endlers livebearers \$3.00 a trio
Hikari frozen bloodworms, brine shrimp, mysis shrimp, and krill at \$9.00 a lb
Blackworms - \$15 a lb., ½ lb \$9
Worm keepers for \$6.00 each

Ask about the discus pictures featured on the front page.

Contact John at 919-264-4011 or jrpatter@hotmail.com

Brandon Berry – for sale or trade

4-5” Breeding pair of Nicaraguan cichlids - \$20
1-2” Convicts – free
1” Jack Dempsey – free

(252) 266-3559, brandonberry@cox.net

Frank Montillo has for sale:

African cichlids: Daffodils, Lelupei, Blotched Zebras, Red Zebras, Electric blue ahli
1/2 blue red tail guppies
Brand new Penn plax heater 100 watt
919-556-9004

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Pet Paradise	9101-141 Leesville Road, Raleigh	(10%)
Triangle Tropical Fish	3600 N. Duke St., Suite 36, Durham	(10%)

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You may be asked to show your RAS membership card.

Please contact Brandon Berry at brandonberry@cox.net if you are an active member of the Raleigh Aquarium Society and do not have an up to date membership card. Membership cards can be picked up at any meeting.

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Application for Membership

Membership privileges include:

12 monthly newsletters

A discount card good at participating local pet stores

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