

Buckeye Bulletin

June 2020

Social Gathering:
VIRTUAL MEETING
June 5th @ 8:00PM
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Mo Devlin is BACK!

Important NOTICE!



Friday, June 5th, at 8:00PM

Our OCA Monthly Meeting will be held
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OCA Extravaganza 2020 FaceBook Group

Or

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As you turn these pages, you enter the digital archives of the Ohio Cichlid Association. Take a look around and please enjoy.

Monthly Features include:

**President's Message
Editor's Message
Bowl Show Results
Cichlid BAP Results
Catfish BAP Results
Program Previews
Extravaganza Show Results!**

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MO DEVLIN
for the cover picture.
It is a MASSIVE
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(W/ fry!)

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The OCA Mission Statement...

The OCA is an organization dedicated to the advancement and dissemination of information relating to all aspects of the biology of cichlids and related aquatic life. Our purpose is to promote the interest, keeping, study, breeding, and the educational exhibition of Cichlids. Additionally, the exchange of ideas, meeting new people, and distribution of information concerning Cichlids is of primary interest.

There are many ways to get involved with the club!

Attend Meetings
Contribute to the Buckeye Bulletin
Participate in the monthly Bowl Show
Volunteer to “run” at an auction
Persuade non-members to attend a meeting
Attend the Extravaganza
Participate in the Breeder Awards Program
Enter fish into an auction
Join the Board – elections are held in December
Like/Share an OCA Facebook post
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Visit Ohiocichlid.com

Get involved in all things OCA!

A Word from the President...

Lew Carbone,
OCA President

Greetings OCA members!

I hope you were able to catch our 1st attempt at an online presentation last month. Unfortunately, it wasn't planned in time to make the *May Buckeye Bulletin*, but we got the word out as well as we could other ways. It was a fun event, with Jonathan Strazinsky and Board Member/Past President Don Danko telling stories about their vast experience with Central American cichlids and hammering each other about their other hobbies. New board member Byron Von Gunten, who has experience with such things, served as host and technical advisor. The event will take place simultaneously on our OCA Extravaganza FaceBook group and on YouTube.

This month, we will do it again, but this time, it will be on our regular meeting date (June 5), at our regular meeting time (8:00 PM). Our guest presenter will be the renowned fish photographer **Mo Devlin**. Mo is a good friend of the OCA and has been helping us by designing Extravaganza publicity ads for various publications. He became famous to us hobbyists as a fish photographer, but does other types of photography, also. (Check out his beautiful "Frozen Flowers" series on his website: <https://modevlin.zenfolio.com/>) Mo will give us pointers on how to edit our fish photographs so they look their best. You'll be able to ask questions in real time. You can see it on our FaceBook Group or on our YouTube channel. Here's the YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAlgwAiaJI7kPVR5y3WdmIq>

(If you think you may want to interact with Mo, I recommend viewing directly on YouTube.)

Another feature of our online event will be the announcement of the 2020 Extravaganza speakers! If everything goes right, we'll roll out Extravaganza details and links on Facebook and by email within the following week. Again, no-one knows what the situation will be in the fall, but if we can have the Extravaganza this year, we'll be ready.

By the way, Michael Liu, who was originally scheduled to give a talk on "Rare and Unusual African Cichlids" at this month's meeting, has been rescheduled for the September meeting, but under the circumstances...well, you know.

I hope you can join us online Friday evening, and I really hope to see you in person soon.

Lew

June Program Preview

Mo Devlin

“Editing Fish Photos”

Mo “Aquamojo” Devlin has two genuine passions, photography and enjoying his cichlid fish. The two dovetailed nicely and for over thirty years he has shared aquatic photos with the online community. His website, Aquamojo.com, and Aquamojo Facebook page continue his photo blog, “Today in the Fishroom”. His fish photos have been published in numerous publications, such as *Tropical Fish Hobbyist*, *Amazonas Magazine* and *National Geographic*. On the internet he is known internationally for his photographic contribution to the hobby.

Mo was the Publicity Chairman for the American Cichlid Association for over fifteen years and has served several terms on the Board of Trustees, including board president. He was instrumental in guiding the development of an online presence for the club and the revamping of the ACA Website.

“One of the things that continue to drive me forward and be active in the club is when I hear from someone that one of my photographic contributions inspired them to go out and get that fish, or led them to discover more about the species. I believe wholeheartedly that one of our missions isn’t only to just grow the club, but also to reach out and engage the younger generation. They are the future of the hobby and we should do whatever we can to not only educate, but also involve them in keeping the mission statement of the ACA alive.”

*No Meeting in July.
In August (assuming we can have an in-person meeting) Rich Bierbower, of Bierbower Aquatics, will present “Breeding and Raising Quality Angelfish”.*



OCA Social Meeting Schedule

Due to circumstances, this schedule is tentative.

June 5

Mo Devlin

“Editing Fish Photos”

**On our FaceBook Group
and YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAIgwAiaJI7kPVR5y3WdmIg>

July

No Meeting

August 7

Rich Bierbower

Bierbower Aquatics

“Breeding and Raising Quality Angelfish”

September 4

Michael Liu

New England Cichlid Association

“Rare and Unusual African Cichlids”

October 2

Nick Zarlinga

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

“Project Piaba”



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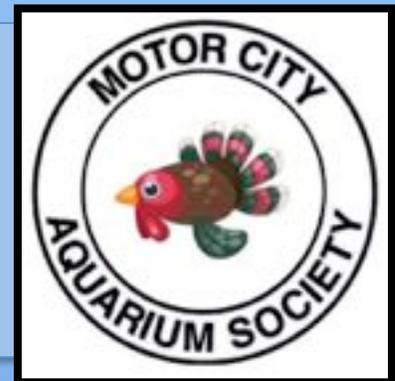
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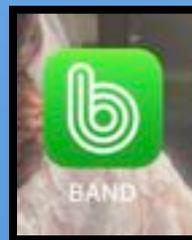


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Cichlid BAP... April 2020

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP submissions for March 2020. Members successfully bred these cichlids and raised a minimum of 6 fry to a minimum of 1". Varying point values determined by spawn difficulty were given to members' total Cichlid BAP points.

Congratulations on these spawns and thank you for your participation.

Bob Blazek

Labidochromis joanjohnsonae "pearl of Likoma" 10

Mark Chaloupka

Herichthys minckleyi 20

Dennis Kuehn

Gephyrochromis moorii 10

Labidochromis hongii "SRT" 10

Gary Mendez

Melanochromis vermivorus 10

John Tesar

Aulonocara sp. "albino ruby red" 10

Nimbochromis venustus 10

Cichlid BAP Totals... April 2020

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP grand totals. The information is maintained by Mark Chaloupka, OCA Board. See Mark at monthly meetings for more information about the Cichlid Breeders Award Program.

Thank you for your participation.

CURRENT B.A.P. STANDINGS (3/6/2020)

BREEDER	2020	TOTAL
<u>MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL</u>		
Lew Carbone	10	3095
Don & Marilyn Danko	-	2435
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Josh Cunningham	20	2040
Bryan Davis	-	1455
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
John Tesar	20	1165
Mark Chaloupka	20	1130
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
Jeff Yadlovsky	20	1120
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065
<u>900 POINT LEVEL</u>		
Jonathan Strazinsky	15	995
Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Gary Mendez	30	955
Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	-	910
Tom Swiderski	-	905
<u>800 POINT LEVEL</u>		
Dustin Brummitt	-	840
Ken & Sue Galaska	20	820
<u>700 POINT LEVEL</u>		
Bill Schwartz	-	760
Bob Blazek	10	730
Jeff Natterer	-	725
<u>600 POINT LEVEL</u>		
Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600
<u>500 POINT LEVEL</u>		
Dan & Vi McMonigle	-	585
John Jancik Sr. & Jr.	-	575
Jonathan Dietrich	30	565
Tim Craig	-	540
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	-	530
George Anagnostopoulos	-	515
Ron Georgeone	-	510

Cichlid BAP Totals... April 2020

400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
Phil Hypes	-	475
Kyle May	-	460
Bob Bina	-	435
Tyler Toncler	-	420
Andrew Schock	35	415

300 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Kuehn	30	380
Greg Senn	-	350
David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Dennis Kuehn	10	325
Gary Zalewski	-	325
Tom & Carolyn Evers	-	320
Ken & Karen Grimmett	-	310

200 POINT LEVEL

James Shakour	-	275
David Hearn	-	270
Jason Mlynar	-	270
Mark Kazanoff	-	255
Dave Esner	-	250
Ken Walker	-	240
Justin Way	-	230
Bill & Janice Bilski	-	205
Paul Collander	-	205

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100 POINT LEVEL

Marc & Dawn DeWerth	-	195
Ozeal Hunter	-	190
Chuck Carroll	-	185
Denis Rozmus	-	185
Roger Stark	-	180
Andrew Subotnik	-	180
Bob Evers	-	175
Charles Nowakowski	-	165
Frank Mueller	-	160
Steve Heinbaugh	-	150
David Ayers	-	145
Greg Seith	-	145
Dan Ogrizek	-	140
John Griffith	-	135
Carl Oszewski	-	135
Keith Robinson	-	130
Joe Ring	-	120
Steve Olander	-	115
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110

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Cichlid BAP Totals... April 2020

BREEDER LEVEL

Mark Huntington	-	95
Randall Wyan	-	95
Ron Maichle	10	90
Dolores Bacisin	-	85
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	85
Pete Gembka	-	80
Rick Wood	-	75
Bob Tillman	-	70
Matt Urbin	-	70
Dave Dimond	-	65
John Kaminski	10	65
Scott Mabee	-	65
Russell & Tom Pierce	-	65
Anthony Scarton	-	65
Lee Spencer	35	65
Jim Jensen	-	60
Paul Palisin	-	60
Chris Jaskolka	-	55
Dave Dimond	-	50
Margaret Heifner	-	50
John Kahl	-	50
Alex Gorges	-	45
Jason Gorges	-	40
Ethan Wiley	-	40
Matt Lacy	-	35
Sam Muselli	20	35
Christopher Sooy	-	35
Tom Tansey	-	35
Paul Hutnyak	-	30
Adam Stallman	-	30
Wayne Corman	-	25
Fred Roberts	-	25
Pat Daley	-	20
Andy Lacerda	-	20
Scott Meyers	-	20
Bill Sensor	-	20
Jason Webb	-	20
Ken Carey	-	10
Jim & Amy Damm	-	10
Ron Drungil	-	10
Ben Jensen	-	10
Cory Knarr	-	10
Michael Meyer	-	10
Mike Trader	-	10

The points list for the Breeders Award Program has been updated to include only current members. If you are a current member and your name has been omitted, please see the B.A.P. Chairman at the social meeting so we can correct any errors.

Please remember: You may only turn in a species or strain of fish for B.A.P. points one time. If you need a list of what you have been credited with, see the BAP chairman at the social meeting.

Breed...

Share....

Enjoy...

Cichlid and Catfish BAP



Catfish BAP... April 2020

Listed below are the Catfish BAP submissions for March 2020. Members successfully bred these catfish and raised a minimum of 6 fry to a minimum of 1". Varying point values determined by spawn difficulty were given to members' total Catfish BAP points.

Congratulations on these spawns and thank you for your participation.

Breeder	Species	Points
Jonathan Dietrich	Corydoras aeneus	10



Catfish BAP Totals... April 2020

Listed below are the Catfish BAP grand totals. The information is maintained by Steve Heinbaugh, OCA Board. See Steve at monthly meetings for more information about the Catfish Breeders Award Program.

Thank you for your participation.

Breeder	2020	Total
Dan Ogrizek		430
Steve Heinbaugh		365
Dave Ayres		345
Don & Marilyn Danko		285
Phil Ayres		230
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen		120
Ken Walker		120
Bob Blazek		110
Hilary Lacerda		105
Dan Woodland		100
Matt Urbin		90
Tom & Carolyn Evers		80
Bill Schwartz		70
Bob Bina		70
John Kaminski		70
Josh Cunningham	10	60
Justin Way		60
Bryan Davis		60
Phil Hypes		60
Jeff Natterer		50
Ken Galaska		45
Tyler Toncler		45
Matt Lacy		40
Kyle May		40
George Aganostopoulos		40

Catfish BAP Totals... April 2020

	2020	Total
Jason Mlynar		35
John Tesar		30
Karen & Ken Grimmett		30
Lew Carbone		30
Andrew Schock		30
Bob Evers		30
Lee Spencer	20	20
Jon Dietrich	20	20
Russell & Tom Pierce		20
Tony Poth		20
Gary Mendez		20
David Toth		20
Paul Palisin		20
Ron Maichle		10
Dan McMonagle		10
Roger Stark		10
Mark Kazanoff		10
Randall Wyan		10
Keith Robinson		10
Jeff Yadlovsky		10
Dave Hearn		10
John Griffith		10
Carl Olszewski		10
Anthony Scranton		10
Richard Shamray		10
William Zarzeczny		10
Wayne Corman		10
Mark Chaloupka		10
David Hale		10
Jonathan Strazinsky		10
Bob & Jennifer Tillman		10

Bowl Show – May 2020

Listed below is information about the monthly meeting Bowl Show. The Bowl Show is your opportunity to show off your fish. Each month different categories of Cichlids and Catfish will be judged. Points will be given and prizes will be awarded. All members are welcome to participate. This is great practice for our yearly Extravaganza show!
See Ron Miachle, OCA Board, at a meeting for more information.

As you know the April meeting was a bust (so is the May). I would like to try something different this month, inspired by the new bulletin series My Fish Room. Send us a picture of your best aquascape tank to entered for a prize. The photos should be sent to buckeyebulletin@gmail.com, place in the subject line May 2020 Aquascape. The only restrictions are one entry per person and that it has be to a current tank that you own and maintain.

With the potential of missing of at least one meeting, the Bowl Show classes may change or expand each month so look to the monthly bulletin each monthly. Looking forward so that the bowl will remain competitive the monthly limit of six entries is has been suspended, and you now only need two months of entries to qualify for the grand prizes. Note that this will all be subject to change.

Do not forget the monthly awards are listed below:

Monthly	Points awarded	Cash Prize
Best of Show*	5	\$15
First place, each class	10	\$10
Second place, each class	7	\$7
Third place, each class	3	\$5
Non-placing entry	1	\$0
*Will only be awarded if there are two or more entries		

Until next time, Ron

The Current Standings (alphabetical)

Participant	Total Points	Months Points Earned	Number of Best in Show
Dave Ayres	25	1	1
Hilary Lacerda	27	2	0

Bowl Show 2020 Schedule

Jan. 3

Parachromis, Amphilophus, Nandopsis
Victoria Basin
Loracariids (Pleco types) over 6"

Feb. 7

South Americans 6" and Under, exclude Angels, Apistos
Old World, exc Rift Lakes, Victoria Basin
Fish Photography

Mar. 6

South Americans over 6", exclude Angels, Discus
Mbuna
Callichyids (Cory types)

Apr. 3

Central Americans 6" and under
Tanganyikan Shell Dwellers
Mochokids (Synodontis types)

May. 1

Angels
Peacocks
Catfish, exc Mochids, Callichyids, Loric

June. 5

Tanganyican Lamps, exclude Shell Dwellers
Frontosa
Loaches and Botias

July

No meeting

Aug. 7

Discus, Uaru
Tang Mouth Brooders, exc Frontosa
Freshwater Crustaceans

Sept. 4

Centrals over 6", exc Parachromis, Amphilophus, Nandopsis
Malawi Haps
Loracariids (Pleco types) 6" and under

Oct. 2

Apistos
Open Tanganyika
Open Old World Catfish

Nov. 6

Julidochromis, Chalinochromis, Telmatochromis
Open Old World, exc Tang, Mal
Female Cichlids

Dec. 4

Open New World
Open Malawi
Open New World Catfish

2020 OCA Monthly Bowl Show Competition Rules

The primary purpose of the bowl show is educational and practice for the annual Extravaganza. It enables members to see and examine different species of fish, it familiarizes members as to judging procedures. In addition to encouraging the showing and keeping of fish.

1. The Bowl Show Chairman, or designated appointee for a specific month, shall have complete charge of all entries. Any unusual requirements or exceptions or questions about these rules must be discussed with the chairperson.
2. All entries shall be in containers having at least 1 flat side (not including the bottom). Only one fish per container, unless a full divider is used then only one fish per section of the container. It's also a good idea to have some form of lid for your animal's protection.
3. All containers must be devoid of contents, except for water and fish. A background, outside of the container, is allowed. However, special lighting is not allowed.
4. A label (piece of paper) should be placed in front of each entry giving the scientific name and the class the fish is being entered. The owner's name (the person[s] receiving points) of the entry should be placed on the back of the label.
5. Only members in good standing and present at the monthly meeting may submit an entry.
6. No more than 6 entries may be submitted by any one member during a monthly show.
7. Entries must be owned by the person(s) submitting it for judging. In addition, the last permanent residence of the entry must be from an aquarium maintained by the owner(s).
8. The chairperson, from time to time, may ask for guest judges in helping to award points. However, the final decision to award any points is the responsibility of the chairperson.
9. Each month different categories, typically Cichlids and Catfish, will be judged. Checkout the most current listing for monthly classes.
10. Size restrictions refer to full-grown adult sizes as reported by Cichlid Room Companion or Planet Catfish.
11. A fish can be entered in only one of the available classes, each month.
12. Diseased, malformed, mutilated, hybrid specimens, or other reasonable grounds may be cause for disqualification of an entry. If an entry is disqualified, then all points and cash prizes accumulated for that month's show will be forfeit by the owner(s) that submitted the entry.
13. The decision of the chairperson is FINAL.
14. Monthly Point awards and cash prizes: (OCA to potentially award \$81, and 65 points to all placing entries, per month)

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15. Yearly Point awards and prizes:
 1. Grand Prize for 2020: 75-gallon aquarium or cash equivalent. To qualify for the grand prize, you must have earned points in at least three separate monthly shows.
 2. A Certificate (or plaque) will be awarded to the OCA Bowl Show Champion (overall point leader for the year). To qualify for the certificate, you must have earned points in at least three separate monthly shows.
 3. Certificates may be awarded to the 1st runner-up in the yearly point totals. To qualify for a certificate, you must have earned points in at least three separate monthly shows and have at least half the total points as the overall point leader.
 4. For tie breakers, the number of monthly awards won will be utilized starting with Best of Show.

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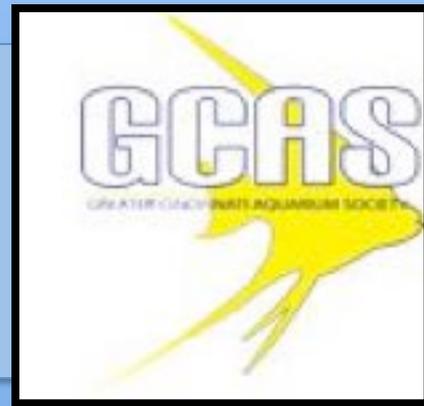
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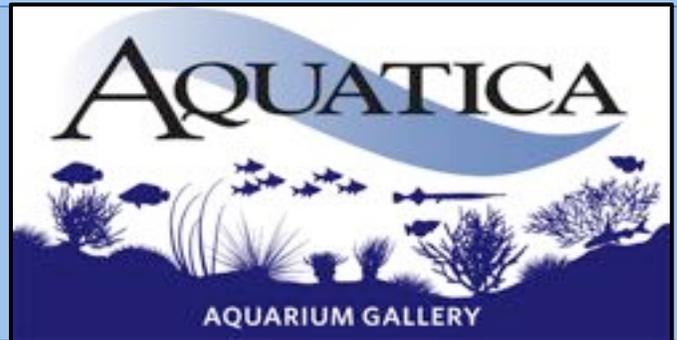
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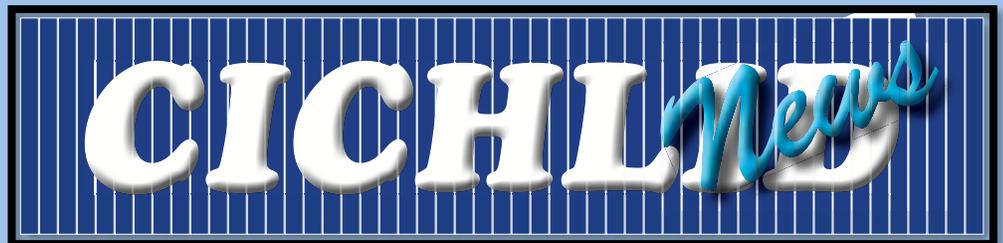
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Small DIY Ponds by Hilary Lacerda



All 3 ponds May 2020 gearing up Cattails and hardy lilies



Originally this bigger pond had a slide but it started to leak after an incident with the snowplow. We sawed out the slide and put in a liner.

After the kids outgrew them we reused our Rubber Maid Turtle sand box as a pond, our neighbors donated theirs as well and later we dug a big hole and buried our big wading pool. The wading pool is half filled with clayish soil and supports native Ohio bog plants. The turtle ponds grow hardy lilies and once in a while we buy a tropical lily from Tricker's Greenhouse or a Black taro.

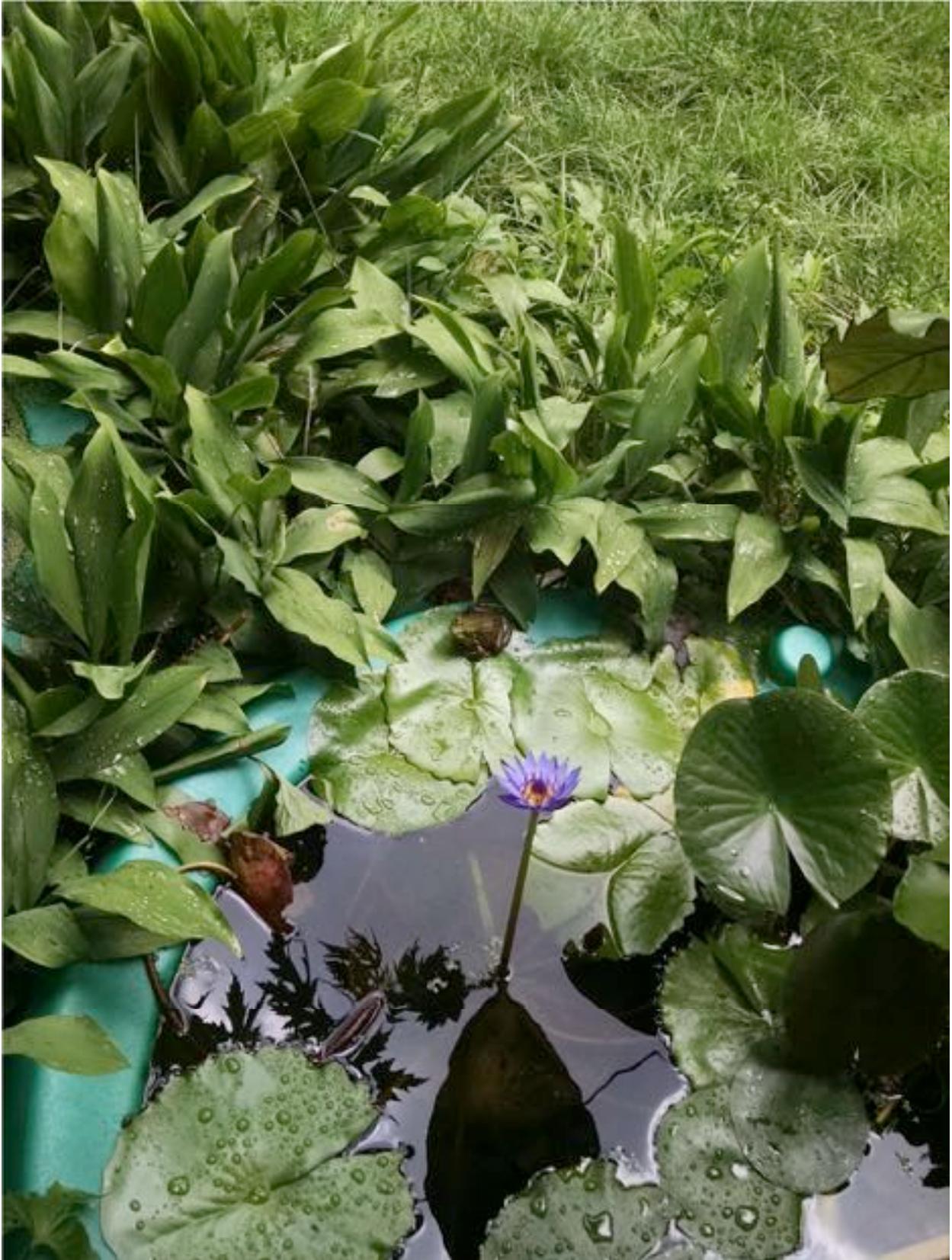
We also have a 15 gallon half barrel with a hardy dwarf lotus.

To be a cichlid article I should mention we put a few small ones out after the weather warms up. Good place to put those extra fry! Guppies or small goldfish work out well, too. For 2 summers we had a green frog, he just appeared one morning after a rainy night. The fish eat the mosquito larvae.

Because the ponds are shallow it is important that they have some shade,

the lilies do that well once they have spread out. There is some shade from the house and trees. The ponds are all lined up along one side of our patio and once plants are growing well they look like a continuous long pool.

Tropical lily from Tricker's with green frog



I have tried using air powered filters and fountains but the filters clog easily from the mud. The plants seem to keep the balance ok for a few fish. When the water level gets low I change the indoor tanks and flood them with the Python (No Spill Clean and Fill).

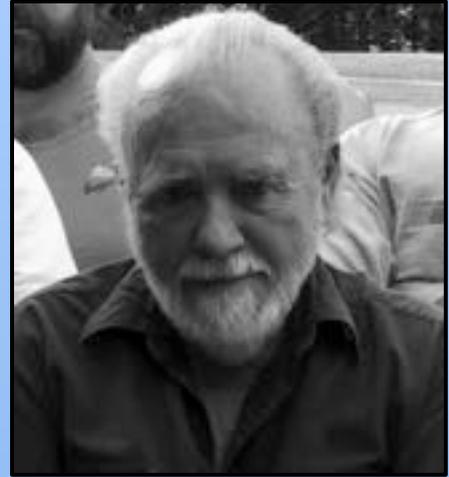
In late fall we use the turtle sandbox lids and leaves to insulate the ponds, the lotus goes in the garage after it goes dormant along with the fig trees.

We have a small backyard, maybe big by Cleveland standards 60 feet square but half taken up by the driveway and turning area to drive into the garage in the back of the house. There is no fence and the neighbors are close so it's good that these ponds are shallow. We only had one problem with neighbors and that was during the Zika virus scare. The health dept. got an anonymous tip after we had planted the wading pool. I was able to show the inspector several jars of water and no mosquitoes, the guppies that were living in the pond and my big jug of Mosquito Bits (*Bacillus thuringiensis*). That was the end of that. We really haven't had a problem with mosquitoes. We are out on the patio all summer.



Hardy lotus, banana and figs

THE JIM SMITH ENDOWMENT FUND



Who Was Jim Smith?

Jim Smith was the Membership Chair for the Ohio Cichlid Association from 1991 to 2003.

Jim was not a big man, but because of his obvious physical and mental toughness, fronted by a calm, friendly demeanor, he was loved and respected by friends and co-workers, who referred to him as “The Buffalo.” We in the OCA often called him “Santa,” both because of his looks and because of his gentle and patient way with young children.

What is the Jim Smith Fund?

Following Jim’s passing, in July of 2003, the OCA board knew that something big had to be done to honor Jim’s memory. The lead was taken by OCA board member Dan Woodland. Later that year, the OCA announced the establishment of the Jim Smith Fund. The purpose of the fund is to support research, education and conservation efforts that focus on cichlids and catfish.

How can I support the Jim Smith Fund?

The OCA has fund-raising activities, such as auctions and raffles at meetings and events, to benefit the Jim Smith Fund. When you support these efforts, you help to fund cichlid and catfish research, education, and conservation projects, and carry on the good work that Jim Smith started many years ago. You can donate fish or aquarium goods at any event, including Sunday’s auction. Just right “Donation” on the item, and include your name, if you want. You could also make a cash donation directly to the OCA. Any OCA Board Member can take your donation in person, or you can donate directly at paypal@ohiocichlid.com.

How can I apply for a Jim Smith Fund grant?

If you have a project in mind that shares all or some of the goals of the Jim Smith Fund, email JSF Chair Lew Carbone at lewcarbone@gmail.com. You will be added to the list of invitees that will be notified when the next application period begins.

Who are recent Jim Smith Fund grant recipients?

Ryan Greenway, a PhD candidate at Kansas State University, was awarded a \$1,000 Jim Smith Fund grant at the 2017 Extravaganza. Ryan is studying the interrelatedness of, and possible hybridization between, 3 species of Thorichthys, living in 4 different areas of the Grijalva River Basin, in Mexico. He will be using the funds to pay for genetic testing. Anton Lamboj, a colleague of Ryan's PhD advisor, Dr. Michael Tobler, accepts the award on his behalf.



Ad Konings recently discovered that the *Tropheus duboisi* "Maswa" is virtually extinct in Lake Tanganyika, due to over-collecting. In 2017, the Jim Smith Fund gave a \$500 grant to the Stuart Grant Fund, earmarked for obtaining a large group of already captive "Maswa" adults. The intent is to begin a breeding program with the goal of eventually re-establishing a wild population in their original home range. Ad accepts the award, and will oversee the project.



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