

A Place for the Aquatic Hobbyist

The Southwestern Michigan Aquarium Society, Inc. was established in November of 1978 to promote the study, culture, exhibition and greater learning pertaining to all forms of aquatic life. This is accomplished by lecture, discussion, and informative, as well as social meetings of its members.

The Monthly Meeting...

Regularly scheduled monthly meetings are held the first Friday of each month, except when deemed necessary to change it because of holidays, etc. Meetings are held at the Kalamazoo Valley Community College, room number is posted at the door, 6767 West O Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan. The meetings are held at 8:00 p.m. following a half hour social period. Visitors are welcome.

Activities...

At the meeting you will witness many programs and interests available to the aquatic hobbyist. The following is a brief description of each:

Bowl Show - Competition through aquatic exhibition in different categories in order to achieve monthly awards, while competing towards the ultimate Yearly Bowl Show Award.

Breeder's Award Program - Members breed fish and receive points for their accomplishments earning them a plaque. Members who receive plaques and achieve each level, share their experiences and knowledge of breeding and rearing the young in the club's bi-monthly publication. Enthusiastic breeders are capable of reaching the ultimate goal...Grand Master level.

Fry Raising Program - Fish fry are supplied through breeders in the club. Members will take the fry home and return at a later date. The member with the largest fish wins. The winner must share their fry raising technique in the club's bi-monthly publication, and then they will receive an award.

Horticultural Award Program - Cultivation of aquatic plants by members and the propagation of the aquatic plants. Awards for reaching various levels are carried out similar to the Breeder's Award Program.

Library - Books, Exchange Newsletters, and video tapes on the aquatic hobby are available to the members.

Mini-Auction - Held at the end of each meeting. It is regarded as a fund raiser, a means of encouraging the distribution of various species among the members, a

means to dispose of unwanted stock and equipment, and a way for members to acquire items that might not otherwise be available.

Evening Aquatic Program - A speaker, slide/tape, or video of an aquatic nature will be shown at each meeting. Input from members is welcome.

Raffle - Each month a raffle prize of an aquatic nature will be present for anyone who feels lucky.

Social Period - Each meeting allows a period for socializing. This gives the members the chance to visit with the others who attended the meeting, exchange information, fish, etc. Many members come from a great distance, so this is a very important part of the meeting, of which all members look forward too.

SWAM - This bi-monthly publication is mailed to each member's home, exchange clubs across the United States and Canada. Articles are supplied by the membership and other exchange clubs, about the hobbyist own experiences. Chairpersons of the various programs submit written reports to update the membership of each member's achievements. Club events and other aquatic hobby related events are printed in the SWAM.

Annual Award's Party - Yearly awards are presented here.

Annual Spring Auction - A Mini-Auction in a grand scale! Aquatic hobbyist from various states, and the surrounding community show up for this event.

Annual "Age of Aquariums" Show and Auction - A Bowl Show and Mini-Auction in a grand scale! Workshops on different aspects of the hobby, as well as a Show Party also adds to this weekend long event. Aquatic hobbyist come from all over United States and Canada for this event of exhibition, learning, and for the BIG auction. A most memorable event, not to be missed by the hard-core enthusiast, or the aquatic hobbyist who prefers to merely dabble.

Interested? - Upon payment of your membership dues, you will receive a Membership Card, and a Membership Handbook explaining in-depth the programs listed in this material, allowing you to participate in any program you wish.



Southwestern Michigan Aquarium Society (SWMAS)

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please Print)

Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> Family \$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior (under 17) \$7.50	
<i>Membership includes a subscription to SWAM, the Society's bi-monthly publication</i>				
<i>Dues are payable annually on January 1st, Dues are pro-rated for new members on July 1st.</i>				
Name:			Other Family Members:	
Address		City	State	Zip
Telephone	Unlisted <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		E-mail Address	
Aquatic Interests				
Topics You Would Like To Learn About				

SWMAS is a non-profit organization. The society depends on the help of its members.

If help should be needed please consider volunteering for:

- A committee
- An activity
- Committee Chairperson
- Executive Board

SWMAS has the following Executive Board positions, Committees and Activities.

Please consider giving your help to support your Society.

Executive Board	Committees	Activities
President Vice President Treasurer Recording Secretary Corresponding Secretary Sergeant-At-Arms Member-At-Large	Annual Auction Annual Show Bowl Show Breeder's Award Program FAAS Representative Fry Raising Program Horticultural Award Program Monthly Auction	Library Programs Raffle Public Relations Editor Membership Exchange Editor Newsletter Advertising Sales PIJAC Representative Newsletter Artist
Society areas I'm willing to help.		