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# NEWSLETTER

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**SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN AQUARIUM SOCIETY**



# Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society

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# Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Board of Directors

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Josh Cunningham	President
Toni Mackenzie	Vice-President
Angie Theis	Secretary
Bill McCabe	Membership Chairman and Treasurer
Steve Stapleton	BAP Chairman, Raffle and Donations, Club Refreshments
Scott Kaiser	Member at Large
Terry LaPrad	Member at Large
Rick Love	Member at Large
Mike Mackenzie	Member at Large
Sheryl Pastor	Member at Large



# Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed Steve Stapleton's talk on CARES meeting last month and what we can do as hobbyist to help preserve the endangered species we have grown to love and enjoy. We hope everyone had a great time at the meeting.

This month, Angie Theis will be presenting on "Introduction and Discussion on Freshwater Nano Aquariums." This talk promises to be both engaging and informative, sparking ideas that you may want to experiment with in your own fishrooms.

Thanks to everyone that came out and supported and helped out at the Spring auction on March 28th. From feedback this was another successful event. Thanks for all those who helped setup, run, pull bags, pull cards, auctioneer, work merch table, and teardown as well. Everyone's support is appreciated and important to our success. See page 12 for Auction Statistics.

To stay updated with other aquatic events in our area, check out the other aquatic events page on our website: <https://www.southeasternmichiganaquariumsociety.org/upcoming-other-aquatic-events>

[Mark your calendars for the upcoming events:](#)

- Fall Auction on October 24, 2026

We now have club t-shirts, mugs, and hats available for purchase at the club meeting or club event.

Don't forget about breeding fish! Why not join the BAP program and spread your fry around, giving other members a chance to raise and breed them too. Oh, and did I mention you can win some awards as well? Congratulations to all the BAP Winners for 2025! Check out what you're missing on page 17. Also, be sure to see the rules for BAP here: <https://www.southeasternmichiganaquariumsociety.org/bap>.

In closing, I would like to thank the members who have joined so far. Without the members, there wouldn't be a fish club.

Josh Cunningham

SMAS President



## Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Website and Social Media

After a long awaited time, the Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society now has a website and also for those on instagram we have a instagram page as well. Please use the below links and check out the website and make sure to follow southeastern\_mich\_aqua\_society on instagram.


<https://www.southeasternmichianaquariumsociety.org/>





# Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society April Meeting Preview




Join us this Friday for an engaging presentation by Angie Theis titled “Introduction and Discussion on Freshwater Nano Aquariums.” Discover the art of setting up and maintaining nano aquariums and freshwater ecosystems.




*Introduction and Discussion on*  
**Freshwater Nano Aquariums**


*Discover the beauty of small aquariums with big impact!*

**Topics We'll Cover:**




- What is a freshwater nano aquarium?
- Benefits of nano tanks
- Popular Livestock:
  -  Betta Fish
  -  Small Tetras & Rasboras
  -  Shrimp & Snails
- Easy plants for nano aquariums
- Simple equipment & maintenance tips
- Low-tech & beginner-friendly setups

**Event Details**


 Meeting Starts: **7:00 PM**

 6835 Park Avenue  
Allen Park, MI

**Great for:**

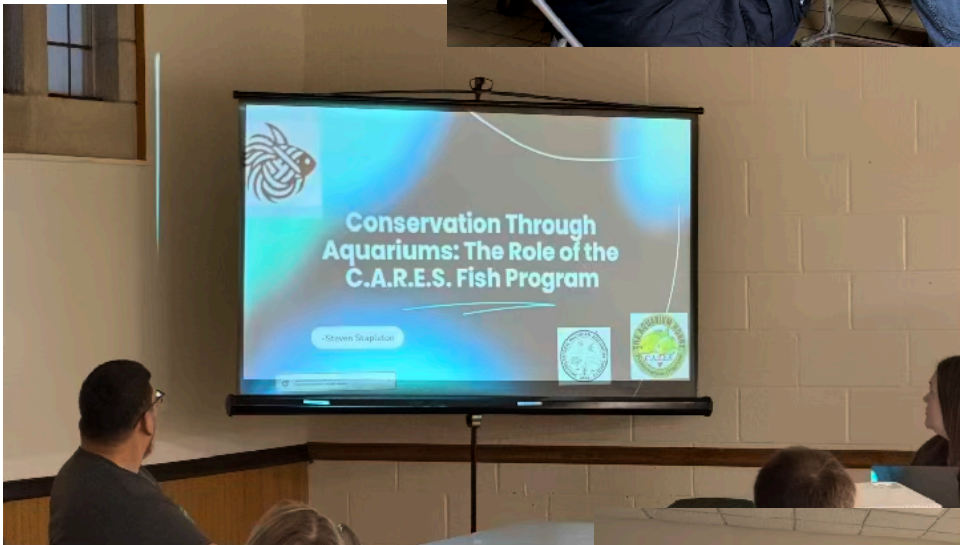
-  Beginners interested in aquariums
-  Hobbyists curious about nano tanks
-  Anyone who loves aquascaping & shrimp tanks

Presentation by Angie Theis





# Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society March Meeting Fun





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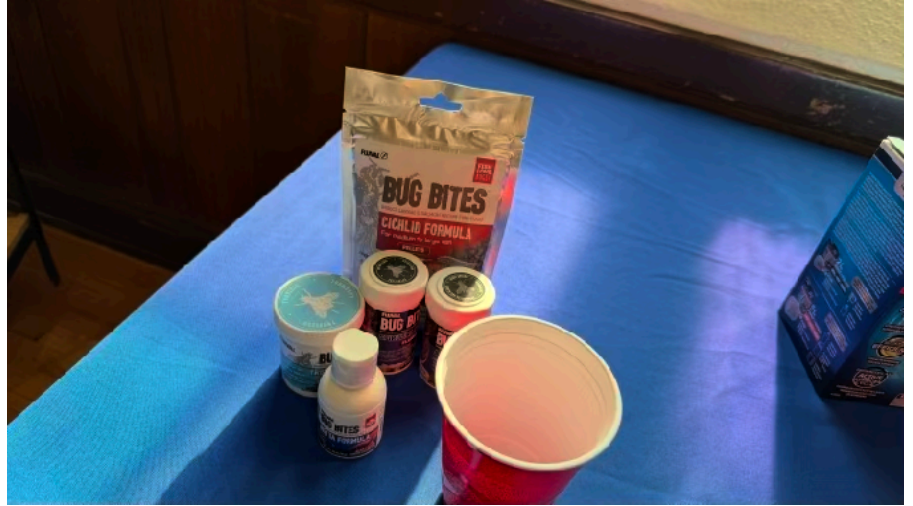


# Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Spring Auction Fun





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## Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Auction Statistics

<b>Auction</b>	<b>Mar-25</b>		<b>Oct-25</b>		<b>Mar-26</b>	
Bags		220		330		286
Total Sales	\$	2,790	\$	3,153	\$	4,385
Average Selling Price	\$	12.74	\$	9.76	\$	15.33
Max Bid	\$	53	\$	48	\$	60
Express Bids			\$	6	\$	3
Raffle			\$	375	\$	534
Merchandise			\$	70	\$	100
Cash Donations			\$	7	\$	3



# Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society BAP Report

*March 2026*

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Species Name</b>	<b>Points</b>
Bill Jennfeldt	Poecilia reticulata 'Fancy Red' guppy	5
Scott Kaiser	Corydoras aeneus var. 'Albino'	10
Scott Kaiser	Pterophyllum scalare var. 'Marble' angel	10
Rick Love	Amatitlania Sajica	10
Rick Love	Neocardinia davidi var. 'Orange sunkist'	5
Rick Love	Neocardinia davidi var. 'Bluestar'	5
Rick Love	Neocardinia davidi var. 'Snowball'	5
Rick Love	Limia Tiger	5
Rick Love	Julidochromis Maleri	10
Rick Love	Clea helena 'Assassin snail'	5
Steve Stapleton	Haplochromis sp. "Cherryfin"	11
Steve Stapleton	Astatotilapia Stappersi	11
Steve Stapleton	Ptychromis sp. "Hippo Point Salmon"	11
Steve Stapleton	Amatitlania nanolutea	11
Steve Stapleton	Xenotoca Doadroi 'San Marcos'	16



# Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society BAP Report

*2026 To Date*

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Points</b>
Rick Love	157
Steve Stapleton	60
Scott Kaiser	30
Bill McCabe	5
Bill Jennfeldt	5



# Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society BAP Report

## *Overall BAP Standings*

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Points</b>
Rick Love	432
Bill McCabe	336
Quang Nguyen	315
Scott Kaiser	276
Steve Stapleton	122
Josh Cunningham	105
Mike Post	85
Bruce Croft	70
Angie Theis	55
John Hodgson	10
Michael Koszuta	10
Terry LaPrad	10
Bill Jennfeldt	10

**Congratulations to Rick Love on Reaching 400 Points!!**

**Congratulations to Steve Stapleton on Reaching 100 Points!!**



# Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society 2025 BAP Awards

Member Name	Award
Rick Love	1st Place Breeder of the Year
Bill McCabe	2nd Place Breeder of the Year
Scott Kaiser	3rd Place Breeder of the Year
Rick Love	CARES Breeder of the Year
Scott Kaiser	Catfish Breeder of the Year
Rick Love	Cichlid Breeder of the Year
Bill McCabe	Crustaceans and Invert Breeder of the Year
Rick Love	Livebearer Breeder of the Year
Rick Love	Tropical Fish Breeder of the Year
Bill McCabe	Tropical Fish Breeder of the Year





# Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Treasurer Report

*March 2026*

	Cash In	Cash out
Membership	30.00	
Tank Purchase		225.00
Raffle	35.00	
BAP	10.00	
Donations	15.00	
Auction	2.00	
Supplies		110.60
Facebook ads		59.64
Merch Sales	100.00	
Auction hall		100.00
Auction cash	1241.00	
Raffle at Auction	534.00	
Membership at Auction	35.00	
Donation at auction	3.00	
Subtotals	2005.00	495.24
Ending Balance		5778.22

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# Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Membership Update

Welcome New SMAS Members!!!!

Eric Armes

Juergen Kasprick

Ciara Turner

Thanks for joining and look forward to seeing you at a future meeting or event!



# Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Trading Post

Any Fish or Fishy Related Items For Sale

email [smastradingpost@gmail.com](mailto:smastradingpost@gmail.com)



# Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Sponsors



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