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President's Message



Clay Trachtman
FOTAS President

Hello all,

What a month July was for fish keepers that like to travel to conventions. First, the Oklahoma Aquarium Association (OKAA) and the Oklahoma Betta Breeders Association (OBBA) stepped up at the last minute to host the annual Federation of Texas Aquarium Societies (FOTAS) Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The FOTAS convention was held in conjunction with the annual convention of the International Betta Congress (IBC). A great time was had by all that attended.

The Federation gave out three awards at the conference. First, as thanks for all his help with a banking issue, Keith Arnold was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation. Second, as a thank you for his years of service as President of FOTAS, Greg Steeves was awarded a decorative clock. Finally, Gerald Griffin was awarded Raymond Head and Ernest May Altruism Award for his contributions to both FOTAS and his home clubs, the OKAA and the OBBA. The Altruism Award is currently the highest honor that is awarded by FOTAS.

Additionally, it was decided that FOTAS would begin offering up the Braz Walker award to a student whose studies have implications in aquatics. Dave Schumacher is currently in charge of gathering prospective awardees. \$1500 was set aside for the award. The winner(s) of the award will have to write an article for FOTAS Fish Tales on the work that they have done.

Also in July, quite possibly the largest freshwater convention in history was held in Louisville, KY. For the first time, the American Cichlid Association (ACA), the American Killifish Association (AKA), the American Livebearer Association (ALA) and the North American chapter of the Australian New Guinea Fishes Association (NA ANGFA) all joined forces to host one giant convention. The convention was outstanding. I am sure that there will be an article summarizing it in either this issue or a future issue of FOTAS Fish Tales.

Until next time, happy fish keeping!!!

William "Clay" Trachtman

Fish have Good Memories and can be Quite Cunning

Author Unknown

Apparently, and hardly supprising for any one who kept fish for some time, the old belief that a fish only has a three second memory is complete balderdash. In fact scientists have discovered that fish actually do have quite a good memory, and can actually be quite smart. They have also been noted to be capable of working in a team, and even acting quite deviously.

One scientist, Dr. Kevin Warburton, who has been engaged in research on the subject for many years, has discounted the whole three second fish memory idea, as “absolute rubbish”. Fish have been discovered to be far more clever, than was previously thought.

Dr. Warburton expounded, “Fish are quite sophisticated. Fish can remember prey types for months. They can learn to avoid predators after being attacked once and they retain this memory for several months. And carp that have been caught by fishers avoid hooks for at least a year. That fish have only a three second memory is just rubbish.”

Dr. Warburton’s research has been focused on the freshwater fish of Australia, and has been taking a look at how Silver Perch actually learn how to handle the varying kinds of prey they come into contact with.

He has also said that the fish seem to exhibit human behavior in some instances. “Some behavioral traits that we think are very human, such as deception, fish have as well,” Dr. Warburton explains, “Fish can recognize other individuals and modify their own behavior after observing interactions between other individuals. For example Siamese fighting fish will attack other members of the same species more aggressively if they’ve seen them lose contests with other fighters.”

It has been noted that in reef environments that cleaner fish remove and eat parasitic organisms off of larger “client” fish. “But what’s fascinating is that they co-operate more with clients when they are being observed by other potential clients,” Dr. Warburton added. “This improves their ‘image’ and their chances of attracting clients. Some cleaners co-operate with small clients to raise their image so as to deceive larger clients, which they then cheat on by biting them rather than removing their parasites.”

The fish even take a second look at potential predators to see how much of a risk they pose. “For added safety, they often do this as co-operating pairs, with the two fish taking the lead alternately. They will approach predators most closely when they have co-operated in previous inspections,” he explained. Some minnows will even recognize a dangerous environment by associating a certain smell in the water with “alarm” chemicals that are released by other minnows who were felled by a predator.

This just goes to show you, that fish not only are not as affable as we once thought them to be, but actually have an intricate social structure, advanced forms of communication, and can literally swim circles around their prey. This we need to re-evaluate our entire conception of these creatures.

Guide to the Healthy Betta

Part One: Overview of a Healthy Betta and Maintaining a Sterile Fish Room!

**Article and Photos
By Gerald Griffin**

This is the first part in what will hopefully be a long series on the Healthy Betta. In future articles I will focus on specific diseases and pathogens however to start I will focus on what a Healthy Betta is supposed to look like and on how you can strive to keep your betta healthy. In looking at new acquisitions there are several places you should look to see if the Betta is healthy.

First off look at the entire body. The body should have a Betta shape and not have any spinal deformities. On Doubletails they can have a bit of kink at the caudal peduncle but try to keep that to a minimum. If the body line looks like it has any kinks do not even think about obtaining or using this Betta. The other thing to look for is the "line". Some plakat lines have a "spoon" head which is faulted and should be avoided however sometimes the spoon head cannot be avoided in some lines.

Second off look at the scales. The scales should be relatively even and none distended or missing. There are some fish lines that have malformed scales like dragons and some of the "X-Factor" fish will have malformed scales. These are not unhealthy as far as the actual Betta goes however they will create problems for breeding projects.

Third look at the fins. The fins should be able to be held erect without any clamping. You may see some fish with ray curls or bent rays. Although undesirable for breeding these do not mean the Betta is unhealthy. If you see fin "damage" it may have been from fighting or from disease. When in doubt avoid these Bettas.

Fourth look at the belly of the Betta. The belly should be slightly rounded but not bloated. If the belly is concave then serious issues could be on hand. If possible checking the feces can give you an indicator of health. Betta feces should fall off and may be rounded. If they are long and stringy being light in color that is typical of an internal disease. It could be something minor that diet could fix or it could be something major. It is not risking your fish room on these Bettas.

Fifth is to look at the eyes. They eyes should be clear and should not be bulging. A milky eye could be a cataract or an infection that has discolored the eye or formed the cataract. Also remember that Betta's skin actually covers the eye and opaque Bettas will as they age develop guanine deposits on the skin that clouds over the eye area eventually causing blindness. Some of your "Dragon Scale" lines also do this. If the eyes are bulging then the Betta probably has exophthalmia which is also a bacteriological infection in which gas pockets are expanding behind the eye popping them outwards.

Sixth is to look at the gills. The opercula themselves should not be extended unless the Betta is flaring. If the operculum looks distended this is either a sign of infection or permanent damage. Bettas as well as any other fish are susceptible to ammonia poisoning. Look for a normal respiration rate. If the respiration rate is not normal either the fish is stressed or it has a problem. It could be gill damage from ammonia or could be a parasite like a fluke or velvet. Velvet can and will attack the gills of adult Bettas before you see the infestation on the body.

Seventh and last is to look at the mouth of the Betta. They should have two intact lips. Sometimes you can find damage from one that has been in a fight or had lost part of one due to a bacterial infection like “mouth fungus”.

Probably the most important part of keeping your Bettas healthy is maintaining a proper environment and good water conditions. Maintenance Hygiene is one of the most important part of keeping Bettas. If you are ever in a situation where you ask yourself “Oh they can probably go another day without a water change” they probably can’t! Make yourself do a water change. The absolute minimum I would ever consider for a Betta is a quart container. Anything less requires minimum daily changes and depending on your feeding regimen it could be twice a day. There are all sorts of ways people do the water changes however if you are doing anything large scale it is best to have a dedicated water container. For that I recommend a 35 gallon Rubbermaid trash can either permanently mounted in a location or on casters for movement. In that I would use a water pump connected to a hose that allow for water changes.

As to the individual containers people use either plastic or glass. I am not a fan of the plastic containers because of the discoloring and the fact they really cannot be heat sterilized. For that I have resorted to quart and half gallon wide mouth canning jars much like I did in the 1980s when I first started breeding Bettas. The glass jars allow for sterilization with bleach and heat in a dishwasher. How I accomplish this is to load them into the dishwasher and pour bleach directly into the bottom of the dishwasher. I then use the hottest setting and let the dishwasher decontaminate the jars with the bleach first and then after the rinse cycle let it heat dry the jars. This way there is absolutely no pathogens that could possibly be in the jars!

For the water change I do them in lots of 8 for the half gallon and 16 for the quart. I start by washing my hands with antibacterial soap. Then jars are lined up on a step stool and filled with water from the water can. I then pull one jar at a time down from the shelf and pour the contents of the jar through a net to catch the Betta and the water goes into a waste bucket. The dirty jars are then lined up on the floor of the fish room. The waste bucket is designated waste water and is never used for anything else. The Betta is then placed

in the closest jar and that jar is placed back on the shelf. The net is then placed in a 30% bleach solution and then will go into a rinse jar and the procedure is repeated until all 8 or 16 jars have been used. Since each jar is placed back on the shelf there is no cross contamination. The bucket is then poured into the waste water removal system (Another bucket with a dedicated pump to send the contaminated water to the drain). I then wash my hands with antibacterial soap. The rinse jar is poured down the sink and refilled to prevent too much bleach contaminating the rinse jar. I then wash my hands again with antibacterial soap and repeat the process.

For the grow-out tanks each individual tank used for Bettas is plumbed out or in the process of being plumbed out. Each spawning set up is 100% sterile each and every time. To set up a spawn the tank is thoroughly cleaned with bleach and then rinsed. The sponge filter and spawning mops are boiled for several minutes and allowed to cool down before being placed back into the tank. Any item that touches any tank must be completely sterilized before it is allowed anywhere else. Some might see this fanaticism as overkill however it is the best way to make sure that you don’t contaminate all of your hard work with some sort of careless mistake and have to loose entire lines.

In conclusion, if you keep your Betta in the best of conditions with plenty of clean water and adequate food then health problems should be minimal. Water conditions is where many novice Betta keepers loose it. If the water conditions become unsanitary then the Betta’s immune system will be compromised opening them up to all sorts of possible infections. So keep the water clean and feed them well. If you have any questions or comments feel free to let me know. Future issues will deal with nutrition and various groups of diseases.

Part 2 will deal with external pathogens

Convention 2022 Recap



Convention has come and gone for 2022 and it was one hell of a ride. For those that have not kept up, this year Convention was supposed to be in Puerto Rico. It was unfortunate that they could not make a Convention work, so I voluntold my group we were doing Convention. We had already planned on a 2023 Convention so this will be the first time a group has done a back to back Convention. So, with the choice of my group doing Convention or not having one, we landed Convention again. Ironically the other organization I belong to had a similar situation where the club hosting FOTAS (Federation Of Texas Aquarium Societies) could not host this year and they have now removed themselves from the hosting rotation for the foreseeable future. Since I was already doing the IBC Convention I jumped up to combine the two Conventions into one.

On top of that our next Convention will also be a joint Convention with FOTAS for next year as my regular clubs the Oklahoma Aquarium Association and Oklahoma Betta Breeders Association in addition to the Northwest Arkansas Aquarium Society were on the schedule to do the FOTAS Convention next year. So by attending you will get two Conventions with speakers on many subjects. My plan for next year is to have more talks than the standard IBC Convention does. Typically, in an IBC Convention we do four talks. This year we did five. Next year I am shooting for eight. This does not include the Judging Board Seminars one and two which are mandatory. We will see how the scheduling works out. With a full year of planning

our 2023 Convention should be one of the best there has been, however only time will tell.

This year's convention like so many others did not really go to plan as a number of events decided to work against us. It was fine since we are all pros at doing Conventions. So, the Thursday night talk didn't happen as we were benching fish. Just a note, if you do not send a fish that is on your entry form, MARK IT OFF THE LIST! I have no idea how many people went looking for the missing fish or how much time was wasted. We also had some issues with the pump flow and other minor things that we fixed along the way. All in all the benching was slow but meticulous. We also had a number of new people learning the system and they were all eager to learn this for we will be doing a number of Betta shows this next show season in addition to Convention.

On Friday the FOTAS people started showing up (FOTAS is typically a Friday to Sunday Convention). Since no one registered any fish we did not do the FOTAS fish show. Next year we plan to have at least ten classes for the Regular FOTAS show. Unfortunately judging did take a lot longer than expected so the IBC people did not get to see the presentation on Tanganyikan Cichlids. We were finished by the last half of Dave Schumacher's talk and the thing I found amazing was Luis' fascination for the Cichlids. We talked a lot about it in the Hospitality Suit that night. I think Luis might actually start keeping some cichlids now.

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so much for the hobby we all enjoy over a long span of years. Personally, Aurelia has helped me along a number of times with a number of things I needed to get done. She will be missed as she sets off to the sunset. She will still be around, but she is currently training a new group of people to do the tasks she had performed over the last several year.

The next surprise was myself being awarded the FOTAS Altruism Award. This is the highest honor that FOTAS has, and few have actually accomplished this goal. This Award pops up once every few years so to earn it is still a bit mind-blowing. We did continue to have our fun after the Awards ceremony as we broke down the show room and retired to the Hospitality Suit.

Finally came our Auction. More people showed up than I expected, and the prices went relatively high for our area. Of notice were the number of my club members spending a lot of money to get breeding stock as they are planning on making a run for New Breeder next year. That is exciting to see that much interest in Bettas in Oklahoma. I had also discovered is that a number of people in Oklahoma actually have no idea that the IBC exists or that it can actually help them when it comes to Bettas. We need to work on this because I wonder how true this is for other areas of the United States.

That is all for our Convention report. I do hope that you can make it to our next Convention and that you all support your local chapters and decided to host some Betta shows! By the way, also in this issue is a story I wrote about "Putting On Betta Shows".



Testing the three newest IBC Judges



More Judging, David Spector and Kurt Bihlmeyer with our new apprentice Matt Caldwell





Michael Gaines talking on Cold Water Fish Rooms.



Aurelia and Paul Ogles awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award



Dave Schumacher talking about Tanganyikan Cichlids.



Yes this is my happy face, it is also my sad face and my excited face!



Doing the Wild Betta Slide Show talk which is now over twenty years old!

My Experience with Red Devils

By David Andrews

About ten years ago during a family vacation to Michigan, we stopped in Chicago for a few days of sight-seeing. Since I was the only one interested in fishy things, I went to the Shedd Aquarium while the rest of the family visited the Museum of Natural History (whatever it is called, just a bunch of dead stuff over there).

Being on my own allowed for a quick walk through the aquarium, but the thing that really caught my eye was a Red Devil (*Amphilophus labiatus*) surrounded by a cloud of fry – a really beautiful sight. I'm sure we are all in the aquarium hobby for various reasons, but this is one of mine – I love seeing parents with fry, and the bigger the cloud of fry the better. I decided then and there that I wanted to experience this Red Devil sight in one of my tanks.

Since I tend to focus on fish I can sell, I discussed the Red Devil with a local fish shop owner when I saw a large pair of Red Devils in one of his tanks. He assured me they spawned frequently, but it didn't keep any fry because the Red Devils were difficult to sell. Unfortunately, that seems to be true of many fish that spawn in large numbers. It is especially true of Red Devils because they are mean, mean, mean, and pretty ugly as juveniles. In fact, they take a good while to change from a brown/gray fish to the pretty red, orange, and white colors you see on the adults. The change is also gradual, over many months.

I finally got my opportunity with Red Devils when I got them cheap at a TCA auction. I had bid on them a few times over the years, but given that I had tabbed them as a poor income producing fish, I didn't bid too high. I got 6 fish for about \$3. They certainly didn't look like Red Devils, but I trusted the seller knew what they were.

Over a period of months they grew. Eventually, they began getting some white in with the brown, and then some light orange started appearing. One grew larger than the rest, so I kept an eye out to make sure he

didn't start killing off the others. One day I found one dead, and noticed the big guy had everyone, except the smallest, pinned against the back wall of the tank. Then I noticed the little one was guarding a small rock which was covered with eggs.

I removed everyone but the parents, and watched the parents for a couple of days. With egg layers, I generally let them keep their first spawn to see what they will do with them. Since I wasn't in these fish for the money, my only goal was to see the cloud of fry and pick up some Breeder Award points. So, I had less incentive to remove the eggs anyway.

I came home two days later, and checked the pair. I now had no eggs, no fry, and one dead female in the tank. Chalk up bad experience number one with the Red Devils. I was pretty sure I had another female or two (probably three) so I wasn't too devastated.

I decided they needed more space, so I moved the Red Devils to a 125 gallon tank (they had been in half of a 70 gallon breeding tank. The big guy was about 3 ½ inches, and the others an inch or so less, so they hadn't outgrown the breeding tank, but I figured the females needed more space.

I had some large Burundi Frontosas in the 125, and a large deformed Red Bahia. (I generally keep deformed fish if they are too large for the others to eat.) Putting the Red Devil in with the frontosa was a bad idea. I don't have a lid on the tank, and frontosa jump. I lost two large males within a few weeks. I could have moved them, but I'm fairly lazy with fish that aren't producing. Still, they were money fish, and I wasn't very happy with myself. Regardless, it was too late to do anything about it. It wasn't too long before the Red Bahia and two of the Red Devils decided life on the outside was better than life with the big male Red Devil, who was up to about 6 inches. I don't know why fish insist on jumping BEHIND a big tank when they jump out, but it always seems they do.

Soon after everyone exited the tank, I found the female guarding eggs. A day later, the eggs were gone, the female was hiding under a rock, and the male had the run of the tank.

A few weeks later, I found the male surrounded by a cloud of fry. Finally, the sight I had longed for. It was well worth the wait, though probably not worth the loss of the two big Frontosa. I took some of the fry (had to get at least six for breeder award points). I took probably 50-75. A few days later, all the fry I left in the tank were gone.

For several weeks, each day was the same in the tank, the male going where he pleased, and the female hiding under a rock on her side (I don't know how she does that – no choice I guess). The female would dart out at dinner time and get chased back to her hiding place. One day, I came home, and the female was out with the male, getting along very well. They were both guarding a spawn of eggs. Each day I came home, both fish were out, but they were always guarding another area. I couldn't see what they were guarding, but I assumed the eggs had hatched and had been moved. After a few days I was again awarded with the sight of a cloud of fry hovering around one of the parents. The female was allowed to stay out of hiding. Days went by, the female was still out, and the babies were all still there. The babies grew. I kept expecting them to disappear, but they didn't. After three weeks, Mom resumed her position under the rock and the male guarded the fry. I don't know if he is guarding them, or just tolerating them, but they are all still there. If they were a money fish, that would be a good thing. As it is now, they just eat.

I have been richly rewarded watching the Red Devils. A man came by a few weeks ago to buy some fish, and he had nothing good to say about the Red Devil. "Meanest fish he ever had – took it back to the store and got his money back – wouldn't ever have a Red Devil again." After watching the parents with the fry, he asked how much I wanted for some fry.

In a final note, I will address the aggressiveness of this fish. It leaps at your fingers if you put them over the tank. Even when just turning on lights. I don't know if it wants food, or wants you out of the way, but it strikes anything close. While talking to someone earlier today, I made the mistake of resting my arm on the side of

the tank, and that stupid fish jumped out and took a bit out of the arm – drew blood, and left a nice mouth print on my elbow. Anybody want a pretty Red Devil - cheap? someone earlier today, I made the mistake of resting my arm on the side of the tank, and that stupid fish jumped out and took a bit out of the arm – drew blood, and left a nice mouth print on my elbow. Anybody want a pretty Red Devil - cheap?



OKAA & OBBA Calendar of Events

August 27th

OKAA-OBBA

August Meeting

Bixby Library

September 10th

OKAA-OBBA

Swap Meet

Hilton Garden Inn Midtown Tulsa

September 24th

OKAA-OBBA

September Meeting

Bixby Library

October 21st - 23rd

OKAA-OBBA

International Betta Show

Hilton Garden Inn Midtown Tulsa

October Meeting will be at the show.

October 23rd

OKAA-OBBA All Species Auction

Hilton Garden Inn Midtown Tulsa

**If your FOTAS club is having
events and would like them
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let your FOTAS Representa-
tive know and submit them
to the Fish Tales Editor!**

OBBA - OKAA All Species Auction

23 October 2022

Tulsa Midtown Hilton Garden Inn
4518 E Skelly Dr
Tulsa, OK 74135

Sunday Auction Rules

OKAA/OBBA will not accept responsibility for any item's safe keeping nor its condition before or after the sale.

SALES

- Cash only! 75%/25% Seller/Host Club
- IBC Auction Items will be the first to be Auctioned then the All Species

ITEMS

- Only fish or aquarium related products are allowed in the auction.
- All items must be properly bagged if needed.
 - Proper fish bags must be used.
 - Zip-locks and baggies are unacceptable.
 - Live animals must be properly bagged with air and water. Please double bag.
 - Larger fish may be kept in buckets or other suitable containers, but the bucket becomes property of the buyer.
- Items such as driftwood or decorations do not need to be bagged; however, they must be labeled appropriately.
- Items not properly bagged will be rebagged by OKAA/OBBA volunteers. There will be a \$2 fee for items that need to be rebagged. This is NON-NEGOTIABLE.

LABELS / SELLER SHEETS

- All Sellers must fill out a seller sheet.
- Your Seller ID are your initials. For example, if your name is Homer Jay Simpson, your Seller ID would be HJS.
- All items that you are selling must be listed on your seller sheet.
- All items must be labeled with your Seller ID and Item Number.
- Your labels should match the numbers on your seller sheet.
- You may put a reserve price on your item.
- Below are examples of acceptable labels:

EXAMPLES OF SELLER TAGS

TIMES

- 9:00 am - 11:00 am Registration
- 11:00 am - 6:00 pm Auction

HJS 007 (Sellers 3 Abr Code and Item number)
Pygmy Chain Sword (Item description)
(*Echinodorus tenellus*) (Species-helpful but not needed)
Reserve \$5 (Not needed)



Notes: Species names can be vitally important and help your sales of particular species as well as location data if known. All IBC Items have a minimum of \$5 unless waived.

OKAA – OBBA Fall Swap Meet

**September 10th, 2022
10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Hilton Garden Inn, Tulsa Midtown
4518 E Skelly Dr.
Tulsa, OK 74135**

**\$20* per Table, set up at 9:00 am
For questions contact
herpchat@yahoo.com**

***Cash or PayPal accepted**

Oklahoma Betta Breeders Association Fall Show

October 21-23, 2022

Hilton Garden Inn, Tulsa Midtown

4518 E Skelly Dr.

Tulsa, OK 74135

Show Chairs: Gerald Griffin
Email: herpchat@yahoo.com
Phone: 918-581-4663

Mail Entries to:
Valaree Brown
29321 E 36th St S
Broken Arrow OK 74014



Special Note: Do NOT label your shipping boxes "Live Fish." We have had issues in the past with certain shipping companies holding boxes marked in this manner. Please send your fish through the United States postal service if at all possible. Sending through UPS or FedEx can result in mishandling and/or delay.

Show Fish: Mail-in entries need to arrive no later than **5 PM Friday, October 21st, 2022**. OBBA will need to receive your entry form, fees and return postage (if necessary) with your fish. Return postage and entry fees cannot and will not be deducted from auction proceeds. Please provide a return mailing label, empty bags and heat packs (if desired) with your fish.

Please pre-register all your show fish!

Email your entry form to the show chair by

Thursday October 20th, 2022.

Walk Ins: All walk-in entries must arrive by **5:00 PM Friday, October 21st, 2022.**

Please notify the show chair when you will be arriving with your fish. You **must** tell the show chair if you are bringing walk-in entries!

Entry Fees

\$3.00 per single entry

\$5.00 per pair

Make checks payable to: Gerald Griffin

PayPal is accepted. Send PayPal payments herpchat@yahoo.com

Auction Fish:

Unless marked on the entry form, auction fish have a minimum bid of \$5.00.

You may also send fish to be sold in the Stock shop

Money Split: Seller split is 75% to seller and 25% to OBBA on "Show Fish". There will be a 50/50 split on all stock shop items.

Unsold Items: Please include information about what you would like done with unsold items. Options are:

- 1) Have them returned to you (providing you have included return shipping money) (default option)
- 2) Reduce the price until they are sold (reduction at auctioneer's discretion)
- 3) Club donation

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**SUNDAY
MAY 29
2022**

RAIN DATE:
SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

FOR QUESTIONS & RSVP,
CONTACT CLAY AT CLAYT101@COX.NET

10:30 AM: AST BEAD FILTER SOLUTIONS
2120 NORTH 3RD STREET
BATON ROUGE, LA 70802
> *RSVP REQUIRED TO ATTEND*
> *CATERED LUNCH FOLLOWING TOUR*

2:00 PM: ORNAMENTAL POND FISH (OPF)
301 THORN ROAD
PORT ALLEN, LA 70767
> *RSVP NOT REQUIRED*

Meet us for a behind-the-scenes tour at AST Bead Filter Solutions at 10:30 AM. RSVP is required for the catered lunch following the tour. Afterwards, we will visit Ornamental Pond Fish (OPF) at 2:00 PM. Reservations are not required if you only plan on visiting OPF.

FEATURED:



HOST CLUB:



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**Turtle Races: An Overlooked
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How to Raise Big Fish

