

## **TFCB end of the year wrap-up**

Thank you to everyone that came out to the auction on Nov 11th, there were lots of great items, and everyone went home with something! Ira did a great job auctioneering, Lee and Janine took care of the paperwork, lots of helpers with running the lots to the winning bidders. We had good participation from as far away as Boston, NH and the Albany area. Thank you to all that came out!

Also during the auction we held a bowl show, which had 11 entries. Thanks to Brian Scott for judging and to all those that voted for people's choice. There was a tie for people's choice, Ethan Dague won with his climbing gourami and Brian won with a *Synodontis angelicus* he got from me earlier this year! And 1st, 2nd and 3rd were all won by killifish! Congrats to Ann Whitman for taking 2nd and 3rd and my *Aphyosemion australe* "gold" took 1st.

Our annual holiday meeting will take place on Thursday Dec 13th at our house in Grand Isle. All members are invited to attend! Please plan to bring a dish to share with everyone, either a side dish, desert or appetizer. There is always such good food for these events. We will also do a Yankee swap, if you want to participate, please bring a wrapped gift item in the \$10-15 range. It does not need to be fish related, but it can be. A trivia contest with lots of options for winning will also take place, you don't need to win to win prizes. If you need directions, please let me know.

The club is still looking for a newsletter editor, please see Ann's notice in the Sept/Oct issue of In Depth (<http://www.tfcg.org/.../u.../2018/09/Sept-Oct-2018-web-FINAL.pdf>) for more info on what is needed.

2019 will be TFCB's 30th anniversary, and we are planning a huge event to celebrate! Mark your calendars for June 7-9, 2019! Some details are coming together, with more info being added regularly. See the web site, <https://www.tfcg.org/30th-anniversary/> Note that most of the supporting information is still outdated and refers to the 25th event, but for those that were not here in 2014, this will give you a good idea of what is to come. Here are just some of the highlights. Friday we plan to start with a Burlington micro brewery tour, followed by a pizza party that evening. Saturday will have 4 speakers, two of which are already confirmed, Hans Evers from Germany and Steve Lundblad for Portland, OR. Saturday will also include a lunch at the hotel, and that evening a dinner cruise aboard the Spirit of Ethan Allen! Sunday will be our all day auction. We will have vendors setup for Saturday and Sunday too. Watch the web page and facebook for more details as they become available! We have travelled to several events throughout the northeast this fall, and have mentioned this event to others and there seems to be a lot of interest! And we plan to keep costs as low as we possibly can, it will be well worth the price of admission!!!

Looking forward to a spectacular 2019!

Thanks  
David

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