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## March Meeting Announcement 50/50 Auction

The 50/50 Auction is SEASL's main fundraiser. We hold this meeting each year and it is a wonderful opportunity for hobbyists to sell their used equipment and pick up some great deals. In addition to used equipment, we have many generous donations from local stores, online stores, and manufacturers.

If you would like to sell something in the 50/50 auction, SEASL asks that you donate 50% of your selling price to the club. The proceeds from this meeting help SEASL bring in guest speakers such as Eric Borneman and Anthony Calfo. We are also hoping to add some new equipment to the SEASL Library, such as a PAR meter, that will be available for all paid members to borrow.

The Auction will be held at the [Weber Road Library Branch, 4444 Weber Road, St. Louis 63123](#). The meeting will start at 10:00am, but sellers may arrive early to give everyone time to bring in their gear.

During the business portion of the meeting, we will accept nominations from the floor for candidates for SEASL's Board of Directors. We will also announce the nominations made electronically at the new SEASL forum. If you are interested in nominating someone or yourself electronically, you may do so [here](#). Nominations will be accepted for one Executive Officer, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. The actual election will be held in April. Keep an eye on [www.seasl.org](http://www.seasl.org) for information about how to cast your vote.

## SEASL Introduces New Discussion Forum

Thanks to a great deal of hard work by Darrin Trager, our Webmaster, SEASL has launched a new, more powerful [discussion board](#). We were able to transfer existing SEASL accounts to the board forum, but the forum may require you to login again. Just use the same username and password you have always used to log in to SEASL's website. Anyone may setup an account to participate in the discussion board, but SEASL members will have access to more topics. If you experience any difficulty logging in or navigating the forum, please contact [Darrin Trager](#).

The new forum will ultimately replace the earlier Topic Program. We will post announcements, archives, club information, and local store specials in the forum. We will also host hobby-related (and unrelated) discussions via topic threads. SEASL is currently looking for volunteers to help moderate the forum. You must be a SEASL member to moderate the board. Anyone who is interested should contact [Becky McAlister](#).

If you have any suggestions for improving the website, discussion forum, or the club in general, don't hesitate to let us know!

## February Meeting Recap

### DIY Discussion and Demonstration

February's meeting was an informative discussion regarding do-it-yourself projects. We had several demonstrations including frag plugs by Becky McAlister, PVC Overflows by Kathy Leahy, powerhead modification by Ryan Snodgrass, surge devices by Jim Craig, and MaxiJet modification by Brian Hommert.



*Kathy Leahy*



*Ryan Snodgrass*



*Brian Hommert*



*Tom Gibbons*

Barry Pearlman was slated to explain how to bond acrylic, but unfortunately, we had to yield the room to another incoming group before he was able to give his presentation. If you are interested in learning more about acrylic bonding, please let us know and we'll do our best to help you out.

Thank you to everyone who gave a demonstration. If you are interested in attending another DIY style meeting, drop us a line and let us know. We would love to put together more material and demonstrations for a future date.

Several attendees visited Gateway Aquatics after the meeting to enjoy special SEASL member discounts offered to the club for that day only. Thanks to Chad for his continued support!

Thanks also to Nemo's Pets for donating a gift certificate to the club. We auctioned it off at the meeting and the high bidder was Jim Craig.

## Meeting Previews:

### SEASL Visits Inland Aquatics

#### March 24

Inland Aquatics Owner, Morgan Lidster, will give a special presentation to SEASL at Inland's warehouse facility in Terre Haute, Indiana. In addition to Morgan's presentation, we will be able to tour the warehouse and cherry pick goodies for our tanks.

#### April 14

SEASL will visit the home of Kevin Carpenter and Zilla III, a 5000 gallon reef. This BBQ/Tank Tour has become an annual SEASL tradition! We will also hold our annual elections at this event.

Keep an eye on [www.SEASL.org](http://www.SEASL.org) for more details about these exciting events!

## Who We Are

### SEASL - Saltwater Enthusiasts Association of St. Louis

We are a group of enthusiasts who come together to share our knowledge and learn from others about our saltwater aquarium hobby. The purpose of SEASL is to promote responsible ornamental marine fish and reef-keeping husbandry practices among hobbyists in the St. Louis area. To achieve this goal, we meet to share our knowledge, host local and nationally known guest speakers, organize field trips, and engage in group discussions. We welcome guests and encourage new members. Please join us for our next meeting.

## SEASL's Visit to City Museum and World Aquarium was a Huge Success

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Curt Swearingen for ironing out the details of our visit to the City Museum. This was an excellent event with approximately 50 people in attendance. We enjoyed a special discounted entry fee, which allowed us to see both the museum and the aquarium.

Everyone in attendance seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. It was a wonderful opportunity to include our non-reefing friends and families in the SEASL scene. We hope to return to the museum again next year.

If you have never been to the museum, these pictures will hopefully give you an idea of how much fun it is!



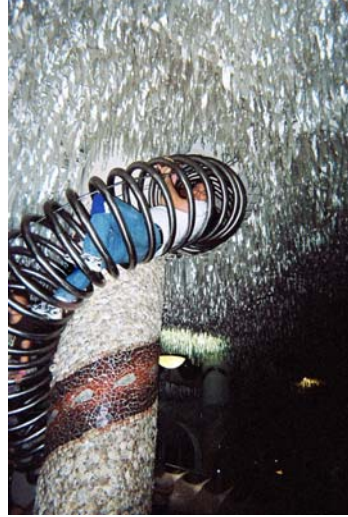
You can pet the stingrays and the baby sharks.



There is a tunnel under the floor...



and tubes in the ceiling.



There are also logs, caves, and slides. Everywhere you turn, there is something to climb in, on, or through!



The three-story slide is a popular attraction for kids of all ages.



## The SEASL Squad

### Executive Officers

Brad Witte, Becky McAlister, Tom Gibbons

### Secretary

Del Brashares

### Membership Chairman

Jim Craig

### Treasurer

Barry Pearlman

### Webmaster

Darrin Trager

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## SEASL would like to extend a special thanks to John and Jeanne Dwyer

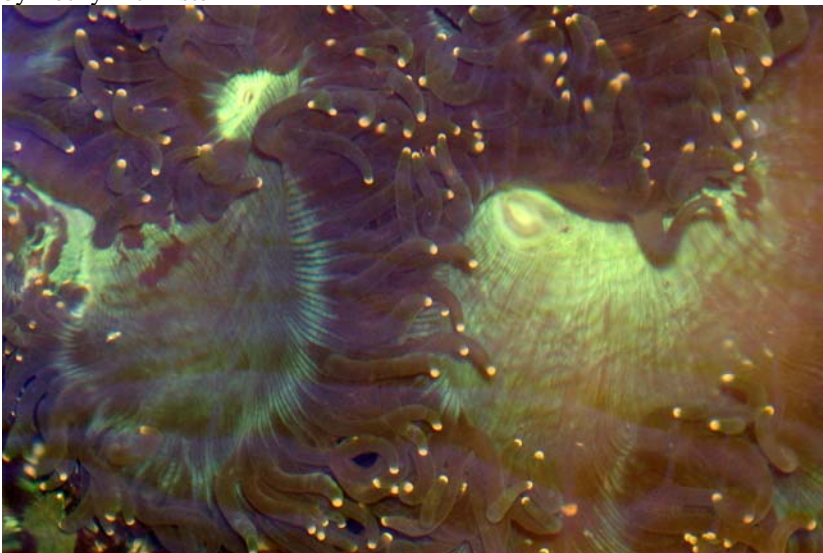
for their generous donation to SEASL's Library. John was kind enough to give us several books:

*Dr. Burgess's Atlas of Marine Aquarium Fishes*  
*Marine Aquarium* by Nick Dakin  
*The Complete Aquarium* by Peter Scott  
*The Marine Aquarium Handbook* by Martin Moe  
*Marine Fish Diseases* by Robert Clifton

Thank you John! Your contribution is greatly appreciated. If anyone is interested in borrowing a book from the library, just [drop us a line](#).

## Show Us Your Baby!!

Elegance Coral  
by Becky McAlister



## Get Your Name Published Here!

If you have an article, tip, picture, or other hobby-related item you would like to share, please contact [Becky McAlister](#) and we'll be sure to publish it in an upcoming edition of *The Wave*.

## Welcome New Members!

Mike Loeffler  
Dick Willis  
Rich Dietz

We're glad you've joined us and we're sure you'll enjoy our meetings, event, and of course, getting to know our members!