

August 2009 AFI Editor's Note

American Livebearer Association Show

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Just about everyone likes livebearers. There are livebearers for every level of hobbyist (though the more common ones available are often thought of as beginner fish). If you really like livebearers, you may consider going to the American Livebearer Association (ALA) Convention. This year, the ALA was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 23 to April 26 at the Clarion Waterfront. Speakers included AFI's own "Adventures in Fish Breeding" columnist, Mike Hellweg, who gave two talks: one on halfbeaks and one on seahorses. Other speakers included Molly Morris, who gave a very interesting talk on swordtail breeding preferences; Michael Tobler, who spoke on some livebearers living in a very unusual habitat; and more. And of course, there was a fish show and auction.

Next year's show is to be held in Detroit. For more information about the ALA, visit livebearers.org.

You'll notice something new this issue that's worth pointing out. You've probably noticed in previous issues that we often have a box at the end of some of the articles and columns, mentioning to go to our website for additional information. We are now offering even more information online to accompany the articles, with some of them even being sponsored by fish product companies.

For example, this month Hikari is sponsoring a breeding glossary of terms. We encourage you to print out the glossary and for future reference.

Not to mention that this is our first breeding issue! You'll find not only the article about breeding kribbs but also "Breeding the Dwarf Gourami" by Iggy Tavares and the Aquarist's Notebook "Tips for the Small-Time Fish Breeder." So, take a look!