

Welcome to ULTRA-AQUA 2018

The Greater Akron Aquarium Society (GAAS) is proud to present its 47th annual all-species show, ULTRA-AQUA 2018 to be held at the Tallmadge Community Center. This year we will be offering 60 classes and awarding cash prizes for first, second and third place. Winners of the individual classes then compete for Best of Division and Best of Show awards which will consist of a plaque and a cash prize. We will also be awarding the Great Lakes Catfish and Loach Championship as well as the North American Goldfish Championship (The Kobayashi Award). Both of these are high-point trophies awarded to the exhibitor who accumulates the most points in the respective categories.

We will again be offering a Saturday swap meet from noon until 5 pm during show set-up. Please contact our show committee or our website for table availability.

To provide plenty of time to swap "fish tales," we will be having a Saturday night party with a program from expert. There will also be plenty of time to talk fish. The party will be free of charge for show entrants or \$5.00 for those who just want to join us for the party.

We have made every effort to make this show as easy as possible for the entrant. No pre-registration is required; just come and bring in your entries. The set-up and registration hours are as lenient as possible for a weekend show. We are no longer offering a koi class due to their large adult size and the fact that they are properly judged in pools from above and we have no facilities to allow for that. If there are any questions about which class a specific fish belongs in, please ask when you register your entries and someone will point you in the right direction.

ULTRA-AQUA 2018 Show Rules

Note: Throughout these rules the word **EXHIBITOR** is used to designate the person(s) entering the show. The word **EXHIBIT** is used to designate an entry in class.

EXHIBITORS' AND ENTRIES' QUALIFICATIONS

1. Exhibitors in the Junior Classes must not have reached their 16th birthday by June 9, 2018. All other classes are open to any aquarist.
2. No limit to the number of entries per exhibitor, but the \$1.50 per entry fee will not be charged after the first 20 entries.
3. No entry will be entered in more than one class.
4. Only ONE entry permitted in each tank unless using a divider, providing the entries are in the same class. NO EXCEPTIONS.
5. The Decorated Aquarium class will include decorated tanks and bowls of any size or shape, providing they have at least one flat side and are decorated either with artificial or natural items and house at least one living fish/animal.
6. Space will be provided for those Dealers who wish to set up a tank for display and advertisement. You must make arrangements with the Show Committee before the week of the show. Exhibitors in the Commercial Area must be Dealers and/or wholesalers of fishes or aquarium products.

ENTRY INFORMATION - Entry Fee \$1.50 Per entry.

1. Registration: Saturday June 9th - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry forms and fees are to be brought to the registration desk upon entry to the building. All forms or changes must be received by 5 p.m. The Show Area closes at 7 p.m.
2. Tampering with any exhibit other than your own is strictly forbidden. If an entry needs to be moved for any reason, someone from the Show Committee will do so.
3. No extensions or early tear-downs without prior permission of the Show Committee.
4. All exhibits will be under the full control of the Show Committee while in the show. They must remain there for the duration of the show.
5. All exhibits can be removed from the show between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 10 or at the end of the auction, whichever comes first.
6. Items not claimed by 7 p.m. June 10 will become the property of GAAS.
7. Neither the Tallmadge Community Center nor the Greater Akron Aquarium Society will be held responsible for any loss or damage incurred during the show. Exhibitors do have a responsibility to be careful with water. Parents are responsible for the actions of their children, please supervise your children closely.

EQUIPMENT

1. Containers: All species entries will be displayed in clean flat-sided containers. All entries except where noted should be bare and have a solid background (plants or decorations are not recommended) Exhibit must be clearly visible to the judge or risk disqualification. GAAS will have a limited supply of background material available.
2. Electricity: GAAS will supply electrical outlets where necessary to within four feet of Tank Class.
3. Air: GAAS will provide air to within four feet of all exhibits.
4. Exhibitors are to supply their own valves, tubing and air stones, sponge and box filters are optional. Tank Classes may use filtration of the exhibitor's choice. There will be no open air lines, valves should be used.
5. Stands: Racks will be provided for all exhibits where tank size of 20 gallons and under are used. Exhibitors must provide their own stand for any tank over 20 gallons. Discretion of the Show Committee will be used in cases of specially designed or shaped tanks.
6. Lighting: No lights or reflectors are required, except for the Decorated Tank and Bowl Class.
7. Covers: All exhibits are to have a full cover of the exhibitor's choice for the protection of the specimen(s) being displayed. These covers are NOT provided by GAAS.
8. Heaters: The show area is normally maintained at a minimum of 70 degrees. Heaters are not permitted.

9. Water: A limited amount of de-chlorinated Tallmadge City water will be available at room temperature. For best results, we suggest that you bring as much of your own water as possible.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS RULES

1. All entries must have been taken by the exhibitor.
2. Judging will be based on art, technical skill, and the judge's ability to identify the subject(s)
3. No single exposure may be entered in more than one class.
4. No pictures of pictures.
5. All photographs must have been taken of a living aquatic animal or plant.

AWARDS

1. Cash prizes will be awarded \$10.00 for first, \$7.00 for second and \$3.00 for third place in each class.
2. Winners of classes will compete for the following "Best of Division Awards": Best of Division Livebearer, Best of Division Cichlid, Best of Division Catfish & Loach, Best of Division Goldfish, Best of Division Egglayer, Best of Division Display (includes any class not covered elsewhere, excluding photography). Division winners also receive \$25.00.
3. All "Best of Division" winners will compete for a "Best of Show Fish" award and \$25.00.
4. High Point Awards: President's Award - awarded to the exhibitor(s) who receive the most points in the show. Points are awarded on the basis of 3 points for each first place, 2 points for each 2nd place and one point for each 3rd place.
5. North American Goldfish Championship (Kobayashi Award) - The Kobayashi is awarded to the exhibitor(s) who receive the most points in the Goldfish Classes. The Kobayashi Award winner also will have their name inscribed on the permanent trophy kept by GAAS.
6. Catfish and Loach Championship - awarded to the exhibitor(s) who receive the most points in the Catfish and Loach Classes. The Catfish and Loach Championship winner also will have their name inscribed on the permanent trophy kept by GAAS.
7. Challenge Cup - awarded to the aquarium club whose members receive the most points in the show (excluding GAAS) and will have the club's name inscribed on the permanent trophy kept by GAAS.

AUCTION

1. This will be a Limited Auction (fish, aquarium and pond plants, aquatic animals, live food cultures and show entries). The only exceptions are manufacturer's donations. Exhibitors may choose to auction their entries. These entries must be bagged and entered in the auction by the exhibitor after judging is completed.
2. Proceeds of the auction may be donated entirely to GAAS or will be split on a 70/30 basis, with GAAS remitting 70% to the exhibitor within two weeks from the closing date of the show. A breakdown sales list will be included.
3. Once registered for the auction, items cannot be withdrawn.
4. All items should be clearly marked with the seller's code letters, item ID number, seller's name, phone number, common and Latin names (if known), quantity, and sex (if known). Items without proper identification will be considered donations.
5. GAAS may refuse to sell animals that are diseased, deformed, too young to survive, or regulated in the State of Ohio.
6. A color dot system will be used to assure a fair mix of different seller's items. Any items registered after a color is being auctioned, none of that color will be received.
7. GAAS reserves the right to sell multiple items from the same seller as lots or to group items and any items that do not sell for at least \$1 will be considered donations to GAAS.
8. Please inspect all items as all sales are final, buyer beware. GAAS does not guarantee any item and is not responsible for any loss.
9. Buyers may pay by cash or choose to run a tab and pay by cash, credit card or check. There will be, however, a charge for any check returned for NSF.

Easy Directions to the Tallmadge Community Center

From North: Take Route 8 South, exit at Tallmadge Ave. Turn left. Road will change names to West Ave. when you cross into the city of Tallmadge. At traffic circle go around half way to East Ave. Community Drive will be just past the shopping plaza. Community Center is straight ahead.

From South: Take Rt. 77 into Akron, follow signs for Rt. 8 to Cuyahoga Falls. Tallmadge Ave. Turn right. Road will change names to West Ave. when you cross into the city of Tallmadge. At traffic circle go around half way to East Ave. Community Drive will be just past the shopping plaza. Community Center is straight ahead.

From East: Take Rt. 76 toward Akron, and exit at County Rd. 18 (becomes East Ave. when you cross into the city of Tallmadge) and turn right. Continue going West on East Ave. for a couple of miles and Community Drive will be just before the shopping plaza on the right hand side just before you get to Tallmadge Circle. Community Center is straight ahead.

From West: Take Rt. 76 through Akron (make sure you follow 76 where it splits from Rt. 224) and exit at County Rd. 18 (becomes East Ave. in the City of Tallmadge) and turn left. Continue going West on East Ave. for a couple of miles and the Community Drive will be just before the shopping plaza on the right hand side just before you get to Tallmadge Circle. Community Center is straight ahead.

