**2023 Ultra-Aqua Winners**

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| **Special Awards** | **Sponsored by:** | **Winner** |
| Best of Show Livebearer | Jeff Plazak | Mark Allar - *Birchmanni* Swordtail |
| Best of Show Egglayer | Northeast Ohio Fish Club – NEOfish | Tom Rizzo - *Panda garra* |
| Best of Show Cichlid | Fish City Pets - Barberton | Tony Martina - *Amphilophus labiatus* Red devil Thor |
| Best of Show Goldfish | Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society | Dan & Karen Guman - Lionhead |
| Best of Show Catfish/Loach | All Oddball Aquatics – Eric Bodrock | Wayne Toven - *Traccatichthys pulcher* |
| Best of Show Display | Cain Accounting | Mike & Elsie Swanson - Quilled Red Betta |
| Best of Show | Wayne Toven | Tony Martina - *Amphilophus labiatus* Red devil Thor |
| Catfish & Loach Championship | The Greater Akron Aquarium Society | Wayne Toven |
| Kobayashi Goldfish Championship | The Greater Akron Aquarium Society | Dan & Karen Guman |
| President’s Trophy | The Greater Akron Aquarium Society | Dan & Karen Guman |
| Challenge Award | The Greater Akron Aquarium Society | Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society |

**Class Winners**

| **Class** | **Class Description** | **Sponsor** | **First Place** | **Second Place** | **Third Place** | **Number of Entries** |
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| 1 | Decorated Aquariums | Dave Williamson | Amy Mullens - Decorated Aquarium | Mark Allar - Desk Aquarium Setup | Kristen Kodish - Minimalist Mixed Media Tank | 4 |
| 2 | Aquarium Plants | Adam Fox | Adam Fox - *Samolus parviflorus* Red | Dave Williamson - *Cryptocoryne nuri 'pachang* mutated' | Mark Allar - *Crypt. pontederifolia* | 12 |
| 3 | Photography – Digital Media | Brian Shrimpton | Wayne Toven - *Paracanthacobitis rubidipinnis* | Wayne Toven - *Mesomecheilus triangulari* | Wayne Toven - Hillstream Loach | 8 |
| 4 | Photography – Prints | Nicki Hufford Photography | Roberto Prati - *Paracyprichromis nigripinnis* | Roberto Prati - Epiplatys annulatus | Roberto Prati - *Cyathopharynx foai* | 19 |
| 5 | Arts & Crafts – Fine Art or Hand Crafts | In memory of Teri Seufert | Mike & Elsie Swanson - Quilled Red Betta | Roberto Prati - Fish Remix | Wayne Toven - Fish Knife | 7 |
| 6 | New World Cichlids 5” & Under | John & Theresa Baad | Bill Chandler - Electric Blue Ram | Dan & Karen Guman - Black Ram | Dan & Karen Guman - Electric Blue Ram | 6 |
| 7 | New World Cichlids over 5” to 9” | Ohio Cichlid Association | Emilie Myatt - Gold / Lemon Severum | Tony Martina - *Amatitlania nigrofasciata* marble Convict | Emilie Myatt - Tiger Severum | 5 |
| 8 | New World Cichlids over 9” | Lorain County Aquarium Society | Tony Martina - *Amphilophus labiatus* Red devil Thor | Bill Sensor - *Geophagus brasiliensis* | Bill Sensor - *Geophagus brasiliensis* | 4 |
| 9 | Angelfish & Discus | John & Diane Tesar | Mark Allar - Marble Angel | Mike & Elsie Swanson - Orange Koi Angelfish | Douglas Singer - Silver veiltail | 11 |
| 10 | Mbuna (Pseudo., Mel., Labeo., Labido., Cyno., etc.) | RMS Aquaculture | Tom Rizzo - *Pseudotropheus elongatus* Mpanga | Bill Sensor - *Cynotilapia zebroides* | Dave Williamson - *exasperatus* | 5 |
| 11 | Hap. types (Cyrtocara, Copadi., Tyranno., Dimido. | Christopher McCracken | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | 1 |
| 12 | Aulonocara sp. (inc. Trematocranus) | Mark Kazanoff | Ed Bush - Marleri Yellow | Ed Bush - Blue Walteri | Ed Bush - Marmela Lemon Jake | 4 |
| 13 | Julido., Chalino. & Telmatochromis species | David Girard | Dave Williamson - *Julidochromis marksmithi* | Wayne Toven -*Julidochromis transcriptus* | #N/A | 2 |
| 14 | Lamp., Neolamp. & Altolamprologus species | fatfish Aquatic | Mike & Elsie Swanson - *Lamprologus ornatipinnis* striped Kigoma | #N/A | #N/A | 1 |
| 15 | All Other Old World Cichlids | Joel Antkowiak | Dave Williamson - Buffalo head | Bill Sensor - *Pelvicachromis kribensis* indenau | Don & Rene Guman - Kribensis | 9 |
| 16 | Guppies – Males, Solid Color Tail | Guppy Associates of Greater Cleveland | Patrick Sabourin - Japanese blue double tail | Dan & Karen Guman - Male guppy | Gary Schuster - White Platinum | 11 |
| 17 | Guppies – Males, Variegated Color Tail | Justin Bahil | Patrick Sabourin - Variegated Japanese blue deltatail | Dave Williamson - Blue snakeskin | Gary Schuster - Blue/Green variegated color tail | 3 |
| 18 | Guppies – Females | Justin Bahil | Dave Williamson - Yellow ribbon fin | Mike & Elsie Swanson - Half black yellow | Gary Schuster - Bluegrass female | 4 |
| 19 | Swordtails – Common Finnage | Mike & Elsie Swanson | Dan & Karen Guman - Swordtail | Dan & Karen Guman - Swordtail | Emilie Myatt - Calico Swordtail | 11 |
| 20 | Swordtails – Fancy Finnage | Pam & Ron Sundin | Dan & Karen Guman -Swordtail | Dave Williamson - Pineapple Wag Lyretail male | Dan & Karen Guman - Fancy Swordtail | 4 |
| 21 | Platies & Variatus – Common Finnage | Rich Bierbower | Dave Williamson - Blue Mickey Mouse female | Mark Allar - Red Wagtail Platy | Dan & Karen Guman - Platy | 6 |
| 22 | Platies & Variatus – Fancy Finnage | Steve Brunn | Mark Allar - HiFin Red Tux Platy | Mark Allar - HiFin Platy | Dan & Karen Guman - Fancy Platy | 6 |
| 23 | Mollies | Kim & Jeff Rodburn | Dan & Karen Guman - Liberty Molly | Tom Clinton - Sailfin Red Molly | Dan & Karen Guman - Molly | 7 |
| 24 | Goodeids | George Hollister | Wayne Toven - *Chapalichthys encaustus* | George Hollister - *Chapalichthys peraticus* male | Dan & Karen Guman - *Xenotoca lyonsi* | 10 |
| 25 | All Other Livebearers | Rich Serva | Mark Allar - Birchmanni Swordtail | Mark Allar - *Brachyrhaphis roseni* | Dave Williamson - *Priapella compressa* | 5 |
| 26 | Loaches – Botia species | Adam Fox | Dave Williamson - Munki loach | Wayne Toven - *Botia macracantha* | Wayne Toven -*Botia kubotai* | 7 |
| 27 | Loaches – All Other Varieties | Adam Fox | Wayne Toven - *Traccatichthys pulcher* | Wayne Toven - *Nemacheilus guntheri* | Emilie Myatt -Albino Gold Dojo Loach | 10 |
| 28 | Synodontis Catfish | Ron & Amy Mullens | Wayne Toven - *Synodontis waterloti* | Tony Martina - *Synodontis lucipinnis* | Dave Williamson - *Synodontis petricola* | 6 |
| 29 | Corydoras Catfish | Zoogari Pets – Norton | Mike & Elsie Swanson - *Corydoras elegans* | Mike & Elsie Swanson - *Corydoras imitator* | Mark Allar - C123 | 9 |
| 30 | Aspidoras & Brochis Catfish Species | Gary Mendez | Mark Allar - *A. poecilus* | Mark Allar - *A. menezesi* | Wayne Toven - Aspidoras ramundi | 6 |
| 31 | Suckermouth Catfish – Pleco Types | Zoogari Pets - Norton | Wayne Toven - L240 Vampire Pleco | Tony Martina - L333 | George Hollister - L400 Pleco *Hypancistrus sp.* | 16 |
| 32 | Suckermouth Catfish – All Other Types | Zoogari Pets - Norton | George Hollister - *Rineloricaria sp* whiptail | Wayne Toven - *Rineloricaria hasemani* | Bill Sensor - *Parotocinclus haroldi* | 10 |
| 33 | All Other Catfish 6” & under | Boggs Aquatics – Cuyahoga Falls | Wayne Toven - *Lophiobagrus cyclurus* | Tom Rizzo - *Microglanis* | Dan & Karen Guman - *Leptho. beni* | 16 |
| 34 | All Other Catfish over 6” | Boggs Aquatics – Cuyahoga Falls | Emilie Myatt - Raphael Striped Catfish | Tom Rizzo - *Lisomadoras morrowi* | Wayne Toven - *Platydoras armatulus* | 3 |
| 35 | Betta splendens – Males | Agnoquatics;Broadview Hts. | Gary Schuster - Turquoise & Copper Halfmoon male | Dave Williamson - Blue dragon Plakat | Tony Martina - Male Crowntail | 15 |
| 36 | Betta splendens – Females | Ralph Grammer | Dan & Karen Guman - female Betta | Dave Williamson - Copper Halfmoon | Gary Schuster - Copper female | 8 |
| 37 | Gouramis (Trichogaster and Colisa sps.) | Ray Bierbower | Mark Allar - Dwarf Gourami | Mark Allar - Powder blue Gourami | Don & Rene Guman - Gold Gourami | 5 |
| 38 | All Other Labyrinth Fish | Paul Woodward | Wayne Toven - *Betta balunga* | Dan & Karen Guman - *Betta dennisyoungi* | Dan & Karen Guman - *Black Paradise* | 5 |
| 39 | Killifish | Joe Doyle | Patrick Sabourin - *Fundulopanchax gardneri* Innidere male | Joe Doyle - *Nothobranchius eggersi* kigongo TAN 05-24 | Don & Rene Guman - *Fundulus chrysotus* | 12 |
| 40 | Characidae (Tetras & their relatives) | Agnoquatics; Broadview Hts. | Bill Sensor - *Anostomus nijsseni* | Bill Sensor - *Nematobrycon lacortei* | Dave Williamson - Cardinal Tetra | 13 |
| 41 | Barbs | Bill Chandler | Bill Sensor - *Pethia nigrofasciata* | Bill Sensor - *Oreichthys crenuchoides* | Dave Williamson - Cherry barb female | 11 |
| 42 | Danios | Paul Woodward | Don & Rene Guman - Blue Danio | Mark Allar - LF Zebra Danio | Justin Bahil - Galaxy Rasbora | 7 |
| 43 | Minnows & Rasboras | Linda Wallrath | Dan & Karen Guman - White Cloud Mt. Minnow | Dave Williamson - Pork chop Rasbora | Mike & Elsie Swanson - *Rasbora trilineata* Scissortail | 4 |
| 44 | Rainbowfish | Susan Everett | Justin Bahil - Dwarf Neon Rainbow | Dan & Karen Guman - Mel. tanaka | Dan & Karen Guman - Mel. trifasciata | 5 |
| 45 | Native Fish – Continental US | Dave Williamson | Dave Williamson - Metallic shiner | Dave Williamson - *Fundulus rubifrons* | Dave Williamson - Black spotted *Gambusia* | 5 |
| 46 | All Other Species | Boggs Aquatics – Cuyahoga Falls | Tom Rizzo - *Panda garra* | Dan McMonigle - Redtail Shark | Justin Bahil - Senegal Bichir | 6 |
| 47 | Oranda Goldfish | Agnoquatics; Broadview Hts. | Dan & Karen Guman - Oranda | Dan & Karen Guman - Oranda | Dave Williamson - White Oranda | 5 |
| 48 | Lionhead and Ranchu Goldfish | Dan & Karen Guman | Dan & Karen Guman - Lionhead | Dan & Karen Guman - Lionhead | Dan & Karen Guman - Lionhead | 3 |
| 49 | Ryukin, Ribbontail & Veiltail Goldfish | Dan & Karen Guman | Dan & Karen Guman -Ryukin | Dan & Karen Guman - Ryukin | Dan & Karen Guman - Ryukin | 4 |
| 50 | Pearlscale Goldfish | Don & Renee Guman | Dan & Karen Guman - Pearlscale | Dan & Karen Guman - Pearlscale | Dan & Karen Guman - Pearlscale | 4 |
| 51 | Bubble Eye & Celestial Goldfish | Paul Woodward | Dan & Karen Guman - Bubble eye | Dan & Karen Guman - Bubble eye | #N/A | 2 |
| 52 | All Other Eyetype Goldfish | Bud White | Dan & Karen Guman - Moor | Dan & Karen Guman - Demekin | Dan & Karen Guman - Demekin | 4 |
| 53 | Single Caudal Goldfish | Paul Woodward | Gary Schuster - Single caudal goldfish | Dan & Karen Guman - Shubunkin | Dan & Karen Guman - Shubunkin | 4 |
| 54 | All Other Goldfish Varieties | Jeremy Harsh | Dan & Karen Guman - Jikin | Tony Martina - Fantail | Dave Williamson - Red & White Wakin | 5 |
| 55 | Invertebrates – Freshwater or Marine | Adam Fox | Dan McMonigle - Electric Blue Crayfish | Dan & Karen Guman - Apple Snail | #N/A | 2 |
| 56 | Amphibians | Lisa Reel - Fancy Fins Aquatics | Emilie Myatt - Copper Xanthic Axolotl | Emilie Myatt - Albino male Axolotl | Dave Williamson - African Dwarf Frog | 3 |
| 57 | Pairs – Male and Female | Griffis Aquatics | Tom Rizzo - *Girardinus metallicus* | Mike & Elsie Swanson - *Nanacara anomola* pair | Don & Rene Guman - Pair Cherry Barbs | 11 |
| 58 | Group of Six – Adult fish | Paul Woodward | George Hollister - *Barbodes semifasciolatus* Gold Barbs | Bill Sensor - *Astyanax xavante* | Bill Chandler - Red GLass Ruby Tetras | 7 |
| 59 | Family Class – Parents and min 6 fry < 3 mo | Mike & Elsie Swanson | Dave Williamson - *Lima vitatta* family | Mike & Elsie Swanson - Platinum blue & red tail guppy family | Emilie Myatt - Calico Pleco family | 3 |
| 60 | Junior Class | Dan & Vi McMonigle | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | 0 |