



Tank Topics

October 2025

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Can you believe that we already entering the fall season? Soon it will be time to winterize your tubs and ponds and prepare for the change in weather and daylight savings. This year will be my first with a pond and I've got fingers crossed that it will be deep enough to overwinter my new goldfish!

The club had a successful spring auction, many well attended monthly meetings with new members and great speakers, our Ultra-Aqua in June and a great gathering at the August picnic. Thank you to the many participants in the show and the volunteers who helped make it a success. This issue features the full show results for the Ultra-Aqua 2025. We look forward to rounding out the year with our fall auction in November and our December Christmas party. Don't forget to get your final submissions in for the BAP and HAP programs!

As always—we graciously encourage our members to contribute articles for the newsletter relating to their experience in the hobby!

Fall Auction

November 2nd, 2025

Christmas Party

December 12th, 2025

\$5 Per person for dinner

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THE GREATER AKRON AQUARIUM SOCIETY

WHO ARE WE? We are a local group of aquatic enthusiasts. Formed in 1952, The Greater Akron Aquarium Society is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our membership ranges from the beginning hobbyist to the advanced aquarist with many years of experience. The goals of our club are to promote the care, study, breeding and exhibition of aquarium related aquatic life and to promote interest in the aquari-um hobby.

MEETINGS: Our meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the Ritchie Memorial Shelter House, 109 West Ave-nue, Tallmadge, OH 44278. It is located West of Tallmadge Circle with access from Sperry Ave., behind Vet Clinic and across from the Chev-rolet dealer. Visitors are always welcome, it costs absolutely nothing to attend a meeting and look us over.

MEMBERSHIP: The cost is only \$10 for adults, a couple or a family (includes children under 10 years of age) and \$5.00 for a junior member-ship (10 to 17 years). Membership provides an opportunity to socialize with others that share your interests, a subscription to our electronic magazine and more.

AGENDA: Our meeting agenda is simple and informal. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. with a short business meeting. Immediately following is the program for the evening which usually lasts about 45 minutes. Our programs consist of a speaker, slide program, movie or perhaps a panel discussion always on a particular subject related to the hobby or various species of fish. Following the program is a short refreshment break. After which the winners of the Bowl Show are announced, the Breeder's Award Program fish are auctioned and tickets are drawn for the raffle.

THE BOWL SHOW: Each month members can bring in fish for specific classes to compete for first, second and third place awards. The charge for each entry is only \$.25. Members also compete for annual awards by accumulating wins throughout the year.

BREEDER'S AWARD and HORTICULTURE AWARD PROGRAMS: members can receive recognition for spawning species of fish or propagating aquatic plants. All that is required is to turn in a minimum of six fry from the spawn that are between 30 and 90 days old. Members earn certificates for each species and can work towards plaques in different categories.

EQUIPMENT RAFFLE: The raffle table has such items as tanks, fish food and aquarium accessories that are donated by national manufacturers, area dealers or purchased by the Society. Tickets may be purchased by anyone attending the meeting.

ANNUAL SHOW: The Ultra-Aqua show is held during the summer at the Tallmadge community Center. This has become one of the largest all-species tropical fish shows in North America. It is an international gathering of hobbyists to display their fish in class competition, talk fish and to learn about the hobby from each other.

TANK TOPICS: is published on a as available basis for the members of the Greater Akron Aquarium Society. Articles and comments for this publication are welcome and encouraged. Such articles are to be submitted no later than the board meeting prior to publication. All articles may be reprinted as long as the author(s) and GAAS are given proper credit.

Check our website for membership information:

www.akronfishclub.com

Presidents Message

Bud White

If you made it to the meeting or watched it on Zoom, you know we had a very interesting speaker for the October meeting.

Jackie Anderson Education Materials Coordinator for the Project Piaba, gave us a very interesting view of the fish collecting issues and how many of the people in the Amazon areas need it to make a living and how they conserve the areas.

Next we have our Fall auction coming up November 2, we need to set up the auction on the morning of the auction and will be there at 8 AM. please try to stop by and help with the setup, the more help the faster and easier it goes, if you can't make it for setup, then stop by when things get started and help with the auction, after all - it is your club also!

See you then,

Bud

Bowl Show

Ken McGill

September Bowl Show Results

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Photography | 1st– Tom Arbour |
| | 2nd– Mike and Elsie Swanson |
| | 3rd– Jeff Swanson |
| Gouramis and Anabantoids | 1st– Wayne Toven |
| | 2nd– Dave Williamson |
| | 3rd– Dave Williamson |
| Sharks and Loaches | 1st– Emilie Myatt and Travis Miller |
| | 2nd– Emilie Myatt and Travis Miller |
| | 3rd– Dave Williamson |

Thank you to all our past and current participating members who participate in the monthly bowl shows. It is a great opportunity to see how your fish compare and get a taste for showing fish on a larger scale at our Ultra-Aqua. Our final bowl show will take place at the November 14th members meeting. The categories are:

All Other Livebearers; All Other Egglayers; All Other Catfish

Bowl Show

Ken McGill

Current Totals

| Name: | Total: |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Wayne Toven | 96 |
| Dave Williamson | 85 |
| Emilie Myatt & Travis Miller | 25 |
| Mike & Elsie Swanson | 11 |
| Adam Fox | 10 |
| Brody Arbour | 10 |
| Tom Clinton | 8 |
| Tom Arbour | 7 |
| Mike Thompson | 4 |
| Jeff Swanson | 4 |
| Jared C. | 4 |
| Heidi E.V. | 2 |
| Andrew Davis | 1 |

Rules:

- The charge for each entry is only \$ 0.25.

A First, Second, and Third place winner is chosen for each Bowl Show class, and then a point value is awarded to participating members. Points earned from placing and participating each month accumulate throughout the year. At the year's end, the title of "Bowl Show Champion of the Year" along with a plaque is awarded to the member with the most accumulated points.

Our Point System:

- 1st – 4 points
- 2nd – 2 points
- 3rd – 1 point
- 1 point per entry (Maximum of 10 points per class)

Your fish, aquatic animal, or plant entry to the Bowl Show should be displayed in a clear bowl, small animal carrier, container or tank of appropriate size, ideally with a contrasting background/bottom and a flat front side for easy viewing/judging. It's also a good idea to have some form of lid for your animal's protection. Although not required the Bowl Show, a black-colored background is helpful for judging fish.

Membership Report

Mike Swanson

Hi all, this is the beginning of the fall auction season, I hope to see many familiar faces at all the local events. We had 5 membership renewals at this month's meeting. There were 33 Members in attendance, we enjoyed our guest speaker on water quality / chemistry.

These are our memberships that are either expired recently or close to their expiration date:

Kaitlynn Breedlove, Christopher McCracken, Kris Secaur, Zack Brock, John Fleming, Simon Frieze, Mike Thompson, Ashton Schonauer, Bill & Connie Bruce, Steve Brunn
Joe Doyle, Joe Reich, Bill Bilski, Tom Clinton

Thanks,

Mike

BAP/HAP

Wayne Toven

We started off the 2025 BAP / HAP new year at the December meeting / Christmas party. We had our usual fish, live plants, and related items swap, there were lots of fish and other items, 5 spawns and 17 plant propagations were turned in that added to the mix. So, the new BAP / HAP year started off with a bang! Let's hope that this keeps going!

Our spring auction was on March 2nd a little earlier than usual, but to set a new record, it was where I sold the last Ultra – Aqua 2025 class sponsorship!! All 55 classes and the Best of Divisions were all taken.

On to the business of BAP / HAP. This is the BAP/HAP as of October.

December 2024

BAP

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Common name</u> | <u>Class</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Justin Bahil | | | |
| Xiphophorus maculatus | Hawaiian platy | Livebearer | 5 |
| Herb Kinney | | | |
| Xiphophorus alvarezii | | Livebearer | 5 |
| Wayne Toven | | | |
| Hemichromis lifalili | blood red jewel | Cichlid s.s. | 10 |
| Thomas Utt | | | |
| Poecilia wingei | orchid endlers | Livebearer | 5 |

BAP/HAP Cont.**Wayne Toven**

| Species | Common name | Class | Points |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Bud White | | | |
| Ancistrus sp. | Super red pleco | Catfish | 20 |
| HAP | | | |
| Adam Fox | | | |
| Bucephalandra sp. | Brownie sugar | C – vegetative | 15 |
| Bucephalandra sp. | Mini black Venus | C – vegetative | 15 |
| Bucephalandra sp. | Red princess | C – vegetative | 15 |
| Bucephalandra sp. | Skeleton red | C – vegetative | 15 |
| Bucephalandra sp. | Kedagang mini | C – vegetative | 15 |
| Bucephalandra sp. | Pandora queen | C – vegetative | 15 |
| Bucephalandra sp. | Lamandau purple | C – vegetative | 15 |
| Bucephalandra sp. | Black pink | C – vegetative | 15 |
| Bucephalandra sp. | Black swan | C – vegetative | 15 |
| Bucephalandra sp. | Black tears | C – vegetative | 15 |
| Schismatoglottis | roseopatha | C – vegetative | 15 |
| Cryptocoryne beckettii | Petchii pink | C – vegetative | 15 |
| Anubias barteri | var. chili mini | C – vegetative | 15 |
| Anubias barteri | var. broad white | C – vegetative | 15 |
| Anubias barteri | var. Nana Pagolino | C – vegetative | 15 |
| Wayne Toven | | | |
| Taxiphyllum barbieri | Java moss | B – vegetative | 10 |
| Taxiphyllum sp. | Flame moss | B – vegetative | 10 |

January 2025**BAP**

Thomas Utt

Ancistrus L144a lemon blue eye pleco Catfish 20

Limia nigrofasciata Humpback Limia Livebearer 5

Paul Woodward

Coptodon kotae Cichlid s.s. 10

HAP

Justin Bahil

Najas guadalupensis guppy grass B – vegetative 10

Steve Brunn

Cyperus prolifer Queen Tut E – flowering 10

Adam Fox

Hygrophyla polysperma Rosanervig A – vegetative 5

Ceratophyllum demersum hornwort A – vegetative 5

BAP/HAP Cont.**Wayne Toven**

| Species | Common name | Class | Points |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Adam Fox cont. | | | |
| Echinodoras sp. | Altlandsberg | C – vegetative | 15 |
| Ludwigia rubin | red skeleton | B – vegetative | 10 |
| Echinodoras yeni | | C – vegetative | 15 |

February 2025**BAP**

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|-------------------------|-----------------|------------|---|
| Steve Brunn | | | |
| Limia perugiae | Perigia's Limia | Livebearer | 5 |
| Adam Fox | | | |
| Limia perugiae | Perigia's Limia | Livebearer | 5 |
| Rich Serva | | | |
| Poecilia boesemanni | Maraval platy | Livebearer | 5 |
| Poecilia catemacanis | Catemaco molly | Livebearer | 5 |
| Xiphophorus sp. "Regio" | Santa Ana platy | Livebearer | 5 |

HAP

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|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----|
| Adam fox | | | |
| Echinodoras sp. | Red diamond | C – vegetative | 15 |
| Bucephalandra sp. | Biblis blue sky | C – vegetative | 15 |

March 2025**BAP**

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| Justin Bahil | | | |
| Limia vittata | Cuban Limia | Livebearer | 5 |
| Adam Fox | | | |
| Tanichthys albonubes | Golden white cloud | B.M.&R. | 5 |
| Notropis chrosomus | Rainbow shiner | Native | 10 |
| Herb Kinney | | | |
| Anetome Helena | Assassin snail | Aquatic animal | 10 |

HAP

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| Adam Fox | | | |
| Bucephalandra sp. | Mini blue | C – vegetative | 15 |

April 2025**BAP**

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| Adam Fox | | | |
| Xiphophorus maculatus | Bumblebee platy | Livebearer | 5 |

HAP

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| Adam Fox | | | |
| Bucephalandra sp. | Violet | C – vegetative | 15 |

BAP/HAP Cont.**Wayne Toven**

| Species | Common name | Class | Points |
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May 2025**BAP**

Adam Fox

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| Ancistrus sp. | Super red bristlenose | Catfish | 20 |
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| Corydoras pygmaeus | Pygmy Cory | Catfish | 15 |
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Thomas Utt

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| Poeciliopsis gracilis | porthole livebearer | Livebearer | 5 |
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| Limia islai | tiger Limia | Livebearer | 5 |
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Dave Williamson

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| Pseudocrenalabrus sp. | “Ruaha” | Cichlid m.b. | 10 |
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June 2025**BAP**

Adam Fox

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| Hymenochirus curtipes | African dwarf frog | Aquatic animal | 10 |
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Bud White

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| Corynopoma riisei | swordtail Characin | Tetra & Characin | 10 |
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Dave Williamson

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| Apistogramma cacatuoides | Cockatoo dwarf cichlid | Cichlid s.s. | 15 |
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| Pseudosphromenus dayi | Day's spiketail paradise | Anabantid | 5 |
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| Nomorhamphus liemi | Celebese halfbeak | Livebearer | 10 |
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HAP

Adam Fox

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| Echinodoras sp. | Pink miracle | C – vegetative | 15 |
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August 2025**BAP**

Justin Bahil

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| Limia nigrofasciata | humpback Limia | Livebearer | 5 |
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Daphne Mallinak

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| Neocaridina davidi | Cherry shrimp | Aquatic animal | 10 |
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| Poecilia wingei | black bar Endlers | Livebearer | 5 |
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Dave Williamson

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| Alloophorus robustus | Bulldog Goodeid | Livebearer | 10 |
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| Marisa cornuarietis | Colombian ramshorn snail | Aquatic animal | 5 |
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HAP

Dave Williamson

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| Bacopa monieri | water hyssop | B – vegetative | 10 |
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BAP/HAP Cont.**Wayne Toven**

| Species | Common name | Class | Points |
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September 2025**BAP**

Adam Fox

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| Brachydanio albolineata | Pearl Danio | B.M.&R. | 5 |
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| Celestichtys choprae | glowlight Danio | B.M.&R | 10 |
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David Girard

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| Melanochromis auratus | golden Mbuna | Cichlid m.b. | 15 |
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| Lamprologus kungweensis | | Cichlid s.s. | 15 |
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| Neolamprologus pulcher | Brichardi | Cichlid s.s. | 15 |
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| Lamprologus signatus | shelldweller | Cichlid s.s. | 15 |
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Wayne Toven

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| Limia vittata | Cuban Limia | Livebearer | 5 |
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Thomas Utt

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| Poecilia latipinna | sailfin molly | Livebearer | 5 |
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| Girardinus metallicus | black chin livebearer | Livebearer | 5 |
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| Xiphophorus helleri | Koi swordtail | Livebearer | 5 |
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Dave Williamson

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| Aulonocara maylandi | Sulphur head peacock | Cichlid m.b. | 15 |
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HAP

Dave Williamson

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| Cryptocoryne sp. | Sri Lanka crypt. | C – vegetative | 15 |
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October 2025**BAP**

Brody Arbour

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| Pomacea bridgesii | mystery snail | Aquatic animal | 5 |
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Thomas Arbour

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| Poecilia reticulata | bluetail galaxy guppy | Livebearer | 5 |
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Adam Fox

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| Poecilia wingei | blue star Endler | Livebearer | 5 |
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| Hyphessobrycon columbianus | red-blue Colombian tetra | T.&C. | 10 |
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| Microdevario kubotai | neon green Rasbora | B.M.&R. | 5 |
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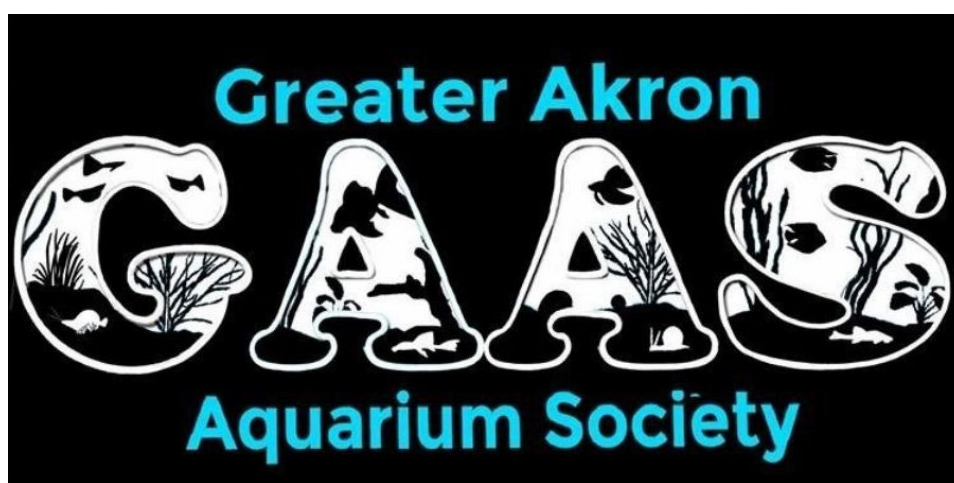
Ken McGill

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| Poecilia salvatoris | Liberty molly | Livebearer | 5 |
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BAP/HAP Cont.**Wayne Toven**

| Species | Common name | Class | Points |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dave Williamson | | | |
| Moenkhausia pittieri | Diamond tetra | T. &C. | 10 |
| Placidochromis phenochilus | star sapphire | Cichlid m.b. | 10 |

| Member | BAP | Points | HAP | Points |
|-----------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| Adam Fox | 12 | 105 | 25 | 350 |
| Dave Williamson | 9 | 70 | 2 | 25 |
| Thomas Utt | 8 | 55 | 0 | 0 |
| David Girard | 4 | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Rich Serva | 3 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Justin Bahil | 3 | 15 | 1 | 10 |
| Herb Kinney | 2 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Daphne Mallinak | 2 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Wayne Toven | 2 | 15 | 2 | 20 |
| Bud White | 2 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Brody Arbour | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Arbour | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Steve Brunn | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Kristen Kodish | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Ken McGill | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Paul Woodward | 1 | 10 | 0 | 0 |



Program rules and forms available by clicking the logo above.

Ultra-Aqua 2025 Results

The Greater Akron Aquarium Society 2025 Ultra-Aqua Show Results
Sunday, June 22nd, 2025
Tallmadge Community Center
The 2025 Ultra-Aqua had 384 entries, 28 entrants, and 6 clubs participated.

Winners of the Special Awards

| Special Awards | Sponsored by | Winner |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Best of Show Livebearer | Wayne Toven | Kim M. Griffith Rodbourn - Mol-lies Black Lyretail |
| Best of Show Egglayer | Regina Spotti - All Oddball Aquatics | Tim DeRobertis - Texas cichlid |
| Best of Show Cichlid | Cain Accounting | Tim DeRobertis - Amphilophus midas |
| Best of Show Goldfish | YATFS | Dan & Karen Guman - Ryukin |
| Best of Show Catfish/Loach | Eric Bodrock - All Oddball Aquatics | Wayne Toven - L240 Vampire Pleco |
| Best of Show Display | Awesome Aquatics | Roberto Prati - Enantiopius melanogenys males photo |
| Best Of Show | Agnoaquatics - Broadview Heights, Ohio | Tim DeRobertis - Amphilophus midas |
| Catfish & Loach Championship | The Greater Akron Aquarium Society | Wayne Toven |
| Kobayashi Goldfish Champion-ship | The Greater Akron Aquarium Society | Dan & Karen Guman |
| Presidents Trophy | The Greater Akron Aquarium Society | Dan & Karen Guman |
| Challenge Award | The Greater Akron Aquarium Society | YATFS |



The Best of Show award went to Tim DeRobertis for his *Amphilophus midas*.

Ultra-Aqua 2025 Results

| | Class | Sponsor | 1st Place | 2nd Place | 3rd Place | Entries |
|----|---|--|---|---|--|---------|
| 1 | Decorated Aquariums | Dave Williamson | Dave Williamson - 3 gal cube | Emilie Myatt & Travis Miller - Aquarium Decorated | Mike Thompson - Decorated Bowl | 4 |
| 2 | Aquarium Plants | Agnoaquatics - Broadview Hts. | Dave Williamson - <i>Cryptocoryne crispatula</i> | Susan Zabicki - Red Tiger Lotus - <i>Nymphaea zenkeri</i> | Melissa Coughran - <i>Bucephalandra</i> ps. <i>Brownie phantom</i> | 3 |
| 3 | Photography – Digital Media | Brian Shrimpton | Roberto Prati - <i>Enantiopus melanogenys</i> males | Roberto Prati - <i>Paracyprichromis nigripinnis</i> | Roberto Prati - <i>Panaqolius albivermis</i> L204 | 26 |
| 4 | Photography – Prints | GPASI | Roberto Prati - <i>Loricaria</i> sp. Rio Atabopo | Roberto Prati - <i>Enantiopus melanogenys</i> | Susan Zabicki - Royal Pleco - <i>Panaque nigrolineata</i> print | 24 |
| 5 | Arts & Crafts – Fine Art or Hand Crafts | In memory of Teri Seufert | Tim DeRobertis - CARVED FISH | Tim DeRobertis - CARVED FISH | Emilie Myatt & Travis Miller - Jellyfish Art glow in the dark | 11 |
| 6 | New World Cichlids 5" & Under | Bierbower Aquatics | Wild Bill Wroblewski - <i>Apistogramma agassizii</i> | Bill Sensor - <i>Apistogramma hoignei</i> | Bill Sensor - <i>Apistogramma macmasteri</i> | 9 |
| 7 | New World Cichlids over 5" | Bierbower Aquatics | Tim DeRobertis - <i>Amphilophus midas</i> | Tim DeRobertis - CUBAN CICHLID | Bill Sensor - <i>Aequidens supermaculatum</i> | 12 |
| 8 | Angelfish & Discus | Gary Mendez | Dan & Karen Guman - Angelfish | Kim M. Griffith Rodbourn - White Angelfish | Bill Sensor - <i>Pterophyllum scalare</i> black | 12 |
| 9 | Mbuna (Pseudo., Mel., Labeo., Labido., Cyno., etc.) | Singer Contracting | Wayne Toven - <i>Pseudotropheus cyaneorhabdos</i> | Dave Williamson - <i>Labidochromis chisumulae</i> | Wayne Toven - <i>Labidochromis caeruleus</i> | 3 |
| 10 | Hap. & Aulonocara types | RMS Aquaculture | Ed Bush - <i>Walteri Peacock</i> | Tom Rizzo - <i>Copadichromis mloto Undu</i> | Tim DeRobertis - <i>Aulonocara stuartgranti</i> | 6 |
| 11 | Lamp, Neo, Alto, Julido, Chalino, & <i>Telmatochromis</i> | Aquatic Voyeurs | Dave Williamson - <i>Neolamprologus helianthus</i> | Dan McMonigle - <i>Julidochromis transcriptus</i> black | Wild Bill Wroblewski - <i>Neolamprologus leleupi</i> | 3 |
| 12 | All Other Old World Cichlids | Emilie Myatt & Travis Miller - Hog and Lotl Breeders | Wild Bill Wroblewski - <i>Coptodon kottae</i> | Dave Williamson - <i>Pseudocrenilabrus</i> sp. 'ruaha' | Bill Sensor - <i>Hemichromis guttatus</i> | 11 |
| 13 | Guppies – Males, Solid Color Tail | John & Theresa Baad | Shelbie Schatz - German White Guppy male | Ronald Kline - Green Moscow Guppy | Jeff Plazak - Male Red Guppy | 7 |
| 14 | Guppies – Males, Variegated Color Tail | Susan Everett | Shelbie Schatz - Platinum Yellow Leopard Guppy male | Jamie Williams - Pink Grass Guppy | Dave Williamson - Double sword | 3 |
| 15 | Guppies – Females | Justin Bahil | Shelbie Schatz - German White Guppy female | Shelbie Schatz - German White Ribbon Guppy female | Shelbie Schatz - Platinum Yellow Leopard Guppy female | 4 |
| 16 | Swordtails – Common Finnacle | Kim M. Griffith Rodbourn | Kim M. Griffith Rodbourn - Swords 17Red Koi Common Finnacle | Wayne Toven - <i>Xiphophorus helleri</i> Kohaku | Dave Williamson - Pineapple wag male | 4 |
| 17 | Swordtails – Fancy Finnacle | David Girard | Dan & Karen Guman - HiFin Swordtail | Dan & Karen Guman - Fancy Swordtail | Dan & Karen Guman - Lyretail Swordtail | 4 |
| 18 | Platies & Variatus – Common Finnacle | Ralph Grammer | Wayne Toven - <i>Xiphophorus maculatus</i> Tobasco | Dave Williamson - blue female | Dan & Karen Guman - Platy | 3 |
| 19 | Platies & Variatus – Fancy Finnacle | Mike & Elsie Swanson | Dan & Karen Guman - HiFin Platy | Dave Williamson - HiFin Painted Blue female | Dan & Karen Guman - Fancy Platy | 4 |
| 20 | Mollies | Steve Brunn | Kim M. Griffith Rodbourn - Mollies Black Lyretail | Dan & Karen Guman - Molly | Kim M. Griffith Rodbourn - Mollies Gold Orange Sailfin | 6 |

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| 21 | Goodeids | George Hollister | George Hollister - Goodea atripinnis, Blackfin Goodeid | Wayne Toven - Skiffia multipunctata | Wayne Toven - Chapalichthys encaustus | 13 |
| 22 | All Other Livebearers | Rich Serva | Dave Williamson - Limia garnieri female | Wayne Toven - Limia perugiae | Dan & Karen Guman - Limia islai, Tiger | 6 |
| 23 | Loaches – Botia species | Dan & Vi McMonigle | Dave Williamson - sidthmunki | Wayne Toven - Sinibotia pulchra | Emilie Myatt & Travis Miller - Yoyo Loach | 8 |
| 24 | Loaches – All Other Varieties | Boggs Aquatics | Wayne Toven - Mesonoemacheilus guentheri | Wayne Toven - Traccatichthys pulcher | Wayne Toven - Nemacheilus longistriatus | 14 |
| 25 | Synodontis Catfish | Aquatic Voyeurs | Tony Martina - Synodontis petricola | Wayne Toven - Synodontis waterloti | Tim DeRobertis - Synodontis decorus | 6 |
| 26 | Corydoras Catfish | Fatfish Aquatics | Melissa Coughran - Osteogaster sp. CW010 | Dave Williamson - elegans | Bill Sensor - Corydoras loretoensis | 10 |
| 27 | Aspidoras & Brochis Catfish Species | Red Dragon Tropicals | Wayne Toven - Aspidoras spilotos | Melissa Coughran - Scleromystax sp. CW038 | Dave Williamson - Aspidoras spilotos | 7 |
| 28 | Suckermouth Catfish – Pleco Types | Fish City - Barberton | Wayne Toven - L240 Vampire Pleco | Tim DeRobertis - Panaque cf. nigrolineatus L330 | Tony Martina - L333 King Tiger | 24 |
| 29 | Suckermouth Catfish – All Other Types | Ray Bierbower | Dan & Karen Guman - Rhineloricaria sp. | Melissa Coughran - Otocinclus cocama | Dave Williamson - Otocinclus affinis | 7 |
| 30 | All Other Catfish 6" & under | Ron & Amy Mullens | Melissa Coughran - Duringlanis perugiae Oil Catfish | Wayne Toven - Mochokiella paynei | Don Guman - Albino Hoplo Cat | 9 |
| 31 | All Other Catfish over 6" | Boggs Aquatics - Cuyahoga Falls | Don Guman - Wood Cat | Dan & Karen Guman - Ell-tail Banjo Cat mottled | Wild Bill Wroblewski - Horabagrus brachysoma | 6 |
| 32 | Betta splendens – Males | Agnoaquatics Broadview Hts. | Susan Zabicki - Koi Crowntail male | Ed Bush - Multi Betta male | Dan & Karen Guman - Male Betta | 7 |
| 33 | Betta splendens – Females | Awesome Aquatics | Susan Zabicki - Plakat female | Dan & Karen Guman - Female Betta | Bill Sensor - Betta splendens | 4 |
| 34 | Gouramis (Trichogaster and Colisa sps.) | Gill-man Aquatics - Herb Kinney | Kim M. Griffith Rodbourn - Pearl Gourami | Dave Williamson - Powder Blue Dwarf Gourami | Emilie Myatt & Travis Miller - Blue Gouramis | 5 |
| 35 | All Other Labyrinth Fish | Jeff Plazak | Wayne Toven - Betta balunga | George Hollister - Betta antuta | Dave Williamson - Day's Spiketail Paradise | 6 |
| 36 | Killifish | Don & Rene Guman | Dan & Karen Guman - Dwarf Red Gularis | Tom Rizzo - Epiplatys Redfin | Dave Williamson - Aphanius sirhani | 4 |
| 37 | Characidae (Tetras & their relatives) | Bill Chandler | Kristen Kodish & Justin Bahil - Paracheirodon axelrodi Cardinal Tetra | Bill Sensor - Leporinus nysjenni | Bill Sensor - Nanostomus mordax | 11 |
| 38 | Barbs | Morgan Dent | Dan & Karen Guman - Dennison Barb | Dave Williamson - Banded Barb | Don Guman - LF Cherry Barb | 7 |
| 39 | Danios | Agnoaquatics - Broadview Hts. | Dave Williamson - Danio choprae | Dan & Karen Guman - Celestial Pearl Danio | Wayne Toven - Pearl danio | 3 |
| 40 | Minnows & Rasboras | Agnoaquatics - Broadview Hts. | Dave Williamson - Pork chop Rasbora | Wayne Toven - Tanichthys thacbaensis | no entry | 2 |
| 41 | Rainbowfish | Agnoaquatics - Broadview Hts. | Wayne Toven - Melanotaenia picta | Dan & Karen Guman - Melanotaenia parva | Dave Williamson - Signifer Rainbow | 4 |
| 42 | Native Fish – Continental US | Dave Williamson | Tim DeRobertis - Texas cichlid | George Hollister - Gambusia holbrooki | Wayne Toven - Crenichthys baileyi | 7 |
| 43 | All Other Species | Jeff Plazak | Dan & Karen Guman - Flying Fox | Dave Williamson - siamensis | Kim M. Griffith Rodbourn - Rainbow Shark | 3 |

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| 44 | Oranda Goldfish | Jeff Plazak | Dan & Karen Guman - Oranda | Dan & Karen Guman - Oranda | Dave Williamson - Red & White Oranda | 3 |
| 45 | Lionhead and Ranchu Goldfish | Dan & Karen Guman | Dan & Karen Guman - Lionhead | Dan & Karen Guman - Lionhead | Dan & Karen Guman - Lionhead | 4 |
| 46 | Ryukin, Ribbontail & Veiltail Goldfish | Dan & Karen Guman | Dan & Karen Guman - Ryukin | Dan & Karen Guman - Ryukin | Dan & Karen Guman - Ryukin | 5 |
| 47 | Pearlscale Goldfish | Bud White | Dan & Karen Guman - Pearlscale | Dan & Karen Guman - Pearlscale | Dan & Karen Guman - Pearlscale | 5 |
| 48 | Eyetype Goldfish | Jeff Plazak | Dan & Karen Guman - Telescope | Dan & Karen Guman - Telescope | Dave Williamson - Ribbontail Black Moor | 5 |
| 49 | Single Caudal Goldfish | Jeff Plazak | Dan & Karen Guman - Shubunkin | Dan & Karen Guman - Shubunkin | Dave Williamson - Red & White Comet | 3 |
| 50 | All Other Goldfish Varieties | Jeremy Harsh | Dan & Karen Guman - Jikin | Dave Williamson - Red & White Wakin | Tony Martina - Fantail comet | 3 |
| 51 | Invertebrates – Freshwater or Marine | Jeff Plazak | Ronald Kline - BOA Cardina Shrimp | Emilie Myatt & Travis Miller - Giant Apple Snail | Tom Clinton - Mystery Snail | 4 |
| 52 | Amphibians | Jeff Plazak | Emilie Myatt & Travis Miller - Copper Axanthic Axolotl | Dave Williamson - Spanish Ribbed Newt | Emilie Myatt & Travis Miller - Axanthic Axolotl | 4 |
| 53 | Pairs – Male and Female | Kristen Kodish | George Hollister - Xenotaenia resolanae, Leopard Goodeid | Bud White - pair Megalechis thorcata | George Hollister - Gambusia holbrooki pair | 13 |
| 54 | Group of Six – Adult fish | Jeff Plazak | Susan Zabicki - Hoplisoma sterbai | Dan McMonigle - Odessa Barbs | Dan McMonigle - Longfin Tiger Barbs | 3 |
| 55 | Family Class – Parents and min 6 fry < 3 mo | Jeff Plazak | Dave Williamson - Family Celebes Halfbeaks | Tom Rizzo - Celestial Pearl Danio family | Bud White - Swordtail Tetra family Corynopoma riisei | 8 |

The Kobayashi Goldfish Championship was won by Dan and Karen Guman.



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Kim M. Griffith Rodbourn receives the Best of Show Livebearer award for her Black Lyretail Molliies.



Wayne Toven, for his L240 Vampire Pleco, receives the Best of Show Catfish/Loach award.

Receiving the Best of Show Display award is Roberto Prati for his photo of *Enantiopus melanogenys* males.



Tim DeRobertis receives the Best of Show Cichlid award for his *Amphilophus midas*.

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The Catfish & Loach Championship is accepted by Wayne Toven.



The Best of Show Egglayer award went to Tim DeRobertis for his Texas Cichlid.



For their Ryukin goldfish, Dan and Karen Guman receive the Best of Show Goldfish award.



Dan and Karen Guman accept the Presidents Trophy.

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The Challenge Award was won by The Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society.



Thank you to all our
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