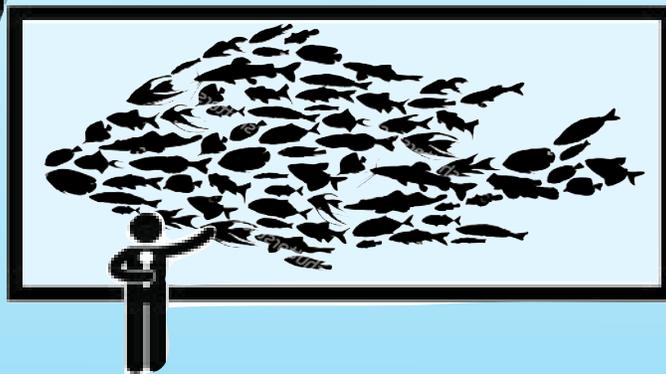


Fish School

Open
to the
Public



MASI Annual Convention
April 28-30, 2017

Speakers: Benes, Tanner, Hellweg, Edie
Large Fish Show & Huge Aquatic Auction
Crown Plaza Hotel

11228 Lone Eagle Dr, Bridgeton, MO

Check MissouriAquariumSociety.com for Details



2017 Fish School Schedule

FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH

2:00 to 10:00 pm SHOW and Vendors room set up

5pm - Show/ Vendors room opens to public

7:00-8:00 pm - Social Hour w Snacks = Pizza and Ferguson Brewery Beer in the Hospitality Room

8:00 to 9:15 pm - Talk #1 - **Phil Benes**-*"My history in fish keeping and how the equipment has changed over the years"*

9:15 pm Hospitality Room

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH

8:00 -10:00 am - Show Room closed for Judging

10:00 am - Show / Vendor's room Re-opens.

10:00 - 11:30 am - Talk #2 - **Phil Benes** – *"Phil and Jan's Pond (Or What Happens When a Good Statue Goes Bad)"*

11:30 am - 1:00 pm - Lunch Break

1:15 - 2:30 pm - Talk #3 - **Steve Edie**- *"Tank-ganyikan Cichlids"*

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm - Talk #4 - **Dr. Stephan Tanner**- *"Filtration: Obsolete Common Wisdom, or When Science Hits the Foam!"*

4:00 - 5:15 pm - Talk #5 - **Mike Hellweg**- *"Danios, Devarios and their Kin"*

5:30 pm- Speaker & Show rooms close

5:30 - 6:30 pm - Open Forum with Speakers - in HOSPITALITY ROOM

Sat Evening Times Approximate

6:30 pm Banquet room opens for seating and drinks

7:00 pm Banquet Dinner

7:45 pm Awards

8:30 pm Speaker- **Steve Edie**- *"The Name Game: A Classification Permutation"*

9:30 pm - ? , Tank glow in Show room

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH

9:00 am-Auction Set up - Vendors open (9:00 thru Auction - Show tear down)

10:00 am- Auction Viewing

11:00 am - Verbal Auction Begins

11:30 am - Silent Auction Begins

2:30 pm - Special Art Auction

3:30 pm - Silent Auctions end

4:00 pm - 1st 75 gal tank raffle

4:30 pm - 2nd 75 gal tank raffle

6 pm (?) - Auction ends

Sunday Raffles

2 - 75 gallon tanks, tops & lights provided by Tropical World Pets; \$50 Gift Certificates provided by Sailfin Pet Shop and Corals-n-More.

Tickets will be on sale ALL weekend. Drawing to be held SUNDAY afternoon. Must be present at drawings to Win.



For questions or comments about this MASI 2017 Spring Convention email the Convention Chairman:
Gary Lange: gwlange@sbcglobal.net

2017 MASI Show Classes*

1. **Aquascaping** - free entry
2. **Best School/Family or Biotope-**
3. **Old World Cichlid-** *Steve Edie*
4. **New World Cichlid -**
Chuck Bremer
5. **Killifish/Rainbowfish-**
Charles Hoppe
6. **Livebearers Wild Type -**
Steve Deutsch
7. **Livebearers Fancy Aquarium Type -** *Carl Kling*
8. **Egglayers**, Cyprinids: Barbs, Danios, Rasboras, Minnows and Characins: Tetras, and relatives- *Mike & Angela Hellweg*
9. **Anabantids** (except B splendens) - *Daniell Kinder & STL Betta Soc.*
10. **Fancy Betta Splendens-** Best Fancy Betta Splendens- *Mike Slater*
11. **Catfish:** Corydoras, Scleromystax, and relatives- *Kathy Deutsch*
12. **Catfish, all other-** *Jeff Keim*
13. **All Other Fish -** *Steven Hoffman*
14. **Photography -** *Klaus Bertich*
15. **Art/Craft Item-** *Kathy Daly*

MAJOR AWARDS

To be awarded Trophy or Plaque

Best Fish in Show - *Pat Tosie*
Judge's Award - *Gary Lange*
Best Junior (age 16 and under)
Reet Thomas Livebearer Award
Ralph Wilhelm Catfish Award-
People's Choice

*Below 5 entries per class that class will be judged as part of Class 13.

Class Awards:

- 1st Prize \$10
- 2nd Prize \$5
- 3rd Prize \$3

Named Awards:

- Best Jr \$20
- Peoples Choice \$20
- Reet Thomas \$20
- Ralph Wilhelm \$20
- Judges \$25
- Best in Show \$50



Enter by or at the Thursday, April 20th MASI General Meeting

Award Sponsors in Italics

The 2017 Educational Lineup



Phil Benes's Friday talk is "My history in fish keeping and how the equipment has changed over the years"

Phil's Saturday program is titled "Phil and Jan's Pond (Or What Happens When a Good Statue Goes Bad)"; this chronicles Jan and Phil's design, building, and enjoyment of their 6,000 gallon Koi Pond.

This program should encourage others to put in a pond of their

own and help eliminate some of the problems that might be encountered.

Phil was breeding angelfish in the mid 1960's

back when angelfish were silver, black, or black lace. At the age of 13, Phil went to work at a local pet shop and kept fish in his dorm room in college.

In 1980, Phil and Jan became founding members of the Dallas Aquarium Association. Phil served as Vice-President and President before being transferred back to Chicago where he built his first fishroom of about 30 aquariums.

1993 took the Benes family, fish and all, to suburban Detroit, where they became involved in several fish clubs and board members and officers of the Michigan Cichlid Association. The fish room increased to about 70 aquariums. Phil was the convention chair for the 1999 ACA convention hosted by the Michigan Cichlid Association.

After that they moved to the Cincinnati, Ohio, area and joined the Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society, where Phil has held officer positions and auction chairman since. In 2003 and 2009, GCAS hosted the ACA convention, with Phil as Convention Chair.

Phil is a former member of the Board of Trustees of the American Cichlid Association as well as a Fellow of that organization. He also served as ACA Board Chair between the years of 2002 and 2011 and is currently



the Convention Liaison. In his professional life he is a Chemist (University of Illinois) and heads up the R&D group of a Cincinnati based chemical company.

Phil currently maintains over 100 aquariums focusing mainly on cichlids, catfish, and rainbowfish, although one can find the occasional livebearer or characin in his fish room.

Convention Chairman Notes: When Phil took on this first ACA convention in 1999 how to do a big show was not established. Many clubs stumbled and were barely able to show a profit for the hard work. Phil set guidelines making the convention profitable for the ACA and other convention host clubs. Phil's fishroom has a lot of really nice cichlids but he also has quite a few tanks filled with rainbowfish!



Dr. Stephan Tanner will discuss "Filtration: Obsolete Common Wisdom, or When Science Hits the Foam!"

Aquarium filtration is an age-old topic that goes far beyond nitrification or removal of debris. Stephan will look at nature and modern science to help understand what goes on and how we can keep our fish happier and healthier.

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Stephan has kept aquariums since 1982. A Swiss native, he set up his first fish tank at age 14, to be followed by many more. His fascination for nature and biology led to a B.S. in Ecology and Molecular Biology (1995) and a Ph.D. in Human Molecular Genetics (1998) from the University of Bern, Switzerland. As an undergraduate, he worked several years for the local fish and pet shop (Spiezer Zoo in Spiez, Switzerland).

In 1992 he became a member of the International Society for Barbs, Tetras, Loaches, and Catfishes. From 1994-2006 he was the editor-in-chief for their BSSW Report and regularly traveled to fish related events all over the United States and Europe, or to visit friends he had made within the great world of fish. Stephan is now a member of the IG BSSW, American Cichlid Association, American Livebearer Association, North American Native Fishes Association, Minnesota Aquarium Society, and Columbus Area Fish Enthusiasts. Since 2013 **he is also a senior editor and a translator for Reef to Rainforest Media LLC- publisher of the famous CORAL and AMAZONAS magazines.**

Convention Chairman Notes: When Stephan first came to the United States he searched for foam filters, called Hamburg Matten filters, quite common in Europe, especially Germany and Switzerland. He was amazed that the US didn't have the correct materials to make those filters. I remember hearing from my killifish friends about these "new filters" that some "guy" in Ohio was talking about. Swiss Tropicals now provides the type foam that was needed and has been spreading the gospel of HMF ever since, now celebrating its 10th anniversary.



Mike Hellweg: "Danios and Devarios" What is brightly colored and clear as glass? As long as a dollar bill and smaller than a finger? That would be the "amazing and often overlooked members of the genera Danio and Devario, and some of their close kin," says Mike Hellweg, presenting "Danios and Devarios" at MASI's Convention. Popular speaker, auctioneer, writer, and

owner of a small and growing fish hatchery, Hellweg will introduce a number of Danio and Devario species. During his presentation Hellweg will share, not only his knowledge, but his fascination with Danios, as well.

Mike is no beginner when it comes to keeping and breeding Danios. "I have enjoyed and been fascinated by the Danios since I was a kid back in the early 1970s, and I had Zebrafish breed in my tank," he says. "I was able to raise a couple youngsters, and the rest—as they say—is history. I've always had at least a few Danios in my fish room, and, even today, after working with more than 1,000 species of fish, and breeding over 400 species, I still find myself keeping and breeding the various Danios and their kin."

"There are dozens of beautiful, active, and hardy species that have entered the hobby in the last 15 years. Many of them show fascinating behaviors that might surprise many hobbyists who don't really know them," says Hellweg. "There are still new species being discovered and described, including some half dozen in the past year alone! There are so many different species to enjoy and all of them are unique."

"Unique": the diversity among the species of the Danio genus is remarkable. Some Danios are brightly colored while others are clear as glass. Some certainly are long, and others are short. Some are spotted, others striped. Still others have patterns that combine spots and stripes, or that defy classification altogether. Some Danios will live for nearly a decade, yet others live for only a few months. Some scatter their eggs; others place them among roots, rocks, and other materials; still others lay their eggs on the underside of leaves. Some modern Danios are transgenic—combining the genes of multiple species. In addition to their unique coloring, some transgenic fish actually glow!

Learn more about adding Danios to your aquarium at Hellweg's session!

Convention Chairman Notes: We are so lucky to have so many nationally requested speakers in MASI we sometimes forget about it. Mike is also the auction chair for MASI which made much of the money which supports this convention. Without those auctions this convention wouldn't be possible nor all of our monthly out of town speakers. Mike is quick to help people with fishy advice and always trying to get our members to get out there and try new fish. He gladly takes on getting live black worms delivered to our meetings so that other members can try to breed as many fish as he has!



Steve Edie will Discuss "Tank-ganyikan Cichlids" on Saturday

His Banquet talk is titled "The Name Game: A Classification Permutation", a tongue-in-cheek take on nomenclature with an emphasis on Cichlids.

Steve Edie has been keeping fish since the Eisenhower administration. (might need Wikipedia for this) He has kept almost every kind of fish available, and some that weren't. He now keeps about 1,100 gallons of freshwater aquariums, with a preference toward Rift Lake Cichlids. He has had good success in maintaining many different species and moderate success at breeding them.

Steve is the past President and Treasurer and current BAP Chair of the Missouri Aquarium Society. He served on the Board of Trustees of the American Cichlid Association, but was paroled after two terms.

He once kept a saltwater tank for about a year, but has promised not to do it again.

Convention Chairman Notes: For 20+ years now Steve has made trips to the North East Council convention in CT - as well as just about all of the ACA conventions. Everybody knows his name. As BAP Chair Steve maintains records of all of the fishes that have ever been spawned at MASI. Setting that up before the records had been electronically recorded. He also keeps up with the changing nomenclature in an Excel spreadsheet. This year Steve is again guiding the Stuart Grant fund as "MASI Challenge". In 2008 he presented Ad Konings a check for the "Net Busters" fund on behalf of MASI for over \$1,300! He drives this fund like nobody else and already has it above \$1,000 and has barely started! He'll be taunting other clubs to match our totals! Steve's fishroom is always "on tour" for our monthly guest speakers. His tanks are "show tank" style ranging from large planted tanks with lots of small fish to large tanks with lots of African cichlids- constant motion in his fishroom.



FREE Beer after the Entries are placed!
Sponsored by various MASI members.

Tasty Ferguson Brewery Pecan Brown Ale to be exact. This was the beer growler that was always empty at the end of the "extra speaker" talk so I know folks enjoy it. **Place your fish entries in the show then help tap the keg!** This is a fun and delicious way to support our annual event. Entering fish into the show, getting them set up and watching and helping other members can be a lot fun. Much beer has been consumed during this event.

Join with us and enter your best fish in the contest. We often hear about these fish you have but never get to see them. Now is your time to brag, Missouri is "The Show Me State" so show that fish off!!

Tasty Ferguson Brewery Pecan Brown Ale is brought to you by Debbie Sultan & Tom Corridini, Guy Tinker, Pat Tosie and Gary Lange.

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to get to know some of your fellow members better and sample some Beeeer! We're looking forward to seeing those fish of yours.



Who is MASI?

MEMBERSHIP

Anyone interested in the keeping and breeding of Tropical and Marine fish or other Aquatic life is encouraged to become a member of the Missouri Aquarium Society, Inc. (MASI). Our members range from the inexperienced beginner to the advanced aquarist, and new members are always welcome. More Membership information:

MEETINGS

MASI meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, at 7:30 PM at the Dorsett Village Baptist Church. There is no admission charge and visitors are always welcome to attend.

ACTIVITIES

Our monthly meetings offer educational programs, films and lectures, question-and-answer sessions, fish show competitions, contests, door prizes, and an opportunity to exchange ideas and information with fellow hobbyist. MASI also holds two major competitive fish shows each year. The Annual Show and Convention, held in the Spring each year and the Super Bowl Show held at the October meeting. The Spring Convention offers an entire weekend of hobby activities in which our members and members of other aquarium societies from throughout the country participate. MASI also sponsors four fish Auctions and a Swap each year among their other Fishy activities.

NEWSLETTER

The Club Newsletter, **THE DARTER**, is published 6 times per year and contains educational articles on aquarium related subjects as well as information about Club Activities and Programs.



[Go to the MASI Webpage or attend a meeting to find out more!](http://www.missouriaquariumsociety.com/)
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Missouri Aquarium Society
Fish School Spring Auction:
Sunday, April 30, 2017



Viewing 10:00 AM Auction Begins at 11:00 AM

Information & Seller Registration:

auction@missouriaquariumsociety.com

Rules, Seller's Sheets and Labels:

[http://inkmkr.com/Fish/AuctionRules\(2-12\).html](http://inkmkr.com/Fish/AuctionRules(2-12).html)

We have both a regular verbal auction & huge silent auctions running throughout the day!

Buyers can find their choice of 500 - 800 (or more!) lots of: Locally Raised Freshwater Tropical Fish (Cichlids, Angels, Wild type and Fancy Livebearers, Killies, Fancy Guppies, Community Fish, Catfish, Plecos and MORE!), Freshwater Shrimp, Other Freshwater Invertebrates, Locally Raised Aquatic Amphibians (Axolotls, Salamanders, Newts and Frogs), Aquarium and Pond Goldfish and Koi, Aquatic Plants, Pond Plants, Aquarium and Pond Supplies and Equipment Tanks, Stands, Lights, Heaters, Filters, Driftwood, Rocks, Gravel, and Other Decorations, Books and Magazines, Flake and Pellet Foods, Live Foods and MORE!

Though our sellers are mostly freshwater hobbyists, there are sometimes marine fish/inverts and frags as well!

A special feature auction of the artwork donated to MASI is at 2:30 pm.



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RAFFLES!

We will have 4 or 5 raffles being drawn throughout the day, including two chances to win 75 gallon tanks, top and light, and Gift Certificates to Local Fish Shops. The main tank raffles will be drawn at 4:00 & 4:30 pm.

MUST be present to win.

Thanks to Tropical World Pets on Watson Road for supplying these tanks.

Remaining MASI Auctions in 2017:
Summer August 6, 2017
Fall November 19, 2017



Training Your Fish to Show for the Judges

Kathy Deutsch

YOU HAVE YOUR fish conditioned. It's fins are perfect, it's color has never been better. But how is the fish's deportment? When judging a fish, deportment counts high towards a win.



Deportment means how the fish behaves. And while every species has a different deportment in the wild, when a fish is shown, how it reacts to humans is also important. Plecostomus, for example, will be judged on their behavior as if they were

in the wild. So a fish who is stretched out, sideways-looking at the humans, is deporting well. But if the fish swims up to the glass, and eyeballs the humans straight on, that is an appealing behavior!

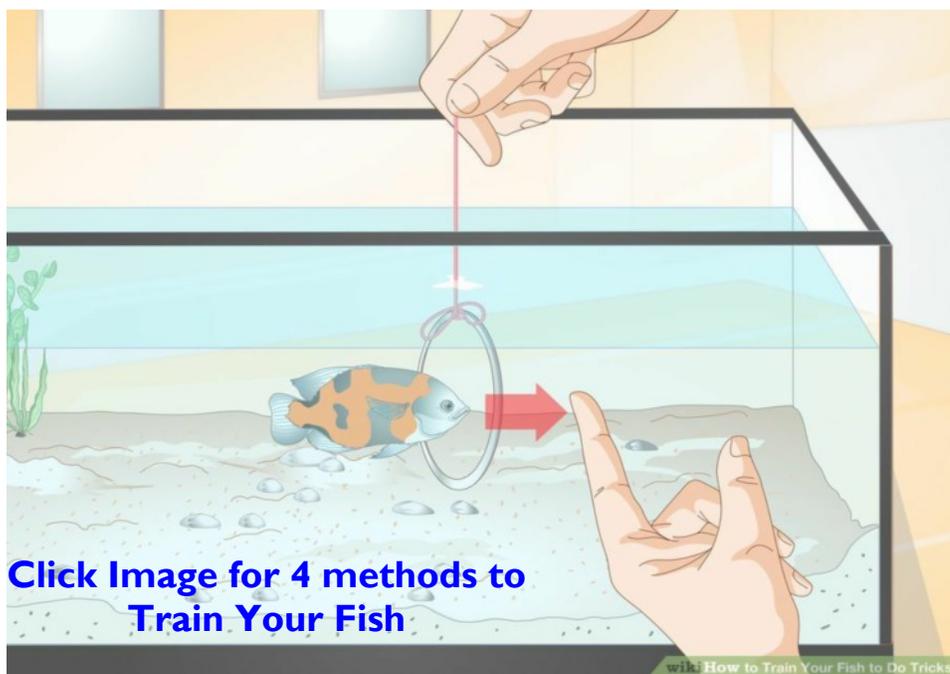
How we get the fish to react positively to us humans is not difficult. It does take time. And to be honest, my wild-caught angelfish are still skittish, despite daily training and people passing by their tank many times a day (the tank is just outside the bathroom).

The judges at the fish show will carry flashlights and clipboards. If you really want your fish to come up to the

judges, you should feed them while holding a clipboard and shining a flashlight at the tank. This enforces the idea that the food comes

along with humans who carry these things.

What I do with every tank of fish, every day, is to have the food ready, then I lightly tap twice on the tank front. I feed at the very front of the tank, so the fish have to come up close to get food. And I do the tap-tap, feed



very quickly, so the fish relate the tap and the food. I do this so the fish understand a close noise is not scary.

How a fish deports in the wild is always seen by judges as a correct behavior. But if you want to add a little extra to your fish's showability, consistent training will imprint on them that humans can be the good guys.

Things to Take to a Fish Show

Gary Lange



BE PREPARED, BRING:

1. **Pen and paper** - to make a list of the things you forget or overlook for next year!
2. **Tank(s)** - check ahead of time for leaks - better to set up for several days.
3. **Lights** - Most fish look and show way better with lights. You also need to cover the top completely to prevent jumping.
4. **Background** - Your fish will look better with a background. (Don't forget the background material, scissors, and tape to prepare and attach the backgrounds.) By the way, contact paper is really the better way to go but construction paper will do the trick. Cut square corners with a carpenter's angle and a box cutter.



5. **Gravel**, best at 1-1.5 inches worth. Don't forget rocks for decoration too.
6. **Plants** (and plant weights) aren't required, but you could enter the plant category without having to set up another tank. This year all tanks are eligible for Aquarium Beautiful, so a little extra work on one tank could collect another trophy!
7. **Tank support** (optional) - paint it black & make it ~1/2 inch larger on all sides so that you can carry gravel in the tanks to the show site without causing them to leak. The tanks can even be 1/3 filled with water for the smaller ones like 2.5 & 5 gallon. I make my supports from 3/4" plywood. **Make sure that when you fill out your forms that you use the plywood as your base (length) measurement so that there will be space allow so it will slide right into place.
8. **Buckets** - small ones and large ones you'll have to carry water if you didn't bring most of it from home. We're on Missouri River water at the hotel (slightly hard, 125 ppm GH, 2 degrees KH) & that may not match your rock-hard well water. If you can bring 1/2 of your tank water the fish will almost never have a problem.
9. **Siphon hose** - How are you going to empty that tank when it's time to go home??
10. **Net, thermometer** (if you're not good at guessing), dechlor, a little salt. We will have a drum filled with water that is ready for your use.
11. **Power filter** - to "polish" the water in your display. If you use one of the flat sponge filters in your display please bury it in the gravel. Make sure that it's an aged filter and it would be a good idea to go with "clean" but aged gravel too to avoid new tank – cloudy water syndrome – another reason to bring most of your own aged water. Don't use brand new gravel, even well cleaned your tank will be cloudy in no time.
12. **Razor Blade**, cleaner & paper towel - to soak up spills and "polish" the outside of your display. -**NO AEROSOLS!!**
13. **Extra light bulbs** - especially if you're using incandescent bulbs **THEY ALWAYS GO OUT AT SHOW!** It's a Murphy thing!
14. **Extra airline** and perhaps a gang valve or two.
15. **The Fish!** Pack carefully in large plastic fish bags & place in a styro. Or pack in large 3-5 gallon buckets with lids. For fairly large fish it is suggested that you use something square as they tend to swim round and round in and will sometimes damage one side. Take as much of your own water as possible. Make sure it's clean and clear!

Planning ahead helps take the hassle out of showing fish. Plan to spend the weekend at the show there will be lots of things to do.

Annual MASI Awards Banquet, April 29

The Annual MASI Awards Banquet is in a Banquet room of the Convention venue, MASI members are especially invited but anyone can attend for **\$35.00** per plate. To reserve a spot sign up at the April 20th meeting or contact the Chairman prior to that date: **Gary Lange** - gwlange@sbcglobal.net

The Convention Chairman also has any Auction generated Banquet Credits from the past year to help defray your cost.

6:30 pm Banquet room seating and drinks

7:00 pm, Banquet Dinner

7:45 pm, Awards Ceremony

8:30 pm, Speaker- Steve Edie

9:30 pm - ? , Tank glow in Show room

Awards to be Presented:

Show Awards

Aquatic Horticultural Awards

Breeder's Award Program

Member of the Year

Hobbyist Society Service Award

Hobbyist Show Champion

Ralph Wilhelm Writer of the Year

2017 MASI Show Rules

ENTRIES:

Open to all.

Entry fees: \$3 first entry, \$1 each additional entry. After 8 entries (= \$10) additional entries are FREE!!

Aquascaping: Each tank will automatically be judged for Aquascaping, no entry fee.

Tanks with multiple entries: IT IS UP TO THE ENTRANT TO CLEARLY STATE ON THE ENTRY FORM WHICH FISH SHOULD BE JUDGED.

Multiple entries in one tank from different classes are ok as long as they are compatible.

As a matter of ethics, all entries must be the property of the entrant for at least 60 days before show. No deformed, diseased, artificially colored (painted, dyed, or injected) or illegal fish may be shown. Illegal fish are listed at the end of these rules.

The judges and show chairmen reserve the right to pull any entry they deem injured, ill or abused by tankmates.

DISPLAY:

All fish are to be entered in flat-sided bowls or tanks a minimum of ½ gallon or larger up to 30 gallons. IF an entrant wants to set up

a tank larger than 30 gallons, he must get prior approval from the fish show chairman, AND provide his own stand.

Bare tank entries are allowed in all fish classes, though this is not preferred. Consider using gravel or sand, for the comfort of the fish. We encourage the use of a background for the comfort of the fish and the effectiveness of the display. Consider covering the sides and back of tank with opaque material (black paint, contact paper, tape on black construction paper, etc.) All entries must be neatly covered to prevent fish jumping out. For large fish use glass or thick plexiglass. Neatly trimmed "saran wrap" will work for small fish.

There are a limited number of flat sided "kritter keepers" that can be borrowed if an entrant does not have a bowl. Please contact the show committee early to reserve one. Lighted entries are encouraged.

After the banquet we will have the traditional "tank glow" where the room lights are turned off and just the tanks are lit. Fish also look and behave much better if the tank is appropriately lit.

Live plants are encouraged.

Filtration and aeration are optional, but strongly recommended for the health of the entry. Air and electrical outlets will be supplied.

Guppies, Killies, and *Betta splendens* may all be entered singly or in pairs in covered bare bowls or tanks of ½ to 1 gallon in size.

Naturalistic artificial decorations are allowed in all entries, and a flowerpot or PVC pipe may be used if needed for the comfort of the fish. For the Photography class—single picture entries must be printed for viewing.

Photographic image must have been made by entrant since 2013 and must be ready to display on a table. Nothing will be hung.

JUDGING

All entries will be sight judged based on appropriate standards for the fish being judged.

Decision of Judges and/or Show Chairmen is final.

Show Chairmen may disqualify any entry for any reason at any time.

MASI Auction Rules

Clicking this form below indicates the seller accept all the rules of the auction.

MASI Auction Rules - Jan. 2016

1. Sellers:

- a. You MUST obtain a Seller number from the auction Chairman prior to the auction start
- b. Once the auction begins, no Seller numbers will be issued
- c. Each Seller may sell up to 20 items – items 1 – 14 are regular auction items; items 15 – 18 are Silent Auction; and items 19 – 20 are full donations to MASI to help defray the costs of a single ticket for that seller to the Annual Banquet – no exceptions.
- d. Free Move-up: Each seller is allowed to select one of their own items for the 12:30 table – these items will be sold at 12:30
- e. Seller MUST check all items with the Auction Committee. Once checked in, an item cannot be removed from the auction without the permission of the Auction Chair. Anyone removing an item without such permission will forfeit all auction proceeds and will be barred from selling at any future auction.
- f. Payments to sellers will be made by check usually mailed within 7 days of close of auction
- g. Submitting items for sale in the MASI auction signifies seller's agreement to abide by these rules

2. Items:

- a. Items must be aquarium hobby or pond related and should be packaged in an appealing way
- b. All items must have a LABEL with a CLEARLY PRINTED (by hand or computer) seller number, item number, and clear, accurate description of the item (common/species name, quantity, sex, etc.).
- c. New or non-standard hybrids (i.e. Mbuna/Peacock crosses, etc.) must be clearly labeled as such.
- d. The split is 70/30 for pre-registered sellers and 50/50 for those registering the day of the auction, regardless of membership, with a 10% bonus to any items selling over \$20; \$1 items are full donations to MASI; Items bringing no bids will be disposed at the discretion of the auction chairman
- e. No more than four (4) items of the same type/species/color morph may be sold (i.e. 4 bags of marble angels, 4 of silvers, 4 golds, etc.)
- f. No sick, deformed or Missouri native species may be sold
- g. Fish must be properly and humanely bagged in proper fish bags, jars (plastic recom-

mended) or buckets. Double bagging is strongly encouraged. NO zipper bags allowed for fish. Leakers/improperly bagged fish will be charged a \$1 re-bagging fee for the first bag, \$3 for each additional bag.

- h. All equipment must be CLEAN and in working order. Leakers must be marked. NO cracked tanks.
- i. Minimum bids are only allowed on Silent Auction items 15 – 18. If the item does not sell in the Silent Auction, the minimum will be voided and the item sold through the regular auction unless other arrangements are made with Auction Chair prior to Silent Auction start.
- j. All items should be tabled at least 30 minutes prior to auction start. Viewing begins 90 minutes prior to auction start. Items arriving after auction start will be sold at the end of the auction

3. General:

- a. The auction committee reserves the right to reject any item or any person from the auction
- b. Move-ups – any item may be called to auction by donating \$1 to MASI. The item will be sold as soon as possible. Anyone may use this option for any item save Silent Auction items. Move ups start at 12:30 PM with the items from the 12:30 table.
- c. Shilling is not allowed. A seller may place a single bid on their own item by announcing with the bid that "I'll buy it back"; but they may not secretly bid on their own items nor may they employ someone to run up the prices on their items. Anyone caught doing so will forfeit all proceeds from the sale of all of their items and will be banned from selling at future auctions.
- d. MASI, the auction committee, and the auction site shall not be held liable for any accidents, injuries, damages, or losses which occur during the course of the auction
- e. All Sales are "As is, where is" and all sales are final. No cancellations/refunds after auctioneer says "Sold".
- f. These rules are not meant to be all-inclusive; the auction chairman shall be the FINAL authority
- g. Accepting a Bidder number signifies Bidder's agreement with these rules.

4. Contact:

- a. Auction Chairman at auction@missouriaquariumsociety.com

If you have read and agree to abide by the above Rules
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Fish School

April 29, 2017 - Banquet Registration

Banquet: \$35.00 per plate

6:30 PM Cash Bar & Seating

7:00 PM Dinner

7:45 PM Awards Presentation

8:30 PM Program:



Steve Edie:

**The Name Game:
A Classification
Permutation**

Tank Glow about 9:30 PM

Name: _____

Banquet Menu
Tossed Salad w Assort Dressings
Fruit Salad
Beef Stroganoff and Buttered Noodles
Chicken Pasta Primavera
Vegetable Medley
Warm Rolls and Butter
Assorted Desserts
Iced Tea & Water w Coffee Cash Bar

Awards to be Presented:
Show Awards
Aquatic Horticultural Awards
Breeder's Award Program
Member of the Year
Hobbyist Society Service Award
Hobbyist Show Champion
Ralph Wilhelm Writer of the Year

+ Number of Guests: _____

Total Number in Party: _____ x \$35.00 ea = Total: _____

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**Please make checks/cash payable at
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MASI Banquet Registration

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