

EASTERN IOWA AQUARIUM ASSOCIATION

FISH SHOW 2009
April 11 & 12, 2009

NOELRIDGE GREENHOUSE,
NOELRIDGE PARK,
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

- **SHOW DATE:** April 11 & 12, 2009. Free public showing 11:00 am to 5:00 PM. The Noelridge Park Greenhouse is located at 4900 Council Street NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Collins Road & Council Street)
- **SET-UP:** The stands will be ready at noon Friday, April 10th. The stands will hold tanks up to and including 20 gallons. Tanks larger than 20 gallons will need their own stand. Set-up must be completed by midnight, Friday, April 10th. The Greenhouse will open at 6:00 AM Saturday for touch ups which must be completed by 7:30 AM, Saturday, April 11th.
- **JUDGING:** Judging will take place from 8:00 AM until completed on Saturday.
- **BANQUET:** The Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, April 11th. Location TBA. All those showing as well as interested parties viewing the exhibit are urged to attend.
- **TEAR DOWN:** The tanks can be removed beginning at 5:00 PM, Sunday, April 12th. All tanks need to be removed by 8:00 PM Sunday, April 12th.

Mail, Phone, or e-mail entries or questions to:

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EIAA SHOW PHILOSOPHY

The Purpose of the EIAA annual show is:

- To educate and involve the public through the display of exceptional examples of personally owned tropical fish, plants and aquatic animals.
- To allow for healthy and lighthearted competition and respective recognition of hobbyists who successfully keep healthy tropical fish, plants and aquatic animals.
- To promote the Eastern Iowa Aquarium Association, all other aquarium societies, and the tropical fish hobby.

Comments on Aquascaping:

- EIAA feels Aquascaping with live and plastic plants should be judged evenly with no general deductions or preferences shown to live or plastic. EIAA openly acknowledges that it can be as easy to purchase live plants as plastic and points should be awarded for the use in Aquascaping and not for availability or cost.

SHOW CLASSES:

1. Killifish (bowls)
 - a. Mop Spawning
 - b. substrate spawning
2. Bettas (bowls)
3. Plants (bowl or aquarium)
4. Guppies (bowl) *
5. Bowl Beautiful
6. Aquatic Animals
 - a. freshwater
 - b. saltwater
7. Saltwater
8. Rainbows
9. Community *
10. Family *
11. Plecostomus
12. Anabantids (no Bettas)
13. Novelty *
14. Sharks & Loaches
15. Barbs, Danios, Rasboras, Characins (Tetras)
16. Livebearers (no guppies)
17. Oddballs, Brackish & Natives
18. Cichlids - Old World
 - a. dwarf
 - b. standard
19. Cichlids - New World
 - a. dwarf
 - b. standard
20. Catfish
 - a. smooth skinned
 - b. all others
21. Goldfish and Koi
22. Art - hobby related *
23. Photography - hobby related *
24. Dealer Freshwater - not judged
25. Dealer Saltwater - not judged
26. Kiddies *

* See clarifications below

***CLASS CLARIFICATIONS**

- Community - Entry must contain 5 (five) or more species of fish. All fish should be show quality.
- Aquatic Animals - This class includes any non-fish aquatic creature. (i.e. frogs, newts, crabs, anemone, etc.)
- Bettas, Guppies & Killies - These entries may be shown in either a bowl or small aquarium. Only one entry per bowl or tank. Entrant must supply air if needed and a long extension cord is recommended. Pairs will be judged as one fish. Bottom cover (such as gravel) is allowed. No plants.
- Novelty - Tanks that are fun to look at but aren't really a natural set-up. Theme related decorations.
- Family - Entries must contain the parent fish with a least eight young fry.
- Art & Photography - These two classes are judged on an opinion oriented bases. Entries placing (1sr, 2nd, or 3rd) in previous EIAA shows are not eligible.
- Bowl Beautiful - This is a pure Aquascaping class but must contain a fish.
- Kiddies - This is a special class set aside for entrants 12 and under by the show date. While entrants can be assisted in carrying heavy items, the entry should be set-up by the entrant with out help from an older person. All entrants in the Kiddies class will receive an award for their involvement in our show. This class is not judged.

AWARDS AND TROPHIES

Cash will be awarded for:

Best of Class (each class)	Celebrity Choice
Best of Show	Showmanship
Runner-up Best of Show	Novice
Best Aquascaping	Breeder's
Runner-up Best Aquascaping	Best of Show Junior Division

1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class will receive a certificate.

TROPHY CLARIFICATIONS

- Best of Show, Best Aquascaping, Showmanship, Runner-up Best of Show, Runner-up Aquascaping, Best of Show Junior Division, Breeder, Novice and Celebrity Choice will be selected from all entries that meet the specifications for these trophies. Junior, Novice and Breeder entrants must specify that they qualify upon registration.
- Best of Show - All entries that contain live fish that are judged qualify. The entries with the highest fish points and the best of each class will be re-evaluated by the judges and a winner will be selected by mutual agreement of the judges.
- Aquascaping - All planted entries qualify. The entries with the highest Aquascaping points will be re-evaluated by the judges and a winner will be selected by mutual agreement of the judges.
- Showmanship - Entrants entered in six or more different classes, providing that three or more of the entries are in aquarium classes, (and excluding: Art, Photography, Plants and bowl beautiful) qualify for the showmanship award. The sum of points from the six highest entries (% of points available on bowl entries) from each qualifying entrant will determine the winner of this award.
- Best of Show Junior Division - A junior is an entrant that has not reached his or her 18th birthday by the show set-up date. Juniors must specify that they are eligible upon registration to qualify. Selection of a winner will be as in Best of Show.
- Celebrity Choice - All entries are eligible except dealer class entries. This award is based on the subjective choice of the celebrity chosen by the show committee.
- Breeder's - Entries that have been bred and raised by the entrant and are now of maturity and show size, are eligible for consideration. Entrants must note on registration forms which entries are eligible for consideration.
- Dealer classes are for display only. They will not be judged and will not receive an award. A certificate of participation will be awarded.

Points: the fish and aquariums will be judged as follows:

25 points - Body Shape & Size

25 points - Finnage

25 points - Color & Department

25 points - Aquascaping

AQUASCAPING will be judged as follows:

5 points - maintenance / workmanship

The plants are planted appropriately, the plastic plants are not broken, live plants are healthy, water lines from filling are removed, the water is clear, aquascape items are clean.

5 points - showmanship

The Aquascaping shows the fish to its best advantage. It encourages the fish to show, creating a space for the fish to be comfortable. Aquascaping does not allow the fish to hide, compliments the fish, and is not so involved that the fish are not seen.

5 points - artistic value

The aquascape lines have movement with a point of interest. Good balance of color, texture, lines, contrast. Not too busy, not too plain.

5 points - appropriate to the entry

The aquascape should be appropriate to the entry. Whether the materials used be rocks, corals, live or plastic plants, live rock, gravel, crushed coral, etc., they should be materials that would make the entry comfortable.

5 points - general appearance

The display is pleasing to the eye and draws your attention to the entry being shown.

SHOW RULES FOR EIAA

(1) THE SHOW:

a) The show is open to all hobbyists, whether or not they belong to an aquarium society.

(2) THE REGISTRATION:

- a) Fee must accompany registration form. Fees that remain unpaid by judging will result in the entries not being judged.
- b) There is no limit on the number of entries.
- c) All late registrations will be fined \$5.00 per entry with no guarantee it will be displayed with its class.
- d) Phone registration will be accepted and encouraged, fees payable at set-up.
- e) Submission of an entry form implies acceptance of the rules.

(3) THE FISH

- a) Maturity and condition of fish will be according to EXOTIC AQUARIUM FISHES by William Innes and other books or by the show committee.
- b) Any hybrid or crossbred entries, other than those commonly accepted in the hobby, must be entered in the oddball class. Accepted hybrids include swordtails, mollies, platys, etc. No freak or deformed fish will be allowed.
- c) Fish do not have to be shown in pairs, however in the case of a tie, preference will be shown to the pair. Two fish of similar maturity constitute a pair if sexual dimorphism is not apparent.
- d) Pairs and schools of fish shall be judged as one fish.

(4) THE ENTRY

- a) All entries must be the property of the exhibitor and have been owned for at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the show. This includes plants in the plant class but not plants used for Aquascaping.
- b) All entries must be set-up by the owner. Assistance is allowed in carrying and filling aquariums but actual Aquascaping and show preparation must be done by the owner of the entry. Exceptions will be made for those with physical limitations.
- c) Each entry must be in one classification only. Only one entry per aquarium.
- d) All entries must be labeled with the common and /or scientific name of the fish, plant or aquatic life. Labels and tags will be provided.
- e) Mail in livestock entries will not be accepted. Mail in entries will be accepted in classes "Art" and "Photography". Return postage must be included.

(5) THE AQUARIUM

- a) All aquariums must be aquascaped and have a background (anything covering the back of the tank). Bowls only need a background. Bowl covers will be provided by EIAA.
- b) Tank size held by EIAA stands will be restricted to no greater than 20 gallons. Entrants stands must accompany tanks larger than 20 gallons and all dealer entries.
- c) All aquariums and bowls (nylon netting, for bowls, provided by EIAA) must be covered.
- d) The entrant must supply all necessary valves, extension cords, filters and equipment.
- e) Both live and plastic plants are acceptable Aquascaping materials, but their use in the same tank are prohibited.

(6) THE JUDGING

- a) Entries will be identified by number only until judging is completed.
- b) Entrants are not permitted in the judging area or to have any conversation with judges or people helping with the judging without the written permission of the show chairperson.
- c) The decision of the judges, once released at the awards banquet, is final.
- d) In the case of ties, judges will confer with each other and award the place by mutual agreement.
- e) Any complaints pertaining to any part of the show must be submitted to the show Committee in writing. Any person causing a disruption or disturbance, either verbally or otherwise may have their entries disqualified at the discretion of the Show Committee.
- f) The Show Committee is the absolute authority on all matters pertaining to the show.

(7) MISC. HOUSEKEEPING

- a) Leaking tanks will be removed immediately. Every effort will be made to contact the entrant. The Show Committee reserves the right to remove the aquarium.
- b) All aquarium space will be assigned by the show committee.
- c) Displays that have not been removed by 8PM on the date of tear down, will be considered abandoned and will be disposed of at the discretion of the show committee, unless arrangements are made in advance.
- d) No fish will be fed during the show unless the entrant specifies otherwise. Please make a note on the registration form. Feeding is not recommended.
- e) The show will be monitored at all times the greenhouse is open. EIAA and the Show Committee are not responsible for accidental loss or damaged livestock or equipment.
- f) EIAA will supply access to water, air and electricity. Water will be filtered to remove chloramines.
- g) Once set-up, entries are under the control of the show chairperson. Persons will not be allowed to make alterations on their entry after 7 AM the morning of judging until show teardown without the permission of the show committee.
- h) No entries will be removed prior to the end of the show without specific permission from the Show Chairperson.
- i) The Show Committee has the right to request the removal of any entry that does not meet Show standards or show rules. Every attempt will be made to contact the entrant if there is ever a question about health of their entry.
- k) No spray cleaners will be allowed in the show area.
- l) Children must be supervised at all times and not allowed to wander in to the greenhouses or private areas of the greenhouse.

(8) CLASSES

- a) If there is only one entry in any class, there is no competition. However, the one entry will be decreed best of class if that entry earns the number of points or more within the range earned by all the first place winners.
- b) If the number of entrants warrants, additional classes and sub-classes may be added at the discretion of the Show Committee. Classes with no entries by the entry deadline will be deleted.

(9) DEALERS CLASS

- a) All rules apply to dealer class.
- b) Advertising signs are not allowed during judging. During public viewing of the Show, signs identifying the business establishment may be no larger than 4" x 8" and appropriately placed. (City policy)
- c) Any type of sales or promoting of product on city property is prohibited by the city. Anyone verbally conducting any sales conversation with members of the viewing public will be asked to leave.
- d) Dealers, wholesalers and their employees are welcome to enter the Show as hobbyists as long as their entry is from their home/hobby aquarium and has been maintained in their home for a period of not less than 21 days.

EIAA Tropical Fish Show
Spring Exhibit
ENTRY REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

(cell phone # is preferred)

STREET _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

ENTER ME AS: _____ Junior (under 18 years of age on March 10, **2009**)

_____ Novice (never won a trophy or 1st in class)

_____ Aquarium Club Member

Club name _____

ENTRANT CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I have read the show rules. I agree to abide by these rules and accept the decisions of the judges and the show committee as final. I understand that grievances may be submitted in writing for the consideration by the show committee. I understand that I am responsible for the welfare of my entries. I hereby relieve EIAA and/or any of its members, the Noelridge Greenhouse, and the City of Cedar Rapids from any liability in regard to my livestock and equipment.

I also certify that I have owned the listed entries for a period of not less than twenty-one days.

_____ signature

_____ date

ENTRY FEE

Registration is due by 10 PM, Wednesday, April 8, **2008**

Number of non-member entries _____ x \$ 5.00 = _____

Number of member entries _____ x \$ 1.00 = _____

Number of late entries _____ x \$ 5.00 = _____

of banquet reservations _____ x \$ TBA = _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

All fees must accompany this registration form. Entry information can be emailed or phoned in by Wednesday and then the entry form and fee delivered during set-up on Friday.

Please make checks payable to : Eastern Iowa Aquarium Association

Mail or Phone-in or E-mail the entries to:

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or (319)365-1839 or fishlounge1@cs.com

