

GCAS 15TH ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION RULES MARCH 21, 2026

1. Everyone Welcome! Items are accepted for sale at seller's risk. All sales are final. All items are sold "as is". GCAS will not accept any responsibility for any item's safekeeping nor its condition before, during, or after the sale.

2. The Auction is for freshwater fish, shrimp, and aquarium plants **ONLY**.

3. No sick fish, no deformed or permanently damaged fish. No fish or plants prohibited by law will be auctioned.

4. The Auction Chairman and/or The Auctioneer have and retain all rights to reject any item as "not fit for sale" or "improperly offered". Their decision is final. All rules will be strictly enforced and subject to their interpretation.

5. Each participant must register for a bidder card to participate in the Auction. Each participant must bet with own assigned number. **NO EXCEPTION**

6. For sellers, anyone wishing to sell an item **MUST** register with the auction **PRIOR** to 11 AM on the day of the auction. **NO EXCEPTION.**

Pre-Registration email: clubauction@gcaquarium.org

7. Auction items will be available for viewing **ONLY PRIOR TO THE AUCTION.**
NO EXCEPTION.

8. Payment for items bought at the auction must be paid in full prior to leaving the auction site. Payment for items is recommended to be made in cash or Zelle only.

9. Auction Proceeds Split is **70/30. 70% to seller and 30% to GCAS.**

10. Sellers are allowed to put a minimum bid/reserve for items. The minimum bid/reserve **must be clearly displayed on the item** for the auctioneer to see. Items with difficult to see or no minimum bid/reserve on them will be auctioned regularly.

To ensure a smooth and speedy auction, the auctioneer will start the bidding from the minimum bid/reserve amount. If the item is not sold for the minimum bid/reserve or higher, the item will be moved aside and will not be reentered into the auction. The seller is responsible for picking up the unsold item.

If the item is not picked up the item will be considered property of GCAS.

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11. All Proceeds from the auction to sellers will be remitted within 15 days from the day of the auction. All sellers must provide correct mailing address, email or Zelle info at the time of registration in order to be paid.

12. All items must be properly labeled for easy reading by auctioneer. Items must be labeled with the "seller's number" received at registration and the "bag number", (example 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, etc.). **Incorrectly numbered items will need to be corrected by seller, or they will not be accepted for auction.**

13. Proper fish bags must be used for live fish. **No baggies, zip-locks or twist-ties will be accepted.** Live items must have ample air and water. If re-bagging is needed, a **re-bagging charge of \$2 per item** will be charged to the seller.

14. A limit of five bags per type or color of plant or fish will be observed and enforced. No crowding of fish in bags. Fish should be one inch minimum with dwarf species 3/4 of an inch. Adult pairs of large aggressive fish must be in separate bags or buckets.

15. Auction items should be labeled with the scientific and common names of the plants or fish along with the amount in the bag. For fish, if possible, also label species sex, if there are pairs (one of each sex), or mated pairs (have produced offspring with each other).

16. **No checkouts** will be processed until **ONE HOUR** after the start of the auction has passed.

17. If wishing to move up the auctioning of a particular item, the participant must provide the correct number of the item and **pay \$2 to registration.**

18. Any item not claimed at the end of the auction becomes the property of GCAS.