



# Motor City Aquarium Society

## Auction Rules



Registration is open from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Sellers may pre-register beginning two weeks before the auction date via [mcasaction@gmail.com](mailto:mcasaction@gmail.com).

Auction begin at 10:30 AM and runs until about 6:00 PM.

*The Building Management maintains security video footage for the entire premises.*

Breakfast, lunch, snacks, refreshments and an ATM Machine are available on site.

For additional information on our organization, including auctions, registrations and membership, please visit our web site at [www.motorcityaquariumsociety.com](http://www.motorcityaquariumsociety.com). Note *QR Code* above.

*NEW! Beginning November 2018: "End of Auction Raffle." Stay until the end of auction (after the last item is auctioned) and enter your contact information to win a \$100.00 cash prize. You must be present to win!*

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1. This function is open to the public and there is no charge for admission.
  2. Auction goods put up for auction or sale must be aquatic related. No venomous, state- or federally-restricted goods are allowed.
  3. Bring a suitable container to carry away your purchased items.
  4. MCAS will not be responsible for any item up for auction or sales nor for any personal injury which may occur during the auction or while on its site.
  5. Goods must be packaged in polyethylene fish bags, buckets, similar containers, and/or Styrofoam boxes with ample air and water for live goods. Sandwich bags are not allowed. Killifish and rainbowfish eggs should be packed in vials, bagged spawning mops, or peat moss. Items requiring re-bagging will be subject to a \$1.00 handling charge.
  6. All items must be labeled with seller's name and phone number; live goods should include common and scientific names; number of items and advice as to sex if known. If claiming a "pair" they must be a known male and female. A "spawning pair" must have spawned with each other.
  7. **\*Buy It Now table: equipment, dry goods, and minimum bids must go directly to the BIN table. There is a ten (10) item limit for the BIN table.** See website for further details about the BIN table.
  8. Goods must be clean and labeled as to their working condition (i.e., specify if a tank leaks or whether mechanical goods work or not). Bundling of related goods is encouraged (for example: tank, stand, and light fixture or a box of filters, lights,

heaters, etc). We reserve the right to reject any item not fit for sale (such as sick or diseased fish or plants or severely damaged goods).

9. Generally-accepted hybrids (flower horns and certain African species) will be accepted for auction at the discretion of the auction chairman.
10. An allowance of 50 total live goods and five (5) bags per species or color form per seller. Sellers may enter live goods into auction or under Buy It Now.
11. **\*Minimum/reserve bids: “minimum bids” are restricted to the Buy It Now table ONLY. Sellers may remove their unsold items at its “first” closing. Unsold goods via the BIN tables are currently not subject to a service charge.**
12. Items are not necessarily sold on a first-in basis but rather under a priority sticker system administered at time of registration. The auction committee reserves the right to prioritize the sale of all goods (i.e., donations, large fish in buckets, Styrofoam boxes, etc.).
13. **Priority Items:** As an exception to the above item, for a non-refundable \$2.00 service fee per item, prospective buyers may request the immediate auction of any item.
14. Auction or Buy It Now purchases are payable in cash, (prior approved) check, or credit card.
15. All items become the buyer’s responsibility upon completion of each individual sale.
16. Acting as each individual seller’s agent, MCAS will retain 30% of the selling price.
17. Items not claimed at the close of the auction will become property of the MCAS and disposed of at the sole discretion of the auction committee.
18. Sellers’ proceeds will be mailed within 2 weeks.

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