

**TEXAS CICHLID ASSOCIATION
SPRING 2011 SHOW, WORKSHOP & AUCTION**

April 29-May 1, 2011
Hilton Garden Inn DFW South
2001 Valley View Lane, Irving, Texas 75061
(972) 313-2800

*Confirmed speakers at this time include Steve Lundblad,
Gary Lange and Don Conkel*

Admission to the workshop and auction is \$5 per person per day, or \$10 for the entire weekend. Everyone is welcome - you do not have to be a TCA member to attend.

Show tanks will be set up Friday afternoon. Everyone is encouraged to assist with this undertaking. Show entries are \$3.00 each and **must be pre-registered by April 27, 2011**. Contact Show Chairmen Marvin England or Page Ullman with your show entries.

No rental tanks will be available. However, holding tanks will be available for individuals bringing fish in on Friday or Saturday to be sold in the auction. Out-of-town members will be given priority on these holding tanks. Call Alan Young **on or before April 27th** to determine holding tank availability.

Speakers will make their presentations on Saturday and show winners will be announced Saturday evening after the last speaker presentation is completed. If you are interested in going out to dinner with a group after the awards presentations, please sign the list at the registration table no later than noon on Saturday so a timely reservation can be made. **UPDATE: Gary Lange will be bringing several bags of rainbowfish eggs to sell. Half of those bags will be sold on Saturday after his presentation, with the remainder going in the Sunday auction.**

A "live" auction and a silent auction will be held on Sunday. Items being sold in the live auction include cichlids, livebearers, catfish and plecos, plus honeycomb rock, filters and fish food. Seller split is 75% to Seller for items selling for less than \$30 and 80% for items selling for over \$30. All plants will be sold in the silent auction. **Please bag and mark your plants for the silent auction as you would bag and mark your fish for the live auction.** Items received as club donations will also be sold in the silent auction. All donations are welcome!! Products from several vendors, including fish food, tanks, pumps and filters, will be raffled and sold to attendees. TCA appreciates the folks who support us and we want to introduce our members to their top-quality fishkeeping products.

For further information visit the TCA website (www.texascichlid.org) or contact:

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SPRING 2011 AUCTION RULES

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, BUT YOU MUST PAY THE AUCTION REGISTRATION FEE IN ORDER TO BUY AND SELL.

Items are accepted at seller's risk. TCA cannot accept responsibility for any item's safekeeping nor its condition either before or after the sale.

Once they are registered, all for-sale items become property of the TCA and cannot be withdrawn from the auction.

Each seller is allowed to sell 40 bags of fish, with a maximum of five (5) bags of any one species or color strain.

All fish are expected to be bagged properly. **NO ZIP-LOCK BAGS ALLOWED! Seller will be charged \$2.00 for each bag of fish that requires rebagging.**

BIDDERS: Know what you are bidding on. All items are available for inspection prior to the auction. Take the time to examine each item so you positively know what it is BEFORE you bid.

Each bag must include fish species, quantity, a description if appropriate (breeding pair, trio, sex, etc.), assigned seller initials and a **unique** bag number (do not put your buyer number on each bag as the bag number). If you're selling 10 bags, your bags should be numbered 1-10. The information must be legible--use black lettering directly on the bag or lettering on a white label on the bag. Make sure you use permanent markers that won't run or smear when they get wet. Example of how your lettering/labels should read on the bag:

MLE #1
Altolamprologus calvus
"Zaire Black" F1
Breeding Pair

Adult males and females of the same species should be bagged separately and the bags attached together.

Priority colored dots will be issued at registration. Place one dot on each item for sale. At the beginning of the auction, one color will be drawn at random. The items with that color dot will be sold first. After all the items with that color dot are sold, another color will be drawn. This will continue until all items are sold.

Each bidder must register and be assigned their own bidder number. TCA will not split items sold under one bidder number between multiple bidders at checkout time. **Each bidder** is responsible for **EVERYTHING** bought with their bidder number.

When an item is sold, the runner will bring the item to the buyer, along with a sales verification form, which the buyer will initial. **No one will be allowed to remove any auction item from the auction room unless proof of payment is shown. Your proof of payment is your paid auction receipt.**

Once you have cashed out, you will no longer have a bidder number. If you want to purchase other items, you must be issued a new bidder number (there is no additional charge for the second bidder number).

The auction chairperson retains the right to reject any fish not fit for sale (sick fish, deformities, hybrids, etc.).

SILENT AUCTION RULES

You must have a bidder number.

Each item in the silent auction will have a bidder's sheet. The sheet contains an item number, a description, a starting minimum bid, and an "open" and "close" time. If you wish to bid on that item, enter your bidder number, your name and the amount you wish to bid on that item.

You may bid any amount you wish, but your bid must be at least \$1.00 more than the previous bid. **BIDS MUST BE IN WHOLE DOLLARS ONLY. BIDS NOT IN WHOLE DOLLARS WILL BE IGNORED.**

The closing of an item will be announced a few minutes before closing to allow final bids. Once an item is closed, no more bids will be accepted. Upon the close of bidding, the winner of each bid will receive their item and may either pay for it at that time or put it on their "tab" for the live auction.

All items must be paid for and removed from the hotel by the end of the live auction on Sunday.

NOTE: All plants will be sold in the silent auction; however, they must be bagged and marked as if being sold in the "live" auction (see bagging and labeling instructions above). Plants are *not* be considered donations; regular auction split will apply.