

**NEW ENGLAND FANCY GUPPY ASSOCIATION  
10 POINT IFGA SANCTIONED SHOW  
JUNE 24 & 25, 2023**

**SHOW LOCATION**

Dr. Franklin Perkins School  
Janeway Building  
975 Main St.  
Lancaster, MA 01523

**Motel**

*We are listing 9 motels as our show is at a school. None of the motels will allow us to block out any rooms. We have just found out there is a six state high school soccer competition in Lancaster on our weekend. Many motels are already booked full. Thus we are encouraging everyone who wants a hotel room to **make your reservations early**. If when you contact them they no longer have rooms contact one of the show chairmen and they will have other options, possibly slightly farther from the show site, possibly more expensive for you to consider.*

Double Tree by Hilton Leominster, MA 1-978-466-3400 \$299.00 plus  
Chocksett Inn Sterling, MA 1-978-422-3355 \$159.00 plus per night  
Hilton Garden Inn Devers, MA 1-978-772-0600 \$129.00 plus per  
Springhill Suites Devers, MA 1-978-772-3030 \$130.00 plus per  
Boxboro Regency Hotel Boxboro, MA 1-978-263-8701 \$108.00 plus per  
Holiday Inn Express Marlboro, MA 1-978-562-1001 \$115.00 plus per  
Motel 6 Leominster, MA 1-978-537-8161 \$90.00 plus per/  
Best Western Royal Plaza, Marlborough, Ma, 508-460-0700, \$170 per  
Rodewaay Inn, Westminister MA, 978-874-5951, \$95 per

Please be aware: The Dr. Franklin Perkins School is part of a system of state residential schools. Therefore they are required to follow any restrictions or

guidelines that the state sets forth for residential schools. These may include the wearing of masks, social distancing and may require participation limits at the auction. At the time of this writing there are no restrictions in place for the area of the school that we will be using.

**VISIT OUR WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**[newenglandguppies.org](http://newenglandguppies.org)**

**SHOW SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY JUNE 23TH**

5:00 PM SETUP

**SATURDAY JUNE 24TH**

9:00 AM ENTRIES OPEN

2:00 PM ENTRIES CLOSE

3:00 PM JUDGING BEGINS

(show room closed to the public)

7:00 PM – HOSPITALITY

**SUNDAY JUNE 25TH**

9:00 AM SHOWROOM OPENS

(show room open to the public)

10:00 AM AUCTION

12 noon DE-BENCHING

No fish will be allowed to be removed from the show bench prior to the scheduled de-benching time unless prior arrangements have been made. All fish need to be verified by a New England Guppy Associate **prior to removal** from show room.

## **SHOW CHAIRPERSONS**

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etjane100@comcast.net  
(413) 658-7206

Greg Billings  
gregbillings2011@gmail.com  
(978) 870-2593

## **SHIP ALL ENTRIES TO:**

Greg Billings  
10 Sky Farm Lane,  
Sterling, MA 01564  
(978) 870-2593  
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Prior notification is appreciated.

Shipped in entries must be received **before 5:00 PM Friday June 23, 2023** or they will not be entered in the show. **Do not ship entries to the school** as it is summer vacation and there will be no one there to accept your entries. Each box must contain completed entry forms with exhibitor's phone number. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** All entry fees must be prepaid.

If shipped by mail, use the "**no signature required**" option.

Entries will be shipped back to exhibitors by your choice of USExpress or Priority Mail, Fed Ex or UPS by E.T. Mellor. Please use the following address on your return labels as sender or leave that section blank, E.T. Mellor, 11 Morgan Circle, Amherst, MA 01002. Exhibitors must have an existing account with, Fed Ex or UPS and supply a pre-printed shipping label, if you want your entries sent back by these shippers.

## **SHOW RULES:**

1. Exhibitor will determine the class of entry. Assistance will be available at the show prior to registration.
2. All entries improperly classified will be disqualified.
3. Any additions to clear water (e.g. plants, decorations, gravel or colored water) are not allowed and will result in disqualification.
4. NEW ENGLAND FANCY GUPPY ASSOCIATION and the IFGA assume no responsibility for the death of any fish.
5. All entries must be born and raised in the exhibitor's tanks.
6. Fish will be judged against a uniform black background with a combination of overhead halogen, incandescent and natural lighting.
7. Judging will be according to IFGA standards and all decisions of the judges will be final.
8. All entry fees must be paid at time of registration. Shipped in entries, which are to be returned, must include return postage fees and mailing label. If you are using USPS as your carrier kindly pack your fish in an unmarked carton to avoid return shipping problems with the postal service
9. All tanks for display of fish will be supplied by N.E.F.G.A.
10. Sale of fish, other than through the scheduled auction, is strictly prohibited and may result in forfeiture of points received at show.
11. Fish that are received dead or that die during the show will not be returned, unless specifically requested. Returning dead fish can contaminate the live fish being returned.

12. Plastic bags for returning shipped in fish must be included in shipment. Enough bags should be included to double bag every individual fish. Return bags of **minimum size 3” x 10”** are required per IFGA rules. **However, we prefer 4” x 14” !!!!.**

Breather Bags may be used instead for shipping to/from the show. If Breather Bags are used, unused Breather Bags must be supplied for the return.

13. The auction will be a standard verbal auction. Only exhibitors in the show may enter fish in the auction. Entries to be auctioned must be clearly noted on entry form. **Females of the same strain must be included with all show males and males must be included with all show females to be auctioned as 50/50. Exhibitors will receive the 50 – 50 split only for pairs, trios or reverse trios. Any guppies submitted for the auction without an opposite sex partner from the same line will be considered a donation to the N.E.F.G.A. and auctioned last.** Additional trios or pairs not entered in the show may be sent to be placed in the auction and should be clearly marked with the breeders name, strain and age of fish. N.E.F.G.A. will retain 50% of the sale of all auctioned fish except guppies without an opposite sex partner. Non-exhibited fish must be bred and raised by the exhibitor and must be from IFGA quality strains. Any fish not receiving an opening bid will be retained by N.E.F.G.A.

If you are planning on attending the auction in person either as a buyer or seller please access our web site “[newenglandguppies.org](http://newenglandguppies.org)” for an expanded listing of rules and procedures.

14. No one, other than those individuals appointed by the show chairman, may move or rearrange tanks already positioned on the show bench prior to judging. All tanks being added to the show benches should be placed in the next available position within the class.

15. At the Murfreesboro Annual Meeting the IFGA Delegates voted to require a \$5.00 assessment of every registrant (non-Juniors) to help defray the expenses associated with hosting a 2023 show. NEFGA has

decided to waive the \$5.00 and therefore your entry fee payment should not include this additional fee. If you include the extra \$5.00 with your entries, it will be considered a donation to the club and will not be refunded.

### **AWARDS:**

Tanks, Single males, Females, and Breeders

1<sup>st</sup> place- Plaque & award cards

Subsequent 1<sup>st</sup> place entries will receive only a class plate.

2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> place – award cards

Best of show

1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> place - plaques and award cards. Best of Show will be presented for Single Male, Tank Males and Single Females.

### **ENTRY FEES**

Tanks	\$3.00
Single male	\$2.00
Single female	\$2.00
Breeders	\$4.00
Juniors	Free

### **ENTRIES**

Single male and single female entries will be displayed in rectangular 32 fl. oz. plastic tanks filled with 21 fl. oz. water. A female may be added with the male but will not be judged.

Tank entries consist of two matched males and will be displayed in a 1/2 gallon rectangular plastic tank. A female may be added but will not be judged.

Breeder entries consist of 5 matched males or three matched females and will be displayed in a 2 ½ gallon rectangular plastic tank. Two females may be added to the breeder male entry but will not be judged.

Junior class is open to anyone 16 years of age or younger that has raised their own fish.

Novice class is open to anyone who has never won a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place year-end award, except the Junior class.