

# GATEWAY GUPPY ASSOCIATES

IFGA SANCTIONED SHOW

May 19-21, 2023

## LOCATION

Holiday Inn Airport West  
3400 Rider Trail South  
Earth City, MO 63045

To make reservations:

Call: (314) 291-6800 and press 0 for front desk and give the Block Code GGA.

You can cancel up until 6pm the day before arrival with no charge.

The room rate is \$99 plus taxes and hotel will guarantee rate until May 1, 2023. Any difficulty making arrangements, please contact

John Allen at 660-833-7487 or parisguppies@yahoo.com

Check in is 3pm; check out is 12 pm

Breakfast is not included in the rate.

Directions to the hotel: from I-70 take Exit 231B, Earth City Expressway North. Follow Earth City Expressway ¼ mile to Rider Trail South. Turn left onto Rider Trail South to the hotel on the left (Stay in right lane so you DO NOT turn where it says to go left to I-70 West).

Hotel furnishes airport shuttle from Lambert International Airport (STL) and to attractions within 5 miles of the Hotel (*Casinos and Main Street in St. Charles*).

***OUR SHOW IS SUBJECT TO PANDEMIC RULES AT THAT TIME. CANCELLATION IS POSSIBLE AT ANY TIME DUE TO CHANGING CONDITIONS AND CDC GUIDELINES***

Cancellation will be shown on ifga.org or IFGA Facebook if needed.

The hotel may require you to wear masks any time you are in a public area. We may be required to limit capacity in the showroom/auction room due to hotel requirements.

## **FRIDAY May 19**

Set Up: 2:00 PM or earlier (if hotel available)

Hospitality at Leroy and Linda's after setting up.

Great food and drinks for everyone.

2524 Blue Heron Drive

Florissant, MO 63031

## **SATURDAY May 20**

8:00 AM Entries open

2:00 PM Entries close

2:30 PM Judging Begins

## Hospitality to Follow

### **SUNDAY May 21**

8:00 AM Showroom opens

9:00 AM Auction

11:00 De-benching

Entry show forms need to indicate whether award cards or plaques are desired. Entry show forms may be obtained on the IFGA website: [www.ifga.org](http://www.ifga.org) under the Show Section.

No fish will be allowed to be removed from the show bench prior to the scheduled de-benching unless arrangements with the show chairman have been made.

### **SHOW CHAIRPERSONS**

Shawn Bellman  
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### **SHIPPED ENTRIES**

John Allen/Gateway Guppy  
Holiday Inn Airport West  
3400 Rider Trail South  
Earth City, MO 63045  
660-833-7487  
[parisguppies@yahoo.com](mailto:parisguppies@yahoo.com)

Courtesy email prior to shipping is appreciated.  
Use the carrier's "no signature required" option, if available.

## **Please ship early!**

**Shipped in entries must be received before 5:00 PM Friday, May 19** or they may not be entered in the show. Entries must include completed entry show forms and exhibitor's phone number. All entries must be prepaid. Sufficient return shipping fare, bags and return labels must be included if fish are to be returned. **Please make all checks payable to Gateway Guppy.** Breather Bags may be used for shipping to/from the show. IF Breather Bags are used, Breather Bags must be supplied for the return. Otherwise, minimum size 3" x 10" bags **are required** to return fish per IFGA rules.

### **SHOW RULES:**

1. All entries must be registered by 2:00 PM local time on **Saturday, May 20, 2023**
2. Exhibitor will determine the class of entry. Assistance will be available at the show prior to registration.
3. All entries improperly classified will be disqualified.
4. Tanks will be furnished; no plants, decorations, or gravel will be allowed to be displayed with the fish.
5. Every precaution will be taken against loss of fish; however, GATEWAY GUPPY ASSOCIATES and the IFGA assume no responsibility for any loss of fish.
6. All entries must be born and raised in the exhibitor's tanks.

7. Fish will be judged visually according to IFGA standards. A uniform black background and available fluorescent, incandescent, halogen and natural lighting will be used.

8. Judging will be according to IFGA standards. All decisions of the judges will be final.

9. All entry fees must be paid at time of registration. Shipped entries, which are to be returned, must include return postage fees and mailing label, along with bags for returning fish. **Please make checks payable to Gateway Guppy.** Please No entry fees will be refunded after fish are benched.

10. Sale of fish, other than through the GGA Sunday 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. Returning dead fish can contaminate the live fish being returned.

12. The auction will be a standard verbal auction. Entries to be auctioned must be clearly noted on the entry show form. Females of the same strain must be included with all males and males must be included with all females to be auctioned. **No single males or females will be auctioned without a mate.** Additional trios and pairs may be sent to be placed in the auction and should be clearly marked with the breeder's name, strain and age of fish. G.G.A. will retain 50% of the sale of all auctioned fish. **Any fish not receiving an opening bid or does not have an appropriate mate will be retained by GGA.**

13. All entries will be benched and de-benched by GGA members and volunteers as needed. All travel boxes to be kept in exhibitors' rooms. All entries should be placed in the next available position within the class. No one, other than individuals appointed by the show chairmen may move or re-arrange tanks already positioned on the show bench prior to judging!

#### **AWARDS:**

Tanks, Deltas, Females, and Breeders

1<sup>st</sup> place: plaque and certificate

2<sup>nd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> certificates

Plaques will hold multiple plates. Sufficient plaques will be provided.

#### **Best Of Show**

1<sup>st</sup> place – 4<sup>th</sup> place: plaque and certificate

#### **ENTRY FEES**

Single: 1 male or 1 female	\$2.00
Tank: 2 matched males	\$3.00
Breeders: 5 matched males	\$4.00
or 3 matched females	\$4.00
Juniors: 16 years or younger	Free

#### **ENTRIES**

Single male and single female entries will be displayed in one quart plastic tanks. A female may be added to the male but will not be judged.

Tank entries consist of two matched males and will be displayed in a one-half gallon 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 1 1/4 gallon 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 IFGA Annual Award.