



## **IGEES GuppyScape Competition – GuppyCon 3**

The rules and judging criteria are as follows:

The tank can be no more than 12" high and 12" from front to back. If you want to bring a larger aquarium, please contact us first.

We only supply electricity. You need to supply your own lights, filters etc. and an extension cord if you need to plug anything in.

Artificial plants are allowed in the aquascape.

You must include at least 1 living guppy or endler in the aquascape. Please see the section on animals for the judging criteria.

You must bring your entry to the show on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Entries must remain on display until 3 PM Sunday November 3<sup>h</sup>.

Please forward these guidelines to anyone who might be interested in participating

There is no entry fee.

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### *Judging Criteria*

There are five basic criteria which we wish considered in the judging of the aquascapes entered in the contest. They are:

- Overall Impression (between 0 - 200 points)
- Composition, Balance, Use of Space, Color (between 0 - 200 points)
- Selection & Use of Materials (between 0 - 200 points)
- Guppies in the aquascape (between 0-200 points)
- Viability of Aquascape (between 0 - 200 points)

To clarify and expand upon the basic criteria, these are some of the things we ask each judge to consider when reviewing each aquascape:

#### **Overall Impression - maximum 200 points**

- Does the aquascape make a significant positive visual impression upon the viewer?
- Do all parts of the aquascape work together to present a harmonious whole?

#### **Composition, Balance, Use of Space, Use of Color - maximum 200 points**

- Is the aquascape laid out well?
- Does balance exist between the various components of the aquascape? Is space within the aquarium used effectively? Do open areas exist and balance and complement more enclosed spaces?
- Are the colors of the various elements of the aquascape complementary and do they work well together?



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### **Selection & Use of Materials - maximum 200 points**

- Are the materials selected for use within the aquascape appropriate for use in an aquarium?
- Are the various materials harmonious with one another? I.e. if several rocks and/or pieces of driftwood are used, do they compliment one another or do they produce a discordant effect?

### **Guppies in the Aquascape - maximum 200 points**

- There must be at least one guppy or endler in the tank other animals are permitted.
- Are the guppies appropriate to the size of the tank?
- Will they harm the plants?
- Are they healthy and acting appropriately?
- Are the guppies interacting with their tankmates peacefully?

### **Viability of Aquascape - maximum 200 points**

- Is the aquascape set up in a manner which, with proper maintenance, is likely to lead to long term success of the aquarium? (hardware such as filters and heaters will not be judged, and may be removed at the entrant's discretion for the length of the show)
- Are the plants selected for the aquascape appropriate for long term use in an aquarium?
- Are the plants of a size appropriate to the aquarium, and placed appropriately in the tank for their growth pattern?
- Is it possible to work around hardscape to maintain the tank?

**Maximum Total Score - 1000 points**