

**Guppy Associates International Chicago  
is proud to host the 2021 IFGA Annual Guppy Show,  
Seminars, IFGA Meeting, KCITA\* Dinner and Auction**

October 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 2021

**Accommodations**

**Fairfield Inn - Lombard**  
645 W. North Avenue  
Lombard, IL 60148  
(630) 629-1500 front desk  
(630) 629-2957 fax

Please use the link below to book online:

***Last Day to Book: Thursday, October 8, 2021***

**Fairfield Inn & Suites Chicago Lombard for \$99 USD per night!**

*Note: Please speak directly to our host hotel rather than the call center to get your special pricing. Dial "0" or call back if you don't get the Lombard staff directly. Thank you for your patience.*

[Please click here to reserve your stay](#)

The 74-class show is being held in the lower level of the adjacent Heron Point office building. For drivers, the hotel is EAST of I-355 (exit at Route 64, North Avenue) at the corner of Route 53 and Route 64 (North Ave.). You may enter the complex directly (heading EAST from I-355) from Route 64 or you may drive one block south of Route 64 on Route 53 to Heron Point Drive. Turn right and follow the road to the hotel/show site.

**Please make your room reservations directly through the hotel:  
630-629-1500**

**Note to participants: To help ensure the safety of our members and guests, GAIC will adhere to the restrictions and Covid mitigations imposed by the CDC and the state of Illinois along with any requirements suggested by the building/hotel managements during show weekend. This may include social distancing, taking of temperatures, proof of a recent Covid test or vaccination card and the wearing of masks in all indoor venues. Any person not adhering to these restrictions will not be admitted to the show or Sunday auction. For more up-to-date information as the show date nears, contact Bob Crouse ([crousebob1@aol.com](mailto:crousebob1@aol.com) or 847/222-9781) or Tom Allen ([tgallen40@yahoo.com](mailto:tgallen40@yahoo.com) or 630/627-8051).**

**GAIC and the IFGA are not responsible should the show get cancelled due to CDC or state of Illinois restrictions.**

### **Show Schedule**

Thursday, October 21, 2021

5:00 PM Set-up

Friday, October 22, 2021

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Speakers Forum

Featured Speakers: Jim Alderson and Tom Allen

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Registration

1:00 PM Judging Seminar \*

5:00 PM Hospitality/Fish Room Tour

Saturday, October 23, 2021

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Registration

9:00 AM IFGA Meeting

3:30 PM Judging

7:00 PM KCITA\* Dinner and Possible Fish Room Tour

Sunday, October 24, 2021

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Public Viewing

***\*masks are required for admittance regardless of vaccination status***

10:00 AM Fish Auction

12:00 PM De-benching \*\*

\* Judging Test times will be announced and posted

\*\* No one may remove fish without the consent of the Show Chairman.

### **Show Co-Chairmen**

Bob Crouse, (847) 222-9871, crousebob1@aol.com

Ron Fehribach, (812) 683-3630, rfehribach@twc.com

### **Ship All Entries To:**

Tom Allen

304 Circle Ave.

Lombard, IL 60148

(630) 627-8051

(630) 800-0419 cell

Email: tgallen40@yahoo.com

Prior notification of your shipment would be appreciated. All entries must be received before 5:00 PM on Friday, October 23, 2021. **No exceptions!** Do not ship your fish to the hotel. Any shipments arriving after the "drop dead" date above will be refused.

### **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 from competition.

3. No plants, decorations or gravel will be allowed with the fish. Females may be added to male entries but will not be judged.
4. GAIC and the IFGA assume no responsibility for any loss of 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 overhead fluorescent 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, extra shipping bags and a mailing label. If using USPS as your carrier and to avoid return shipping problems with the postal service, **kindly pack fish in an unmarked carton.**
9. All tanks for display fish will be supplied by GAIC.
10. Sale of fish at the show, other than through the official auction, is strictly prohibited and will result in forfeiture of all points received at the show.
11. All DOA or DOB fish will not be returned. Returning dead fish can contaminate the live fish in the shipping container.
12. Bags (minimum size: 3" x 10") for returning shipped-ins must be included in the shipment. Breather bags are acceptable provided new, unused replacement bags are included for return shipping. If the exhibitor does not provide return bags, the fish will be sent back in standard 3" x 10" or 4" x 12"-inch poly bags based on the size of the return shipping container.
13. The auction will be a standard verbal auction. Entries to be auctioned must be clearly noted on the entry form. **By IFGA rule, females of the same strain must be included with all males to be auctioned.** If you wish to auction additional trios, you must get advanced permission from the show chairs and your bags must be clearly marked with the breeder's name and the color strain being auctioned. GAIC will retain 50% from the sale of all auctioned fish. Any fish not receiving an opening bid will be retained by GAIC.

### Awards

Single Males & Females, Tanks, Breeders

1st place – Award Plaque/plate

1st through 4th place – Award Cards

Best of Show

1st through 4th place will receive Plaques and Award Cards

### Entry Fees

Single Male or Female	\$2.00
Two Matched Males	\$3.00
Breeder Male or Breeder Female	\$4.00
Junior Entries	FREE

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

Tanks (two matched male) entries will be displayed in a 1-gallon plastic tank. One female may be added but will not be judged.

Breeder entries consist of 5 matched males or 3 matched females and will be displayed in a 2 ½ gallon plastic tank. Two females may be added to a Breeder Male entry but they will not be judged.

The Junior class is open to anyone 16 years of age or younger who has raised his/her own fish.

The Novice class is open to anyone who has never won a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place IFGA Annual Award.

### **Additional information on hotel reservations/KCITA\* Dinner**

Ground transportation plans must be made by anyone flying in to O'Hare or Midway airports. **If you are flying to the show, do not forget that, in order to board an aircraft after October 1, 2020, you may need identification in the form of a Passport or a Real ID.** The hotel **does not** provide free limousine service from either airport. However, the Fairfield Inn & Suites has an arrangement with American Taxi Co. (reserve your ride at [www.americantaxi.com](http://www.americantaxi.com)) to provide transportation from the airports for a flat rate: from O'Hare (about \$35) and from Midway (about \$45) per trip. Make sure you mention the Fairfield Inn/American taxi arrangement when you book your rides. You can also use Uber/Lyft if you so choose. **Do not take a Chicago taxi from either airport as the fee will be exorbitant.**

Hotel reservations should be made by October 8, 2021 to ensure room availability. Mention that you are associated with Guppy Associates International Chicago to make certain you get one of the reserved rooms. The room rate for a king size or two queen size beds is \$99.00 (plus tax). The hotel offers free Wi-Fi and free breakfast is also available for registered guests.

The **KCITA** (Kick Covid in the Butt) Dinner will carry an Italian flavor with salads, pasta, Italian beef, chicken, desserts and drinks. An Open Bar serving only beer and wine will be available. The cost of the dinner is \$30 per plate and a head-count is needed by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Email Pat Allen at [paallen42@yahoo.com](mailto:paallen42@yahoo.com) or phone her at (630) 627-8051 and make your **KCITA** dinner reservation early since we may be forced to limit seating.

Additionally, the Chicago area offers many world-class activities (zoos, museums, shopping, casinos, etc.) which could add to your weekend enjoyment.

## **CLASSES**