

NEW ENGLAND FANCY GUPPY ASSOCIATION
10 POINT IFGA SANCTIONED SHOW
AUGUST 21 & 22, 2021

SHOW LOCATION

The Franklin Perkins School
971 Main St.
Leominster, MA 01523

Motel

Motel 6
48 Commercial Rd.
Leominster, MA 01453
1-800-466-8356

Their rate for a single occupancy room is \$89.99 before taxes and fees. A double occupancy room rate is \$95.88 plus taxes and fees.

This is the information for the hotel that we have been recommending since we started using the Franklin Perkins School. Two years ago, for the first time they changed their policy about setting aside a block of rooms in exchange for our recommending them to everyone coming to our show who may need accommodations. Thus we are encouraging everyone who wants a hotel room to make your reservations early. In this immediate area at about the same time there are often other events. Motel rooms in the area go fast. 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.

VISIT OUR WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

newenglandguppies. org

SHOW SCHEDULE

FRIDAY AUGUST 20, 2021

5:00 PM SETUP

SATURDAY AUGUST 21, 2021

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

(our famous outdoor BBQ)

SUNDAY AUGUST 22, 2021

9:00 AM SHOWROOM OPENS

(for exhibitor de-benching only)

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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SHIP ALL ENTRIES TO:

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Prior notification is appreciated.

Shipped in entries must be received **before 5:00 PM Friday** August 19, 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 USPS Express 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:

Pandemic Rules and Understanding: NEFGA will adhere to the requirements of both CDC, the City of Lancaster, MA and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts covering aggregate school establishments as relate to the Covid-19 pandemic while conducting our IFGA sanctioned show, August 20, through August 22, 2021. Cancellation of our show by any of the federal, state or local rules would be beyond the control of the NEFGA. Should this happen NEFGA will notify the IFGA membership of this through the IFGA as quickly as possible. As the show date approaches please continue to check both the IFGA and the NEFGA web page for up to date information.

<http://newenglandguppies.org>. This NEFGA show is for IFGA Membership and associated IFGA Club's membership and their guests. We are not encouraging the general public to attend. To this end we are not holding an auction on Sunday. All shipped in fish will returned to the exhibitor. If you do not want to have your fish shipped back to you we have arranged through our large "Fish for Kids Program" to place these fish in the many tanks we maintain on the campus of the Franklin Perkins school as well as other schools in the immediate area. If you are planning on attending the show please notify the show chairpersons of your name, email and phone number when you make this decision to attend.

Any of the following may be required for entrance at the time of the show. The NEFGA web site will be kept up to date as to what requirements listed below may be required.

Everyone entering the school must be fully vaccinated and have their certificate of vaccination to prove it. All attendees will wear a mask at all times inside the school. Temperature checks will be

required to enter the school. Our goal is to provide a safe and enjoyable Covid exposure free experience for the IFGA Club's membership and guests.

Everyone planning to attend should check these links which indicate the Covid-19 rules for aggregate facilities of the CDC and the State of Mass.

Massachusetts Covid-19 Updates/information.... index page to go to travel, event attending, present guidelines

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information>

CDC's suggestions for attending an event or gathering....

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/personal-social-activities.html#event>

CDC's domestic travel guidelines

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

Out of state attendees are also advised to visit the MASS. State Web site that addresses travel restrictions related to the Covid-19 virus. <https://www.Mass.gov./info-details/covid-19-travel-advisory>
NEFGA and IFGA are not responsible for anybody contracting the Covid-19 virus as a result of attending our show.

Please do not attend the show if you cannot accept any of the requirements of this NEFGA show or you feel sick in any way.

The normal show rules are listed below:

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 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. 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.
11. 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.

12. As described above we will not be hosting an auction in order to minimize the number of people attending the show. **All shipped in fish will returned to the exhibitor. If you do not want to have your fish shipped back to you, we have arranged through our large “Fish for Kids Program” to place these fish in the many tanks which we maintain on the campus of the Franklin Perkins School as well as other schools in the immediate area.**

13. 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.

AWARDS:

Tanks, Single males, Females, and Breeders

1st place- Plaque & award cards

Subsequent 1st place entries will receive only a class plate.

2nd-4th place – award cards

Best of show

1st - 4th 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 1st or 2nd place year-end award, except the Junior class.

CLASSES

