

TFCEC Annual Tropical Fish and Supply Auction

The auction will be a 70/30 split auction, 70% of the selling price goes to the seller and 30% to the Tropical Fish Club of Erie County Inc. All items will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

PLACE: VFW Post 8113 "The Chicken Coop", 299 Leydecker Road, West Seneca NY 14224

DATE: Saturday, November 11, 2017

TIME: REGISTRATION: 9 A.M- Noon. Auction 11 A.M.

Procedures and Rules:

1. Each seller must register and receive ID letters before placing items in the auction. ITEMS MUST BE NUMBERED CONSECUTIVELY 1-10, 11-20 ETC. The items will be auctioned off by number, all #1, #11, #21 etc. items will be auctioned first, followed by all #2, #12, #22 etc. There will be tables for each number 1-10. Sale items are to be placed on the corresponding tables. After table 3 a lottery will be held for the remaining tables. The order in which they are picked will be the table that will be sold next. No items may be renumbered or moved from the original positions.

Registration ends at 12 noon sharp for any item to sell

2. Buyers **Must** register. Each Seller that registers will be given a buyer's ID number. These are to be used during bidding and purchase of an item. **The seller may have a buyer number or pay cash. All other Buyers must pay cash at time of sale. This is a cash auction. Item winners must pay cash to the auction runner upon purchase. U.S. dollars are the only accepted form of payment.**

3. All items must be properly labeled: item letter and number, brief description, type of species, quantity, and, also if the fish are a pair, trio, male or female, if known. On dry goods items, mark the condition of the item. **Sellers Name along with Phone number or email address must be on label, ALL Used equipment must be clean or it will be rejected!! No broken, inoperable or incomplete items will be accepted for sale. TFCEC, will not be held liable for any deviations from this rule and there is no warranty implied by TFCEC. Any item that is sold is as is, the Tropical Fish Club takes no responsibility in mislabeled, non-working, broken items. or fish that die.**

4. **A limit of 50 items per household to be sold. No more than 5 bags of any color variety of fish or dry good item, will be allowed from one seller. (Too many bags of the same color variety just drive down the prices Example 5 pieces of driftwood, 5 silver Angels, 5 Black Angels etc.**

5. Selling increments will be \$1.00. NO ITEM WILL BE SOLD FOR LESS THAN \$1.00--if it does not sell, it will be returned to the seller. Any unclaimed items, become the property of TFCEC.

6. Proper bagging is necessary. Fish and plants must be in proper fish bags (available from most fish stores and clubs). NO BAGGIES, ZIP LOCK BAGS OR TWIST TIE BAGS ALLOWED. There will be a **\$2.00 re-bagging charge if re-bagging is necessary.** This will be deducted from your auction money. Double bagging is suggested.

7. Minimum bid: Sellers may place a minimum bid on an item. This should be a reasonable price. Any item with a minimum bid that does not sell at the minimum bid will be put to the side. If the seller so requests a lower price, these items will be auctioned at the **end** of the auction.

8. Any single item that sells for more than \$50.00 or more, there will be a Maximum club split of \$15.00, all other proceeds from that item go to the seller.

9. Express Items, after table 2 has been all sold, an item may be expressed. A fee of \$2.00 to be charged and given to the Table movers. The item will be given an express label and will be the next item sold in the auction when received by the auctioneers.

10. **The Auction Chairman and/or The Auctioneer have and retain all rights to reject any item as "not fit for sale" or "improperly offered". Their decision is final. All rules will be strictly enforced.**

11. The Tropical Fish Club of Erie County Inc. and the VFW Post 8113, will not be responsible for any personal injury or any damages or losses incurred before, during or after the auction.

12. Payment: The auction staff will keep track of all transactions throughout the auction. Buyers must pay their tab before leaving. **All Sellers will be sent a check for the proceeds of their sales, the check will be mailed within 2 weeks from the auction, all purchases must be paid for before leaving. No checks will be accepted, CASH ONLY.**

"Buy It Now Table"

Rules

1. Each seller will be allowed 3 items onto the buy it now table, from their maximum 50 items.
2. Buy it now registration is \$1.00 per item and items are sold at a 70/30 split as the standard auction. Any item that sells for \$50.00 the Maximum club split taken is \$15.00
3. Bags on the "Buy It Now Table" are to be labeled as a normal auction item and indicate Seller ID, Bag number, scientific name, quantity, sex of fish if known, seller name and email or phone number. A Buy It Now Label will be issued to the seller for them to Price the item.
4. The "Buy It Now Table" will run from 11:00 am until 1 pm. All items that are not sold by 1pm must be picked up by the seller before 1:30pm and will be recorded as \$0 sale. Unsold items not picked up by the seller before 1:30 will be entered the auction with no minimum bid.
5. When the item is sold a chit will be filled out. The chit is processed as a standard auction item.

Buying at the "Buy It Now Table"

Buying from the "Buy It Now Table" is easy, if you find an item you want to purchase, let the person running the table know that you want to buy. They will fill out a buyer slip, and take payment for the item in cash. The person running the Table, cannot take less than the price marked on the item. All sales are final , and TFCEC takes no responsibility for fish that die, or equipment failure.