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## GVAC ANNUAL FALL AUCTION

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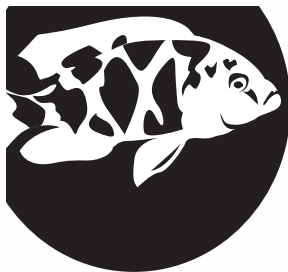


**Time:** Auction Begins at 11 AM  
(Seller Registration 9:30 AM - 11 AM)

**Location:** Home School Building Gym  
5625 Burlingame Ave SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GVAC,

I hope this message finds you enjoying the beauty of a Michigan summer. We don't get it for long, but it sure is enjoyable! Don't forget to check in on your tanks and support your local fish store this time of the year. Summer is known as the slow season for the hobby, and I know that local retailers would love to see you in there shops! We are very lucky to have shops that support us, and I think it's very important that we support them in turn.

The ALA convention was a huge success, and I want to say thank you to everyone who helped make it happen. Putting on a national convention is a difficult task, and the team did an amazing job. I want to say a special thank you to Mike Monje, who served as our convention chair, as well as Tim Boelema who answered all questions ALA. Without these two gentlemen and many others we would never have been able to pull this convention.

Remember, GVAC is your club. Your Board of Directors is working to prepare for the rest of this year, as well as next year. If you ever have any thoughts or feedback, please reach out to one of us. We will also be having elections for next years BOD in a few months. If you have ever considered being on the BOD, give it a shot. We are constantly looking for new ideas and how to make our club better.

Swimming Forward,

Justin  
GVAC President

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### AUGUST:

- 11: GVAC Meeting**  
**7 PM - Homeschool Building**  
***Speaker: Tim Boelema***

### SEPTEMBER:

- 8: GVAC Meeting**  
**7 PM - Homeschool Building**  
***Speaker: Jen Williams,***  
***Planted Tank Aquascape***

### OCTOBER:

- 13: GVAC Meeting**  
**7 PM - Homeschool Building**  
***Speaker: Robert Lupton, Shrimp***

Michigan Cichlid Association Auction  
Madison Heights, MI  
[michigancichlid.org](http://michigancichlid.org)

- 27: GVAC Annual Fall Auction**  
**Homeschool Building**  
***Seller Registration begins at 9:30 AM***  
***Auction begins at 11 AM***

### NOVEMBER:

- 10: GVAC Meeting**  
**7 PM - Homeschool Building**  
***Speaker: Rare Fish Night***

Motor City Aquarium Society Auction  
Madison Heights, MI  
[motorcityaquariumsociety.com](http://motorcityaquariumsociety.com)

- 16-18: Ohio Cichlid Association Extravaganza**  
[ohiocichlid.com](http://ohiocichlid.com)

### DECEMBER:

- 10: GVAC Holiday Party**  
**7 PM - Grand Ravines Lodge**  
**Georgetown Township, MI**



# 2018 BAP

## Jeremy Deroos – 19

*ancistrus cirrhosus*  
*Betta splendens* "Plakat thai"  
*Fundulopanchax Gardneri*  
*Labidochromis Caeruleus*  
*Limia vittata*  
*Macropodus opercularis*  
*Neocardina davidi*  
*Neocardina Hetropda*  
*Neocardina Zhangjiajensis*  
*Oryzias Woworae*  
*Pelvicachromis pulcher*  
*Planorbarius Corneus*  
*Pocilia Wingei*  
*Poecilia obscura*  
*Poecilia reticulata*  
*Poecilia Wingei* "Blue Star"  
*Pomacea bridgesii*  
*Procambarus fallax*  
*Steatocranus irvinei*

## Chris Carpenter – 10

*Aulonocara* sp. Lwanda  
*Callochromis melanostigma*  
*Cyphotilapia Frontosa*  
*Cyrtocara Moorii*  
*Haplochromis* sp. Kk beach  
*Lamprologus Calliurus*  
*Lamprologus Leloupi*  
*Maetriaclima lanisticola*  
*Neolamprologus kungweensis*  
*Xiphophorus kallmani*

## Jeff Lusk – 7

*Julidochromis marlieri*  
*Labidochromis* sp. "Hongi"  
*lepidolamprologus meeli*  
*Melanoides tuberculata*  
*Neolamprologus Brevis* "Sun Spot"  
*Planorbis Rubrum*  
*Tropheus* Sp. *Maculatus*

## Jonathan Kamps – 7

*Chindongo Saulosi*  
*Neocardina Davidi*  
*Neolamprologus Brevis*  
*Neolamprologus Calliurus*  
*Neolamprologus Olivaceous*  
*Physella Acuta*  
*Planorbis Rubrum*

## Rachel Roth – 6

*Callochromis melanostigma*  
*Geophagus Red head Tapajo*  
*Labidochromis caeruleus*  
*Pocilia reticulata*  
*Pocilia Reticulata*  
*Poecilia reticulata*

## RJ Morris – 4

*Asolene spixi*  
*Pocilia reticulata*  
*Red Flamingo Guppy*  
*Xiphosiphorus Helleri*

## Justin Sarns – 4

*Amatitlania nigrofasciata*  
*Aulonocara Maulana*  
*Labidochromis* sp.:  
"Hongi Super Red Top"  
*lamprologus speciosus*

## Chase Klinesteker – 3

*Barbus Macrops*  
*Darario Sondhii*  
*Undescribed Tetra from Manan*

## Jeremiah Drake – 3

*Neocardina cfzhangliawiensisrar*  
*planorbis rubrum*  
*poecilia wingei campoma*

## Mike Monje – 3

*Danio Rerio* var. *Franki*  
*Danio Roseus*  
*Rasbora Vulacnus*

## Aaron Turner – 3

*Carassius auratus*  
*Poecilia wingei*  
*Xiphophorus Maculatus*

## Eric Clements – 2

*Procamburus* sp.  
"marble crayfish"  
*Xiphophorus* sp.

## Joe Gardner – 2

*Neeolamprologus Olivaceous*  
*Pseudotropheus Demoasoni*

## Eric Maxon – 2

*Haplochromis* sp. K.K. Beach  
*Xiphophorus hellerii*

## Scott Visser – 2

*ancistrus cirrhosus*  
*Maylandia lombardoi*

## Cyndi Westra – 2

*cynotilapia white top hara*  
*Enantiopus Melanogenys*

## Brian Miller – 1

*Xiphophorus Maculatus*

## Joe Spaniolo – 1

*Lamprologus Brevis*

## John Yost – 1

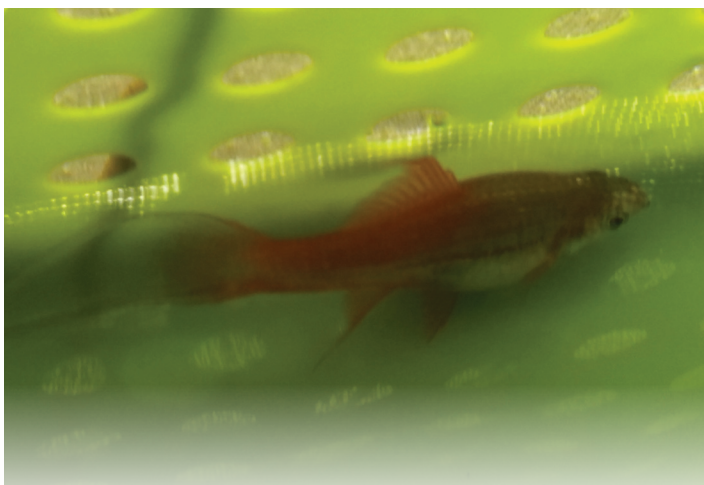
*Ophthalmotilapia ventralis*  
"Chaitika"

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## DIY FLOATING BREEDER BOX

By Rachel Roth (Photos by the Author)

*Above: Female Barbus macrops*

I often am frustrated when I need to choose a method of isolation for fish. Depending on what I need to isolate, the method may be different each time the need arises. I may have an adult peacock that needs solitary confinement, I may have fry that are too small to go in with other fish but too mature for a tumbler, I may have a female that is about to either spit her young or give birth.

I have used the clear breeder boxes many times, and that's usually my go-to item. I have several small and a large to choose from. I also have a couple breeder nets that I could choose from.

But I have a female Pineapple Lyretail Sword that is gravid and have left her alone for the first few weeks.

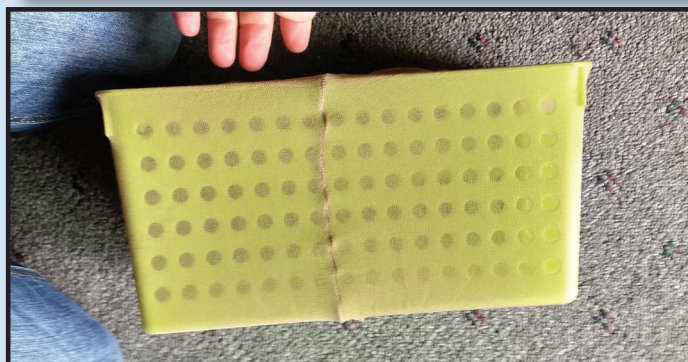
Not wanting to lose any fry as snacks to any tankmates, I put her in a breeder box. Ya'll, this fish went NUTS! I thought she was going to knock herself out. I tried turning lights out, but I have live plants, so that isn't an option for long. I tried putting construction paper on the outside to block her view of me. Nope. I think she felt the floor move.

I tried the net. Same deal, just softer blows. I tried a larger home made basket, and she jumped out.

So I went to the dollar store and found a very light weight basket with small holes. But not small enough. I also bought some pantyhose. I put the basket inside the hose and it fit perfectly. So I tied the legs together around the bottom of the basket. Next, I cut off and excess material. The tightness off the waist closed off much of the top, so I didn't have to work very hard to close it, preventing an escape.

It also is dark enough(tan) that she doesn't seem to notice me. She is calm!!

I hope any day now to have fry from her, and another success story in the life a fish breeder.





## Brian Miller – 22

*Alternanthera Ficoidea* (V)  
*Alternanthera Reineckii* (V)  
*Anubias barteri* Var *nana* (V)  
*Anubias Barteri* Var *Nana Petite* (V)  
*Bolbitis Hetetoclita* (V)  
*Bolbitis heudelotii* (V)  
*Caulerpa sertularioides* (V)  
*Chaetomorpha* (V)  
*Cryptocoryne Affinis* (V)  
*Cryptocoryne Aponogetifolia* (V)  
*Cryptocoryne Usteriana* (V)  
*Egeria Najas* (V)  
*Hydrophila solicifolia* “blue” (V)  
*Hygrophilic Corymbose* (V)  
*Microsorium pteropus* Var *narrow* (V)  
*Microsorium pteropus* Var *Windelov* (V)  
*Najas guadalupensis* (V)  
*Nuphar stellata* (V)  
*Nymphaea Zenkeri* (F)  
*Riccia Fluitaus* (V)  
*Sagittaria subulata* (V)  
*Vesicularia dubyana* (V)

## Jonathan Kamps – 13

*Alternanthera Reineckii* “mini” (V)  
*Anubias afzelii* (V)  
*Anubias Barteri* (V)

*Anubias barteri coffeefolia* (V)  
*Anubias barteri* Var *nana* (V)  
*Cryptocoryne Pontederiifolia* (V)  
*Cryptocoryne Usteriana* (V)  
*Cryptocoryne Wendtii* (V)  
*Echinodorus Amazonicus* (V)  
*Eleocharis* sp. “Mimi” (V)  
*Glossostigma elatinoides* (V)  
*Microsorium pteropus* (V)  
*Vallisneria spiralis* (V)

## Eric Clements – 8

*Ceratophyllum demersum* (V)  
*Echinodorus* (V)  
*Nymphoides Hydrophylla* (V)  
*Roatala Rotundifolia* (V)  
*Echinodorus Oriental* (V)  
*Echinodorus Ozelot* (V)  
*Limnophila* (V)  
*Hygrophilia difformis* (V)

## Peter Goettner – 8

*Alternanthera Reineckii* (V)  
*Araceae* (V)  
*Cryptocoryne Moehlmanni* (V)  
*Cryptocoryne Wendtii* (V)  
*Echinodorus Horizon tales* (V)  
*Echinodorus red flame* (V)

*Lomariopsis* sp. (V)  
*Microsorium pteropus* (V)

## Eric Maxson – 8

*Oriental swords* (F)  
*Cryptocoryne Blassii* (V)  
*Cryptocoryne Usteriana* (V)  
*Echinodorus* (F)  
*Echinodorus Fran's Stoffels* (V) (F)  
*Echinodorus Ozelot Sword* (V)

## RJ Morris – 4

*Ceratopteris Cornuaia* (V)  
*Cryptocoryne Wendtii Tropica* (V)  
*Echinodorus Amazonicus* (V)  
*Nymphoides Hydrophylla* “Taiwan” (V)

## Kevin Hightower – 2

*Cryptocoryne Pontederiifolia* (V)  
*Cryptocoryne walkeri* (V)

## Justin Sarns – 2

*Limnophila indrea* (V)  
*Micranthemum* (V)

## Jeremy DeRoos – 1

*Najas Guadalupeensis* (V)



## MELOANOTAENIA PICTA, THE PAINTED RAINBOW

by Chase Klinesteker (Photo by the Author)

Above: Young pair of Painted Rainbows, male on left

### DESCRIPTION

*Melanotaenia picta* is a new rainbowfish from the Aru Islands in Indonesia. I purchased eggs when Gary Lange recently came and talked to GVAC. It was described in 2015, and before that was known as “Mel. goldei ARU 2”. It is a very attractive fish, and the word “picta” in latin means “beautiful” or “colorful”. The body has much deep and reflective blue with a broad black horizontal band going from the nose into the

tail. A yellow background and orange or red in the fins and tail add to its’ appeal. Its’ natural habitat has very clear, clean water with a limestone base and minimal plants, but numerous logs and wood. The environment is pristine with small rainforest brooks, indicating that frequent water changes are helpful. The Painted Rainbow is a fast-growing fish that can reach 5 inches, so a decent sized tank is necessary. They eat most all foods and are very active. Females are usually a little smaller, have shorter fins, and less color

### BREEDING

They lay eggs in nylon mops, although they didn’t seem quite as prolific as some rainbowfish. I prefer to pick the eggs and hatch them separately in water treated with methylene blue and light aeration. At 80 degrees, the eggs hatch in 7 days and the fry need tiny foods like Golden Pearls (5-50 microns) to start. The young begin to color up at 6 weeks of age and can be fully colored at 16 weeks.



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