

HAP

Purpose:

To encourage the study and cultivation of aquatic plants in the aquarium hobby.

Definition of Aquatic Plant:

An aquatic plant is one which, in the wild or native state, is normally found growing in bodies of water. i.e...lakes or ponds, rivers or streams, bogs or swamps.

Awards:

A decorative plaque with brass slips denoting the various levels of achievement.

Administration:

The program may be administered by an individual or committee as decided by the BOD, with the primary purpose being, to encourage maximum participation in the operation of this program.

Eligibility:

All paid members in good standing.

Attainment Levels:

Vegetative 10 species 20 species 30 species 40 species 50 species etc

Flowering 5 species 10 species 15 species 20 species 25 species etc

Sexual 5 species 10 species 15 species 20 species 25 species etc

Special Achievement Awards:

- Horticulturist: Total of 30 species with at least 5 flowering propagations
- Master Horticulturist Total of 50 species with at least 10 flowering propagations and 1 sexual propagation.
- Grand Master Horticulturist Total of 75 species with at least 15 flowering propagations and 5 sexual propagation.

Requirements:

A written report, dealing with some aspect of aquatic horticulture and is suitable for publication in the GVAC Newsletter, plus a written report for all sexual propagations is

required for each *Attainment* or *Special Achievement Award* Level. Example: 1 written report for every 10 vegetative propagations.

For all vegetative propagations, at least one plant of the species being turned in for points must be donated or offered for sale at a club auction.

For all flowering propagations, the plant must be witnessed by a HAP approved witness. Donation or sale of the plant is not required for HAP points.

For all sexual propagations, the plant must be witnessed twice by a HAP approved witness; Once in bloom and once when the propagations are recognizable as young plants of the parent plant. Donation or sale of the plant is not required for HAP points.

Definition of Propagations:

1. Vegetative:
 1. Floating plants – doubling of the original amount.
 2. Bunch plants – doubling of the original amount determined by the root count of the growing stems.
 3. Runner or Division – One healthy plant capable of living independently of the parent plant while the parent is still living.
2. Flowering: Must be verified while in full bloom and the flower is attached to the plant in the aquarium or pond.
3. Sexual: at least one plant reproduced via seed from participant's own plant.

Additional Awards (Plaques given):

- Horticulturist of the Year – a member with the most propagations in a given year (Jan – Dec)
- HAP Rookie of the Year- member with the most propagations in a given year (Jan-Dec) that is new to the HAP program. Eligibility ends when the participant earns their first award (Rookie of the Year, Horticulturist of the year, 10 propagation plaque, etc.)