



THE GREAT **CANADIAN** SCAPE OFF AQUASCAPING COMPETITION



Welcome to the premier Aquascaping event in Canada - the **Great Canadian Scape Off**! This document will contain all the information you need to register and participate in the 2nd annual aquascaping competition held at the Canadian Aquatic Expo, September 16 and 17, 2023 at the International Centre in Mississauga.

Thanks to our gracious sponsors Tropica, National Reptile Supply, Port Credit Pets, Reptiles R Us and Phil's Pets, we are pleased to promote and present the art and creativity of Aquascaping at the 2023 Great Canadian Scape Off. Let's dive in!

EVENT MASTER OF CEREMONIES

JUDGING PANEL

CHRIS BIGGS

HEAD JUDGE JENNIFER WILLIAMS

EACH BUILD FOUNDATION WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

EQUIPMENT

- SR Aquaristik Rimless Aquarium 60cm x40cm x40cm (23.6"x15.7"x15.7") 25.3 Gallons
- Appropriate lighting system and filter

SUBSTRATES

- Assorted substrates will be available.



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HARDSCAPE Stone and Woods

A variety of stone and wood will be provided such as

- Seiryu Stone
- Black Lava Rock
- Petrified Wood
- Dragon Stone
- River Stone Black
- Manzanita Branches
- Spider Wood

PLANTS Maximum Quantity To Be Confirmed

- Assorted plants provided by Tropica '





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Each aquascaper is competing to be the Grand Champion, accompanied by a prize of \$1,000



PRIZE CLASS	GREAT CANADIAN SCAPE OFF
GRAND CHAMPION	Title of 2023 Aquascaping Grand Champion, \$1,000 Cash, and a special invitation to the 2024 Great Canadian Scape Off Aquascaping Competition with all travel expenses covered from anywhere in Canada.
PEOPLE'S CHOICE	Voting for the People's Choice Award will be up to the public to choose their favourite scape. Participants are encouraged to share their scapes on social media to promote voting. The prize? Bragging rights as the People's Choice Winner!



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RULES

- The Great Canadian Scape Off Aquascaping Competition will be held on Saturday, September 16. Judging will take place Sunday, September 17.
- Registration will take place via www.canadianaquaticexpo.ca. Space is limited to 15 entries.
- Competitors are welcome to visit the venue Friday, September 15 between 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. You can use this time to familiarize yourself with the layout of the halls, where to park, drop off tools and visualize the available materials for the builds.
- Building commences Saturday morning at 8 am and ends at 6 pm. Scaping has been scheduled during show hours to allow attendees to watch the process and interact with contestants as assembly progresses.
- Contestants must use the tank, light and equipment provided by competition sponsors.
- Tank backgrounds can be used at entrant's discretion.
- Contestants are permitted to bring adhesives, wire, lights, additional filter and aquascaping tools as part of their tool kit. However, at the time of judging only the equipment supplied can be displayed with your finished scape.
- Live animals are permitted to be used at scaper's discretion. However, unless the completed scape is prepurchased by the contestant, the fish will stay with the completed tank to be auctioned.
- Any live animals/plants used in the aquascapes should be appropriate for the size of the tank, display and health of the animals. Irresponsible husbandry choices in design will result in loss of points during judging and may be forcibly removed if a poor representation of industry best practises.
- Sunday morning before judging, water changes and last-minute touch-ups are permitted from 9am to 11am
- Competitors are encouraged to share their participation on their social media channels to encourage People's Choice voting at the Aquatic Expo.
- Registration will be via the Canadian Aquatic Expo website, entry fee is \$100. Space is limited to 15 entries.
- Registration includes the option to purchase your completed set up for an additional \$250 and must be paid for at the time of registration.
- Each registration includes one Fall Canadian Pet Expo wristband for admission to the exhibit halls for both days of the competition. Event day tickets for friends/family can be purchased at www.canadianaquaticexpo.ca, or at admission. Day tickets can only be redeemed at event box office admission.
- Entrants may register as an individual or team. If you wish to form a team for a single entry, be sure to indicate your teammates on your entry. Note: if a team wins the Grand Prize there is only 1 prize, and it is up to the team to determine how winnings are distributed. Team entries will be required to purchase additional wristbands for team members.
- Contestants are responsible for their own travel expenses.



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- Judges' Criteria - Total of 50 marks available.
 - Overall Impression /10
 - Use of hardscape /10
 - Attention to detail /10
 - Use of Plants /10
 - Creativity /10
- Competition judging will take place Sunday, September 17 beginning at 11am. Winners will be announced upon completion of the judging.
- Judge's decisions are final.
- Competitors are expected to be onsite for their scheduled competing time on Saturday, September 16 as well as for judging on Sunday, September 17.
- Completed aquascapes must remain on exhibit until the conclusion of the Aquatic Expo at 4pm Sunday September 17. This means nothing can be removed from the aquascape until 4:00pm.
- Any competitor using inappropriate language, brands other than those provided for the foundation equipment, promoting other events of similarity, not engaging the public inquiries in a polite manner will be eliminated and removed from the competition and venue.
- Best of luck to all Scapers!

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