

HORTICULTURAL AWARD PROGRAM (HAP)

PURPOSE:

To recognize the accomplishments of the hobbyist who propagates aquatic plants, to assist in the redistribution of such plants, to keep record of each participant's accomplishments on an individual and on a club-wide level. Participation in the HAP should enhance the enjoyment of the planted aquarium.

RULES HAP:

1. Qualifications: Any active CAFE member in good standing may participate in the HAP.
2. Records will be kept on species propagated and point values given, individual and cumulative.
3. Credit for a valid propagation will be given for the donation of 3 plants or 12 stems of sufficient size to be transplanted successfully, and the completion of the HAP form. This form is to be turned in to the HAP chairperson at the same time the plants are donated. Donated plants will be auctioned; all proceeds will go to CAFE.
4. A valid HAP credit meets the following criteria:
The parental plant is in the member's possession. All species must be grown and propagated at the HAP participant's own home. Each bag must be labeled with the correct nomenclature and any specific growing conditions.
5. Points may be awarded up to two times for each species, sub-species, cultivar, or variety propagated.
6. New point values may be petitioned by submitting reasons for disputing the current point value or suggesting new species to the HAP chairperson, who researches the argument. Point values may be increased or decreased depending on the findings. The HAP chairperson and CAFE Board have the final say on any disputes regarding points.

HAP AWARDS:

Novice Gardener	50 points
Intermediate Gardener	100 points
Senior Gardener	200 points
Master Gardener	400 points
Grand Master Gardener	1000 points and has submitted two species of bulb plants (Lilies, Nymphaea Species, Barclaya Bulb, Crinum)
Supreme Grand Master Gardener	2000 points and has been able to propagate two species by seed.
Bud of the Year	New HAP participant who acquires the most HAP points
Gardener of the Year	HAP participant who spawn the most species in a year
HAP Article of the Year	HAP participant submitting the best HAP article of the year, as judged by a non-biased panel.

All ties will be recognized.