

Gold Coast Bonsai Society

Annual Auction Seller's Information

Listed below are your responsibilities as a seller at the Annual Gold Coast Bonsai Society Auction. Carefully follow the steps below.

1. Everyone is welcome to sell, however, no one may join the club the day of the Auction. Club Members will be charged a 10% seller's fee; Non-Club Members 15% seller's fee.
2. What can be auctioned? Anything bonsai-related: Bonsai, Pre-bonsai, Bonsai Pots, Tools, Books, Stands, Wire, Artwork, Scrolls, Okimono, Ten-kei, Companion Plants, etc.
3. For your success containers must be clean and dirt-free especially the bottoms of pots. All containers must be free of ants and other insects as well as weed-free. Respect our facility and your fellow enthusiasts.
4. We have a limited amount of tables and many are used for Auction functions, sellers will be responsible for supplying tarps to set their sales items upon. We suggest Home Depot or Lowes for inexpensive tarps.
5. Three-Part Tags will be supplied to each seller with this informational packet. Please fill out the Three-Part Tag for each item being Auctioned. Cut them apart and attach to the item with wire or twist ties. After a sale is made, Runners will bring Part One to the Buyer; Part Two to the Cashiers and Part Three remains with the Sold Item. It is imperative that each sale item has a completed Three-Part Tag.
6. In addition to the Three-Part Tag, you will need to fill out the Seller's Itemized Merchandise Sheet in Duplicate. Keep one for yourself to record your auctioned items; the other goes to the Cashiers upon your arrival at the Auction. This sheet is used for cross checking sales.
7. Seller's Alphabetical spaces were determined by the date they signed up. Your assigned letter is your selling space. All items will be auctioned in order. The first round of auction will be Each Letter-Number in sequence, Item A-1, B-1, C-1, etc.; Followed by the next round of Items A-2, B-2, B-3, etc. to the end.
8. Remember, we need you to help promote this auction for your success as well as that of Gold Coast. The more bidders we have, the more potential there is for better sales and more money for the club to use for programming.
9. All Sellers will be expected to be at the facility by 8:30 a.m. for set-up. Paperwork must be complete and ready upon arrival as we will have a lot to do in a very short amount of time, delays are costly for everyone.
10. Be realistic with your minimum bids. Usually you have a better chance of selling if your minimum bid is affordable. You will see more activity on your items and have a much better opportunity to get more for your items if bidding starts at a reasonable rate.
11. After the auction is completed, you will be responsible to clean up your area. Remove all unsold items and any leftover debris.
12. Checks will be mailed to participants the following week by our Treasurer.
13. If you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, please fill in the form included. All proceeds (100%) go to the Gold Coast Bonsai Society Treasury.

Thank you and we wish you every success.