# **AQUARIST SWAP MEET or AUCTION PREPARATION**

# **Supplies**

- Buckets
- Nets
- Water Siphon Kit
- Towels
- Holding / Inspection Container
- Plastic Fish Bags various sizes (+ extras to bring to event)
- Ammonia Pads for livestock bags
- Lava Rock
- Plant pots 1-2"
- Rock Wool squares
- Plant root foam strips
- Lead plant weights
- Moss Cotton thread
- Gel Super Glue
- Rubber gloves (or finger cots)
- Labels (pre-printed)
- Packing Tape (for labels & fish bag corners)
- Sharpie Markers
- Water Conditioner (Seachem Prime)
- Moss, Screen, Mesh (for shrimp)
- Cooler for transport
- Battery Powered Air Pump
- Heat/Cold packs (weather dependent)
- COFFEE (Always!)

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### **Planning**

#### 1 month out

Plant Preparation, separate plantings, inspect for dead leaves, etc.

Make bundles, wrap in foam with lead weight

Pot Rooted plants

Attach Epiphytes to Rocks/Driftwood

Keep in holding tank, with no pest snails & good lighting

#### 1 week out

Check Supplies, bags, printer ink, paper, etc. (time enough to go shopping if needed)
Separate out auction items for easy access & counts (# of items for sale), inspect quality.
List online ASAP (if applicable)
Pre-print bag labels
Simple pricing \$1, \$5, \$10, make bundles
Setup Payment methods, mobile apps, make signage with your QR codes.

# **Day before Event**

Plants night before event, Collect, Inspect, Bag & Label items, keep in temp-controlled area. List online ASAP (if applicable)

Perform a large Water Change on one of your bigger tanks for bagging water.

DO NOT FEED FISH (less waste in bag)

### **Day of Event**

Livestock morning of event, Catch, Inspect, Bag & Label items, keep in temp-controlled area. Add Ammonia Absorbing Pad pieces to live stock bags Add Moss or a screen section to bags with Shrimp (they need something to hang on to) List online ASAP (if applicable)