

What Is the AGA?

The Aquatic Gardeners Association, Inc. (AGA) is an international non-profit organization of aquatic plant enthusiasts that appeals to beginners and experienced hobbyists alike. Those who join the AGA do not need to know much about plants. What is important is that they want to learn about planted aquaria!

AGA members receive a free subscription to our journal. We also hold a bi-annual convention for our members. Each year we have an open online aquascaping contest. AGA is also happy to sponsor your club's Horticultural Award Program. Be sure to ask about our group discounts for local clubs.



*"Escaping the Stranglers" by Julien Voultoiry,
St Julien L'ars, France. 2015 AGA 200-320L Honorable Mention.*

www.aquatic-gardeners.org

The Aquatic Gardener

Each quarter the AGA produces a full-color journal for its members called *The Aquatic Gardener* (TAG). TAG is the only English language journal that is devoted primarily to aquarium plants.

Each 44-page issue of TAG contains articles by authors from all over the world, aimed at a wide range of knowledge levels. Topics include everything from humor to heady science, experiences with specific plants, plant collecting excursions, substrates, fertilizers, carbon dioxide, lighting, and other topics related to aquatic gardening. You can browse sample articles, covers and tables of contents, see web-exclusive updates, and find out how to order back issues at www.aquatic-gardeners.org/merch.html. Recent back issues are available in their original paper format, while older back issues dating back to 1985 are available on our TAG Archive DVD.

AGA Convention

The Aquatic Gardeners Association bi-annual convention is the biggest aquarium plant convention in North America. Each time we hold the convention in a different city. While every convention has its own flavor, all are packed with field trips, activities, presentations, and workshops. The convention speakers bring us information from all over the world, giving talks and workshops on a wide range of aquatic plant-related topics, including aquascaping, collecting, new plant species, high-tech tanks, low-tech tanks, and fish and shrimp for the planted tank.

Each convention ends with an all-day aquatic plant auction—everything from easy-growers to exotic. Only AGA members may attend the convention presentations and purchase convention DVDs. The AGA is grateful to our generous convention sponsors and vendors who make the events possible.



Aquascaping Contest

The AGA International Aquascaping Contest is a forum for both display and learning. It was the first aquascaping contest to be conducted entirely online: photo submission, judging, and showcasing of the results. Aquarists of all ages and experience levels are invited to submit their work to share their tank and showcase their best! The winners are announced at the convention and simultaneously online. See the results at showcase.aquatic-gardeners.org.

AGA Online

The Aquatic Gardeners Association web site premiered in 1995! At www.aquatic-gardeners.org, you can read sample TAG articles, browse our media store, and see photos and commentary of past conventions and aquascaping contests.

AGA members stay connected through our monthly e-mail newsletter, "Clippings," and a lively facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/AquaticGardeners.

How to Join the AGA

Individuals can join the AGA by filling out the attached application form and mailing it along with your dues to:

AGA Membership
PO Box 51536
Denton, TX 76206
USA

Or go online at:
www.aquatic-gardeners.org/member.html

Questions? E-mail membership@aquatic-gardeners.org or write to the address above.

Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____

Country _____

Zip/Postal Code _____

E-mail _____

Telephone _____

How did you hear about the AGA? _____

I might be willing to help in the following areas:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Articles | <input type="checkbox"/> Editing/Publishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photos | <input type="checkbox"/> Artwork/Graphics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Online/Computer Help | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book/Media Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Convention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquascaping Contest | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Club Relations |

Besides my general interest in planted tanks, I have a particular interest or expertise in: _____

US/Canada/Mexico 1 yr. \$22 2 yrs. \$40 3 yrs. \$56

Other Countries 1 yr. \$25 2 yrs. \$46 3 yrs. \$65

New Member Combo! *One-year AGA membership plus three recent back issues of TAG.*

US \$34 Canada/Mexico \$40 Other Countries \$43

Mailed-in payments may be made with check or money order in US funds payable to Aquatic Gardeners Association. Sorry, credit cards are accepted online only. Please visit www.aquatic-gardeners.org/member.html to pay by credit card, debit card, or electronic check.

The US Federal government recognizes the AGA as a tax-exempt non-profit organization. Payments to the AGA are not deductible as charitable contributions for US Federal income tax purposes.



"Deep Nature" by Paulo Vitor Pacheco, São Paulo, Brazil
2015 AGA Aquascaping Contest 200-320L 1st Place Winner
and Best In Show