

Members' and Vendors' Auction Guidelines

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- 1) There shall be one scheduled opportunity and a Special Auction for current members to auction plants under the aegis of the Auction Committee:
 - a) An Annual Members' and Vendors' Auction and
 - b) A Special Auction granted under extraordinary circumstances.

- 2) The Annual Members' and Vendors' Auction shall be available to all members. The timing of this auction is to be in October so as not to interfere with the annual Show (assuming Feb/March timing). The guidelines include:
 - a) Each member (or "family", if a family member) shall be allowed to auction up to 10 plants.
 - b) The auction will be run by NHOS under the supervision of the Auction Committee and will include publicity, clerking, actual auctioning of plants, collection of funds, etc. The auction shall be run under the standard, established rules used for the Annual Fund-raising Auction. The seller shall have the option of auctioning his or her own plants.
 - c) The split of proceeds shall be 80% seller, 20% NHOS.
 - d) The auction shall be held at a meeting without an invited, formal speaker (although a back-up program might be scheduled in the event that the auction has few plants).

- 3) Special auctions shall be held under extraordinary circumstances such as the grower's death or health issues etc. or other catastrophic conditions. Growers over purchasing or moving their plants out for the summer and not being able to fit them back into their growing area does not constitute "catastrophic conditions". A presentation by the party requesting the auction (or their agent) shall be made to the NHOS Board of Directors along with the chairperson of the Auction Committee. If granted by a vote of the Board of Directors, the Auction committee will propose a date that will not impact planned activities.

Special auctions shall:

- a) Be held as soon as possible in coordination with the Programs Committee Chair
 - b) Shall be run by NHOS and the Auction Committee as outlined above, and
 - c) The split of proceeds shall be 80% seller, 20% NHOS.
- 4) The Auction Committee recognizes that other exceptional situations may arise where an auction could be considered. In these cases, a presentation by the party requesting the auction (or their agent) shall be made to the NHOS Board of Directors. The chairperson of the Auction Committee shall also be in attendance to present the pros and cons of the proposal, including what impact it might have upon the society and its planned activities. The Board shall then decide by vote as to whether to proceed with the auction and how it will be run. The proceeds split will be 80% seller and 20% NHOS, the usual proceeds split.