



## **MACPS Virtual Auction Rules**

Welcome to the first ever MACPS virtual auction! We are very excited to be hosting an auction for our members in these difficult times.

In order to participate, you are required to read all rules below. By making any posts on our Auction page, you acknowledge that you have fully read and understand these rules. Participating in the Auction represents your agreement to all rules set forth for this auction. Failing to uphold the post-auction transaction may result in exclusion from future auctions.

### **Who can participate in the auction?**

Anyone can bid on items, although items can only be shipped within the United States. Sellers in this auction are limited to a small number of previously selected members.

### **What will be in the auction?**

This auction will feature carnivorous plants, companion plants (e.g. bog orchids and sphagnum moss), growing materials and equipment for plants, and novelty items that are related to carnivorous plants (e.g. a shirt with a Venus Fly Trap on it). This auction does not permit the selling of plants that are collected from the wild.

To the best of the seller's knowledge, all plants must be in good condition and free of pests and diseases. Ensuring the health of the plant is the responsibility of the seller. MACPS is not responsible for the condition of the plants sold.

Weapons or any items that have the potential for causing harm are not allowed. Illegal goods of any kind are not allowed. The seller and buyer are responsible for making sure that all laws and regulations are strictly adhered to in their exchange. MACPS is not responsible for any repercussions that result from not following the law.

### **When will the auction take place?**

The auction will begin during our MACPS meeting on September 26th, 2020. More info on the meeting can be found on our website at [www.macpsociety.com](http://www.macpsociety.com). During our meeting, we will review these rules and answer any questions. Sellers, if present, will have the opportunity to talk about the items they will be selling and show off their plants. Buyers will get a preview of what is available. After the meeting, listings will be visible on the Facebook Auction Page. Questions

may be asked in the comments under each post until Monday, September 28th, at 8:00pm EST. Bidding begins Monday, September 28th at 8:00 pm EST. After that, the comment section will be restricted to bids. Further questions may be directed to the seller via e-mail. Any comments posted under auction items after September 28th at 8:00pm EST that are not bids will be deleted.

The auction ends October 10th, at 8:00 pm EST. Bids placed at 8:00:00 pm EST or after will not be counted.

### **How to bid?**

To bid, comment under the auction item with the desired amount. All bids must be placed in whole dollar amounts with a minimum bid of one dollar. For example, a bidder may increase a bid by \$5 but not by \$4.50. All bids must be higher than the previous bid and the starting bid as stated by the seller.

Some items may have a "Buy Now" option. In these cases, the first person who comments will win that item for the price listed by the Seller.

### **What if I don't have Facebook?**

This Auction will be conducted via Facebook. If you don't have a Facebook account, we encourage you to make one in order to easily participate. However, if you hate Facebook and don't want to make an account, fear not! All auction info will be available on our website [insert link to auction page on website.] If you see an item you would like to bid on, please e-mail [info@macpsociety.com](mailto:info@macpsociety.com) with the following information:

1. First and last name
2. Item[s] you want to bid on
3. Your maximum bid for each item
4. The increment you would like to increase bids by

After we have received this information, one of our board members will act as a proxy to place bids in your name on the Facebook Auction Page. We will do our absolute best to keep the Facebook Auction Page up to date with the bids you request on a daily basis. However, please understand that there is no guarantee you will win an item.

### **What about shipping?**

The Buyer is responsible for paying shipping. Each item will have an estimated shipping cost, but please note that the actual shipping will depend on the Buyer's location. Each listing will include the Seller's zip code. A shipping calculator can be found here <https://postcalc.usps.com/>, which will provide more accurate shipping costs. Bidders should not bid on items if they are not prepared to pay the full shipping cost. Please note that the final shipping cost will be determined by the Seller post-auction.

Shipping delays or damages are not the responsibility of MACPS. Shipping disputes should be resolved between the buyer and seller.

### **How does one win?**

The winning bid is the highest bid placed before 8:00:00 pm EST on October 10th, 2020. For “Buy Now” items, the winner is the first person who comments expressing that they would like to purchase the item.

### **How does the Buyer receive their items?**

After the auction, Winners are responsible for contacting the seller of each item they won by no later than October 13th, 2020. The Seller and Buyer will determine the exact shipping cost. After the shipping cost has been determined by the Seller, the Winner will pay MACPS the full cost of the items and the shipping. The Winner has until October 16th, 2020 to pay MACPS. MACPS will then pay the Seller their portion of the money. The Seller has until October 23rd, 2020 to ship the items. **No items will be shipped until MACPS has received payment.**

Please only bid on items if you are able to pay for the item, including shipping! If a Bidder realizes they will be unable to pay, contact the Seller and MACPS as soon as possible so the next highest Bidder can get the item. If the Buyer does not pay by the October 16th deadline, the item will go to the next highest bidder.

### **How does one pay?**

The Buyer will pay [treasurer@macpsociety.com](mailto:treasurer@macpsociety.com) using PayPal. The Buyer needs to have a separate Paypal transaction for each Seller they are purchasing from. When the Buyer sends their payment, the Buyer must include the following information:

1. First and Last name
2. E-mail address in case MACPS needs to contact them
3. A list of each item won, including their price
4. The cost of shipping, as agreed upon by Seller
5. Name of the Seller so they can be notified to ship.

Failure to include this information may result in the payment being refused by MACPS.

### **What if I don't have Paypal?**

For this auction, MACPS is only accepting Paypal as a means of payment. However, you do not need a Paypal account in order to use Paypal.

### **I have more questions!**

Board members will be answering questions live during our September 26th virtual meeting. If you are unable to attend and have questions, please email [info@macpsociety.com](mailto:info@macpsociety.com).

9/26: 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting.  
Sellers talk about  
their auction items.  
Items posted to  
Facebook with  
opportunity to ask  
questions in  
comments.

10/10, 8 pm  
EST: Auction  
ends.

10/16:  
Deadline for  
buyer to pay  
MACPS full  
amount of  
purchased  
items +  
shipping.

9/28, 8 pm EST:  
Bidding begins.  
No more  
questions  
allowed on  
Facebook (feel  
free to email  
the seller).

10/13:  
Deadline for  
buyers to  
contact seller  
with the items  
won.

10/23:  
Deadline for  
seller to ship  
items.

