



## MACPS Judging Guidelines

### 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting, Keystone Clash, September 22-23, 2023

We invite you to participate in the annual MACPS carnivorous plant show! MACPS paid members receive free entry; the cost to enter is \$10 for non-members. There is no limit on the number of plants you can bring for judging, and there is similarly no limit on the number of plants you can enter into each category. You do not need to preregister your plants, but please let us know in the RSVP form (see website at [www.macpsociety.com](http://www.macpsociety.com)) if you are bringing plants and approximately how many. The categories are:

- *Sarracenia*
- *Nepenthes*
- *Dionaea*
- *Pinguicula & Drosera*
- All other carnivorous plants
- Mixed displays (e.g. container gardens, terrariums)
- Carnivorous plant arts/crafts/photos

A team of judges from MACPS will award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each category. There will also be a Best in Show (prize: wooden engraving and \$100) and Reserve in Show (prize: wooden engraving and \$50) determined by popular vote.

Points will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- **Health** (maximum 10 points)
- **Condition:** Is the plant in good condition, with no torn leaves, dried patches, or holes? (maximum 10 points)
- **Size/Maturity:** Is the plant mature or is it a seedling? (maximum 10 points)
- **Form:** Is the plant aesthetically pleasing? Is it a wild tangle of stems/leaves/pitchers, or is it shaped nicely? (maximum 10 points)
- **Difficulty:** Is the plant considered hard to grow (e.g. *Darlingtonia*, *Heliophora*, *Cephalotus*, and select *Nepenthes* species would be considered hard to grow)? (maximum 3 points)