

THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY TO THE 2007 SHOW

Time: Set-up 3-8 PM, Friday September 21, 2007. Judging, 8:30 AM, Sat. September 22. Dismantle: 4 PM Sunday September 23.

1. The show will be judged according to the AOS Handbook on Judging and Exhibition, 11th edition.
2. Pools or fountains may be used, with permission. Any leaks must be repaired immediately.
3. All exhibits must be registered in the show. Individual plants **must** be registered and correctly labeled with the species or cross name (if registered with RHS) and parents, in order to be judged. (Unidentified species should be labeled with the correct genus if possible.) Judges may exclude unregistered or mislabeled plants from ribbon judging. In the event a plant is in the wrong class, it may be reclassified at the judges' discretion. If that class has already been judged, the plant may be disqualified. Correct labeling of plants in the show will be the exhibitor's responsibility. Plants eligible for more than one class may be entered in both. The Show Committee will provide uniform exhibit signs and supplies for making plant labels.
4. The show schedule and a sample registration sheet will be sent to each exhibitor, as soon as the reservation slip has been returned. To aid the registration process, please register with Iris Cohen in advance, by phone, (315/461-9226), e-mail, (IrisCohen@aol.com), or mail to 6 Bevell Lane, North Syracuse 13212. Fax registration may be sent to 461-9226 by calling first. Plants can always be deleted at the last minute. Please come to the show with a list of display plants, for referral purposes of exhibitor and/or show committee, and/or takedown.
5. All tropical (home or greenhouse) orchid plants entered for possible consideration for a Cultural Award must have been owned by the exhibitor for at least six months. Any hardy native plant (orchid or foliage) that is on this state's protected list must have been owned by the exhibitor or under cultivation for at least two years.
6. Exhibitors need not be members of the American Orchid Society or the Central New York Orchid Society. There is no entry fee. By entering this show, the exhibitor represents that all species orchids entered have been obtained in conformance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. Plants that are not established will not be judged.
7. Every precaution will be taken, but neither the Central New York Orchid Society nor Beaver Lake Nature Center can be responsible for loss of, or damage to plants, blooms, containers, or other personal property.
8. Set-up must be completed by 8:00 Friday evening. Judging will begin promptly at 8:30 AM Saturday. Decision of the judges will be final.
9. The Show Committee reserves the right to reject or disqualify any plant or exhibit which shows signs of pest infestation, disease, or severe genetic defect. No plants or cut flowers may be entered for judging by exhibitors who are in arrears for failure to pay AOS award fees.
10. At their discretion, judges may divide a class that is too large. They may withhold awards if there is no worthy entry, or designate a special award for an outstanding specimen not covered in the schedule.
11. No plant or part of it, artifact, or accessory in any type of exhibit may carry a price tag, or be removed, sold, or tampered with during the show, except for the removal of wilted blossoms. Craftspeople with items for sale will offer them at separate tables in the sales area.
12. Visitors who would like to observe the judging process or serve as clerks are welcome, but must inform the Chairman of Judging Activities in advance.
13. Only judges and clerks who have served in the entry or judging process and their spouses are invited to the judges' luncheon. Other show committee members or visitors may join us at their own expense.
14. For judging the Memorial Awards, an amateur is defined as a person who does not regularly advertise, and does not derive a substantial income from the sale of orchids or related supplies.
15. Foliage plants in exhibits may not be in bloom, except for inconspicuous grasses or the like.
16. Nomenclature and registration will follow the Kew World Checklist of Monocotyledons. There may be occasional exceptions, at the discretion of the entry personnel.
17. AOS award judging will follow the ribbon judging. There will be a photographer on hand for award photos. There is no charge for this, but exhibitors are responsible for any AOS award fees.