
GENERAL SHOW RULES

1. All exhibits must be in place by the end of the setup period in the *Show Schedule*, and must remain in place until the end of Show. No plants or other items may be removed from the displays during the show period without permission from the Show Chair.
2. All exhibitors are responsible for their own props for their display.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for any damage caused by their display(s) and equipment.
4. Any extra lighting is to be brought by the exhibitor and must be requested at the time the display table is booked, so that access to electrical power is available.
5. All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up the area of their display after the show is closed. This includes all extra prop materials such as straw, leaves, branches and water.
6. All vendors are required to place exhibits in the show, as laid out in the Vendor Invitation.
7. No pricing or other sales information is permitted in the Display Area. Plants from the exhibits may be sold, but only for removal after the Show closes.
8. The show committee must approve all signage in all displays. Foothills Orchid Society will supply name placards for exhibitors: individuals, vendors, and visiting societies. The information for these placards will be taken from the registration forms.
9. All plants and flowers must be part of a display to be “in the show”. The exhibitor must either enter a display or have their entries included in a display. Photography, art and flower arrangements may be entered as individual items, not part of a display. Photography, art and flower arrangements may also be entered as part of a display. If photography, art and flower arrangements are entered as separate items, not part of a display, the “Display” field in the entry form may be left blank.
10. It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure their plant is entered for judging. It is not the responsibility of the entry clerks or show personnel.
11. All orchid plants or flowers entered in the plant/flower competition must have been the **property of the exhibitor for at least six (6) months**. Plants not entered in the plant/flower competition are not subject to this rule, even if the display they are in is entered in the Display Competition. That is, displays being judged in the display competition may contain plants which the exhibitor has NOT owned for six months. Entries in the Art and Cut Flower Arrangement category must have been created by the entrant.

All orchid plants in the show, whether entered for ribbon and trophy judging or not, will be eligible for AOS judging. While the AOS judges will examine all the plants in the show looking for plants to consider in detail for an AOS award, if an exhibitor particularly wants the AOS judges to examine a plant the exhibitor may make a request of the AOS Judging Chairperson, who will ensure the plant is examined by the AOS judges.
12. Wild collected plants are discouraged in exhibits.

13. All flowers in the show must be orchid flowers. Foliage from non-orchidaceous plants may be used in displays and flower arrangements.
14. The *Show Committee* reserves the right to require that inferior or inappropriate exhibits be removed at any time.

JUDGING

General Information

All registered plants, flowers and displays will be eligible for Ribbon Judging and Trophies.

All plants and flowers will be considered for recognition based on present quality, without regard to previous awards. To maintain high standards, no trophies or other recognition will be awarded if in the judges' opinion the flower, plant or exhibit does not warrant such recognition.

All judges and clerks are expected to familiarize themselves with the show rules.

Plant and display ownership must not be visible prior to or during Judging.

American Orchid Society (AOS) Judging

The show has been approved for American Orchid Society judging. Therefore, all plants, flowers and displays in the Display Area, whether or not registered for ribbon judging, will be eligible for AOS judging unless marked 'Not for AOS Judging'.

An American Orchid Society (AOS) sanctioned show must comply with the current rules of the American Orchid Society *Handbook on Judging and Exhibition* and any interim rules issued by the *AOS Judging Committee*. There will be three or more judges accredited by the AOS. The decisions of the judges will be final.

Not for AOS Judging - If the flowers have previously been exhibited at an AOS-approved function, they are considered to have been screened and are not eligible for further consideration. They must be marked, "Not for AOS judging". This will not disqualify the flower from consideration in the proper ribbon or trophy class.

AOS Award Fees - Submission of plants or cut flowers for judging shall obligate the exhibitor to accept any award granted and to pay any fees connected with such an award. If an exhibitor is unwilling to pay the fees, or does not want their plant or exhibit evaluated by the American Orchid Society judges, they must label the plant or exhibit: 'Not for AOS Judging'.

Public Attendance – The American Orchid Society welcomes members of the public to attend AOS judging as observers. Those wishing to do so should report to the AOS Judging Chair.

Ribbon Judging

Plants, flowers and displays for Ribbon Judging must be registered in the Show.

Ribbons - First, second and third place ribbons may be awarded to the best three (3) entries in each class, other than trophy or medal classes. A maximum of one first place ribbon may be awarded per class. If the ribbon judging team feels that the best plant in the class is not of a quality deserving a first place ribbon, then a first place will not be awarded. More than one

second place or third place ribbon may be awarded within the class, if the ribbon judging team considers the entries worthy of such recognition.

Classification - All plants and cut flowers must be correctly entered in the appropriate class, or reclassified by a judge, to be eligible for ribbon judging. The *Ribbon Judging Chair* may combine or subdivide classes. Judges may reclassify entries within their team's currently assigned Classes if the correct class for the entry has yet to be judged. Judges are under no obligation to reclassify incorrectly entered plants. Incorrectly entered plants or flowers may be disqualified by the *Ribbon Judging Team Captain*.

Trophies - All registered plants, flowers and displays are eligible for appropriate trophy classes, if the exhibit is entered properly and show rules are complied with, unless otherwise specified.

RIBBON JUDGING PERSONNEL

Ribbon Judging Chair

This person is responsible for the efficient performance of the judging process. This also includes recording the decisions of the judges, making a record of the awards given, and assigning additional classes to judging teams who have completed their current assignments.

Ribbon Judging Team

Ribbon judging teams are assigned by the chair and have at least three individuals:

Team Captain: Responsible for encouraging a collaborative approach within the team to share knowledge about the plants being judged, and complete the judging of each class in an expeditious manner.

Ribbon Clerk: Responsible for maintaining the ribbon supply, adding class and entry number to each ribbon awarded, and placing the ribbons appropriately.

Spotter: Assists in locating exhibits and plants in the class.

All participants in a ribbon judging team are required to excuse themselves from the class being judged when a conflict of interest occurs, for example, when one of the individual's plants are entered in the class. If an individual excuses themselves they must leave the judging team for the duration of the class, and endeavor to position themselves where they will not overhear discussion on the entries in the class. Further, ribbon judging team members are reminded that deliberations must not be repeated nor discussed with others.

RIBBON JUDGING REGISTRATION

1. A separate entry must be made for each plant, flower and exhibit to be Ribbon Judged.
2. **Online Entries** – Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to pre-enter their plants, flowers and exhibits. Entry forms can be obtained from the orchid show website:
<http://www.calgaryorchidshow.com>
3. **On-site Entries** - Exhibitors will need to work with the Registration Clerk to have their entries electronically completed and entered into the judging system.

- 4. **Entry Sticker** - Each entry will get one numbered sticker which must be placed on the label for the plant or flower or on the display table or signage designating the judging location (e.g. location "A") for a display.
- 5. **Label** - Each plant, flower must have an easy-to-read label showing the proper name of the plant, clonal name (if assigned), previous awards to the clone and parentage (if a hybrid), e.g. ***Cattleya Hippo* 'Pot's Pride' AM/AOS, B/JOGA (C. maxima x C. Potomas)**. If the name of the plant is unknown, it should be labeled by genus Unknown, e.g. Paphiopedilum Unknown.

This Label is not the typical plastic label which is stuck in the pot.

- 6. **Alliance Class**
Each plant may be entered into only one Alliance Class. This is related to the type of plant/flower that it is, and may be separated by colour or other characteristics. Where a plant could conceivably fit into more than one class, the exhibitor shall enter it into the first applicable class listed in the *Show Classification and Awards* list. The Registration Clerk may assist with Alliance Class selection.
- 7. **Special Classes**
 In addition to being entered in one Alliance Class, each plant/ flower may be entered into all appropriate Special Classes (Grown on a window sill, etc).
- 8. In order to be eligible for trophies, plants and exhibits must be entered in the relevant class for Ribbon Judging. No separate entry is required to be considered for the trophy.
- 9. Entries not in accordance with the exhibitor information may be disqualified, and
- 10. No exhibitor may enter for Ribbon Judging, more than three (3) plants or cut flowers of the same species or hybrid in any one class. However, any number of a species or hybrid may be exhibited.

RIBBON JUDGING CLASSIFICATIONS & AWARDS

DISPLAY COMPETITION

A. OPEN DISPLAY COMPETITION	
1.	Display of 1-5 orchid plants. (ribbon)
2.	Display of 6-15 orchid plants. (ribbon)
3.	Display of 16-25 orchid plants (ribbon)
4.	Display of 26 or more orchid plants. (ribbon)
5.	Orchid Memorabilia (ribbon)
6.	Educational exhibit. (trophy)
7.	Visiting Society (not from Calgary) (trophy)

All eligible displays will be judged for the Canadian Orchid Congress and (if awarded) the American Orchid Society Show trophies, unless the display is labeled otherwise.

FLOWER/PLANT COMPETITION

An individual plant may be entered in one alliance class and multiple special classes.

FLOWER/PLANT COMPETITION¹ - ALLIANCE CLASSES

An individual plant may be entered in **one** of the following Alliance Classes.

B. CATTLEYA ALLIANCE (The Ken Girard Award)	
10.	Miniature <i>Cattleya</i> and <i>Laelia</i> ; species, hybrids and intergenerics. (Total height of plant 25 cm or less, excluding inflorescence.)
11.	<i>Epidendrum</i> , <i>Encyclia</i> , <i>Oestlundia</i> and <i>Prosthechea</i> species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above.
12.	<i>Cattleya</i> and <i>Laelia</i> species other than above.
<i>Cattleya</i> hybrids and intergenerics other than above:	
13.	White and semi alba.
14.	Pink and lavender.
15.	Red and dark purple.
16.	Yellow and Orange.
17.	Other colors, including splash petals.
18.	<i>Brassavola</i> and <i>Broughtonia</i> species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above.
19.	Allied <i>Cattleya</i> genera; species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above.
C. CYPRIPEDIUM ALLIANCE	
20.	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> species: subgenus <i>Brachypetalum</i> . Normally 1-2 flowers/inflorescence.
21.	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> species: subgenus <i>Sigmatopetalum</i> . Normally 1-2 flowers/inflorescence.
22.	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> species: subgenus <i>Parvisepalum</i> . Normally 1-2 flowers/inflorescence.
23.	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> species: subgenus <i>Paphiopedilum</i> . Normally 1-2 flowers/inflorescence.

¹ Note: Plant naming follows the World Checklist of Selected Plant Families developed by Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. This is available on line at <http://www.kew.org/wcsp/qsearch.do> or on the OrchidWiz database program.

24.	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> species: subgenus <i>Polyantha</i> . Normally three or more flowers open at the same time
25.	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> species: subgenus <i>Cochlopetalum</i> . Normally sequential blooming.
26.	Primary <i>Paphiopedilum</i> hybrids, one or two flowers per inflorescence. Note: Primary hybrid has species as each parent.
27.	Primary <i>Paphiopedilum</i> hybrids, three or more flowers on at least one inflorescence. Note: Primary hybrid has species as each parent.
28.	Complex <i>Paphiopedilum</i> hybrids, one or two flowers per inflorescence. Note: Complex hybrid has a hybrid as one or more parent.
29.	Complex <i>Paphiopedilum</i> hybrids, three or more flowers on at least one inflorescence. Note: Complex hybrid has a hybrid as one or more parent.
30.	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> hybrids, normally one or two flowers open at the same time, other than above. (includes hybrids of unknown parentage)
31.	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> hybrids, normally three or more flowers open at the same time. (includes hybrids of unknown parentage)
32.	<i>Phragmipedium</i> species.
33.	<i>Phragmipedium kovachii</i> hybrids
34.	<i>Phragmipedium besseae</i> hybrids
35.	<i>Phragmipedium</i> other hybrids
36.	Allied <i>Cypripediae</i> genera; species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above.

D. VANDA ALLIANCE (The Bob Gustavson Award)

40.	<i>Angraecoid</i> genera, including <i>Angraecum</i> , <i>Aerangis</i> and all allied genera - species, hybrids and intergenerics.
41.	<i>Vanda</i> species.
42.	<i>Vanda</i> hybrids.
43.	Allied Vandaceous genera; species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above (<i>Sarcochilus</i> ...). <i>Phalaenopsis</i> are excluded except in intergenerics.
50.	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> species.

51.	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> equestris hybrids - all colours, typically branched with many smaller flowers.
52.	Miniature <i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrids other than above - all colours (flower not exceeding 7 cm in natural spread [overall width of the flower in its natural position])
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrids with flowers exceeding 7 cm in natural spread, other than above:	
53.	White with or without colored lip.
54.	White background with stripes, spots or bars.
55.	Pink/magenta/lavender no markings.
56.	Pink/magenta/lavender background, with stripes, spots or bars.
57.	Yellow no markings.
58.	Yellow background, with stripes, spots or bars.
59.	Other colors no markings.
60.	Other colors with markings including stripes, bars and spots.

E. ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE (The Susie Krysinisky Award)

70.	<i>Brassia</i> species, hybrids and intergenerics
71.	<i>Miltonia</i> and <i>Milioniopsis</i> species and hybrids.
72.	<i>Miltonia</i> and <i>Milioniopsis</i> intergeneric hybrids other than above.
73.	<i>Oncidium</i> and <i>Trichocentrum</i> species.
74.	<i>Oncidium</i> and <i>Trichocentrum</i> hybrids.
75.	<i>Tolumnia</i> (equitant <i>Oncidium</i>) & <i>Rodriguezia</i> species and hybrids.
76.	<i>Psychopsis</i> species and hybrids.
77.	<i>Oncidium</i> intergenerics other than above.
78.	Allied <i>Oncidinae</i> species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above.

F. DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE	
90.	<i>Dendrobium</i> species; <i>phalaenopsis</i> and antelope types.
91.	<i>Dendrobium</i> species; other types.
92.	<i>Dendrobium</i> hybrids; <i>phalaenopsis</i> and antelope types.
93.	<i>Dendrobium</i> hybrids; other types.
94.	Allied <i>Dendrobium</i> genera excluding <i>Bulbophyllum</i> ; species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above. (for <i>Bulbophyllums</i> , see class 110)

G. PLEUROTHALLID ALLIANCE	
111.	<i>Masdevallia, Dracula</i> & allied genera - species.
112.	<i>Masdevallia, Dracula</i> & allied genera - hybrids and intergenerics.
113.	<i>Pleurothallis</i> species, hybrids and intergenerics.
114.	<i>Pleurothallid</i> genera; species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above.

K. OTHER PLANT ALLIANCES	
100.	<i>Cymbidium</i> species.
101.	<i>Cymbidium</i> hybrids, Standard.
102.	<i>Cymbidium</i> hybrids, Miniature. (Flowers less than 10 cm in natural spread.)
103.	Allied <i>Cymbidium</i> genera; species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above.
110.	<i>Bulbophyllum</i> & allied genera - species & hybrids.
115.	<i>Lycaste, Ida and Anguloa</i> species, hybrids and intergenerics.
116.	<i>Maxillaria</i> species, hybrids and intergenerics.
117.	<i>Zygopetalum</i> and allied genera species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above.
118.	<i>Catesetum, Cycnoches, Mormodes</i> and allied genera - species, hybrids, intergenerics.
119.	<i>Stanhopea</i> and allied genera - species, hybrids, intergenerics.
120.	<i>Coelogyne</i> - species, hybrids, intergenerics.
121.	Orchid species, hybrids and intergenerics not covered elsewhere.
122.	Orchids grown for foliage, not necessarily in flower.

FLOWER/PLANT COMPETITION - SPECIAL CLASSES

An individual plant may be entered in ALL applicable special classes in addition to one of the above plant classes.

L. SPECIAL CLASSES	
201.	Plant grown on a windowsill.
202.	Plant grown under artificial lights.

203.	Most unusual flower form or fragrance, where normal for the species/hybrid/intergeneric. All plants & flowers entered in a plant class will be considered for this class.
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ORCHID ART COMPETITION

All art work and arrangements must have been executed by the exhibitor, and feature orchids.

M. ART CLASSES	
300.	Paintings
301.	Drawings, cartoons, illustrations
302.	Other arts & crafts
400.	Photography: Orchids in Nature - colour
401.	Photography: Orchids in Cultivation
402.	Photography: Orchid Portraits - colour
403.	Photography: Other Photographs, including edited, modified, black & white, and Special Effects
500.	Cut Orchid Flowers Arranged for Effect including bouquets, arrangements, corsages, boutonnieres, hats etc.

RIBBON AWARDS

TROPHIES

Rosettes and Trophies will be awarded in the following classes:

Grand Champion Plant or Flower
Reserve Grand Champion Plant or Flower

ALLIANCE CLASSES	
Best <i>Cattleya</i> Alliance	Classes 10 - 19
Best <i>Cypripedium</i> Alliance	Classes 20 - 36
Best <i>Vanda</i> Alliance	Classes 40 - 60
Best <i>Oncidium</i> Alliance	Classes 70 - 78
Best <i>Dendrobium</i> Alliance	Classes 90 - 94
Best <i>Pleurothallid</i> Alliance	Classes 111 - 114

Best Other Alliance	Classes 100 - 110, 115 -122
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SPECIAL CLASSES	
Best Windowsill Grown Plant	Class 201
Best Artificial Light Grown Plant	Class 202
Best Unusual Form or Fragrance	Class 203
Best Art	Classes 300 - 500
Best Visiting Society (Not from Calgary)	Class 7
Best Educational Display	Class 6
Best Overall Display (Artistic Merit)	All eligible displays

OTHER TROPHIES

Canadian Orchid Congress Award

Awarded for the most innovative display

- Display must be esthetically pleasing and complement or enhance the beauty of the displayed orchids

American Orchid Society Show Trophy

The AOS Show Trophy is dependent on a minimum number of AOS judges without conflicts being present, and may not be judged or awarded if insufficient judges are available.