

Rules & Regulations, Victoria Orchid Show, March 1 – 4, 2012

Exhibitor Information:

1. This is an open show; anyone who so wishes, may exhibit in accordance with this schedule and exhibition rules. By placing an entry in this show, any exhibitor indicates his/her agreement to abide by these rules and regulations.
2. Commercial vendors are requested to contribute a substantial stand-alone display in the show area. Individual vendors, particularly those offering non-plant items for sale, are encouraged to mount their own display but may be allowed to contribute a substantial number of items to their Society's display. This will be strictly controlled by the show committee. Sales tables will be allocated on an as available basis.
3. Entries will be received for registration Thursday, March 1st from 1:00 to 7:00 PM.
4. There will be only one exhibitor class.
5. Exhibit space must be reserved in advance. The deadline for reservations is February 15th, 2012. Please, consult the registration form.
6. In this schedule, the word 'plant' also stands for any cut inflorescence.
7. Each plant must have a registration tag (provided by the Victoria Orchid Society). If a plant is registered in more than one class, there must be a tag on that plant for each separate class. Please, write the tags clearly and remember that species' names are in the lower case (*C. mossiae*) and hybrids' names are in the upper case (*C. Drumbeat 'Triumph' HCC/AOS*); previous awards are part of a plant's name and must be included on the registration tag. A named and registered orchid hybrid will be entered with its registered name; parents' names are optional but must be entered for un-named hybrids. Registration tags will be available during registration and may be replaced by artistic labels for esthetic purposes after the judging is over.
8. Each exhibitor will be assigned an exhibitor number after filling out the exhibitor information sheet. Registration personnel will also assist in giving out location letters for each exhibit.
9. Diseased/damaged or infested plants may not be entered and the show chair may request their removal.
10. All plants should be clean, correctly staked and watered well before exhibiting.
11. A mericlone is not considered to be a seedling when flowering for the first time.
12. Moss and foliage plants may be used in the displays; orchid flowers must be dominant. Sellers of non-orchid plants (e.g. bromeliads) must receive clearance from the show committee to display non-orchid flowers in their exhibits.
13. Cut orchid flowers may be displayed separately or mixed with other potted orchid plants.
14. Orchid Societies or several individuals may combine their entries in single exhibit.
15. Entries for exhibits other than living orchids will be accepted on a space available basis.
16. **Late Entries** will be accepted for display only; they will not be registered and will not be eligible for judging.
17. The Victoria Orchid Society provides tables with skirting and some lighting. If electrical outlets are required by an exhibitor, please, indicate this on the registration form.
18. No exhibit may be removed before 4 PM on Sunday, March 4, 2012 unless this has been agreed to in advance by the show chair.
19. The Victoria Orchid Society will exercise all reasonable caution in the care of plants, flowers and exhibited materials, but will assume no liability for loss or damage.
20. The show committee requests that **NO SPORULATING FERNS** will be in displays or sales area.
21. There will be no smoking in the show and sales rooms.

Plant Sales:

1. All sales transactions, unless otherwise specified, on the show premises that are handled by the Victoria Orchid Society will be charged a 16% commission. Vendors wishing to handle their own sales may purchase tables for \$200 per table with a 2 table minimum. Those vendors are welcome to use the Society's credit/debit card equipment for a 2% fee.
2. The Victoria Orchid Society requests that all sellers include the required HST, where applicable, in the sale price of their plants.
3. Please use one label for the plant's name and another one with the seller's number and plant price.
4. All prices must be rounded out to the nearest dollar.
5. On site sales other than those approved by the Victoria Orchid Society will be considered a violation of the show rules and will result in forfeiture of exhibition/sales privileges.
6. All sellers must be exhibitors of their own display or a substantial part of an orchid group display, (plants or cut flowers) or a reasonable artistic display of orchid-related items. Questions regarding this may be addressed to the show chair.
7. Sales materials will be limited to orchid plants, companion plants, orchid related art and orchid growing aids.

Orchid plants for sale:

- Must have one legible name tag/label
- Must have one separate tag with price and name/number of seller
- Must be healthy, clean and either well established or bare-root
- Must be free from pests and diseases

Unhealthy plants will be removed by the show chair.

8. There will be a plant hotel set up to keep purchases safely out of the exhibit area.
9. Sellers will not be allowed to remove their sales materials until after show is closed to the public, which is 4 PM.
10. Price labels will be returned after the show. We suggest that the price is also marked on the pot.
11. Hours of commissioned sales:

Friday, March 2nd, 2012 during the reception	8:30 PM to 9:30 PM
Saturday, March 3 rd 2012, public hours	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday, March 4 th , 2012, public hours	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

12. Takedown will start at 4:00 PM Sunday.

Judging Information

1. This will be an American Orchid Society judged show.

Friday March 2nd, 2012:

2. Ribbon and Trophy Judging will begin at 9:00 AM. Please remember that only registered items are eligible for ribbons and trophies.
3. A.O.S. Judges' Luncheon will be at 12:00 noon.
4. A.O.S. Judging will start at 1:00 PM.
5. Only A.O.S. judges and other legitimate judging personnel will be allowed into the show area during judging.
6. At their discretion, the judges may:
 - Disqualify or re-classify plants or flowers that are entered or labeled incorrectly
 - Divide, combine, delete or add classes as necessary
 - Award more than one ribbon of the same color in a class
 - Withhold any ribbon or trophy
 - Award extra ribbons/rosettes as they see fit, after consulting with show chair
7. Decision of the Judging Chair is final.
8. Cut flowers (full inflorescence) are to be considered equal to flowering plants, for judging purposes.
9. In awarding trophies for "Best", "Best" refers largely to flower quality.
10. All orchids in this show will be considered for A.O.S. judging. If you wish to emphasize your wish to have an orchid considered by the A.O.S. judges, please, inform the registration personnel in **Writing!**
If you do not wish to have your orchid considered by the A.O.S. judges or the flowers have previously been exhibited at any A.O.S sanctioned function, the plant/flowers must be clearly marked: **NOT FOR A.O.S JUDGING.**
11. It must be understood that a fee is charged by the A.O.S. for each award granted; it is to be paid by the owner of the plant. For persons who are currently members of the A.O.S. the fee is US \$36.00 for remittances mailed by regular post and non A.O.S. members, whose plants are given awards must pay a processing fee of \$60.00 to the A.O.S. In addition, a CBR and CHM often require botanical identification; this may involve sending a flower and leaf to the Orchid Identification Centre in Florida (or other recommended taxonomic authority), together with a fee of US \$10.00; this also is the responsibility of the owner. In the case of CITES I plants, several digital photographs plus the award description must suffice.
12. Any plant considered for a cultural award (CCM and CCE) must have been in the owner's possession for a minimum of six months.
13. The ribbon judging in this show will be done by comparison. There will be one first (blue), one second (red) and one third (white) ribbon. Only in case of a tie, might there be more than one ribbon of any colour in a class. From the winners of the blue ribbons the trophy winners will be chosen.

Anyone who wishes to observe the AOS judging may do so after arranging this with the Judging Chair.

Please take note that we expect you to abide by our rules.