

**“SPRING INTO ORCHIDS”
2019 CONNECTICUT ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW
EXHIBIT/PLANT PRE-REGISTRATION AND ON-SITE REGISTRATION GUIDELINES**

Welcome Exhibitors! We’ve prepared these Guidelines to streamline the registration process. **Pre-registration is strongly encouraged as there will be a very limited window of time at the venue on setup day to register plants.** Pre-registration is available (via e-mail or snail-mail) until 9 PM, Tuesday, March 26, 2019. There will also be on-site Registration at set-up on Friday, March 29, 2019 from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM.

Please use the “Show Plant Entry Fillable Form 2019” available as a separate document on the COS website, www.ctorchids.org, to register your plants for show judging.

The Classification Index lists all the classes in which a plant, cut flower, artwork, exhibit, etc. may be entered. It can be found on the COS website, www.ctorchids.org, as “Plant Classifications COS 2019 Show.pdf”.

NOTE: There have been name changes to historical genera in many alliances. For example, many Laelias are now Cattleyas; Odontoglossums are now Oncidiums; Ascocentrums are now Vandas. For ease of registration many of the older genera names are included/retained in the Classification Index.

For registration purposes, use the name that is currently on your plant label. If the label still has the old name and the plant is pulled for AOS judging and is awarded, AOS judges will inform you of the new genus name so the record, and the new label, are correct.

Whether you pre-register or register on-site, please read these Guidelines and the Classification Index (Judging Schedule) before you fill out the Entry Form.

Here are some general definitions to use with the Judging Schedule:

1. A **hybrid** is a cross that is made with two species, a species and a hybrid, or two hybrids. It may involve one genus (intrageneric) or more than one genus (intergeneric).
2. **Intergeneric hybrid** means that two or more different genera are used in the cross. Ex.: Bc. (Brassovola x Cattleya); Beallara (Brassia x Miltonia x Oncidium x Cochlioda).

There are specific classes for Paph **primary/near-primary, complex** and **multifloral** hybrids defined as follows:

1. A hybrid is Primary (**P**) if both parents are *species*; Near-Primary (**NP**) if one is *species*, other hybrid. Ex. Paph. Wossner Jade (*malipoense* x *niveum*) is Primary, Paph. Sizzler (*malipoense* x Cabaret) is Near-Primary.
2. In a **complex hybrid**, both parents are hybrids. Example: Paph. Maud Green (Maudiae x Acteus).
3. A **Multifloral Paph** is one that bears three or more flowers open at the same time at maturity.

For the Phalaenopsis and Doritis Judging Classes: A **Standard Phalaenopsis** has flowers that are generally larger than 6 cm (3”) natural spread (NS) **at Maturity** that are borne on tall/long inflorescences that may or may not be branched. A **Miniature Phalaenopsis** has flowers that are generally no more than 3 cm (1 ½”) natural spread (NS) **at Maturity** that are borne on multi-branched, relatively shorter inflorescences. **Standards and Miniatures should be registered together in the same class by color group. At the judges’ discretion, multiple place ribbons may be awarded for standard vs. miniature types.**

Note: There is a trophy being awarded for the best species in the show whose originating/natural habitat is in South and/or Central America. It is open to both Hobby and Commercial growers. Your plant will not have been grown in these locations and quite likely will never have seen them. That does not matter. To be eligible, it is just necessary that the species itself has an originating/natural habitat in at least one of the countries that make up South and Central America. Judging class 161 was created to facilitate identification of eligible plants. Class 161 will not be judged for show ribbons and only exists to support awarding this trophy. **If you have a species that fits the criteria and you would like it considered for this trophy, you must enter it in class 161. You must also enter it in one of the other regular classes that are for show ribbon judging as well.**

Enter a hybrid in the first class in which it seems to qualify. For instance, a Cattleya hybrid with predominantly white sepals and petal and a purple lip should be entered in class 021B “Cattleya Alliance Cattleya hybrids and intergeneric hybrids other than above - Semi-alba”.

An exception occurs when a genus is *specifically excluded* from an intergeneric class; i.e. in the Cattleya Alliance, grexes containing Cattleya are excluded from some intergeneric classes:

Brassocattleya is *excluded* from class 013 (Brassavola and Rhyncholaelia ... *excluding* Cattleya); Laeliocattleya is *excluded* from 014 (Laelia ...*excluding* Cattleya); Cattleytonia is *included* in 017 (Broughtonia... *including* Cattleya); Epicattleya is *included* in 012 (Epidendrum and Encyclia ... *including* Cattleya).

Read the Schedule carefully, paying particular attention to the definitions of all classes in an alliance. When in doubt about the genera involved in a complex intergeneric hybrid, check AOS’ Orchids Plus, OrchidWiz, etc. To find the affinity and appropriate class for an obscure species, consult Dressler’s “Orchids and their Classification”. Do not guess or put a plant into “Hybrid / Species - Other”! Plants entered in the wrong class will usually not be judged. If you are still uncertain, ask the Registration Clerks for help.

Many plants are eligible for important special awards and trophies in addition to the basic plant class. These include First Bloom Seedling (**meristems not eligible**), Plants Grown in the Home, and Miniatures in some alliances. If you have a plant that falls into any of these classes, list the entry in the special class as a separate line item on the Entry Form.

You may enter a specific plant under multiple categories. For example a red, miniature Cattleya hybrid grown in the home on a windowsill is eligible for class 021F “Cattleya hybrids and intergeneric hybrids – Pink, Red or Red Shades”, class 022 “Cattleya Alliance species and hybrids grown on Windowsills/Under Lights, and class 159 “Species grown in home windowsill/lights”. Note that the plant **MUST** be entered in class 021F to be entered in classes 022 and 159 and it should have three separate entries on the Entry Form.

Please use the Entry Form (provided) or similar document for all registrations. Clearly print or type all information EXCEPT Exhibit No., Exhibitor Number and Assigned Ticket Number. *The Registrar will assign an Exhibit Number for each display and an Exhibitor Number for each person that has a plant or other item entered in a display. The Orchid Show Management program generates the Assigned Ticket Number.*

Plant Name should include:

1. Genus and species or hybrid registered name, clonal epithet, AOS awards (if any) OR parent names of an unregistered hybrid
2. & 3 Parent names of a registered hybrid

Examples: 1. *V. denisonia* 'Tim' CBM/AOS, 2. & 3. species or leave blank
1. Ascda. Princess Mikasa ‘Kinda Blue’ HCC/AOS, 2. & 3. Ascda. Royal Sapphire x *V. coerulea*
1. *Aerangis biloba* x *citrate*, 2. & 3. leave blank - this is an unregistered primary hybrid

Pre-registrations will be accepted through 9 PM, Tuesday, March 26, 2019 via e-mail or snail-mail. You may register additional plants on set-up day Friday March 29, 2019 until 6:00 P.M. Pre-register all plants or items that you have hopes of showing. If you pre-register, printed judging tags will be available when you arrive at setup. If you decide not to use a particular plant or item, mark the tag DELETE and return it to the Registration desk.

If you register at set-up, please use an official Entry Form or similar document. Bring entry forms to the Registration desk as early as possible on set-up day as that facilitates a timely, organized registration. Judging tags will be returned to you as soon as possible once entered into the judging database.

To be eligible for any COS Show Ribbon, Trophy or Special Award, a plant, exhibit or exhibit item must be in the database. If you decide not to show a plant or item that has been registered, write DELETE on the Plant Tag and return it to the Registration Desk so that it can be removed from the database.

All plants (registered or not) may be considered (pulled) for AOS Judging. If awarded, the exhibitor bears responsibility

for payment of any fees associated with such award. If you have a plant that you specifically want to have judged by the AOS, please ask for an AOS entry form. If you do not want a plant considered for AOS Judging, please ask for a “Not For AOS Judging” card.

We look forward to a smooth registration process and a great show! With your cooperation, it will happen!

Best regards,

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