

**“SPRING INTO ORCHIDS”
2024 CONNECTICUT ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW
EXHIBIT/PLANT PRE-REGISTRATION AND ON-SITE REGISTRATION GUIDELINES**

Welcome Exhibitors! We’ve prepared these Guidelines to help you with the registration process.

To be eligible for any COS Show Ribbon, Trophy or Special Award, a plant, exhibit or exhibit item must be registered.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. There will be NO ability to register plants at the venue on the day of setup. Only deletions will be accepted on the day of setup. If you are unsure whether or not a plant will be OK for display on setup day, pre-register it anyway and later ask the registrar to delete it.

Pre-registration is available (via e-mail or snail-mail) until 11 PM on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Deletions will be accepted via email on Thursday, April 18 and at the venue on Friday, April 19 until 6 PM.

Judging tags will be created for and available on setup day for all registered plants. If you pre-register a plant and then decide not to show it, write DELETE on the Judging Tag and return it to the Registration Desk so that it can be removed from judging.

To register your plants, please use the “Show Plant Entry Fillable Form 2024.doc” available as a separate document on the COS website, www.ctorchids.org.

On the Entry Form, clearly print or type all information EXCEPT Display No., Exhibitor Number and Assigned Ticket Number. *The Registrar will assign these three items.*

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 2024 Show.pdf”.

NOTE: There have been many name changes to historical genera in many alliances. 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 has an 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.

Here are some general definitions to use with the Classification Index:

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).

Some alliances, such as Paphiopedilums and Phalaenopsis, have their judging classes distinguished by flower size and/or other characteristics. There will often be a class in the Classification Index, not used for plant entry, that explains these distinctions and guides you as to what classes to actually use to register a plant.

Enter a hybrid in the lowest class number for which it seems to qualify based on the characteristics defined in the Classification Index. If the judges decide it should be in a higher class in the Classification Index, they will move it.

Some alliances also have classes in which ribbons will be given for First Bloom Seedlings (**meristems are not eligible**), Plants Grown in the Home, and Miniatures. If you have a plant that falls into any of these classes, please enter it as a separate, additional entry on the Entry Form.

For example: A red, miniature Cattleya hybrid grown in the home is eligible to be entered into three classes as follows. **You need only use entry for it on the Entry Form and just list all applicable classes in the Class: field on the form:**

1. Class 021F - Cattleya hybrids and intergeneric hybrids – Pink, Red or Red Shades
2. Class 022 - Miniature Cattleya Alliance species and hybrids (under 10" in height from top of container including

inflorescence)

3. Class 024 - Cattleya Alliance species and hybrids Grown in the Home windowsills/lights

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 existed in 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.**

There are three lines available to enter the Plant Name on the Entry Form. The first line must always be completed, typically with the genus or hybrid designation followed by the species or hybrid name and any awards given to the plant. For an unregistered hybrid use line 1 for the first parent and line 2 for the second parent if space is needed. Line 3 is provided should more space be required, such as when one parent is an unregistered hybrid itself.

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

If your plant has no name or its label is lost, it is considered an unknown hybrid or species. Enter with the Alliance name for the genus followed by the words 'hybrid ig.' or 'species ig.'. You should also give it a clonal name of your own choosing to distinguish it from any other unknowns from the Alliance that may be in the display. For example: Cattleya hybrid ig 'Tunxis Road', Vanda species ig. 'Green Monster'.

All plants in any display (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! **If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the registrars listed below.**

Best regards,

Dave Tognalli, 2024 COS Show Registration Co-Chair
Mary Rampone, 2024 COS Show Registration Co-Chair

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