

SDCOS SPRING SHOW

Rules, Plant Registration and Awards

2023 SHOW THEME: ORCHIDS of the EARTH

Only plants registered for judging will be eligible for judging and awards. This includes Best of Show, Best of Sections, Displays and awards for individual plants. Exhibitors must have grown all plants for at least 180 days prior to the show. If a plant is found to be infected or infested with disease or pests, it will be isolated and its exhibitor will be asked to clean it or remove it from the Show at the discretion of the Judging Chair.

DISCLAIMER: This schedule is using horticultural names instead of scientific names until the scientific names become generally accepted, e.g., "Laelia purpurata" until it is generally accepted as "Cattleya purpurata", etc.

MEMBER & VENDOR DISPLAYS - Sections 19, 20, and 21

Orchid club members and vendors who wish to have a tabletop display should fill out a display request form and email it to Show Chair Debby Halliday at president@sdorchids.com prior to April 3rd to reserve a display space.

ALL DISPLAYS WILL BE TABLE TOP DISPLAYS

Displays will be located along the north and east walls of Room 101 in the Casa del Prado building. We have chosen to limit displays to table top displays for this show.

The available tables are 6' long by 2.5' deep and 8' long by 2.5' deep.

Displays may be placed on a single table (2.5' deep) or a double table (5' deep) limited by available table space.

Small displays will be limited to one half of a table length(4') or smaller.

Large displays will be a full table length(8') in either single table or double table configuration.

After the request is received, a position number on one of the tables in Room 101 for the display will be assigned.

Reservations are on a first-come first-served basis. There may not be places for last-minute entries.

Rules for Judging Orchid Plant Displays:

A Judging Registration form must be filled out indicating Section and Class from the Show schedule. If you are exhibiting as a Vendor or Club, that name must be included on the registration form.

All orchids must be clearly labeled in a way that is easily visible to the observer. The use of number or letter keys is permitted.

A maximum of 7 (seven) flowering orchids used in an Exhibit may be entered in competitive Sections for individual judging. These should be pre-registered along with any other plants, with your exhibit number added to the entry form. We will then provide you with two name labels. The plants will need two registration tags (one tag on the table in the proper Section, the other on the plant in the display). Please ensure plants are tagged, and are easily accessible for judging. Plants not easily reached might not be judged. The Judging Chair reserves the right to remove any plant entered for judging for closer inspection and accepts no responsibility for any damage to the Exhibit resulting from this removal.

Displays will be judged on Originality, Show Theme, and Flower Quality.

All Displays must be Orchid Themed.

No flammable materials may be used.

All displays are eligible for the American Orchid Society and the Orchid Digest Trophies.

Electrical outlets will be provided as available at the discretion of the Show Chair. Displays using electrical outlets must have a master shut-off switch located at the front of the display in a non-obtrusive place so that electrical devices may be turned off for non-show hours.

Display Registration Sections are:

Section 19: Small Tabletop Displays, 4' x 5' or less

Section 20: Large Tabletop Displays by Hobbyists and Orchid Clubs - 6'x 2.5' to 8' x 5'

Section 21: Large Tabletop Displays by Vendors - 6'x 2.5' to 8' x 5'

Member and Vendor Display Rules:

Participating members/vendors whose plants are in a display may enter up to 7 plants each for judging in competitive Sections. Someone from their club will need to remove the tags covering the exhibitors' names after judging.

Plants registered for judging must have TWO identical registration forms, one form on the plant in the display and an identical form is to be put on the table in the proper Section with

“SEE DISPLAY NUMBER #” written across the top of the form. Registered plants must be easily accessible for judging. Plants not easily reached might not be judged.

Plants entered for AOS judging may be removed by AOS judges for closer inspection and photography unless a sign saying "NO AOS JUDGING" is posted in the display.

Plants and flowers in displays shall only be orchids with the exception of greenery used as background and fill-in.

AWARDS & TROPHIES:

NATIONAL ORCHID SOCIETIES' TROPHIES AND AWARDS:

American Orchids Society Show Trophy: All displays are eligible.

Orchid Digest Trophy: Displays of 30 sq. ft. or larger are eligible.

Slipper Orchids Alliance Award: Best Slipper Orchid Alliance orchid.

Award Categories:

Best Display Illustrating Show Theme

Most Artistic Display

Best Educational Display

Best Small Display

Best Display in the Show

AOS Show Trophy

Orchid Digest Show Trophy

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING! YOUR EFFORTS MAKE IT A BEAUTIFUL SHOW.