

Sonoma County Orchid Society

Spring Show

RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

Show vendors and invited visiting orchid societies are encouraged to enter their plants for ribbon judging, provided the following rules are followed. All other plants entered must be owned and grown by a member of Sonoma County Orchid Society.

1. Entry cards must be completed for all plants entered into competition. Cards must be turned into the Plant Entry table by 6:00 pm Friday, March 31, 2017 unless other arrangements are made with the Judging Chairperson.
2. **Plants entered in show ribbon judging must have been owned and cared for directly by the exhibitor for at least 6 months.** Judges may decline to consider a plant if ownership is questioned.
3. Plants incorrectly labeled or entered may be eliminated.
4. If a plant is found to be infected or infested, it will be disqualified and isolated.
5. All plants and items exhibited must remain on display throughout the duration of the show.

For AOS judging, specific entry cards must be completed and left with the AOS clerk. However, since this is an AOS-sanctioned show, all plants exhibited may be considered for AOS awards unless "No AOS Judging" is written on the entry card. Unless so noted, plants may not be judged at a later date on the same inflorescence.

Every effort will be made to safeguard all plants entered. However, exhibitors assume all risks and liabilities for their property.

CLASSIFICATION OF EXHIBITORS

NOVICE/BEGINNER: one who has never won a trophy/rosette/award (other than ribbons) at any orchid show.

INTERMEDIATE: one who has won at least one, but fewer than 10 trophies/rosettes/awards (other than ribbons) at any orchid show.

OPEN/COMMERCIAL: one who has won at least 10 trophies/rosettes/ awards (other than ribbons), or one who is a commercial grower or operates a sales booth at the show.

PLANT AWARDS-RIBBONS & TROPHIES

At the discretion of the judges, first, second and third place ribbons will be awarded in all classes and sections. Judges may withhold awards if, in their opinion, no suitable material is exhibited. BEST OF CLASS Rosettes will be selected from the First Place ribbons awarded at the discretion of the judges. Trophies for Best Novice and Best Intermediate exhibitors will be selected from 'Best of Class' rosette winners in those skill categories. SPECIAL AWARD Rosettes for 'Best Orchid Species,' 'Best Miniature Orchid,' 'Best Specimen Orchid Plant,' and 'Best of Show' may be chosen from any Blue Ribbon winner in any Class. If the Best of Show winner is a member of SCOS, that entry will automatically be awarded the Rathbun Perpetual Trophy.