

SAN DIEGO COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY
Spring Show 2022
ORCHID MAGIC
Rules for Displays and Plant Registration

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 it may be removed 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.*

JUDGING CLASSES: OPEN & AMATEUR divisions are judged separately for each Section and Class.

OPEN – The Open division is open to all exhibitors, both Commercial and Amateur. Anyone who has a California Nurseryman’s License or Resale Permit for cut flowers, orchid plants, or supplies can only enter in the Open Division. Amateurs who wish to compete with Commercial growers may enter in the Open division.

AMATEUR – One who grows orchid plants primarily for pleasure and hobby and does not have a California Nurseryman’s License or a Resale Permit for cut flowers, orchid plants, or supplies. Only amateurs may enter in the Amateur category. However, an amateur grower may also enter in the Open category.

CYMBIDIUMS – In the following sections, plants are considered as “one unit” and can only be entered in one Section.

SECTION 333 – Open Best 3 Cymbidiums in Containers not in a massed display

SECTION 333.01 – Amateur Best 3 Cymbidiums in Containers not in a massed display

MEMBER DISPLAYS – Sections 17 and 1701

- SDCOS members who wish to have a large or small display need to contact Debby Halliday at president@sdorchids.com prior to March 4 to reserve a display space.
- Large display spaces are more than 20 sq. ft.
- Small display spaces are 20 sq. ft. or smaller (table top and floor).
- No flammable materials can be used.
- Electrical outlets 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.

- A maximum of 7 flowering plants may be entered in competitive Sections, provided the plants have two registration tags (one tag on the table in the proper Section with “SEE EXHIBIT NUMBER #”, the other on the plant in the display), are labeled, and are easily accessible for judging. Plants not easily reached might not be judged.
- Orchid plants in displays must have identification name tags legible to the public.
- Displays will be judged on originality, show theme, and flower quality.
- Registration Classes are:
 - A Displays larger than 20 sq. ft.
 - B Orchid plants arranged for effect on a 4’ x 2’ table top
 - C Orchid plants arranged for effect on a 4’ x 2’ floor display
 - D Orchid plants arranged for effect on a 4’ x 4’ table top
 - E Orchid plants arranged for effect on a 4’ x 4’ floor display
 - F Orchid plants arranged for effect on a 2’ x 2’ table top
 - G Orchid plants arranged in a basket or small container
 - H Orchid plants displayed in a terrarium
 - I Orchid cut flower arrangement
 - J Educational Display – with or without live plants
 - K Other (Art, etc.)

THE SAN DIEGO ZOO. The San Diego Zoo will be entered in the Open category.

ORCHID SOCIETY DISPLAYS

- **Orchid Society displays will be entered in the Open Orchid Society category.**
Participating members may enter up to 4 plants each for judging in competitive Sections. Someone from their society will need to remove the tags covering the exhibitors’ names after judging.
- Plants can be registered in either Amateur or Open category depending on whether the participating member (owner of the orchid) is amateur or commercial.
- **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.
- Plants and flowers in displays shall only be orchids with the exception of greenery used as background and fill-in.
- Orchid plants in displays must have identification name tags legible to the public.
- No flammable materials can be used.
- Electrical outlets are 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.
- Exhibitors must cover the black plastic protector sheet on the floor with bark or other materials.

VENDOR DISPLAYS

- A maximum of 7 flowering plants may be entered in competitive Open Sections, provided the plants have two registration tags (one tag on the table in the proper Section with “SEE DISPLAY NUMBER #”, the other on the plant in the display), are labeled, and are easily accessible for judging. Plants not easily reached might not be judged.
- Orchid plants in displays must have identification name tags legible to the public.
- Plants entered for judging may be removed by AOS or CSA judges for closer inspection and photography unless a sign saying “NO AOS or CSA JUDGING” is posted in the vendor’s display.
- Only orchids, with the exception of greenery used as background or fill-in, will be used in displays. Non-orchid flowers are prohibited.
- No flammable materials can be used.
- Electrical outlets are 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.
- Exhibitors must cover the black plastic protector sheet on the floor with bark or other materials.

AWARDS & TROPHIES – see 2022 Award List

Some awards and trophies are designated either Open or Amateur. The descriptions for Open and Amateur described in the above paragraph apply. All registered plants (Open and Amateur) will be eligible for any trophy that has no Amateur designation.

NATIONAL ORCHID SOCIETIES’ DISPLAY AWARDS (*see National Awards*)

- American Orchid Society Show Trophy: Open displays of 25 sq. ft. or larger are eligible.
- Orchid Digest Trophy: Amateur or Orchid Society displays of 30 sq. ft. or larger are eligible.
- Cymbidium Society of America Gold Medal Award: Displays with a minimum of 80 sq. ft with not less than 12 cymbidium plants are eligible.
- Cymbidium Society of America Paphiopedilum Gold Medal Award: Displays with a minimum of 30 sq. ft. with not less than 12 paphiopedilums and/or phragmipediums are eligible.