

## THE FOLLOWING GENERAL RULES APPLY TO THE 2016 SHOW

Times : Set-up 1-7 PM, Friday September 30. Judging, 8:30 AM, Sat. October 1. Dismantle: 4 PM Sunday October 2.

1. The show will be judged according to the AOS Handbook on Judging and Exhibition, current edition.
2. Pools or fountains may be used, with permission. Any leaks must be repaired immediately.
3. All exhibits must be registered in the show. Individual plants intended for ribbon judging **must** be registered and correctly labeled with the species, or cross name (if registered with RHS) and/or parents, in order to be judged. (Unidentified **species** should be labeled with the correct genus if possible.) **Unregistered or grossly mislabeled plants will be excluded from ribbon judging.** In the event a plant is in the wrong class, it may be reclassified at the judges' discretion. If that class has already been judged, the plant may be disqualified. Correct labeling of plants in the show will be the exhibitor's responsibility. **Plants eligible for more than one class may be entered in both (such as regular and mini)** Orchids grown mainly for foliage need not be in bloom. The Show Committee will provide uniform exhibit signs and supplies for making plant labels. **Individual plants that are unregistered or unidentified may be used as part of any exhibit but will not be registered for ribbon or award judging. The presence of unlabeled plants will not affect an otherwise qualified exhibit. Do not make up names such as Phal. Noid (no id). Hybrids must be registered or parents known for a cross.**
4. The show schedule and a list of the required info per plant will be sent to each exhibitor or club, as soon as the reservation slip has been returned. To aid the registration process, please register with Sue Finger in advance, by phone, (315/458-3040), e-mail, (jandsfinger@aol.com), or mail to 127 Wadsworth Road, North Syracuse 13212. E-mail preferred. Plants can easily be deleted at the last minute. Please come to the show with a list of display plants, for referral purposes of exhibitor and/or show committee, and/or takedown.
5. All orchid plants or cut flowers entered for cultural awards, such as Amateur grown under lights or Best amateur-grown species, must have been owned by the exhibitor for at least **six months**. In the case of AOS culture awards, the current requirement with that organization is that the plant must have been owned over 12 months. Please mark your entries accordingly on your Plant Registration. Any left blank will not be eligible for culture awards.
6. Exhibitors need not be members of the American Orchid Society or the Central New York Orchid Society. There is no entry fee. By entering this show, the exhibitor represents that all species orchids entered have been obtained in conformance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. Plants that are not established will not be judged.
7. Every precaution will be taken, but neither the Central New York Orchid Society nor Beaver Lake Nature Center can be responsible for loss of, or damage to plants, blooms, containers, or other personal property.
8. Set-up must be completed by 7:00 Friday evening. Judging will begin promptly at 8:30 AM Saturday. Decision of the judges will be final.
9. The Show Committee reserves the right to reject or disqualify any plant or exhibit which shows signs of pest infestation, disease, or severe genetic defect. **No plants or cut flowers may be entered for AOS judging by exhibitors who are in arrears for failure to pay AOS award fees.**
10. At their discretion, judges may divide a class that is too large. They may withhold awards if there is no worthy entry, or designate a special award for an outstanding specimen not covered in the schedule.
11. **No plant or part of it, artifact, or accessory in any type of exhibit, or the exhibit itself, may carry a price tag or advertisement,** or be removed, sold, tagged, or tampered with during the show, except for the removal of wilted blossoms. Anyone with items for sale during the show will offer them in the sales area.
12. Vendors may not offer across-the-board discounts or other inducements on Sunday afternoon that will create an unfair advantage over other vendors. Items in displays may be sold after the show closes.
13. Visitors who would like to observe the judging process or serve as clerks are welcome, but must inform the Chairman of Judging Activities in advance.
14. Only judges and clerks who have served in the entry or judging process are invited to the judges' luncheon. Other show committee members or visitors may join us at their own expense.
15. **For judging the Memorial Awards and other club awards,** an amateur is defined as a person who does not regularly advertise, and does not derive a substantial income from the sale of orchids. **An orchid grown under lights is defined as one that spends the majority of time between October and May under a fluorescent lamp or LED unit.**
16. Accessory plants in exhibits **may not** be in bloom, except for inconspicuous grasses or the like.
17. Nomenclature and registration of species will follow the Kew World Checklist of Selected Plant Families. Nomenclature of hybrids will follow current usage of the Royal Horticultural Society. Orchid Wiz will also be used.
18. AOS award judging will follow the ribbon judging. There will be a photographer on hand for award photos. There is no charge for this, but **exhibitors are responsible for any AOS award fees.**