

2017 GREATER AKRON ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW ENTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. An orchid show presented by the Greater Akron Orchid Society will be held at Donzell's Flower and Garden Center, 937 E. Waterloo Road, Akron, Ohio on March 4 and March 5, 2017.
2. Exhibitors may set up exhibits starting at 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 3, 2017. Entries will be accepted for judging after 5:00 p.m., March 3, 2017, only by approval of the Show Chairman. Late entries may be exhibited, but not judged.
3. Neither Greater Akron Orchid Society nor Donzell's Flower & Garden Center is responsible for loss of or damage to any plants, bloom, corsage, containers or other property of exhibitor. However, precautions will be exercised for their safety.
4. Requests for exhibition space should be sent to Jane Bush, 728 Apache Run, Macedonia, OH 44056 or email bushjj@juno.com by February 24, 2017.
5. Each exhibitor agrees, upon making entry, to abide by the rules and regulations of the show.
6. Reasonable effort will be made to provide the amount of exhibition space requested. Should available space be less than expected, the Show Committee reserves the right to limit space allocated to any exhibitor.
7. The Show will be open to the public on Saturday, March 4, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 5, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
8. Admission to the show is free and there are no fees to exhibitors for entries or assistance in setting up the exhibits.
9. Exhibits must be left in place until show closing time at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday March 5, 2017.
10. The sponsors will provide all cards displaying exhibitors' names. No other identification signs will be permitted.
11. The Greater Akron Orchid Society will furnish black backdrops. Exhibitors need to supply their table or other display props.
12. Foliage plants, moss, etc., may supplement exhibits, but no artificial or dyed moss or foliage of any kind will be permitted, with the exception of artificial grass used as a floor covering. Plants in flower or cut flowers other than orchids will not be permitted in an exhibit. No dyed flowers will be permitted.
13. Use of water in self-contained fountains, pools, etc., is permitted, providing they hold no more than two (2) gallons of water.
14. Any lighting used for effect is the responsibility of, and must be furnished by, the exhibitors. A limited number of outlets are available and must be shared by all exhibitors. The use of high intensity lights may be restricted.

15. A reservation for an electrical outlet is required. Contact the Show Chairman by February 24, 2017,
16. All plants or cut flowers exhibited for competition must be properly labeled without identification of the owner until after the judging. No cut flowers will be permitted in flowering plant exhibits and no flowering plants will be permitted in cut flower exhibits.
17. A mericlone plant or cut flowers may not be entered as a seedling blooming for the first time. A mericlone is considered a vegetative division of the original plant and must be treated as such. If a plant is a mericlone, it should be so designated and the clonal name given.
18. For the purpose of this show schedule, the word "hybrid" means a cross made within the genus listed, unless preceded by the word "intergeneric", in which two or more different genera are used in the cross.
19. The same exhibit cannot be entered in more than one class. An individual plant or cut flower cannot be entered in more than one class (except Classes 100, 101 and 102), but may be part of an exhibit.
20. Each exhibitor is limited to three entries per class, with the exception of Classes 98 and 99, which are not restricted.
21. All exhibits, plants and cut flowers must be officially entered, by class, with the registration clerks, to be considered for ribbon judging. Cut flowers and flowering plants shall be considered equally in judging.
22. For the purpose of this show, an amateur is defined as any person who has not sold more than a total of five hundred (500) plants and/or blooms in the past year.
23. Ribbon judging will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2017.
24. No one, other than properly authorized persons, will be permitted in the Show area during judging.
25. There will be three (3) or more judges accredited by the American Orchid Society. The decision of these judges will be final.
26. All plant and cut flowers will be considered for A.O.S. awards. Each person entering plants or flowers in the Show agrees to accept any award given and to pay for such awards to the American Orchid Society. If an exhibitor specifically does not want a plant or cut flower to be considered for A.O.S. judging or if the flower has previously been A.O.S. judged, the exhibitor is requested to inscribe "Not For AOS" on the registration slip. This does not apply to a new flower that has not been judged even if located on the same plant.
27. First, Second and third place ribbons may be awarded in each class at the discretion of the judge. Trophies will be awarded as designated. Judges have the authority to award or withhold any ribbon or trophy and may subdivide any class where warranted.

28. Judge and clerks are expected to familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations.
29. Improperly entered plant or exhibits may either be reclassified or disqualified at the discretion of the judges.
30. The Show Committee reserves the right to remove inferior exhibits and/or inferior or infected plants at any time.
31. All questions regarding the interpretation of these rules or regulations shall be referred to the Show Chair, whose decision will be final.
32. Any class containing both species and hybrids may be subdivided at the discretion of the judges.
33. All entry tags or labels must be removed from all exhibits when judging is completed.
34. No sales tables shall be allowed in the exhibit area. Any plants sold that are part of an exhibit shall not be removed before the Show is closed.
35. The Greater Akron Orchid Society reserves the right to refuse entry by any commercial vendor, society or individual without regard to age, sex, race or national origin.
36. All plants registered for ribbon judging must have been in the possession of the exhibitor no later than December 1, 2016. Plants that do not meet this criteria can be exhibited, just not registered for judging.

2017 Greater Akron Orchid Society Spring Show

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