

VANCOUVER ORCHID SOCIETY

General Information, Rules & Regulations – VOS Show 2015

By placing an entry in this show, the exhibitor indicates his/her agreement to abide by these rules and regulations. All vendors (individual & commercial) will be located in designated Plant Sales areas only. The Show Area is designed for display plants only – vendors will not be situated in this area. Vendors will not be allowed to store their sales items in the Display area (not even under their display tables). Sales and exhibit space will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Book early to ensure table space. Failure to comply with the VOS show rules and regulations will result in a formal letter stating the problem, and the vendor will not be invited to future shows.

Exhibitor Information:

*Definitions

Commercial Orchid Vendors – are companies and businesses who sell plants on a volume-based market to retailers and consumers and qualify under 2 of the following 3 criteria: i) hold a tax number, ii) hold a business license, iii) operate under a business name.

Commercial Non-Orchid Grower Vendors – are companies and businesses who sell Orchid related products, novelty items or non-orchid companion plants, but no orchid plants. (e.g., potting supplies, orchid art supplies, lighting supplies, pitcher plants, bromeliads, etc).

Hobby Orchid Growers – are classified as individuals who are members of an Orchid Society (e.g., VOS, FVOS, Richmond Orchid Club, Victoria OS, etc) who have plants to sell on a non-commercial volume basis and do not hold a tax number or business license.

1. **Commercial Orchid Vendors*** - are required to provide a stand alone display in the Show Exhibit Area (**with a minimum of 12 plants in bloom***). This is often to the vendor's advantage as typically all display plants will be quickly purchased by interested growers if they are available for sale. Plants in any display(s) are not permitted to be sold and/or removed during the show. Sale transactions of display plants can be completed AFTER the show closes. **Vanda falcatas, Chinese cymbidiums and Jewel Orchids that are known and appreciated for their foliage are allowed to show without flowers.*
2. **Commercial Non-Orchid Grower Vendors*** – must contribute a stand-alone display in the Show Exhibit Area.
3. **Orchid Societies** – must contribute a stand alone display (with a minimum of 12 plants) in the Show Exhibit Area.
4. **Hobby Growers*** - have the option of contributing a stand alone display in the Show Exhibit Area OR contributing a minimum of 3 flowering orchids plants to their home society's display.
5. **Exhibit space must be reserved in advance. The deadline for reservations is February 16, 2015. Late registrations will only be accepted subject to space availability, and any additional staging cost incurred by the VOS for accommodating the late entry may be charged back to the exhibitor.**
6. **Entries will be received for registration Friday, March 27, 2015 from 10 am to 1 pm. All display setups must be completed by 2:30 pm.**
7. There will be only one exhibitor class.
8. Plant awards will be given to Show Plants within the Show Display Area.
9. In this schedule, the word 'plant' also stands for any cut inflorescence.
10. Each plant must have a registration tag (provided by the Vancouver Orchid Society). If a plant is registered in more than one class, there must be a tag on that plant for each separate class. Please, write the tags clearly

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and remember that species names are in the lower case (*C. mossiae*) and hybrid names are in the upper case (*C. Drumbeat* 'Triumph' HCC/AOS); previous awards are part of a plant's name and must be included on the registration tag. A named and registered orchid hybrid will be entered with its registered name; parents' names are optional but must be entered for un-named hybrids. Registration tags will be available during registration and may be replaced by artistic labels for esthetic purposes – after judging is over on Saturday afternoon.

11. Each exhibitor will be assigned an exhibitor number after filling out the exhibitor information sheet. Registration personnel will also assist in giving out location letters for each exhibit.
12. Plants that are deemed to be diseased or pest infested will be removed.
13. All plants should be clean, correctly staked and watered well before exhibiting.
14. A mericlone is not considered to be a seedling when flowering for the first time.
15. Moss and foliage plants may be used in the displays, but no flowers other than orchids.
16. Cut orchid flowers may be displayed separately or mixed with other potted orchid plants. Cut flowers to be in their natural state and color. **NO ARTIFICIAL COLORATION IS PERMITTED.**
17. Orchid Societies or several individuals may combine their entries into single exhibits.
18. Entries for exhibits other than living orchids will be accepted on a space available basis.
19. **Late Orchid Plant Entries** will be accepted for display only, **they will not be registered after Friday, March 27, 1 pm** and will not be eligible for judging.
20. The Vancouver Orchid Society provides tables with skirting. Any special requests regarding your display or sales area, such as lighting, electrical outlet or display positioning (ie. corner, floor, wall) please indicate clearly on the reservation form and confirm by email to: Margaret Prat: margprat@gmail.com Any additional equipment such as lights, extension cords, etc. for your display area will be at the expense of the Exhibitor.
21. No exhibit may be removed before 4 PM on Sunday, March 29, 2015 unless this has been agreed to in advance by the show chair.
22. The Vancouver Orchid Society will exercise all reasonable caution in the care of plants, flowers and exhibited materials, but will assume no liability for loss or damage.
23. A small space will be reserved for plant sales for the VOS members – 15% commission on plant sales.
24. **Plants entered and exhibited into ANY display whether it is society, commercial or individual must be in their “natural state” in terms of color. Presented flowers must not be artificially dyed, coloured and/or chemically altered in any way. Flowers that have been manipulated in colour will be removed from the display.**

International Exhibitors/Vendors

Please contact the VOS Show Chair for further Show/Exhibit information regarding permits and documentations necessary for Canada Customs and Regulations processing prior to entry into Canada with your goods. Additional Show information will also be available on the Vancouver Orchid Society show website: www.vancouverorchidsociety.ca

Plant Sales – Notes and Regulations:

1. **All vendors will be responsible for staffing their own tables and collecting their own monies (this may include cash only, cheques and/or credit cards at the vendor's discretion). PLANTS IN ANY DISPLAY(S) ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE SOLD DURING THE SHOW. Sale transactions of display plants can be completed AFTER the show closes.**

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2. Commercial vendors may do pre-orders before the show.
3. Sales space is allocated on a first come, first served basis.
4. Sales tables will measure 6 feet in length and 2 ½ feet wide; storage of sales material is only permitted under or behind your sales table.
5. Any special requests for extra lighting, additional power, etc. must be received by **February 16, 2015**. Any additional costs will be billed to the vendor at cost and must be paid prior to set up.
6. All plants are subject to health inspection by designated show staff and may be removed from the show and sales area at the sole discretion of the Show Staff.
7. The Show Committee reserves the right to limit and/or reassign sales or display table(s).
8. **All show vendors will be listed on the VOS website unless otherwise indicated by the vendor.**
9. For security reasons, all vendors must ensure that their sales table is staffed at all times. It is not permitted to set up a sales table and then leave the Show.
10. Each vendor must also clean up any debris from their sales area at the end of each day.
11. **Sales materials from displays cannot be removed until after the show is closed to the public on Sunday, March 29 at 4:00 pm.**
12. **Plants sold at ANY vendor's table whether it is society, commercial or individual must be in their "natural state" in terms of colour. Flowering plants for sale must not be artificially dyed, coloured and/or chemically altered in any way. Flowers that have been manipulated in colour will be removed from the sales area.**
13. **Hours of sales:**

Friday, March 27	8:30 pm to 10 pm – Private Function, Ticketed Event.
Saturday, March 28	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, March 29	10:00 am to 4:00 pm
14. **Show take down will start at 4:00 pm, Sunday, March 29, 2015.** Display / sales table take down cannot occur prior to this time.
15. **It is the vendors' responsibility to dispose of boxes and other packaging material at Show take down- it cannot be left behind.**

No plants will be accepted for the VOS Member Sales table without:

- i). At least two plant contribution to the VOS display; and
- ii). Selling member(s) must sign up for at least 2 hours of service at the Vancouver Orchid Society (VOS) Member Sales Table.

RIBBON JUDGING

Friday, March 27, 2015

1. Ribbon and Trophy Judging will begin at 2:30 PM.
2. The ribbon judging in this show will be done by comparison. There will be one first (blue), one second (red) and one third (white) ribbon. Only in case of a tie, might there be more than one ribbon of any colour in a class. From the winners of the blue ribbons the trophy winners will be chosen.
3. At their discretion, the judges may:
 - Disqualify or re-classify plants or flowers that are entered or labeled incorrectly
 - Divide, combine, delete or add classes as necessary
 - Award more than one ribbon of the same color in a class

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Withhold any ribbon or trophy

Award extra ribbons/rosettes as they see fit, after consulting with show chair

4. The decision of the Judging Chair is final.



AOS Judging Information

Saturday, March 28, 2015

1. This will be an American Orchid Society judged show.
2. AOS Judging will start at 1:00 PM.
3. All orchids in this show will be considered for AOS judging. If you wish to emphasize your desire to have an orchid considered by the AOS judges, please, inform the registration personnel in **writing!** If you do not wish to have your orchid considered by the AOS judges or the flowers have previously been exhibited at any AOS sanctioned function, the plant/flowers must be clearly marked: **NOT FOR AOS JUDGING**
4. It must be understood that a fee will be charged by the AOS to an exhibitor for each award granted. The AOS awards registrar shall bill each exhibitor, including certified judges, for award fees after it has been determined that all requirements for certification are met. The invoice shall include notice that award fees are due and payable within 30 days from the date of billing. A second invoice shall be made to each exhibitor, including certified judges, who fails to pay a required award fee within 30 days from the original billing date. The invoice shall include a notice that the pending award will be nullified if the fee payment is not received within 30 calendar days of the date of the second invoice (www.aos.org).

In addition, a CBR and CHM often require botanical identification; this means that there may be a need to remove one flower and possibly one leaf for identification purposes. For this initial work, there is no charge for the owner. In case of CITES I plants, several digital photographs plus the award description must suffice.

5. Any plant considered for a cultural award (CCM and CCE) must have been in the owner's possession for a minimum of six months.

Anyone who wishes to observe the AOS judging should contact Poul Hansen, the VOS 2015 Judging Chair.