



The Denver Orchid Society Fall Show  
“Urban Oasis”  
March 7-9, 2014  
SHOW SCHEDULE OF ENTRIES  
RULES AND REGULATIONS

Plant Registration will close at 6:00 p.m.

It is recommended that all show participants read and understand the rules and regulations as well as the schedule of entries. Any questions should be addressed to the Show Chairman. In addition to the rules and regulations contained in this show schedule, applicable portions of the *American Orchid Society Handbook on Judging and Exhibition* will be followed.

#### GENERAL

1. **AUTHORITY:** The decision of the Chairman of Judges is final with respect to all ribbons, trophies and awards. The decision of the Show Chairman is final with respect to all other matters.
2. **COMPLIANCE:** Any person complying with these rules and regulations may participate in the show.
3. **ATTENDANCE DURING JUDGING:** During judging, positively no one is permitted on the floor of the hall except persons participating directly in the judging process.
4. **DAMAGE TO PROPERTY:** Neither the show committee, the Denver Orchid Society, or persons controlling the show site will be responsible for damage to plants, flowers, display material or trophies, however, all reasonable care will be taken to avoid damage or loss of property.
5. **DISEASES - PESTS:** For the protection of all exhibitors and their plants, any plant showing evidence of being diseased or having pests will not be permitted and must be removed from the premises. Removal recommendation must be made by the Show Chairman or the Judging Chairman.

#### JUDGING

1. **GENERAL:** All plants and flowers will be considered for recognition based on present quality, without regard to previous awards. To maintain highly competitive standards, no trophies or other recognition will be awarded if, in the judge's opinion, the flower, plant or exhibit does not warrant such recognition. Judges may sub-divide or add additional classes or awards at their discretion.
2. **OWNERSHIP:** Plants entered for ribbon judging should have been grown by the owner for four months prior to the Show. More recently purchased, traded, or otherwise received plants may be entered in an exhibit but the exhibit must then be entered in the Display class.
3. **A.O.S. AWARDS:** This show has been approved for A.O.S. judging. All flowers, whether entered for ribbon judging or not, will be considered for A.O.S. awards unless marked by the exhibitor. If an inflorescence has previously been exhibited at an A.O.S. function, it is considered to have been screened and therefore is not eligible for further consideration. It should be marked "Not for A.O.S. Judging". This will not disqualify the flower from consideration in the proper ribbon or trophy class. Submission of plants or cut flowers for judging shall obligate the exhibitor to accept any award granted and to pay any fees connected with such an award except where he has clearly indicated before the judging that his entry was not to be A.O.S. judged.
4. **RIBBON JUDGING:** Entries for ribbon judging are limited to amateur exhibitors only. Plants entered in an Exhibit must meet the four month ownership requirement to be eligible for ribbon judging, other than the Display Exhibit Class. Blue, red and white ribbons may be awarded to the three best plants in each class other than a trophy class. All plants and cut flowers must be correctly entered in the appropriate class, or re-classified by a judge, to be eligible for ribbon judging. Exhibitors will enter their plants using standard tags. The carbon copy goes on the plant, the original goes to the entries desk. Tags should show parentage, clonal name if assigned, and previous awards to this clone. (see rule 10) **EACH PLANT SHOULD BE REGISTERED IN ONE CLASS ONLY – Exhibitors may enter no more than five plants of one genus in each class.** An addendum to this schedule entitled "An Alphabetical Listing of Orchid Species and Intergeneric Hybrids" is available at the entries desk with suggestions for classification. Where a plant could conceivably fit more than one class, the exhibitor shall enter it in the first applicable class listed. A mericlone will be 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. Species classes will include natural hybrids. All plants entered must be in bloom except those in class 608. Criteria employed in ribbon class definitions refer to characteristics prevailing for mature plants grown according to normal horticultural practice.
5. **RECLASSIFY ENTRIES:** Improperly entered plants may be reclassified at the discretion of the judges.

6. **BEST PLANT AND FLOWER AWARDS:** This schedule contains several Award classes for Best Grown and Best Flower of a group of ribbon classes as well as other special trophies. Plants and flowers must be entered for ribbon judging to be eligible for these awards and no separate or further entry is required. In judging for best grown plant in each class so specified, good culture, number of growths, and number of flowers are to be considered, not necessarily the quality of flowers.
7. **AWARD ELIGIBILITY:** All awards are open to all exhibitors in this show if the exhibit is entered properly and show rules are complied with, unless otherwise specified within this schedule.
8. **EXHIBIT AWARDS:** Each exhibit may be entered in one class only. All exhibits must be entered on standard tags. All exhibits will be automatically considered for the A.O.S. Show Trophy and will be judged according to the criteria in the A.O.S. Handbook. Plants and cut flowers may be combined in any exhibit without affecting ribbon or award judging, but the exhibit must be designated either "Plant" or "Cut Flower" for award consideration.
9. **ARTIFICIAL MATERIALS:** No flowers other than natural orchids may be used in exhibits. No artificial plant material may be used other than artificial grass. No dyed or artificially colored or sprayed orchids are permitted.
10. **CLASSIFICATION:** For trophy classes 801-816, the following definitions will apply:

**Amateur Classes:**

**Novice** - One who has never entered an individual exhibit in a show before.

**Hobbyist, Small Greenhouse** -- One who has up to 150 sq. ft. in his/her greenhouse.

**Hobbyist, Medium Greenhouse** – One who has 151 to 400 sq. ft. in his/her greenhouse.

**Hobbyist, Large Greenhouse** – One who has over 400 sq. ft. in his/her greenhouse.

**A Display Exhibit** – is one where one or more plants in the exhibit have not been owned by the exhibitor for the required four months.

**Commercial** - One who grows plants and/or flowers for sale with or without employed help, and is generally recognized as a significant source of flowers and plants. Any exhibit, which is predominantly furnished by a commercial grower, shall be classified as a commercial exhibit. Any person selling orchid flowers or plants at a show is considered as commercial at that show.

**Group or Society** - If an exhibit contains entries from two or more individuals who are not members of the same household, it must be entered as a group or society exhibit. Each person involved is an exhibitor. If any plants in the exhibit do not meet the four month ownership requirements (see section 2 above) it shall be entered as a Display exhibit.

11. **ENTRY TAGS:** Instructions for completing entry tags:

- a. Obtain an exhibit number and entry tags at the registration desk.
- b. Complete the entry tag as show below. Class numbers should correspond to the Show Schedule. Entry tags must be printed legibly and show plant name, a clonal name if designated, and any previous awards. Hybrids must show parentage.
- c. The original copy of the entry tag goes to the entries desk, the carbon copy is attached to the plant or exhibit.
- d. Example of a completed tag:

	329	12C
	Class	Exhibit
<i>Phal. Margaret</i>	<i>Katherine</i>	<i>FCC/AOS</i>
Name	Variety	Award(s)
Parents	<i>Phal. Marguerite #1 x</i>	
	<i>Phal. Pretty Girl #2</i>	

Note: For all group and society exhibits, an alphabetical character is assigned to each exhibitor for identification. A form from the registration desk will be provided to assign the letters. This character is entered as above. Never show the name of any exhibitor on the tag.