

**The Denver Orchid Society Spring Show**  
***Bench Show***  
**March 16-18, 2018**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Plant Registration will close at 5:00 p.m. March 16**

It is recommended that all show participants read and understand the rules and regulations. 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.
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. Blue, red and white ribbons may be awarded to the three best plants in each class other than a trophy class. There are also awards for Best Grown Plant and Best Flower in each Alliance.
5. Plants may not be removed from the show before 4 pm on Sunday March 18.

**Instructions to Exhibitors**

This will be a bench show with informal entry procedures. If you have plants to enter that you've owned for at least 4 months please bring them to the show registration table as early as you can on Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>. Prepare the plant for show by cleaning leaves, staking the flower stem and removing dead material. Place your name in an inconspicuous place on the pot, a return address sticker works well. Make sure that the plant name tag is easily visible so that we can complete labels accurately. We will ask if you wish to have your plants AOS judged. Winning an award is exciting but does cost \$40 so please be sure that we mark your plants correctly. The staging committee will arrange the flowers so you do not need to bring staging material, though if you do have black cloth to wrap your pots it is always appreciated. Ribbons and trophies will be awarded by the judges.

Participating in a show is a great way to share your enthusiasm for the hobby with the public. Hundreds of people will be able to enjoy your success in growing and blooming these remarkable plants. A bench show allows people with just a few plants to exhibit in a beautiful setting so please join us.

**Table Reservation for Orchids in Use, Education, Orchid Art or Photography**

If table space is required, please contact:

Robert Hippler

Phone: 563-340-1398

Email: [hipplerco@gmail.com](mailto:hipplerco@gmail.com)

With the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Society or Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Requirement: Full table (3' X 8') Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Half table (3' X 4')

**NOTE: Reservation for table space for blooming plants is NOT needed.**