

General Show and Exhibition Rules and Regulations
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The Moorings Presbyterian Church Gymnasium will be open for exhibit staging from 12 noon to 8:30 PM Wednesday of the Show Week and from 9 AM to **7:30PM sharp** on Thursday of the Show Week.

A. General Requirements for All Exhibits

1. All exhibitors are expected to familiarize themselves with the specific guidelines and regulations for individual plant entry and each type of exhibit,(see separate guideline and regulation papers for each exhibit type in the Members Resources of the NOS Website), asking the Show Chairperson for interpretation when necessary.
2. Diseased or insect infested plants will not be accepted for entry.
3. Plants, including first bloom seedlings, owned by commercial growers will not be entered for ribbon judging or trophies designated for NOS Hobby Growers.
4. Hobby exhibitors (other than commercial growers) that are not NOS members may enter individual plants only for Ribbon Judging and special show awards (but not NOS designated trophies).
5. Any plant in the show may be selected for AOS judging (see No. 9 under Judging).
6. Special show awards (Trophies) where no entry is required are open to any plant displayed at the show.

B. Individual Plants

1. All individual plants to be entered for ribbon judging as well as plants to be entered for NOS hobby grower trophies must be registered by completing a green registration form and filing it with the Registration Clerk. Plant registration must be made at the Church Gymnasium on Thursday of the Show Week BETWEEN 10 AM AND & 7 PM. Absolutely no entries made after 7 PM!! These plants may be found on the plant table (location P) or in exhibit classes 4T, 6T, and 8T. Entries must remain in place for the duration of the Show, at the discretion of the Show Chairperson:
2. **Registration for Individual plants** will consist of two parts
 - (1) **Pre-registration**—present your completed green registration form to an “expert” for assistance in verification of the identification and parentage of the entry. This person will assign the appropriate entry class number.
 - (2) **Registration**—present the verified green registration form to the Registration Clerk who will assign the location and tell you where to take the plant
3. All Hobby Grown Plants entered for ribbon judging and trophies must have been grown by

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the exhibitor for a minimum of six (6) months; **first bloom seedlings must have been owned for at least one month.**

4. **Correct classification for individual plant entry is the responsibility of the exhibitor.** Plant parentage is required. Incorrectly entered plants may be disqualified. **Registration Chairman must be notified if any entry is removed from the space entered!**
5. **All first bloom seedlings will be exhibited on a special First Bloom Seedling plant table and will be entered in the appropriate seedlings class ONLY.**

C. Exhibit Types are defined as follows:

Exhibitor must fill out a green registration form for all Exhibits

X & O. Commercial Floor exhibits.(X = Large, O = Small)

To be eligible to sell plants, vendors must set up an O floor exhibit.

H. Hobby Floor exhibit. Open to Society members who grow orchids primarily for pleasure.

T. Hobby Card Table Exhibit. Open to Society members who grow orchids primarily for pleasure.

C. Hobby Container Exhibit. Open to Society members who grow orchids primarily for pleasure.

A. Orchid Cut Flower Arrangements. Open to Society members only. (Three Categories):

A-1 Arrangements with one single orchid flower (any genus; an example would be a single cattleya flower)

A-2 Arrangements with one stem of orchid flowers from a single plant (any genus; an example would be a stem of phalaenopsis or dendrobium flowers)

A-3 Arrangements with multiple stems of orchid flowers (any genus; these could include mixed genera, mixed colors from the same genus, etc.)

E. Educational Exhibit. Open to Society members only. Subject to space limitations. Size and content to be approved by application to the Show Chairperson.

NOTE: AOS student judges may enter exhibit types H, T, and C to help fulfill their student requirements. These must be approved by the Show Chairperson with at least a 3 month notice.

Requirements for Exhibits

1. Size, location, and guidelines for each Exhibit Type will be determined and enforced by the Show Architect and the Show Committee. **Specific guidelines and regulations for each exhibit type are available on the NOS Website, under Member Resources, or from the Show Chairperson.**

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2. Group exhibits may be entered. Names of exhibitors comprising the group must be displayed after judging.
3. All plants in exhibits must be correctly and prominently labeled except for Orchid Cut Flower Exhibits.
4. Plants used in any exhibit type may be borrowed or purchased for an exhibit. If plants are borrowed from an NOS member, that person may enter that plant(s) for an award. If an award is received it will belong to the owner of the plant, and not the owner of the exhibit. If plants are newly purchased especially for the exhibit, and owned for less than six months, they may not be entered for NOS Hobby awards or trophies, but may be used in the exhibit. This does not apply to Orchid Cut Flower Exhibits. For Cut Flower Exhibits it is the design that is important and the flowers may come from any source.
5. Wood, stone, metal, ceramic, glass accessories, and small battery powered electric lights contained within the exhibit (Those are lights powered by dry cell batteries that would typically be found in a watch or hearing aid or 9 volt, AAA, AA, A, C, or D only.) are permitted in all exhibit types.
6. **The following materials are not permitted in exhibits.**
 - No cut flowers (except in orchid flower arrangements)
 - No flowering plants other than orchids
 - No artificial or dyed plant material
 - No water displays**
 - No electric lights involving cords or extension cords**
7. Exhibits must be titled and the title prominently labeled and displayed. Exhibitor names must be displayed by label only after judging. **Exhibit Title must be submitted on a green entry form on Thursday of Show Week before 7 pm.**

E. Judging:

8. **Judging will occur from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM on Friday of the Show Week. During this time, only judges, clerks, the Judging Chairman, the official photographer, and show management may be on the floor.**
9. In addition to the ribbons and trophies awarded as provided for in this schedule, all plants and flowers in the Show may be considered by the American Orchid Society Judges for American Orchid Society Awards. All persons entering plants or flowers in the Show either in exhibits or in individual entries, agrees to accept any award and pay for such awards to the American Orchid Society. If an entrant does not wish to accept AOS awards, he must inform the Entry Chairman before placing his plants or flowers for exhibition.
10. Any plant in flower that has been exhibited previously in another AOS judged show or judging session may NOT be reconsidered for AOS awards on the same inflorescence. (Judging Chairman to be notified)

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11. For ribbon awards, judges may subdivide classes at their discretion.
12. Judges have the right to withhold any scheduled trophy or ribbon. No duplicate awards may be given.
13. Judges may, by consent of a team, give special awards.
14. Current American Orchid Society scale of points for judging group exhibits will be followed, with emphasis on artistic effect:

General Arrangement	35 points
Quality of Flowers	35 points
Variety	20 points
Labeling	10 points
15. Precaution will be taken for the safety of plants and accessories, however, NOS will not be responsible for damage or loss.
16. Decisions of judges and rulings of the Show Chairperson are final.