



Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Rules for Spring 2024 Orchid Show Exhibits

1. Notice of intent to exhibit must be received by March 1, 2024. It must be sent to Bob Lusnak - email to LJR2000@zoominternet.net or mailed (204 Sweet Gum Road, Pittsburgh, PA, 15238). Please include any desire for more than one open side in the intent. A reasonable effort will be made to provide the space requested, but should it be necessary, the Show Committee reserves the right to limit the space allocated to any exhibitor.
2. The OSWP will furnish 6' high exhibit space dividers and black cloth backdrops in place. Exhibits should not extend above the backdrop. Nothing may be hung from the backdrops. One layer of black plastic will be in place to protect the floor. Exhibitors must provide all other staging materials.
3. The OSWP will provide one duplex receptacle for each exhibit. Supplying any additional Extension Cords, and Lighting is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Incorporation of a water feature must include adequate exhibitor supplied overflow and leak protection. Pumps must be connected to an exhibitor supplied ground fault device. An exhibitor must be on hand at show closing on Saturday if any electrical device cannot easily be turned off from outside the exhibit
4. An exhibit is a composition of plants arranged to their best advantage to contribute to the general beauty of the show. While there is no minimum number of plants, the materials must fill the space in an artistic manner and orchids must predominate.
5. No cut orchid flowers are permitted in a live orchid flower exhibit, and no live flowering plants are permitted in a cut flower exhibit. No plants in flower other than orchids are permitted in any exhibit. Usage of background foliage that distracts from the orchids, such as variegated, is strongly discouraged
6. Any exhibit that is of Cut Orchid Flowers must have prior approval from the Show Chairs. The OSWP 2024 Show does not include any Cut Flower Classes in its Show Schedule or Trophy List, so cut flower exhibits and flowers are not eligible for Class or Trophy awards, except for People's Choice.
7. Single plants will be accepted for exhibition and judging. They may be placed in the OSWP society exhibit if no other exhibitor desires to display them.
8. For single plants in the OSWP Society Exhibit - The plant and flower condition must be appropriate for display and must be free of pests or other issues that could transfer to other exhibitor's plants. The OSWP Society's Exhibit Coordinator has the authority to deem a plant is not appropriate for display. The coordinator also has the authority to perform minor trimming of foliage but will obtain specific permission to fully remove a leaf or flower. These single plants must be at the venue before Noon on Friday March 15 unless prior arrangements with the exhibit coordinator have been made.
9. Exhibit classes are open to everyone except as otherwise noted in these Registration Instructions.
10. An **Open Exhibitor** is defined as a person who sells more than 100 orchid plants per year and/or is a professional horticulturist. An **Amateur Exhibitor** is defined as a person who sells no more than 100 orchid plants per year and is not a professional horticulturist. A **Novice exhibitor** is defined as an Amateur who has previously entered an exhibit in no more than three shows. A Novice may join with others and may have an experienced mentor.
11. Exhibits by **Open Exhibitors** must be a minimum of 25 sq. ft.
12. Exhibits may be set up from 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM on Friday, March 15, 2024. All plants and exhibits must be ready for judging by 7:30 AM on Saturday March 16, 2024.
13. **Registration** of plant and exhibit entries for judging will be online from 12:00 PM on Sunday March 10, 2024, until 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 14, 2024. Additional registration will be onsite at the venue at 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM on Friday March 15, 2024. See Registration Instructions document for specific details of the procedures.



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Registrants who are unable to make the registration cutoff should contact the Registration Team to find a workable solution. Otherwise, no entries will be accepted after the cutoff. Unregistered plants may be placed in exhibits but are expected to be labeled.

14. **ALL PLANTS SHOULD BE ENTERED IN THE LOWEST NUMBERED APPLICABLE CLASS IF UNSURE.** Plants may be entered in only a single class except for Specimen Class which is allowed as a dual-entry class. Foliage class is not a dual-entry class. **Please ask for help at Registration if you are not sure which class to enter a plant.**
15. Species classes include natural hybrids.
16. All registrants are required to provide their own plant display labels for their exhibit. They must be attractive in the exhibit, be easy to find, clearly link to the plant they identify, and are easy to read from outside the exhibit. Nothing may be placed in an exhibit that could easily identify the exhibitor until judging is complete (such as the exhibitor's name or logo).
17. Ribbons and trophies will be awarded to entries based on classes and trophy groups as listed in the Show Class Schedule, with the addition of a few special Trophies as listed in the Published Trophy Award List.
18. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded for each class of plants and exhibits when deemed of that merit by the judges. Trophies are awarded in a similar manner. Judges have the right to withhold any scheduled ribbon or trophy based upon their decision of merit (example: they can skip a first-place ribbon if no plant in that class merits it). They may subdivide any plant class if they decide it is warranted.
19. Unless clearly designated otherwise, every exhibited plant will be eligible for AOS awards, and exhibitors agree to complete AOS requirements for awarded plants including fees to the AOS for said awards. Any entry not to be AOS judged must be communicated in advance to the Registration Team at the time of registration by indicating "Not For AOS".
20. Hours for viewing the show will be:
 - Saturday, March 16, 2024
 - Exhibits: 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM
 - Vendors: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 - Sunday, March 17, 2024
 - Exhibits: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 - Vendors: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
19. Neither the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania nor the Crowne Plaza Pittsburgh South is responsible for the loss or damage to any plant, bloom, container, or other property of the exhibitor. However, precautions will be exercised for their safety.
20. All entries and displays must be left in place until 4:00 PM, Sunday, March 17, 2024. Entries and displays not removed by 5:00 PM, Sunday, March 17, 2024, will be disposed of by the Show Committee.
21. All questions regarding the interpretation or application of these Registration Instructions shall be referred to the Show Chairpersons and Registration Team. All decisions of the Show Chairpersons and Registration Team will be final.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For their help in making the show successful, the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania extends its appreciation to American Orchid Society Judges and Crowne Plaza personnel.



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