

Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania

2023 Show Rules

1. Notice of intent to exhibit must be received by March 1, 2023. It should be sent to James Yamber, 380 Western Ave., Oakdale, PA 15071, or emailed to him at quail1@verizon.net. 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 exhibitors.
2. The OSWP will furnish 6' high exhibit space dividers and backdrops in place. Exhibits should not extend above the backdrop. Nothing may be hung from the backdrops. Exhibitors must provide all other staging materials. 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.
3. No cut orchid flowers will be permitted in a flowering plant exhibit, and no flowering plants will be permitted in a cut flower exhibit. No plants in flower other than orchids will be permitted in any exhibit.
4. Single plants will be accepted for exhibition and judging. They may be placed in the society exhibit.
5. Exhibit classes are open to everyone except as otherwise noted in these Registration Instructions.
6. An **Open Exhibitor** is defined as a person who sells more than 100 orchid plants per year and 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.
7. Exhibits by **Open Exhibitors** must be a minimum of 25 sq. ft.
8. Exhibits may be set up from 8:30 AM to 10:00 PM on Thursday, March 16, 2023 and from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Friday, March 17, 2023. All plants and exhibits must be ready for judging by 7:30 AM on Saturday March 19, 2023.
9. **Registration** of plant and exhibit entries for judging will be online from 12:00 PM on Sunday March 13, 2023 until 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 17, 2023. Additional registration will be onsite at the venue at 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM on Friday March 18, 2023. Registrants who are unable to make the registration cutoff should contact the Registrar 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.
10. **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.**
11. Species classes include natural hybrids.
12. All registrants are required to provide their entry labels in a format they desire. Registration will not be providing any entry identification labels.
13. Judges will have the right to award or withhold any scheduled trophy or ribbon and may subdivide any plant class when warranted. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded for each class of plants and exhibits when considered merited by the judges.
14. Ribbons and trophies will be awarded to all entries based on classes and trophy classes as listed in the Show Schedule unless otherwise indicated by the published Trophy Award List.
15. Unless clearly designated otherwise, every exhibited plant will be eligible for AOS awards, and exhibitors agree to complete AOS requirements for awarded plants

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including fees to the AOS for said awards. Any entry not to be AOS judged must be communicated in advance to the Registrar at the time of registration by indicating "Not For AOS".

16. Hours for viewing the show will be:

Saturday, March 18, 2023

Exhibits: 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Vendors: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 19, 2023

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 19, 2023. Entries and displays not removed by 5:00 PM, Sunday, March 19, 2023, 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 Registrar. All decisions of the Show Chairpersons and Registrar 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.

SHOW CONTACTS

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