

Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society

Annual AOS Show and Plant Sale



April 15, 16, 17, 2011

**Country Club Centre,
3200 North Island Highway
Nanaimo, B.C.**

Thursday, April 14, 2011:

- 4 PM to 9 PM - Plant Registration & Display Set Up:

Friday, April 15, 2010:

**- 8 AM – 8:45 AM – Plant Registration
- 9 AM - Ribbon and Trophy Judging:
- 9 AM to 9 PM – Sales area open
- 11 AM – AOS Nominations
- Noon – Judges luncheon
- 1 pm - AOS Judging**

Saturday, April 17, 2010

- 9:30 to 5:30 - Sales area open

Sunday, April 18, 2010

- 11 am to 4 – Sales area open

Take down of exhibits and sales area will begin at 4 PM on Sunday

Rules and Regulations
Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society, Spring Show
April 15-17th 2011

1. This is an open show. Anyone who so wishes may exhibit in accordance with this schedule and exhibition rules. By placing an entry in this show, any exhibitor indicates his/her agreement to abide by these rules and regulations.
2. Entries will be received on:
Thursday, April 14 - 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM, (after which the mall is closed)
Friday, April 15, 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM. (After which entries are late and will be for display only and not judged.)
3. There will be only **“One Class”** for all exhibitors.
4. Exhibit space **must** be reserved in advance. The deadline for reservations is March 31, 2011, please consult registration form.
5. In this schedule, the word ‘plant’ also stands for any cut inflorescence.
6. Each Plant must have its own label (provided by the Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society)
Entry tags will be available during registration

All regular classes (1-13) will have green tags. Special class #14, will have a special colour tag. If a plant is registered for more than one class, there must be labels for each class on the plant. Please print the labels clearly and remember that “species names” are in lower case (eg. C. mossiae) and hybrids names are in upper case (eg. C. Drumbeat “Triumph” HCC/AOS). Previous awards are part of the plant’s name and must be included on the label. Registration tags may be replaced by artistic labels for esthetic purposes after the judging.
7. Each exhibitor shall file a **Show Entry Registration** form and receive an **Exhibitor Number** then fill out an **Exhibitor Plant Registration List** marking it with the exhibitor number. If an exhibitor is displaying plants in more than one location, **one** exhibitor number will be issued.
8. Any plant to be entered must be owned and grown by the exhibitor for at least six months prior to the show to receive a cultural award (CCM or CCE)
9. Qualifying plants may be entered in one class with the exception of **“Special Classes”**
10. Each exhibitor contributing to a display must have an exhibitor number.

11. Diseased or damaged plants may not be entered, the judging chairperson may request the removal of such plants.
12. A mericlone is not considered a seedling when flowering for the first time.
13. All plants should be well watered, cleaned and correctly staked.
14. Moss and foliage can be used in the displays but only orchid flowers can be in the display.
15. Cut orchid flowers may be displayed separately or mixed with potted orchid plants.
16. Orchid Societies or several individuals may collectively show their entries in a single exhibit.
17. The Mall will provide tables (8'x2') with skirting and some lighting. If electrical outlets are needed by an exhibitor, please indicate this on the registration form.
18. Anyone who wishes to sell plants or orchid related items **must also have an appropriate exhibit in the show.**
19. The Central Vancouver Island Society will exercise all reasonable caution in the care of plants, flowers and materials, but will assume no liability for the loss or damage. Entry in the display will be understood to constitute acceptance of this provision.
20. No exhibits may be removed before 3:30 PM on Sunday, April 17th, 2011, unless this is agreed in advance by the show chair.
21. There is no smoking in the whole mall area. (City of Nanaimo by-law)

Judging Rules:

This will be an American Orchid Society Judged Show.

Friday, April 15th, 2011, ribbon and trophy judging will begin at 9:00 AM.

AOS nominations will begin at 11 am, the judges luncheon will begin at Noon, and the AOS judging will begin at 1 PM.

At their discretion, the judges may:

- Disqualify or re-classify plants or flowers that are incorrectly labeled, or incorrectly entered.
- Divide, combine, delete or add classes as necessary.
- Award more than one ribbon of the same colour in a class.
- Withhold any ribbon or trophy.

Award extra ribbons/rosettes as they see fit, after consulting with show chair.

Decision of the Judging Chair is final.

Cut flowers (full inflorescence) are to be considered equal to flowering plants for judging purposes.

In awarding trophies for **'best'**, best refers largely to flower quality.

All orchids in this show will be considered for A.O.S. judging. If you wish to emphasize your wish to have an orchid considered for the A.O.S. for judging, please, inform the registration personal in Writing. If you do not wish to have your orchid considered by the A.O.S. judges or the flowers have previously been exhibited at any AOS sanctioned function the plant/flowers must be clearly marked: **Not for AOS Judging**

It must be understood that a fee is charged by the AOS for each award granted, it is to be paid by the owner of the plant, who is an AOS member, the fee is \$28.00 US. If you are not an AOS member the fee is \$60 US. This involves sending a flower and leaf to the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Florida, together with a fee of \$10.00 US, this is also the responsibility of the owner.

Any plant considered for a cultural award (CCM and CCE) must have been in the owner's possession for a minimum of six months.

At this show, judging is based on flower quality and culture of entered flowers and plants. Each flower and plant will be judged on its own merits rather than competing against one another. A blue ribbon plant will be mature, have well presented flowers of significantly better than usual quality, no damage or detracting, and probably consist of more than a single flower growth or inflorescence. Red and white ribbons will go on to the plants of lesser quality. The overall goal is to highlight quality plants and excellent culture.

Each judging team will be assigned one or more groups or alliances to judge and will do so in each exhibit where such plants are displayed. The order in which the exhibits are visited is unimportant, as some displays may not have any plants in the assigned category. The team will note the plants of the exhibit in their flower class, and decide upon blue, red, white or no ribbons at all. As many ribbons as necessary of a given colour may be granted in any given class as long as it is a team decision. A majority prevails. Both flower and plant quality, are to be considered in granting awards.

The Blue ribbon awards will be entered by the clerks on the ribbon judging sheets, and the team captain will sign off the sheets prior to their return to the registration table. Each team will choose a "best of class" plant for a rosette award. Any plant deserving of a special recognition may be granted a "special award" after the team has consulted the Judging Chair. Judges have the right to grant or withhold any ribbon. They may also, after consulting with the Judging Chair, eliminate, subdivide, or combine classes.

All plants are automatically considered for the “A” category flower awards. To be considered in the “B” categories, plants or flowers must be specially flagged. Any plant or flower may only be considered in one “A” category, but may be entered in as many “B” categories as are appropriate.

Suggested Show Trophy List

The trophies available for displays and the type of display each will be awarded to are chosen by the hosting societies and could include, among others not listed here:

- 1) The Canadian Orchid Congress Show Trophy, sponsored by the C.O.C. Its interpretation is up to each individual society affiliated with the C.O.C.
- 2) The American Orchid Society Show Trophy, sponsored by the hosting society and only awarded at an A.O.S. approved show.
- 3) Usually a trophy named after the hosting society
- 4) A trophy for Best Visiting Society
- 5) Best Overall Plant in Show: The Grand Champion and Reserve