

2010 VOS SHOW RULES

Welcome to the 2010 VOS Spring Show!



This year, the theme of the show is: **“Orchids in Paris”**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Show Location and Hours. The 2010 Virginia Orchid Society Spring Show will be held Friday, February 26th through Sunday, February 28th at Strange’s Garden Center located at 12111 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23233.

Show Schedule

Thursday	8am – 5pm	Show Setup for Exhibitors and Vendors
Friday	8am – noon	AOS Plant Judging
	noon – 5pm	Show Open to the Public
	6pm-9pm	Show Party/Gala, Wine-tasting
Saturday	8am – 6pm	Show Open to the Public
Sunday	10am – 5pm	Show Open to the Public
Sunday	5pm	Show Teardown

Vendor Hours. Vendor booth set-up will take place on Thursday, February 19nd. Vendor booths will be open to the public during Strange’s open hours and during the Show Gala.

Friday	noon – 5pm
	6pm – 9pm (Show Party/Gala)
Saturday	8am – 6pm
Sunday	10am – 5pm

Only vendors and VOS officials will be permitted to enter the vendor area before and after sales hours. **VENDORS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT AT THEIR SALES TABLES ON ALL DAYS OF THE SHOW AND TO KEEP THEIR TABLES WELL STOCKED. VENDORS SHOULD NOT LEAVE THEIR TABLES UNATTENDED.**

Safety and Security. The Virginia Orchid Society (VOS) and Strange’s Garden Center will make every effort to assure the safety and security of Exhibits, artwork and sales areas but cannot be responsible for any loss or damage of plants or other exhibitor properties.

Each competitor agrees, upon making an entry, to abide by the rules and regulations of the show.

All questions regarding the interpretation of application of rules shall be referred to either of the Show Chairman. His/her decision shall be final.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Requests to Exhibit. Everyone is welcome to exhibit plants at the show at no cost. Please contact either of the Show Chairmen at least one week prior to the show via **phone or email** to exhibit at the show. Reasonable effort will be made to provide the amount of space requested.

Exhibition Space and Tables. Exhibition space and tables will be furnished without cost.

Exhibit Set-Up. Exhibit set-up will be from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Thursday. All exhibits must be completed by 5:00 pm. To have your plants judged for ribbons and awards, they must be registered (see Plant Registration below).

Electricity, Water Features, Lighting. Electric power will be supplied for any exhibits upon request prior to show setup day. Any lighting used for effect is the responsibility of and must be furnished by the exhibitor. Defective or damaged lighting or other equipment shall not be used.

Exhibit Identification. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own identification signs for their displays however, all exhibits will be identified during the judging process with numbers provided by the show committee. Exhibitor signs must be covered or removed until judging has been completed on Friday.

Plant and Exhibit Eligibility. The Show Committee reserves the right to exclude any plant that is not clean or that is not free of insects and diseases. Exhibits should have a sufficient number of blooms to balance and account for the total amount of space it occupies. The appropriateness and tastefulness of exhibit contents is at the sole discretion of the VOS Show Committee.

Supplemental and Companion Plants. Foliage plants, moss, etc., may supplement exhibits but no artificial plants or foliage of any kind will be permitted, with the exception of artificial grass used as a floor covering. Orchids are to be the **only** flowering plants in the exhibits.

Exhibit Teardown. Exhibits and plants must remain in place until the end of the show including any plant sold which is part of an exhibit. All exhibits and plants must be removed after the close of the Show at 5:00 pm on Sunday, but may not be removed until that time. No boxes/crates may be brought into the show area and no teardown may begin until the show is officially closed. Exhibitors are responsible for bagging all mulch/moss used in their exhibits. Refuse containers will be provided at the close of the show. The Show Committee and Strange's Garden Center will dispose of exhibits and plants remaining after 5:00 pm.

PLANT INFORMATION

Plant Registration. Exhibitors will register plants online at www.plantregistration.com prior to show setup day. A computer will be available on show setup day in the event plants need to be deleted or edited. **Exhibitors are responsible to ensure their plants are properly classified. Plant registration will close promptly at 4pm on show setup day. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Unless otherwise noted, all registered plants are automatically entered for AOS judging. Each plant may be entered in only one plant class, with the exception of first-bloom seedlings and fragrant plants that may ALSO be entered in a standard class.

Show Classes and Awards. A listing of show classes and awards is available on the VOS web site www.vaorchidsociety.org.

Plant Preparation. All plants must be properly cleaned and prepped by the grower with staking as necessary. Pots shall be free of weeds and plants shall be free of chemical and fertilizer residue on the leaves. The grower shall ensure that all plants are free of pests and diseases. Pest-ridden, diseased, or unkempt plants may be rejected.

Plants should be sufficiently watered at the time of registration in order to carry them safely through the duration of the show.

PLANT JUDGING

Judges and Clerks. Judges and Clerks are expected to familiarize themselves with the show rules, regulations and plant classifications prior to the judging session.

AOS Judging. In addition to the ribbons and/or trophies awarded by the judges, plants and flowers may be considered by the judges for American Orchid Society (AOS) awards. 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 or she has clearly indicated before the judging that the entry is "Not to be AOS-judged".

Awards. Ribbons and Trophies will be awarded in each class at the judges' discretion. Judges will have the final authority on combining or deleting classes as entries merit. Plants found by the judging team to be classified improperly may be moved to the correct class if that class has not yet been judged.

Best-of-Section rosettes and trophies will be awarded to individual plants.

The AOS Show Trophy will be awarded to the best exhibit. The Orchid Digest Show Trophy will be awarded to the best amateur exhibit.

Hours for Ribbon Judging and AOS Judging. Judging will begin at 8:00 am on Friday, and continue until noon. Only judges, clerks and authorized persons will be allowed in the vicinity of the exhibits during judging.

Plant Labels. All plants for judging must be properly labeled by the Exhibitor as to name and/or cross. Labels must be clearly printed.

ALL plants will be labeled with a flat black label with the name of the plant written in silver or gold. Flat black posterboard, a papercutter and silver Sharpie® pens will be available at the show site on setup day if needed. **Exhibitors are free to make their own plant labels prior to show setup.** Labels may be displayed using uniform stakes or hangers provided by the exhibitor.

Open Competition. Exhibit competition that is open to any group, individual or commercial entity.

Society Competition. Exhibit competition with involvement by members of an established orchid society installing an exhibit on behalf of that society.

Amateur Competition. Exhibit competition that is open to any individual or group not affiliated with an orchid society or commercial entity.

Growers' Choice. The Growers' Choice table is open to any person that wishes to enter a plant in competition for ribbon and AOS judging but is not part of an exhibit. Growers' Choice plants will be staged by the Show Committee. Growers' Choice plants must be registered by Thursday at 5pm.

ARTWORK COMPETITION

General Information for Art Exhibits. Works will be accepted for competition on Thursday from 8am to 5pm. Judging will take place on Friday morning. All works, including works that are sold during the show, must remain in the exhibit until Sunday, at 5:00 pm. Contact the Show Committee if it will not be possible to reclaim a work at the close of the show. There will be no cost to enter works into the show and exhibitors may enter as many pieces as they wish.

Eligibility. All artists and photographers are welcomed to participate in the art competition. All works must feature orchids as their primary subject matter. All works must be executed by the exhibitor. Reproductions are not eligible to be exhibited. The Show Committee reserves the right to exclude any work for any reason.

Artwork Preparation. Work intended to be hung must be securely framed and ready to hang with eye hooks, or equivalent, and strong wire. **All submitted works must be labeled clearly with the exhibitor's name, address, and telephone number.** This information will be affixed to the back of those entries that will be hung, affixed to the base of those entries that are not to be hung or are free standing.

Registration. Each work submitted must be accompanied by an EXHIBITOR FORM. Blank EXHIBITOR FORMS are available from the VOS website www.vaorchidsociety.com.

Submission. Unless other arrangements are made, all works must be submitted at the show on Thursday as noted above.

All works exhibited must be reclaimed at the show on Sunday at 5pm. Both the artist (or agent or purchaser) and a VOS representative must sign acknowledgement of receipt at drop-off and pick-up.

Judging. Judging of the Art Show will take place starting at 9:30 am on Friday by judges, qualified and experienced in various fields of art, photography and crafts. Only judges and clerks will be allowed in the vicinity of the exhibits during judging. Judges' decisions are final. Judges will have the final authority on combining or deleting Classes as entries merit. Judges may award or withhold any scheduled ribbons or prizes. Judges may subdivide any Class as warranted.

Ribbons and Trophies. First-, Second- and Third-place and Honorable Mention ribbons will be awarded in each Class at the Judges' discretion. A special ribbon or trophy will be given for Best-in-Show, chosen from all classes in the show. Other special ribbons and trophies will also be awarded.

Sales of Artwork. Artists who wish to offer exhibited works for sale must so state in the REQUEST TO EXHIBIT FORM, which must include the price at which the work is to be offered for sale. The VOS will require payment in full at the time of purchase. **VOS will retain 15% of the sales price, for all art sold.**

Liability. Reasonable care will be taken with each work submitted and displayed. Neither Strange's Garden Center, the Virginia Orchid Society or any of its employees or visitors will be held responsible for loss or damage to any piece of art or any part of an exhibit. Private insurance is recommended for valuable works. The REQUEST TO EXHIBIT FORM constitutes agreement with these Rules and Regulations.

VOS Show Committee

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