

Orchid Growers' Guild

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Policies

With Revisions through 12/03

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RIBBON JUDGING—REVISED 12/03

OGG members are strongly encouraged to bring their orchid plants in bloom to the monthly meetings for judging. However, ***do not bring plants that have insects or show signs of fungal, bacterial, or viral infection. Such plants will be segregated to protect the plants of other participants, will not be judged and will not receive participation points.*** Check your plants over carefully.

Plants will be arranged by the usual judging alliances plus one for a total of 8. These alliances are listed on page 2. The listings are not all inclusive. Each alliance listed has the main members of that alliance listed below it. This will help you in placing your plants on the table. Be sure to note whether or not your plant has been under lights/window OR in a greenhouse.

Generally only one ribbon of each level will be awarded in each alliance. However, the number of ribbons awarded for each alliance will not exceed three 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place ribbons, depending on the number and quality of entries each month. It is possible that some months, no ribbons will be awarded.

Judges will primarily be judging according to the flower's attributes. (However, in some cases, they may consider the general condition of the plant.) The attributes they will be looking at include:

1. Size, shape (looking for roundness and balance)
2. Number (Is it single or multifloral?)
3. Color (Is it clear, deep, unusual?). Uneven color is a negative attribute.
4. Other negative flower qualities are dry, old-looking blooms and brown/black spots.

On the basis of these features, compared to other plants of the same species or hybrids, plants may or may not be given a 1st place, 2nd place, or 3rd place award.

Monthly "ribbons" carry the following point values, which accumulate toward annual awards.

- 1st place = 4 points
- 2nd place = 3 points
- 3rd place = 2 points

New growers only will be given 1 point for each blooming plant they exhibit at a monthly meeting or if they have contributed plants to the OGG exhibit entered in an AOS judged show.

All point scores are doubled for plants awarded at AOS judged shows—our own or at those shows in which the Guild is participating by setting up a Guild exhibit. ***If a member receives a Best of Class or Best of Show at an AOS judged show, each award will receive 25 additional points.*** Your plants must be included in this exhibit for your points to be awarded. Individual exhibits do not count toward the annual awards. Points will only be awarded to Guild members who are amateur growers as defined by Mid America Orchid Congress (MAOC). That is anyone selling less than 500 plants a year.

The Best Grower Awards are given to the OGG member with the most points accumulated within an award year for each of the following classes:

- Class 0: 1-2 years growing experience only (New grower).
- Class 1: 3-5 years growing experience
- Class 2: 6-10 years growing experience
- Class 3: 11 or more years growing experience

The Board also approved a system for awarding exhibitor points for Guild members that set-up or take down the Guild's exhibit at an AOS judged show. Award and special award points are equally divided among up to three persons who help set-up the display. Set-up and tear-down points are equally divided among those who help set-up and tear-down the display (up to three persons for each).

Set-up: 12 points Tear-Down: 6 points

Awards: 3 points for 1st place; 2 points for second place; 1 point for 3rd place.

Special Awards: 25 points for Best of Class; 25 points AOS Show Trophy, 25 points for Orchid Digest Award.

ENTRY SCHEDULE

1. Cattleya Alliance *Includes:*

Cattleya species.
Cattleya hybrids and intergenerics (other than below).
Encyclia species and hybrids.
Epidendrum species and hybrids.
Epidendrum and Encyclia intergenerics.
Brassavola species (including Rhyncholaelia), hybrids and intergenerics, excluding Cattleya.
Broughtonia species, hybrids and intergenerics.
Laelia species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above but excluding Cattleya.
Sophronitis species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above but excluding Cattleya.

2. Cyrtopidium Alliance *Includes:*

Paphiopedilum species and hybrids
Phragmipedium species and hybrids.
Phragmipedium besseae hybrids.

3. Vanda and Phalaenopsis Alliance *Includes:*

Aerangis species, hybrids and intergenerics.
Aerides species, hybrids and intergenerics.
Angraecum species, hybrids and intergenerics.
Ascocentrum, species and hybrids.
Ascocenda.
Rhynchostylis species, hybrids and intergenerics.
Renanthera species, hybrids and intergenerics.
Vanda species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above.
Phalaenopsis and Doritis species.
Phalaenopsis hybrids and Doritaenopsis.

4. Oncidium Alliance *Includes:*

Brassia species, hybrids and intergenerics.
Miltonia/Miltoniopsis species and hybrids.
Miltonia/Miltoniopsis intergenerics other than above.
Oncidium species and hybrids except Equitants.
Oncidium Equitant species and hybrids.
Odontoglossum species. (Including Osmoglossum, Otoglossum, Rossioglossum,

Symphyglossum, Systeloglossum, Ticoglossum).
Odontoglossum hybrids and intergenerics other than above.

5. Cymbidium Alliance *Includes:*

Cymbidium species.
Cymbidium hybrids, Standard.
Cymbidium hybrids, Miniature.
Cymbidium allied genera species, hybrids and intergenerics, other than above.

6. Dendrobium *Includes:*

Dendrobium species and hybrids.
Dendrobium allied genera species, hybrids and intergenerics, other than above.

7. Miscellaneous Genera *Includes:*

Masdevallia species, hybrids and intergenerics.
Dracula species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above.
Pleurothallis species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above.
Bulbophyllum and allied genera species, hybrids and intergenerics.
Lycaste species, hybrids and intergenerics.
Maxillaria species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above.
Zygopetalum and allied genera species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above.
Catasetum, Cycnoches, Mormodes and allied genera species, hybrids and intergenerics.

8. Miniature species, hybrids and intergenerics.

NOTE: Miniature is defined as naturally occurring diminutive plants in flower not exceeding 6 inches in growth excluding inflorescence.

Owner/Grower must request plant be judged in this (Miniature) category. It then would not be included in any of the above categories. This must be done at time of placing plant on table for judging

AWARDS—REVISED 12/03

It is the policy of the Guild to promote and reward participation in Guild activities and excellence in orchid growing and to do so by providing special recognition as these activities relate to the growing and showing of orchid plants in flower and related artistic endeavors. As such, the Guild establishes special awards in three distinct areas: 1) Excellence in

growing, 2) participation and excellence in all activities which make possible the presentation of orchid exhibits on the Guild's behalf and 3) Recognition of individual initiative and creativity in the presentation of displays on the part of individual members at Guild sponsored events.

Any Guild member is eligible for awards as outlined in this section, in accordance with the Ribbon Judging Policy.

The awards provided to implement these provisions are a combination of cash (including gift certificates) certificates suitable for framing and a plaque. These awards shall be provided at the December meeting of the Guild, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

The Guild newsletter publishes a record of plant and exhibit awards as soon as practicable after this is known and, periodically, a summary of points earned by growers on their plants and exhibitors on their exhibits. The purpose of such publication is to enable Guild members to correct any errors of record prior to the distribution of awards and to be aware of their standing prior to the distribution of awards. Award points are earned December through November of each year.

Award Categories

Milo Gilbertson Grower of the Year Award: Awarded to that individual who accumulates the greatest number of points on plants in flower for the year. The award is a plaque indicating the year and title of the award.

Best of the Class 3 Growers: To qualify for this award the Guild member must have a record on file with the Guild of having grown orchids for at least eleven years. The award is a certificate suitable for framing showing the date and nature of the award and a cash award, if the Board so approves.

Best of the Class 2 Growers: To qualify for this award the Guild member must have a record on file with the Guild of having grown orchids for six to eleven years. The award is a certificate suitable for framing showing the date and nature of the award and a cash award, if the Board so approves.

Best of the Class 1 Growers: To qualify for this award the Guild must have a record on file with the Guild of having grown orchids for at three to five. The award is a certificate suitable for framing showing the date and nature of the award and a cash award, if the Board so approves.

Best of the Class 0 Growers: To qualify for this award the Guild must have a record on file with the Guild of having grown orchids for one to two years. The award is a certificate suitable for framing showing the date and nature of the award and a cash award, if the Board so approves.

Runner Up: An award may be granted to any Guild member whose cumulative point score is the second highest of any of the above prize winners when their point total is within ten percent of the point total for the winner of that award.

For any of the awards categories detailed above, the Board may allocate an award in the form of a certificate suitable for framing showing the nature of the award and period for which it applies.

Exhibit Awards

The purpose of the **Guild Exhibitor of the Year Award** is to recognize Guild participation in orchid shows. Guild members involved in setting up a Guild display will earn points according to the Ribbon Judging Policy. Activities not counted are any which are counted toward the Grower Award and any involved in arranging for participation in the show.

The second type of Exhibit Award is the **Individual Exhibitor Award**. Each Guild member preparing his/her own exhibit at a Guild sponsored event is eligible to earn points toward this award. Points earned toward such an award is the sum of exhibit award points listed in the Ribbon Judging Policy. The person accumulating the greatest number of points on their individual display(s) during the December through November period shall be recognized with a certificate suitable for framing indicating the year for which the award is being given and the purpose for which it is being given.

The person coordinating the Guild display setup shall be entitled to retain possession of the display award. Any display pictures shall be surrendered to the person in charge of the Guild scrapbook. The annual award for “Guild Exhibitor of the Year” shall be based upon the most number of points accumulated during the December through November period. This Guild member shall be recognized with a cash award and a certificate suitable for framing indicating the year and title of the award if the Board so approves.

REIMBURSEMENT OF AWAY SHOW EXPENSES—4/03

1. Mileage & driving time figured by MapQuest using 1 W Wilson St as origin of trip. 1 W Wilson used as it is centrally located.
2. Ackers is included in every trip because orchids have to be picked up and returned there. 24 miles round trip: 1 car \$3.50 (\$3.48); 2 cars \$7 (\$6.97); 4 cars \$14.00 (\$13.92).
3. Maximum 2 cars/guild members each way to be paid. Both cars must be transporting orchid plants or staging materials. If additional people wish to go along, the Guild cannot reimburse them. If one car can be used, it should be. Spouses & significant others cannot go at Guild expense.

| Destination & round-trip mileage | Total mileage round trip driving time, 1-way | 1 Car: Round trip doing both set-up & return | 2 Cars: Round trip set-up & return (50% each) | 4 Cars: Round trip each (25%) | Maximum Mileage reimbursement for this show plus \$20 for staging materials—mos, labels, etc. | Motel/Hotel expense if more than 100 miles. (Usually 1 room only for show set-up) | Maximum expenditures: multiple people (One Person) |
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| Batavia 240 miles Ackers 24 miles (1 does all) | Total 264 miles 2 hrs 10 min Start at 3 p.m. | \$35 \$7 \$42 (\$42) | \$140 \$14 \$154 (\$42) | \$140 \$14 \$154 [\$38.50] | \$154 \$20 \$174 (\$62) | \$75 (2 nights) (\$150) | \$249 (\$212) |
| Blackhawk 160 miles Ackers 24 miles (1 does all) | Total 184 miles 1 hr 25 min | \$54 \$7 \$61 (\$61) | \$108 \$14 \$122 (\$61) | \$108 \$14 \$122 [\$30.50] | \$122 \$20 \$142 (\$81) | None | \$128 (\$81) |
| Illinois 260 miles Ackers 24 miles (1 does all) | Total 284 miles 2 hr 14 min Start at 2 p.m. | \$38 \$7 \$45 (\$45) | \$150 \$14 \$164 (\$45) | \$150 \$14 \$164 [\$41] | \$164 \$20 \$184 (\$65) | \$75 (\$150) | \$259 (\$215) |
| Illowa 389 miles Ackers 24 miles (1 does all) | Total 413 miles 3 hr 21 min | \$56 \$7 \$63 (\$63) | \$226 \$14 \$240 (\$63) | \$226 \$14 \$240 [\$60] | \$240 \$20 \$260 (\$83) | 2 rooms distance (1 each way) \$150 (3 rooms distance \$225) | \$410 (\$308) |
| NEWOS 262 miles Ackers 24 miles (1 does all) | Total 286 miles 2 hr 39 min | \$40 \$7 \$47 (\$47) | \$160 \$14 \$174 (\$47) | \$160 \$14 \$174 [\$43.50] | \$174 \$20 \$194 (\$67) | \$75 [\$75 snow storm] (\$150) | \$269 [\$344] (217 + 75 = \$292) |
| WOS 152 miles Ackers 24 miles (1 does all) | Total 176 miles 1 hr 18 min | \$44 \$7 \$51 (\$51) | \$88 \$14 \$102 (\$51) | \$88 \$14 \$102 [\$25.50] | \$102 \$20 \$122 (\$71) | None | \$128 (\$81) |

MEMBERSHIP DUES—REVISED 12/03

The membership year runs January through December of each year. After June 30 of each year new members will pay 50% of the rates listed below.

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| Individual | \$18 |
| Household (2 voting members)..... | \$24 |
| Student (full time) | \$9 |
| Business..... | \$24 |

Anyone who terminates their membership may request a prorated refund of their annual dues from the Board in writing. The reason and effective date for the termination of membership must be included in the written request. The Board will weigh each case on its own merits and may issue a refund.

SALES & AUCTIONS—REVISED 9/00

Members selling plants at Guild events will have the proceeds divided as follows:

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| Seller | 75% |
| Guild..... | 25% |

All items including plants, sold at Guild auctions shall have the proceeds divided as follows:

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| Seller | 50% |
| Guild..... | 50% |

If the event is held at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 10% of the sale price must be paid to Olbrich, the remainder is divided per the above schedules. Olbrich will receive 100% on any plants they provide.

Members shall receive a 10% discount from the non-member price on all items sold by the Guild. This does not apply to items already discounted.