

Orchid Growers' Ribbon Judging Policy -- effective 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 a calendar 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, as follows:

Set-up: 12 points if 1 exhibitor; 2-3 exhibitors, the points will be divided equally.

Tear-Down: 2 points each up to a maximum of 3 members.

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. **Cypripedium 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 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.