

## ENTRY RULES

1. The Annual Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show will be held at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Lake-Cook Road, Glencoe, Illinois, on March 9th and 10th.
2. The show will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
3. Requests for exhibit space are due no later than midnight of Monday February 19th, 2024.
4. Admission is free and there are no fees to the exhibitor.
5. Each exhibitor agrees, upon making entry, to abide by the rules and regulations of the show. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to familiarize themselves with all rules and regulations.
6. All questions regarding the interpretation or application of these rules shall be referred to the Show Chairperson. All decisions are final.

## REGISTRATION

7. All exhibits, plants and cut flowers must be officially entered by class with the Registration Committee.
8. All exhibits must be entered on electronic copies of the provided registration forms.
9. No entries will be accepted for late judging after 6:00 p.m. on Friday March 8th. Late entries will be exhibited but will not be judged. Exhibits must remain in place until close of show, 4:00 p.m. Sunday March 10.
10. **No exhibitor may enter more than FIFTEEN plants or cut flowers in any one class.** Plants exceeding this limit may be entered in a class number greater than what is on the show schedule to receive a label from the judging committee, but will be excluded from ribbon judging. These entries will be eligible for AOS point judging, and will still be factored into the determination of merit of the exhibit.
11. The same exhibit cannot be entered in more than one class. An individual plant or cut flower cannot be entered in more than one class, but may be part of an exhibit. Exceptions are classes 112 and 113.
12. No cut flowers will be permitted in flowering plant exhibits and no flowering plants will be permitted in cut flower exhibits.
13. Cut flowers and flowering plants shall be considered equally in judging.

14. A meristem plant or cut flower may not be entered as a seedling blooming for the first time.
15. For the purpose of this schedule, the word "hybrid" means a cross made within the genus listed, unless preceded by the word "intergeneric" in which case two or more different genera are used in the cross.
16. For the purpose of this show, an amateur is defined as any person who has not sold more than a total of two hundred plants and/or flowers in the last year, nor employed by an institution on the cultivation of orchid plants. Please register your exhibit in "Open Competition"

## **SETUP**

17. Exhibits may be set up beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024. All exhibits must be in place by 7:00 p.m. **Tables must have either a skirt, or fabric touching the floor from all sides, and the surrounding area swept clean.**
18. Entries not in accord with the schedule shall be disqualified. The Show Chairperson reserves the right to remove all inferior exhibits, or any part of them. No dyed flower will be permitted. Entry listings must use proper orchid nomenclature.
19. All cards displaying the exhibitor's name will be provided by the sponsors. No other identification signs will be permitted.
20. All plants or cut flowers exhibited for competition must be properly labeled without identification of owner until judged.
21. Neither the Host Society nor Chicago Botanic Garden is responsible for loss or damage of any plants, blooms, corsages, containers, or other property of the exhibitors.
22. Tables and skirts will be furnished for the exhibitors. All other cloth, foliage plants, etc. must be furnished by the exhibitors.
23. Foliage, plants, moss, etc. may supplement exhibits but no artificial or dyed moss or foliage of any kind will be permitted.
24. Any lighting used for effect is the responsibility of and must be furnished by the exhibitor. Effect lighting not color corrected may be turned off until after judging.
25. In the event the exhibitor of a cut flower cannot be present, the Show Committee will display the material to the best advantage.

26. If return of materials is required, it will be returned at the exhibitor's expense. The Show Committee will make appropriate disposal of any exhibit or plant material not claimed by exhibitor after the end of the exhibition period.

## **JUDGING**

27. There will be three or more judges accredited by the American Orchid Society, Inc. The American Orchid Congress Schedule will be used for ribbon judging. American Orchid Society judging will follow the Handbook on Judging. All decisions of the judges are final.
28. Judging will begin promptly at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Upon completion of ribbon judging, American Orchid Society award judging will begin.
29. No one other than properly authorized persons will be permitted in the show area during judging.
30. Judges and clerks are expected to familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations.
31. Judges have the right to award or withhold any scheduled prize and may subdivide any class where warranted.
32. First, second and third place ribbons may be awarded in each class at the discretion of the judges. Trophies may be awarded as designated
33. The Show Committee of the Illinois Orchid Society may make additional awards as they see fit.
34. Improperly entered plants/exhibits may be either reclassified or disqualified at the discretion of the judges.
35. All plants, cut flowers and exhibits must be correctly entered in the appropriate class, or reclassified by a judge, to be eligible for ribbon judging.
36. This show has been approved for A.O.S. judging. All flowers, whether entered for ribbon judging or not, will be considered for A.O.S. awards unless otherwise marked by the exhibitor.
37. In order to be eligible for any special trophies, plants and exhibits must be entered for ribbon judging. No separate entry is required.
38. Exhibitors agree to allow all conflict resolution to be arbitrated by the show Chairperson, and agree to maintain a friendly and civil atmosphere.