



2018 Asheville Orchid Festival Rules and Class Judging Schedule

Festival Installation: Thursday March 22, 9AM - 5PM

Ribbon Judging: Friday March 23, 9AM-12:00PM

AOS Judging: Friday March 23, 1PM

NC Arboretum Members Preview: Friday March 23, 4:00-7:00PM

Open Festival Hours: March 24-25 9:00 – 5:00 each day

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Western North Carolina Orchid Society - Asheville Orchid Festival

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. The annual Asheville Orchid Festival (AOF) will be presented by the Western North Carolina Orchid Society at the NC Arboretum Education Center, located at 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC on the dates shown above.

2. The AOF is an American Orchid Society (AOS) sanctioned show and all exhibits and exhibitors must comply with the current rules of the American Orchid Society Handbook on Judging and Exhibition and any interim rules issued by the AOS Committee on Awards. There will be a minimum of three judges accredited by The AOS. The decisions of these judges will be final. The AOS System of judging will be used in all events using a modified Mid-America Show Schedule.
3. The AOF has been approved for AOS judging. All flowers will be considered for AOS awards unless otherwise marked by the exhibitor. If the flowers have previously been exhibited at an AOS function, they are considered to have been screened and therefore are not eligible for further consideration. They should be marked "Not for AOS Judging." This will not disqualify the flower from consideration in the proper ribbon or trophy class. 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 clearly indicated before the judging that the entry is not to be AOS judged.
4. Exhibitors may set up exhibits on Thursday, as defined above. An electronic registration system has been implemented for the AOF. **The registration list must be submitted to the AOF Chairman in the provided Excel Spreadsheet format no later than 2pm, NO EXCEPTIONS.** All exhibits must be left in place until **5PM Sunday**.
5. Each exhibitor agrees upon entry to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the AOF.
6. There are no fees to the exhibitor for entries or assistance in setting up exhibits.
7. Neither the host society nor the AOF sponsor is responsible for loss or damage of any plants, blooms, accessories or other property of exhibitors. However, every precaution will be exercised for their security.
8. Reasonable effort will be made to provide the amount of space requested but should space available be less than expected, the Festival Committee reserves the right to limit space allocated to an exhibitor.
9. Judges and clerks are expected to familiarize themselves with the AOF rules and regulations before the actual judging takes place.
10. All plants and flowers will be considered for recognition based on present quality, without regard to previous awards. To maintain highly competitive standards, no trophies or other recognition will be awarded if, in the judges' opinion, the flower, plant or exhibit does not warrant such recognition. Judges may subdivide or add additional classes or awards at their discretion.

11. First, second and third place ribbons may be awarded in each class at the discretion of the judges. It is not mandatory to award all three in each class. Trophies will be awarded as designated. Judges have the authority to award or withhold any ribbon or trophy and may sub-divide any class where warranted.
12. All questions regarding the interpretation of these rules shall be referred to the AOF Chairman for a decision.
13. All trophies are open to all exhibitors in the AOF if the AOF rules are complied with, unless otherwise specified in this schedule.
14. Exhibitors will be issued a set of instructions and registration forms via email in advance of the AOF. These can be completed and returned in advance of the AOF via email or given to the AOF Chairman the day of the AOF on a USB memory stick. **Submitting registration via paper printout of the registration forms is not accepted.** If emailing your list in advance of the day of registration, you must still check in with the registration chair at the AOF the day of installation. **Plants will not be registered for the AOF until it is confirmed with the registration chair that they have arrived to be placed in the display.** Plant registration numbers will be provided to exhibitors the day of the AOF to attach to the entered plants. Only plants that will be entered for ribbon and AOS judging are required to be included in the registration list. The WNCOS encourages everyone to enter as much as possible as it increases the value of the AOF to the general public.
15. Each plant should be entered into one class only (winners are automatically considered in Best of Class). The exceptions to this rule are the classes of first bloom seedling, specimen plant, and miniature plant, where these entries are in addition to the regular judging classification. An official copy of entry classes is included with the registration forms and also available at the entry desk. Where a plant could conceivably fit into more than one class, the exhibitor shall enter it into the first applicable class listed. A mericlone is considered a vegetative division of the original plant and must be so designated and the clonal name given. Species classes will include natural hybrids. Criteria employed in ribbon class definitions refer to characteristics prevailing for mature plants grown according to normal horticultural practices.
16. Every attempt will be made during ribbon judging to judge all entered plants in the exhibits. There is no guarantee that each plant will be able to be located for judging. Clear and proper labeling in the display and proper registration will minimize the risk of a plant being missed.
17. All plants in the AOF are eligible for special trophies, no separate entry is required.

18. All exhibits are automatically entered in AOF so long as they conform to AOF rules.

Exhibition Guidelines:

1. All exhibitors are expected to familiarize themselves with the AOF schedule and exhibition guidelines.
2. Entries not in accordance with the schedule may be disqualified, and the AOF Committee reserves the right to remove all inferior exhibits at any time.
3. For the purpose of the AOF, an amateur is defined as any person who has not sold more than a total of five hundred (500) plants and/or flowers in the last year.
4. No cut flowers will be permitted in the exhibits.
5. Identification of the plant's owner must remain unknown until judging is completed.
6. Foliage plants, moss, etc. may supplement exhibits, non-orchid plants in flower or cut flowers will not be permitted in an exhibit.
7. No dyed flowers will be permitted.
8. For the purposes of this schedule, the word "hybrid" means a cross made within the genus listed. The word "intergeneric" defines a case in which two or more different genera are used in the cross.
9. In general, blush colors and two-toned flowers should be entered in the "Other Colors" classifications.
10. Oncidium hybrid classification is based on the lip color and its markings.
11. Color in Paphiopedilum hybrids is based on the dominant color of the flower.
12. A meristem plant or cut flower may not be entered as a seedling blooming for the first time.
13. Any class containing both species and hybrids may be subdivided at the discretion of the judges.
14. All lighting used for effect is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Electrical access will be provided by the AOF committee.
15. The use of water fountains is allowed.
16. Watering and other plant or exhibit care, other than turning lights on/off, is not provided at the AOF unless pre-arranged with the AOF chairman in advance. WNCOS will make every effort to accommodate special requests but these cannot be guaranteed.
17. Judging will begin promptly at **9 AM Friday**.
18. No one, other than those authorized, will be permitted in the area during judging.

Clerk Information

Head Clerk:

Responsible for the efficient performance of the judging process. This also includes recording the decisions of the judges, making a record of the awards given, and leading the judges to the next class to consider.

Ribbon Clerk:

Responsible for maintaining the ribbon supply, adding class, entry number and date to each ribbon awarded, obtaining the signatures of the judges, and placing the ribbons in accordance with the awards granted.

Spotter:

Assists in locating exhibits and plants plus other duties that may be assigned.

When additional personnel are available, they will be assigned to judging activities by the Judging staff and AOF Chair.

During the AOF judging, clerks and others on the judging teams are encouraged to participate in the process while respecting the AOS Judges knowledge. AOS Judges are encouraged to use ribbon judging as a means of educating the other team members in regards to the judging and awards process. AOS Judges have the deepest knowledge on the subject and their opinions and expertise overrule others on the judging team. In all cases, clerks are to assist the judges to effect efficiency during the judging process.

Trophy Awards Schedule

Best of Classes 1-4
Best of Classes 5-7
Best of Classes 8-9

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Best of Classes 10-26
Best of Classes 27-41
Best of Classes 42-57
Best of Classes 58-69
Best of Classes 70-78
Best of Classes 79-81
Best of Classes 82-88
Best of Classes 89-99
Best of Class 100
Best of Class 101
Best of Class 102

Best Open Exhibit
Best Society Exhibit
Best Amateur Exhibit

Best Exhibit / AOF Theme

Best Cattleya Alliance
Best Cypripedium Alliance
Best Phalaenopsis Alliance
Best Vandaceous Alliance
Best Oncidium Alliance
Best Cymbidium Alliance
Best Dendrobium Alliance
Best Miscellaneous Genera
Best Miniature
Best First Bloom Seedling
Best Specimen

AOS Award - Best of Asheville Orchid Festival - Grand Champion Orchid Plant

Class Judging Schedule

A. Open Competition

1. Orchid Plants in flower, arranged for effect, 25 square feet maximum.
2. Orchid Plants in flower, arranged for effect, 50 square feet maximum.
3. Orchid Plants in flower, arranged more than 50 square feet maximum.
4. Other exhibits, no space limitations. (Examples might include: educational, orchid related material arranged for effect, etc.).

Trophy – Best of Classes 1-4

B. Orchid Societies affiliated with The American Orchid Society

5. Orchid plants in flower, arranged for effect, 25 square feet maximum.
6. Orchid plants in flower, arranged for effect, 50 square feet maximum.
7. Orchid plants in flower, arranged for effect, more than 50 square feet.

Trophy – Best of Classes 5-7

C. Amateur Competition

8. Orchid plants in flower, arranged for effect, 25 square feet maximum.
9. Orchid plants in flower, arranged for effect, more than 25 square feet.

Trophy – Best of Classes 8-9

Trophy - Best of Classes 1-9 (Best Exhibit Following the AOF Theme)

D. Cattleya Alliance

10. Encyclia, Epidendrum and Prosthechea species.
11. Encyclia, Epidendrum and Prosthechea hybrids and intergenerics, but excluding Cattleya and Guarianthe.
12. Brassavola species, including Rhyncholaelia), hybrids and intergenerics other than above, but excluding Cattleya and Guarianthe.

13. Broughtonia species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above, but excluding Cattleya and Guarianthe.
14. Traditional Laelia and Sophronitis species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above, but excluding Cattleya and Guarianthe.
15. Cattleya and Guarianthe species.
16. Cattleya allied genera species other than above.
17. Cattleya and Guarianthe hybrids and intergenerics other than above, Lavender/Mauve, flowers 4 inches or less.
18. Cattleya and Guarianthe hybrids and intergenerics other than above, Lavender/Mauve, flowers larger than 4 inches.
19. Cattleya and Guarianthe hybrids and intergenerics other than above, White.
20. Cattleya and Guarianthe hybrids and intergenerics other than above, Semi-alba.
21. Cattleya and Guarianthe hybrids and intergenerics other than above, Yellow/Orange, flowers 4 inches or less.
22. Cattleya and Guarianthe hybrids and intergenerics other than above, Yellow/Orange, flowers larger than 4 inches.
23. Cattleya and Guarianthe hybrids and intergenerics other than above, Red/Red shades, flowers 4 inches or less.
- 23.1 Cattleya and Guarianthe hybrids and intergenerics other than above, Red/Red shades, flowers larger than 4 inches.
24. Cattleya and Guarianthe hybrids and intergenerics other than above, Other colors.
25. Cattleya allied genera hybrids and intergenerics other than above.
26. Miniature Cattleya – species and hybrids under 8 inches tall, including the inflorescence.

Trophy - Best of Classes 10-26

E. Cypripedium Alliance

27. Paphiopedilum species, normally one flower when mature.
28. Paphiopedilum species, normally two or more flowers when mature.
29. Paphiopedilum species, sequential blooming.

NOTE: Primary hybrid has species as each parent.

30. Paphiopedilum hybrids, primary, White.
31. Paphiopedilum hybrids, primary, Green/Yellow
32. Paphiopedilum hybrids, primary, Bronze/Mahogany.
33. Paphiopedilum hybrids, primary, Red/Pink.
34. Paphiopedilum hybrids, primary, Other colors, Vinicolors.

- 34.1 Paphiopedilum hybrids, primary, Multiflora, any color (3 or more flowers expected when mature).

NOTE: Complex hybrid has a hybrid as one or more parent.

35. Paphiopedilum hybrids, complex, White.
36. Paphiopedilum hybrids, complex, Green/Yellow.
37. Paphiopedilum hybrids, complex, Bronze/Mahogany
38. Paphiopedilum hybrids, complex, Red/Pink.
39. Paphiopedilum hybrids, complex, Other colors, Vinicolors.
39.1 Paphiopedilum hybrids, complex, Multiflora, any color (3 or more flowers expected when mature).

40. Phragmipedium species.
40.1 Phragmipedium hybrids kovachii influenced
40.2 Phragmipedium hybrids besseae influenced
40.3 Phragmipedium hybrids - long petal – other than above
40.4 Phragmipedium hybrids - other than above
41. Other Cypripedium allied – species and hybrids

Trophy - Best of Classes 27-41

F. Phalaenopsis Alliance

NOTE: Multiflora refers to flowers 3 inches or less, with multi-branched inflorescences when mature.

42. Phalaenopsis and Doritis species.

NOTE: Primary hybrid has species as each parent.

43. Phalaenopsis and Doritis hybrids, primary.

NOTE: Complex hybrid has a hybrid as one or more parent.

44. Phalaenopsis hybrids, complex, White, no markings.
45. Phalaenopsis hybrids, complex, White with colored lip, no markings.
46. Phalaenopsis hybrids, complex, White with markings.
47. Phalaenopsis hybrids, complex, Multiflora, White, with or without markings.

48. Phalaenopsis hybrids, complex, Pink, no markings.
49. Phalaenopsis hybrids, complex, Pink, with markings.
50. Phalaenopsis hybrids, complex, Multiflora, Pink, with or without markings.
51. Phalaenopsis hybrids, complex, Yellow, no markings.
52. Phalaenopsis hybrids, complex, Yellow, with markings.
53. Phalaenopsis hybrids, complex, Multiflora, Yellow, with or without markings.
54. Phalaenopsis hybrids, complex, Other colors, no markings.
55. Phalaenopsis hybrids, complex, Other colors, with markings.
56. Phalaenopsis hybrids, complex, Multiflora, Other colors, with or without markings.
57. Phalaenopsis hybrids, complex, Blushes.

Trophy - Best of Classes 42-57

G. Vanda Alliance

58. Aerangis species, hybrids and intergenerics.
59. Angraecum species, hybrids and intergenerics, other than above.
60. Vanda species, flowers 1 ½ inches or less.
- 60.1. Vanda species, flowers larger than 1 ½ inches.
61. Vanda hybrids, Orange/Yellow, flowers 1 ½ inches or less.
- 61.1. Vanda hybrids, Orange/Yellow, flowers larger than 1 ½ inches.
62. Vanda hybrids, Red/Pink, flowers 1 ½ inches or less.
- 62.1. Vanda hybrids, Red/Pink, flowers larger than 1 ½ inches.
63. Vanda hybrids, Blue/Purple, flowers 1 ½ inches or less.
- 63.1. Vanda hybrids, Blue/Purple, flowers larger than 1 ½ inches.
64. Vanda hybrids, Other colors, flowers 1 ½ inches or less.
- 64.1. Vanda hybrids, Other colors, flowers larger than 1 ½ inches.
65. Rhynchostylis species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above.
66. Renanthera and Aerides species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above.
67. (void – not in use)
68. Vanda allied genera species other than above.
69. Vanda allied hybrids and intergenerics other than above.

Trophy - Best of Classes 58-69

H. Oncidium Alliance

70. Brassia species, hybrids and intergenerics.
71. Miltonia/Miltoniopsis species and hybrids.

72. Miltonia/Miltoniopsis intergenerics other than above.
73. Oncidium species.
74. Oncidium hybrids.
75. Tolumnia (equitant Oncidium) species and hybrids.
76. Oncidium intergenerics other than above.
77. Traditional Odontoglossum species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above.
78. Oncidium allied genera species, hybrids and intergenerics, other than above.

Trophy - Best of Classes 70-78

I. Cymbidium Alliance

79. Cymbidium hybrids, flowers 3 inches or larger.
80. Cymbidium hybrids, flowers smaller than 3 inches.
81. Cymbidium species and allied genera, hybrids and intergenerics, other than above.

Trophy - Best of Classes 79-81

J. Dendrobiums

82. Dendrobium species, Nobile type.
83. Dendrobium species, Phalaenopsis and Antelope types.
84. Dendrobium species, Other types.
85. Dendrobium hybrids, Nobile type.
86. Dendrobium hybrids, Phalaenopsis and Antelope type.
87. Dendrobium hybrids, Other types.
88. Dendrobium allied genera species, hybrids and intergenerics, other than above.

Trophy – Best of Classes 82-88

K. Miscellaneous Genera

89. Masdevallia and Dracula species.
90. Masdevallia and Dracula hybrids and intergenerics.
91. Pleurothallis species, hybrids and intergenerics, other than above.
92. Pleurothallis allied genera species, hybrids and intergenerics, other than above.

93. Lycaste species, hybrids and intergenerics.
94. Maxillaria species, hybrids and intergenerics, other than above.
95. Zygopetalum and allied genera species, hybrids and intergenerics, other than above.
96. Catasetum, Cycnoches, Mormodes and allied genera species, hybrids and intergenerics.
97. Bulbophyllum and allied genera species, hybrids and intergenerics.
98. Orchid species not covered elsewhere.
99. Orchid hybrids and intergenerics not covered elsewhere.

Trophy - Best of Classes 89-99

NOTE: Plants may be entered into only one of the previous categories, the exception to this are the following three classes (100, 101, and 102). A plant may be entered in a single class from above, as well as one or more below, if applicable.

100. Miniature species, hybrids and intergenerics, From Classes 43 through 99. (This class excludes plants that would fall within classes 10-26 and 27-41, the Cattleya and Cypripedium Alliances).

NOTE: Judges may nominate plants for consideration as well. Miniature is defined as a naturally occurring diminutive plants in flower not exceeding 6 inches in growth when mature (height of plant above pot), excluding inflorescence.

Trophy - Best of Class 100

101. Seedling flowering for the first time. Classes 10-100

NOTE: A mericlone/meristem plant or cut flower may not be entered as a seedling blooming for the first time.

Trophy – Best of Class 101

102. Specimen plants

NOTE: Judges may nominate plants for consideration as well. Plants will be appraised as with an AOS cultural award – meaning the condition and appearance of the plant is as important as number and condition of flowers.

Trophy - Best of Class 102

Note: Awarding of the “Best of Asheville Orchid Festival – Grand Champion Orchid Plant” will be determined solely by the AOS Judging Team.

Trophy - Best of Asheville Orchid Festival - Grand Champion Orchid Plant