

GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY

SHOW ENTRY – RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. An Orchid Show sponsored by the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be held at the Scout Achievement Center (SAC) of the Dan Beard Council, Boy Scouts of America, 10078 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241, March 25 & 26, 2023.
2. Exhibitors may set up between 1:00 PM and 9:00 PM, Friday, March 24 at show registration. Exhibits must be in place by 9:00 PM, Friday, March 24, 2023 (exception-orchid in use entries and arrangements may be placed on the table until 7:45 AM on Saturday March 25, 2023, but must be registered prior to 8:00 PM Friday, March 24, 2023) The SAC will be open to show participants 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Saturday, March 25 and 9:00 AM– 6:30 PM Sunday, March 26, 2023. Tear-down is to begin promptly at 4:00 PM Sunday, March 26, 2023.
3. Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society and the SAC are not responsible for loss or damage to any plant, blooms, corsages, artistic elements, containers or other property of exhibitors or vendors, but precautions will be exercised for their safety.
4. Requests for exhibition space should be received no later than March 23, 2023. Mail requests to: Joel Mattes 6781 Highland Greens Dr., Apt. 107D West Chester, OH 45069; phone: (513) 680-2157; email: joel.mattes21@gmail.com. All reasonable effort will be made to provide the amount of space requested, but should available space be less than expected, the show committee reserves the right to limit space allocated to any exhibitor.
5. The exhibitor agrees, upon requesting show entry, to abide by the rules and regulations of this show.
6. The orchid show will be open to the public Saturday, March 25, 2023, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM and Sunday, March 26, 2023, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.
7. Admission to the show for the public is \$5.00. Exhibitors, judges and other show participants may enter free.
8. Exhibits must remain in place until 4:00 PM Sunday, March 26, 2023.
9. All signs displaying the exhibitor and vendor names will be provided by Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society. No other identification signs will be permitted.
10. Staging partitions will be furnished without cost. All other props, foliage plants, etc. must be furnished by the exhibitor.
11. Foliage plants, moss, etc., may supplement exhibits, but no flowering plant other than orchids nor shall any artificial plants or grass be used in any display.
12. 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.
13. All plants or cut flowers exhibited for competition must be properly labeled for the duration of the show without identification of the owner. These labels will be provided by the show registration from information provided by the exhibitor.
14. No cut flower will be permitted in a flowering plant exhibit; no flowering plant will be permitted in a cut flower exhibit. No dyed flowers permitted.
15. A meristem plant or cut flower may not be entered as a seedling blooming for the first time.
16. 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.
17. To be judged, all exhibits, plants or cut flowers must be officially entered, by class, with the show registration. Cut flowers and flowering plants will be considered equally in judging.
18. An amateur is defined as any person/persons who has not sold more than a total of two hundred (200) plants and/or blooms in the past year.
19. DOUBLE ENTRIES allowed for specimen and first bloom seedling classes.
20. Judging will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday, March 25, 2023.
21. No one, other than properly authorized persons, will be permitted in the show area during judging.
22. There will be three (3) or more judges accredited by the American Orchid Society to evaluate plants for AOS awards at this orchid show. The decision of these judges will be final. The American Orchid Society system of judging will be used in all events.
23. Show judging-- first, second, and third-place ribbons may be awarded in each class at the discretion of the judges. Trophies, if recommended, will be awarded for the designated trophy groups.
24. Judges have the right to award or withhold any scheduled ribbon or trophy and may subdivide any trophy class where warranted upon approval of the show chairman. The show committee of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society may also make any additional awards as they deem appropriate.
25. Judges and clerks are expected to familiarize themselves with these rules and regulations.
26. Entries not in accordance with the schedule may be disqualified, and the show committee reserves the right to remove all inferior exhibits or any such part of them.
27. All questions regarding the interpretation or application of these rules and regulations shall be referred to the show chair, whose decision shall be final.