

2026 FGOS REGULATIONS FOR SHOW EXHIBITING

ELIGIBILITY

Hobbyists Orchid Growers affiliated with an orchid society or Flamingo Gardens

Commercial Orchid Growers invited to participate in the Show

Other exhibitors not included above, subject to space availability and FGOS approval.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Registration and classification of plant and Exhibit entries will be held on Thursday from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM. At the Flamingo Gardens Learning Center, 3750 S. Flamingo Rd., Davie, FL 33330.
2. Absolutely no entries after 8:00 PM unless prior arrangements have been made with the Show Chair, Lucy Matos-Lodato, phone 305-308-6531.
3. All entries in competition must be approved by the Classification Registrar. All entries must be clean, disease free, and include required signage at the time of registration.
4. Tardy or unsuitable entries may be disapproved.
5. Diseased, virused or insect infested plants will NOT be exhibited and must be removed by the exhibitor immediately on request by the Registrar.
6. Any plant or flower previously exhibited at a PRIOR AOS judging show or event (On the same inflorescence) will not be considered for AOS judging.
7. All plants, and exhibits shall not be removed until 4:00 PM on Sunday and the building has been cleared of all spectators. The Show Chairperson must be notified if any entry is moved or removed from The Learning Center, the Show or from the location where the entry is placed on the Table by the Registrar during the Show.
8. All plants and exhibits must be removed from the premises between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM on Sunday.
9. The Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society, Flamingo Gardens or any other agency involved with the show assumes no responsibility for any loss or damage to flowers, plants, or accessories. All reasonable precautions will be taken to safeguard all property.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. All plants in competition must be properly and individually labeled. All entry tags must be legible.
2. All Plants and exhibits entries will be considered for FGOS Ribbon Show judging and also be considered by judges for AOS awards. All persons placing entries in the show understand they agree to pay American Orchid Society fees associated with any AOS awards earned. Any entrant who does not wish to have their entries considered for AOS awards must inform the Registrar before placing their entries for exhibition.
3. Plants grown by commercial growers **may not** be entered for ribbon judging designated for hobby grower plants.
4. To be eligible for ribbon or AOS judging all plants on the individual plant tables and exhibits must be registered individually. In the case of borrowed plants in a container or table top exhibit, individual awards won, if any, must go to the owner of the plant, not the owner of the exhibit.
5. Plants used in small container and table top exhibits may be borrowed or purchased for the exhibit. If plants are newly purchased or owned for less than six months, they may not be entered for individual FGOS show hobbyist awards. These plants may be selected for AOS awards.
6. Tabletop Exhibits, Container Exhibits and Cut Flower arrangements must be named. Please submit exhibit name on the registration form, and a placard with the exhibit name to be placed with the exhibit.
7. Plants in Tabletop and Container exhibits must display a tag with the registered name of the plant or parentage for every plant.

JUDGING - There are two types of judging; FGOS Show Judging also called ribbon judging and American Orchid Society Judging.

As an American Orchid Society (AOS) sanctioned show, the FGOS show will comply with current AOS rules as defined in the American Orchid Society Handbook on Judging and Exhibition. The AOS system of judging will be used. All hobbyist exhibitors are asked to be familiar with the general show and exhibition rules published at AOS: [aWaqvwlvOtkhBd1y_Judging-Handbook-20260113.pdf](#) (section VII Judging Criteria and Point Scales).

1. Show Ribbons will be awarded for First, Second and Third Place in their class. Cultural Awards for specimen plants and Trophy Awards for Best in Show (vendor and hobbyist) may be given.
2. Decisions of the judges and rulings of the Show Committee are final. Judges have the right to award or withhold any prize. No duplicate first, second, or third place ribbons may be awarded in any class.
3. No class may be subdivided without the permission of the AOS Show Chair or the FGOS Show Chair.

4. Only judges and authorized persons are permitted at the show in The Learning Center during judging.
5. Other rules as deemed necessary for the proper conduct of the show can be made by the Show Committee.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL HOBBY TABLETOP EXHIBITS

An award will be given for First Place. Ribbons may be given for First, Second and Third Place

1. FGOS/Flamingo Gardens will supply tables and background.
2. Tabletop Exhibits may be constructed onsite in the Learning Center on the day of registration beginning at 1:00 PM. The exhibit must be completed including a name placard and registered by 8:00 PM. NO changes can be made to the exhibit once it is registered.
3. Size of Tabletop Exhibits: A maximum of 34" wide by 34" deep. Use discretion in regards to the height of the exhibit. Accessories may not extend past the 34" limit. Plant inflorescences may not extend into the next exhibit.
4. Accessories such as wood, stone, metal, ceramic, and glass are permitted in the Tabletop Exhibits.
5. The following materials are NOT permitted in the Tabletop Exhibits: No cut flowers; No artificial or dyed plant material; **No water displays; No flowering plants other than orchids; No electric lights or other features. **Any exception to 'No water displays', must be approved by the 2026 Show Chair Lucy Matos-Lodato.
6. FGOS will NOT supply foliage plants or moss for exhibits.
7. Plants may be borrowed or purchased for the exhibits. If plants are newly purchased or owned for less than six months, they may NOT be entered for individual FGOS show hobbyist awards. These plants may be selected for AOS awards.
8. All orchid plants must be correctly and properly labeled. FGOS will have black cardstock and pens available if needed.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL CONTAINER EXHIBITS

1. An Award will be given for First Place. Ribbons may be awarded for First, Second and Third Place.
2. Exhibitors are to furnish their own containers (basket, ceramic dish, etc.).
3. Size – Small containers to a maximum of 18 inches wide by 18 inches long by 36 inches height from the top of the table. Container and plant material may not be extended beyond these dimensions.
4. Minimum of 3 plants and maximum of seven orchid plants per container.

5. Plants used in the Small Hobbyist Container Exhibits may be borrowed or purchased for the exhibit. If plants are borrowed, the plant owner may enter that plant(s) for an AOS award. If an award is received, it will belong to the owner of the plant and not the owner of the exhibit. If plants are newly purchased, especially for the exhibit and owned for less than six months, they may not be entered for FGOS Hobbyist Award but may be used in the exhibit.
6. All plants must be correctly and prominently labeled.
7. Containers must be fully assembled before registration. No changes can be made to container once it is registered.
8. Accessories such as wood, stone, metal, ceramic, and glass are permitted.
9. The following materials are NOT permitted in container exhibits: no cut flowers; No artificial or dyed plant material; No water displays; No flowering plants other than orchids; No electric lights or other features.
10. The Exhibit MUST BE NAMED: Please submit the Exhibit Title with the Exhibit Entry at the time of registration.
11. Exhibit Title should be displayed on a small placard in front of the exhibit. Exhibitor's name should be displayed only after judging is completed.

HOBBYIST CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

An Award will be given to the 1st place winner in each category. Ribbons may be awarded for First, Second and Third place in each category.

1. There are four categories of Hobbyist Cut Orchid Flower Arrangements:

- A-1 Arrangements with one single orchid flower (any genus; an example would be a single Cattleya flower or a single Phalaenopsis flower).
- A-2 Arrangements with multiple orchid flowers from a single plant (any genus; an example would be a stem of Phalaenopsis flowers or Dendrobium flowers).
- A-3 Arrangements with multiple orchid flowers from multiple genera (any genus; these could include mixed genera or mixed colors from the same genus).
- A-4 Arrangements with multiple orchid flowers from the same genera (any genus; an example would be multiple Paphiopedilums from different Sections).

2. Requirements for Orchid Cut Flower Arrangements:

- a. Arrangements should be a maximum of 20 inches high and 14 inches wide.
- b. Fresh cut orchids are the only flowers permitted.
- c. Wood, stone, metal, ceramic, and glass accessories are permitted.
- d. No artificial or dyed plant material is permitted.

- e. No rooted material is permitted in cut flower arrangements.
- f. All plant material should be properly conditioned and kept fresh for the duration of the show.
- g. Exhibit Title should be displayed on a placard in front of the exhibit. Exhibitor's name should be displayed only after judging is completed.