

OGG Awards and Recognition

It is the policy of the Guild to promote and reward participation in Guild activities and excellence in orchid growing and to do so by providing special recognition as these activities relate to the growing and showing of orchid plants in flower and related artistic endeavors. As such, the Guild establishes special awards in two distinct areas: 1) Excellence in growing, 2) participation and excellence in all activities which make possible the presentation of orchid exhibits on the Guild's behalf.

Any Guild member is eligible for awards as outlined in this section, in accordance with the OGG Points Policy. These awards shall be provided at the December meeting of the Guild, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

The Guild newsletter publishes a record of plant and exhibit awards as soon as practicable after this is known. The purpose of such publication is to enable Guild members to correct any errors of record prior to the distribution of awards and to be aware of their standing prior to the distribution of awards. Award points are earned December through November of each year.

Guild Exhibitor of the Year

The purpose of the **Guild Exhibitor of the Year Award** is to recognize Guild participation in orchid shows. Guild members involved in setting up a Guild display will earn points according to the OGG Points Policy. Activities not counted are any which are counted toward the Grower Award and any involved in arranging for participation in the show.

The person coordinating the Guild display setup shall be entitled to retain possession of the display award. Any display pictures shall be surrendered to the person in charge of the Guild scrap- book. The annual award for "Guild Exhibitor of the Year" shall be based upon the most number of points accumulated during the December through November period.

Guild Grower of the Year -- Milo Gilbertson Award

The Milo Gilbertson award was established by a vote of the Board of Directors in September, 1991 to honor Milo who died September 5, 1991 at the age of 87. Milo was not only the oldest member of the Guild prior to his death, but a Charter member. He was known as the foremost amateur orchid grower in Dane County and won numerous awards at various orchid shows in the area.

At the time of his death, Milo had been growing orchids for over 30 years. He was a consummate Cattleya and Cymbidium grower but could grow and flower a wide range of orchids to perfection including such difficult types as miltonias and equitant oncidiums. Up until his death, he was undertaking new challenges such as better ways to grow seedlings under lights. Initially, the award was established for "Outstanding Orchid Growing". In recent years, the Board has added award categories to recognize different degrees of experience and expanded awards to include exhibits.

See the OGG Points Policy for a description of how points are awarded.

OGG Points System

It is the policy of the Orchid Growers Guild (OGG) to promote and reward participation in Guild activities and excellence in orchid growing and to do so by providing special recognition as these activities relate to the growing and showing of orchid plant in flower and related artistic endeavors. Growing points are awarded for plants displayed in OGG exhibits or during ribbon judging at OGG meetings. Exhibit points are awarded for participating in the setting up or taking down of an OGG exhibit.

If you have an orchid which has received special recognition in a setting other than an OGG exhibit or meeting (such as the AOS judging center), please let us know. Although it won't be eligible for our points program, we would love to share your success with the rest of our members. Including a photo with your announcement would be great.

Orchid Growing

LEVELS

Levels are determined by years growing orchids.

Beginner's Class Less than 3 years

Experienced Class 3 years or more

POINTS

1st place ribbon – 4 points at OGG mtgs, 8 points at AOS judged shows

2nd place ribbon – 3 points at OGG mtgs, 6 points at AOS judged shows

3rd place ribbon – 2 points at OGG mtgs, 4 points at AOS judged shows

Best of class or special award – N/A at OGG mtgs, 25 points at AOS judged shows

AOS award (or equivalent) – N/A at OGG mtgs, 50 points at AOS judged shows

1 point per plant for the person sending the plant to the away show or Orchid Quest.

Exhibiting

This applies to people who set up/take down an away show or the Orchid Quest exhibit. Up to 6 people actively participating at an event can accrue points.

POINTS

Set up – 12 points per person

1st place ribbon – 4 points per person doing setup 2nd place ribbon – 3 points per person doing setup

3rd place ribbon – 2 point per person doing setup

Best of class award – 25 points per person doing setup AOS award (or equivalent) – 50 points per person doing setup

Tear Down – 6 points per person

Time Period for Accumulating Points

The points will accrue from December through November. This allows us to announce the winners at the holiday party.

Awards for Most Points

\$35 gift certificate for Grower of the Year (i.e., most points) + Milo Gilbertson certificate

\$30 gift certificate for Grower of the Year in whichever class did not receive the Gilbertson certificate

\$30 gift certificate for Exhibitor of the Year (person with the most exhibit points)