A List of Useful Items for your Judging Bag

* A pen
* A ruler, clear if possible, showing metric measurements (we measure plants, flowers and exhibits in centimeters or meters
* A soft measuring tape for measuring such as you might find in a sewing box to measure plants and exhibits. . .metric again
* Thread that can be used to measure along the contour of a flower part and that distance compared to a ruler where judging distance is difficult to reach with a ruler or could damage a flower
* A magnifying glass to view small flowers, parts or details
* A glossary of orchid and plant parts and terms
* Award description cheat sheet
* A notebook for taking notes on talks and plants at the judging table and for writing rough drafts of award descriptions
* A small laptop or tablet (make sure it has enough RAM and hard drive space for *OrchidPro* offline for where wifi is not available*)* to use for researching orchids at the judging table and for writing plant descriptions using the digital description form.
* The roster of email and cell phone numbers of judges in your center in case you get delayed on the way to a monthly judging or show

Below is a little handy chart for calculating percentage of points used on the Score Card for awards. You might want to print and laminate this. It speeds up figuring scores; e.g., for a Quality award for form that gives 15 points for overall form and you want to assign a mid-AM to it, go to 15 below Score and across to 85% for a 85-pt AM = 12.75. Round off the numbers when you add them up.

