

Annual Seminars Useful for AOS Judges

Note: The quality of speakers *in terms of usefulness for judging education* may vary from year to year for these seminars. Some may be more culture oriented. Contact each directly. This list is meant to make you aware of educational possibilities. If there are any that are missed, please contact jean.ikeson@gmail.com

JANUARY

--**Paphiopedilum Guild.** Sponsored by Orchid Digest. Usually held in California.

<https://sites.google.com/site/paphiopedilumguild/>

--**Paph Forum. (Or February)** Sponsored by National Capital Judging Center. National Arboretum, Washington, DC Includes AOS Judging. see www.ncos.us/paph-forum/

FEBRUARY

--**Tri-center Judges Seminar.** Sponsored by Houston JC, Louisiana JC and Dallas JC. Includes AOS Judging. (dates and locations vary from year to year as the three centers take turns hosting it). Contacts at these centers:

<https://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-judging/aos-judging-centers.aspx>

MARCH/APRIL

MAY/JUNE

--**Great Lakes Judging Center.** Third weekend in June. Small fee includes Saturday evening meal. AOS judging Saturday afternoon followed by talks and an auction in the evening. Talks continue Sunday morning. Out-of-town and local speakers. Two vendors. <http://www.gljc.org/> and Facebook.

JULY

--**Cattleya Symposium.** Late July or early August. Speakers (four or more), vendors, auction. Fee plus pizza party. Sponsored by Odom's Orchids in Florida. <https://odoms.com>

AUGUST

--**International Phalaenopsis Alliance.** Usually held in July or August. AOS judging. Speakers and vendors. AOS judging. www.phal.org

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

--**International Speaker's Day.** Sponsored by Orchid Digest. Fee. Orchiddigest.org

NOVEMBER

--**First International Vanda & Slipper Symposium** (Previously called Slipper alliance symposium). Hosted by Krull-Smith Orchids, Orlando, FL. Two days. Includes vendors/AOS judging. <https://www.slippersymposium.com/>

DECEMBER

DATE VARIES:

--**International Phalaenopsis Alliance Seminars and Regional Phal Days.** Speakers, vendors, may have AOS judging in conjunction with host center or orchid society. Separate of the event held in the summer in Apopka. phal.org/symposium.htm

--**Mid-America Orchid Congress.** Various locations. AOS judging. Speakers. midamericanorchids.org.

--**All-State (Michigan) Orchid Societies Annual Conference.** Speakers. <https://www.miorchidsociety.com/events>

