

Tips for Training Student Judges: The “Fine Print” in Sander’s
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A new addendum to *Sander’s List of Orchid Hybrids* is always received with pleasure and seems a suitable reward for the months spent anticipating the new arrival. In the rush to complete those “cross only” tags we’ve been holding, we sometimes overlook a wonderful training opportunity which is provided in each addendum.

At the front of each book, you will find sections headed “Introduction” and “Corrigenda.” Take a few moments and read these sections carefully because they condense much of what’s current in the evolution of orchid knowledge into just a few words. You’ll find a quick summary of orchid statistics, for example, and perhaps join me in wondering how on earth we are going to master the additional 124 new genera registered in the most recent five-year period. An entry gives a detailed treatment of the *Cattleya harrisoniana/harrisoniae/loddigessii* relationship in less than two inches of type, thereby illuminating an area I’ve heard debated for hours at a time.

Talk with your Regional Training Director about developing a program or two on the “fine print” in the Sander series. You’ll find a valuable extra benefit tucked into those often-overlooked pages.