American Orchid Society
Judging:
COME JOIN US!

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AOS Judges:

Recognize Orchids/Exhibits for:

• High quality
• Cultural excellence
• & Botanical/historical significance

Act as ambassadors for the AOS:

• Assisting shows in ribbon & AOS judging
• Giving talks at orchid societies
• Sharing by answering questions
Where?

✓ Monthly scheduled judgings at regional judging centers (see aos.org...judging centers)

✓ Shows

✓ Outreach judgings
Advantages

✓ When you want more than a society can offer
✓ Camaraderie with other passionate growers
✓ Travel with orchid friends
✓ Learn the deeper mysteries of orchids
APPLY

- Read Section 4.2-4.2.1.3 in the Handbook for judges (aos.org... Awards & judging
- Talk with regional judges and Chair
- Ask what are local requirements
What You Need:

- Be a member of the AOS
- Commitment & desire to learn
- Experience in exhibiting at & involvement in your local society
- Own or have access to a reference library
Three levels of judges:

- Student: 3-5 years; basic training
- Associate 3-5 years; advanced training
- Accredited: as long as you serve
Competency: An important skill that is needed to do a job
Study

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As a Student:

The Handbook

including:

• Attendance requirements
• Limits to time served as students/associates
• Ethics
• Conduct
As a Student

**Mechanics of Judging**

- Quality, Cultural, Botanical, Exhibit & Other Awards
- Judging Criteria
- The Score Card
- Ribbon Judging vs AOS Judging
As a Student

Judging Teams

• How to evaluate & comment on an orchid
• Who can nominate?
• Whose score counts?
As a Student

Research a species/grex, parents, previous awards, its hybrids
As a Student

Basic Concepts

• What makes a good flower
• Wow factor
• Genus, species, grex, clone/cultivar

*Paphiopedilum*
Prince Edward of York
‘Lady Harriet’ AM/AOS

B. Ramsay
As a Student

**Form:** judging & description

- Flower/plant parts
- Size
- Floriferousness
- Arrangement
- Stem

*Cattleya elongate f. alba*

‘Gabriel Amaru’ FCC/AOS

G. Barfield
As a Student

**Color**: judging & description

- Substance & Texture

*Paph. Gloria Naugle ‘Krull’s Sparkling Gloria’ AM/AOS*

W. Newton
As a Student

Create a PowerPoint Presentation

BEAUTIES OF THE BEAST: CATTLIANTHE CHOCOLATE DROP & ITS HYBRIDS

Jean Allen-Ikeson
Toronto Judging Centre
Dundas, Ontario, Canada
As a Student

Exhibits

- Design
- Exhibit awards
- Judging exhibits
- Exhibit descriptions
Major Genera

- Phalaenopsis
- Cattleya alliance
- Paphs, Phrags, Cyps
- Oncidiinae
- Vanda alliance
- Dendrobium
- Bulbophyllum
- Cymbidium
- Catasetinae
- Pleurothallids/Masd.
- Miscellaneous genera
Team Leader

- How to conduct teams
- Effective leadership
- Responsibility for accurate descriptions

Tom Kuligowski
Continued study in

• Species and hybrids

• Refine team leader skills for ribbon & AOS judging
Things to do

- PROJECT to demonstrate competency in research, analysis, judgment, conclusions, communication
- Understudy judging chair at more than one show/judging
- Almost finished!!
Lifelong for ALL Judges:

★ Read ★ Research ★ Attend
★ Present talks ★ Share ★ Travel

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