ACHIEVING JUDGING COMPETENCY

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COMPETENCY...

An important skill that is needed to do a job
Goals for Judges’ Training

- Participate
- Research
- Analysis
- Judgment/conclusions
- Communication
- Teamwork
- Leadership
Study

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Students

First Year

The Handbook

including:

• Attendance requirements
• Limits to time served as students/associates
• Ethics
• Conduct
Students

Mechanics of Judging

• Quality, Cultural, Botanical, Exhibit & Other Awards

• Judging Criteria

• The Score Card

• Ribbon Judging vs AOS Judging
Students

First Year

Judging Teams

• How to evaluate & comment on an orchid
• Who can nominate?
• Whose score counts?
Research a species/grex, parents, previous awards, its hybrids
Students

First Year

Award Descriptions

- Proper Order
- Form
- Color
- Surface Location (apex, distal, proximal, inferior, superior, etc.)
- Substance/texture
- Plant Description (CBR, CHM, CCM, CCE)
- SITF

Thirty-one flowers and nine buds on 40 inflorescences to 4 cm. . . .

Restrepia cymbula ‘Reagan’ CBR/AOS

M. Rollinger
First Year

Measurement
Size Counts!

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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
**Form**: judging & description

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

*Cattleya elongate f. alba*
‘Gabriel Amaru’  FCC/AOS

G. Barfield
Color: judging & description

- Substance & Texture

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

W. Newton
First Year

Create a PowerPoint Presentation

Good first talk: recent awards to a group w/value added on species/grex comparison, parents, trends
First Year

**Things to do**

- Attend as many shows & monthly judgings as possible
- Practice OrchidPro research
- Complete homework
- Listen to at least four-six AOS webinars
- Attend an out-of-region judging/seminar
- Deliver a PowerPoint presentation

R. Noel
Exhibits

- Design
- Exhibit awards
- Judging exhibits
- Exhibit descriptions
Students

Second Year

• Role of ribbon judging captain; instructions to a ribbon judging team
• Be able to rapidly research a plant and make suggestions for suitability for an award
• Write SITF form with confidence
• Measurement/description of more difficult genera: Stanhopea, Mormodes, etc.

Stanhopea jenischiana
‘Stephanie’s Baxter’ AM/AOS

A. Pinkers
Nomenclature

- World Checklist of Selected Plant Families
- RHS Orchid Register
- Accepted species & varieties; synonyms; horticultural varieties
- Genus, species, grex, epithet, variety, forma, dates after names, clone/cultivar
Second Year

**Taxonomy**

- The term DNA Sequencing
- The term clade
- Basis for current classification into species/genera
- How changes affect judging for
  - Ribbon Judging
  - AOS Judging

You say Laelia... I say Cattleya

You say Odontoglossum... I say Oncidium
Ploidy & Judging

Terms: aneuploid, diploid, triploid, tetraploid, polyploid, chromosome count, crippling

Effect on judging flowers

How to recognize a tetraploid?

Just looking at it??

Chromosome count
Students

2nd & 3rd Year

Major Genera Homework/Presentations

- Phalaenopsis
- Cattleya alliance
- Paphs, Phrags, Cyps
- Oncidiinae
- Vanda alliance
- Dendrobium
- Bulbophyllum
- Cymbidium
- Catasetinae
- Pleurothallids/Masd.
- Miscellaneous genera
Students 2nd & 3rd Year

Things to do

• Analytical PowerPoint presentations, breeding trends, future trends: 1/year
• Attend out-of-region conferences/take notes
• Hopefully attend an AOS Members Meeting
• Demonstrate via presentations & homework 4 steps in judging: research, analysis, judgment & communication
Late 3rd Year

**AOS Judging Team Leader**
(for the future)

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

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Continued study in

- Species and hybrids
- Refine team leader skills for ribbon & AOS judging
- Scores should rarely be out of range
Things to do

- Advanced, in-depth PROJECT to demonstrate competency in research, analysis, judgment, conclusions, communication
- Understudy judging chair at more than one show (provide instructions to judges, assist in making up teams & how to balance them, & Review Descriptions!
- Almost finished!!
Role of Judging Centers

- Implementation
- Guidance
- Encouragement
- Evaluation
- Communication
Lifelong for ALL Judges:

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

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