



## **Guidelines for Posting on the AOS Facebook site**

The American Orchid Society's mission is to promote and support the passion for orchids through education, conservation, and research. Its Facebook page reflects these values and is a place where information of a non commercial nature may be posted for the education and enjoyment of all who access the page.

In order to cut down on spammers entering the group and the amount of time required to remove them, people applying to the group will only be admitted if they have multiple friends in the group. If you do not know any members already in the group, please send a message to the moderator and ask to be added.

Anyone posting spam or offensive language will be removed from this group.

Non orchid-related posts will be removed. (If it isn't an orchid, it will be deleted). Please refrain from posting images of artificial flowers (even if they are orchids). Orchid botanical art is accepted (please give a brief description of the image).

No soliciting of any kind will be allowed. This page is not a place to sell or trade products or services, even if they are related to orchids. Selling plants is NOT allowed, Links to a company website is not permitted. The AOS does not endorse any vendor or business on its Facebook site.

If sharing images, proper credit must be given to the original photographer if possible, or the originator of the image. There may be instances where such images are protected by copyright laws. When at all possible, please include the identification of the image shown, for instance, genus, species, and variety. If you don't know, say "noid" or "no i.d."

We're all trying to educate each other here. Helping to identify a plant would be helpful to others. Again, if you don't know, ask for help to identify the flower/plant; perhaps someone on this page will be able to provide the answer.

Improper (offensive, hateful, derogatory of others in any way, etc) language and images will not be tolerated. Commenters to this page will conduct themselves in a civilized and adult manner. We treat each other with respect.

"Trolls" will be removed.

***Please note: Those who break these guidelines will be removed from the web site. If a second offense occurs, offenders will be cautioned and removed for 30 days. A third offence will lead to permanent suspension from the AOS Facebook site. The decision of the AOS moderator is final and may not be challenged.***

We ask for your cooperation in providing a page that is informative, inspiring and enjoyable and meets the AOS mission and requirements as stated above.

**Approved by the Board of Trustees at their meeting August 23, 2018**