

SHOW ENTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. An orchid show presented by the Michigan Orchid Society will be held at the MSU Management Education Center, 811 West Square Lake Road, Troy, Michigan on March 27–28, 2010.
2. Exhibitors may set up exhibits from 12:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2010. No entries will be accepted for judging after 7:00 p.m. Late entries may be exhibited, but will not be judged.
3. Neither the Michigan Orchid Society nor the MSU Management Education Center (MEC) is responsible for loss or damage to any plants, blooms, corsages, containers or other property of exhibitors. However, precautions will be exercised for their safety.
4. Requests for exhibition space should be sent to the Show Chair, Diane Burton, 10805 Oxbow Lake Shores, White Lake, MI, 48386.
5. Reasonable effort will be made to provide the amount of exhibition space requested. Should available space be less than expected, the Show Committee reserves the right to limit space allocated to any exhibitor.
6. Each exhibitor agrees, upon making entry, to abide by the rules and regulations of the show.
7. The show will be open to the public on Saturday, March 27, 2010, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., and on Sunday, March 28, 2010, from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
8. Admission to the show is free, and there are no fees to exhibitors for entries or assistance in setting up the exhibits.
9. Exhibits must be left in place until show closing time at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.
10. All cards displaying exhibitor's names will be provided by the sponsors. No other identification signs will be permitted.
11. Tables for exhibits will be furnished as available and without cost if requested in advance. The Michigan Orchid Society will furnish black backdrops.
12. Foliage plants, moss, etc., may supplement exhibits, but no artificial or dyed moss or foliage of any kind will be permitted, with the exception of artificial grass used as a floor covering.
13. This is a dry show — use of water, fountains, pools, etc., are not permitted by MEC regulations.
14. Any lighting used for effect is the responsibility of, and must be furnished by, the exhibitors. A very limited number of outlets are available and must be shared by all exhibitors. Electrical use may be restricted if it exceeds MEC limitations.
15. All plants or cut flowers exhibited for competition must be properly labeled without identification of the owner until after the judging. No dyed flowers will be permitted.
16. No cut flowers will be permitted in flowering plant exhibits, and no flowering plants will be permitted in cut flower exhibits.
17. Mericlone plants and cut flowers may not be entered in class 101 (seedling flowering for the first time). A mericlone is considered a vegetative division of the original plant and must be treated as such. If a plant is a mericlone, it should be so designated and the clonal name given.

18. For the purpose of the show schedule, the word "hybrid" means a cross made within the genus listed, unless preceded by the word "intergeneric", in which case two or more different genera are used in the cross.
19. The same exhibit cannot be entered in more than one class. An individual plant or cut flower cannot be entered in more than one class (except classes 100, 101, 102 and 114) but may be part of an exhibit.
20. All exhibits, plants, and cut flowers must be officially entered by class with the registration clerks to be considered for ribbon judging. Cut flowers and flowering plants shall be considered equally in judging.
21. For the purpose of this show, an amateur is defined as any person who has not sold more than 500 plants and/or blooms in the past year.
22. Judging will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. on March 27, 2010.
23. No one, other than properly authorized persons, will be permitted in the show area during judging.
24. There will be teams of 3 or more judges accredited by the American Orchid Society. The decision of the judges will be final.
25. All plants and cut flowers will be considered eligible for A.O.S. awards. Each person entering plants or flowers in the show agrees to accept any award given and to pay for such awards to the American Orchid Society. If an exhibitor specifically does not want a plant or cut flower to be considered for A.O.S. judging, the exhibitor may so designate with the registration clerks.
26. First, second, and third place ribbons may be awarded in each class at the discretion of the judges. Trophies will be awarded as designated. Judges have the authority to award or withhold any ribbon or trophy and may subdivide any class where warranted.
27. Judges and clerks are expected to familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations.
28. Improperly entered plants or exhibits may either be reclassified or disqualified at the discretion of the judges.
29. The Show Committee reserves the right to remove inferior exhibits and/or plants at any time.
30. All questions regarding the interpretation of these rules or regulations shall be referred to the Show Chair, whose decision will be final.
31. Any class containing both species and hybrids may be subdivided at the discretion of the judges.
32. All entry tags must be removed from all exhibits when judging is completed.
33. No sales tables shall be allowed in the exhibit area. Any plants sold which are part of an exhibit shall not be removed before the show is closed.
34. The Michigan Orchid Society reserves the right to refuse entry by any commercial vendor, society, or individual without regard to age, sex, race, or national origin.