SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW

2024 EXHIBITOR RULES

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Show Theme: ORCHIDS ~ FLORAL GEMS OF NATURE

Show Location: Earl Warren Showgrounds at Las Positas and Highway 101

3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Plant Exhibit Set-up: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM (doors locked at 9PM)

Thursday, March 7, 2024 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Plant Registration: Online until 7 PM Tuesday, March 5, 2024

At the Show Tuesday, March 5 and Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Registration closes 6 PM, Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Exhibitors must attach plant registration labels to their own plants

Show Hours: Friday – Sunday, March 8 – 10, 2024 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Vendor/Exhibitor Take-Down: Sunday, March 10, 2024 ~5:15 PM - 8:00 PM

Exhibitors must wear exhibitor ribbons during take-down

Exhibit Rules:

• Setup begins at 12 Noon on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

- Final assignment of exhibitor spaces is at the discretion of Show Management and subject to approval by the Show Board.
- Foliage plants are not provided for loan or rent by the Show. Exhibitors must provide their own display foliage. Exhibit Hall foliage plants are for the exclusive use of Show.
- Exhibitors MUST provide an <u>OFFICIAL SIGN</u> for their display with their company/ organization name or logo. The sign shall be placed face down or obscured during judging, but in clear view during Show hours. Name and logo only. No banners or leaflets.
- No flowering plants other than orchids, no dyed orchids, and no artificial plant material may be part of an exhibit. Exhibits should be $\frac{2}{3}$ orchids.
- All orchids must be properly labelled.
- All tabletop exhibits must have a table skirt, supplied by the Exhibitor, extending to the floor.
- Exhibitors may use water, gravel, wood, bark, sod, sand, soil, etc. in their displays. No plants and materials with offensive odors. Exhibitors must use fireproof materials.
- Plastic pots should be covered to enhance the display. Clay pots must be new, or cleaned.

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- Exhibitors are responsible for lighting their display. The Show provides ambient lighting, not individual flood lighting or spotlights.
- Helium tanks, aerosol sprays, or other explosive materials are **NOT** allowed inside the exhibit building.
- Exhibitors may NOT distribute flyers or advertising of any kind in the Exhibit Hall or parking lot.
- All exhibits will be reviewed for quality control, based on criteria used for AOS display judging including: General arrangement; quality of flowers; number of plants; and labeling. Exhibitors not meeting these standards will be notified of deficiencies. Management may exclude or disqualify any display not conforming to Show standards and regulations.
- The Santa Barbara International Orchid Show accepts no liability for shipments shipped directly to the Show. Large shippers please notify the Show Management to make arrangements.
- Exhibitors are to restore their display space to its original state (all trash removed) at the end of the Show. Show provides large trash containers outside. Please flatten all cartons, etc.
- Plants may NOT be removed from an exhibit before 5:15 PM Sunday, March 10, 2024. No exceptions!
- All plants must be nursery grown and not obviously collected from the wild. Exhibitors will follow Agricultural Commissioner requirements. Importers of plant materials must be prepared to provide phytosanitary and CITES documents upon request. If illegal plants are part of a display or offered for sale, the Show Management will require their immediate removal from the Showgrounds.

Judging and Plant Registration:

- To be entered for ribbon or AOS judging, plants must be registered either online or at the Show. Exhibitors will receive a sticky label for each registered plant. The label must be attached to a leaf or other prominent spot before 8 AM Thursday, March 7, 2024. Ribbon judging is free. **EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR AOS AWARD FEES.** Exhibits not to be AOS judged must have a Do Not Judge sign.
- Plants may be registered online at www.sborchidshow.com. Online registration closes at 7 PM Tuesday, March 5, 2024.
- Plants may be registered at the show until 6 PM Wednesday, March 6, 2024.
- Displays are automatically entered in ribbon judging. You MUST notify the Show if your exhibit size changes from your original application.