Welcome! Please use these Guidelines to streamline the registration process. **Pre-registration is strongly recommended** via e-mail or snail-mail until 9PM Tuesday, October 30, 2018. Pre-registrations received after this deadline will be entered on Set-up day, Thursday, November 1st **11:00 AM to 5:00 PM** **sharp! Displays must be COMPLETE by 6:00 PM (unless extended by show committee).**

**Please e-mail completed pre-registration forms to Brigitte Fortin** **bfortin425@msn.com** **AND copy to** **show@massorchid.com**

The official classification index for this show is in the document entitled:

***‘MOS 2018 World of Orchids Up Close and Personal (.docx or .pdf)’***

This document is on the MOS website. First page of document lists trophies that will be awarded; page 2 contains condensed guidelines and definitions; page 3 begins with Exhibit classes 001-013 and continues with Cattleya Alliance to end of list). Note ‘definitions’ also appear throughout the classification list.

Read the guidelines and Classification list before filling an Entry Form. If any questions, PLEASE ask Registration Clerk for help.

Classification Index describes and gives examples of what is (is not) in a class and lists all classes in which a plant, cut flower, artwork, exhibit, etc. may be entered. If something is *specifically excluded* from a class, the exception will be noted.

Remember that there have been name changes for many genera - for example, Sophronitis is now Cattleya; Odontoglossum and Colmanara are now Oncidium; Ascocenda is Vanda.

This Classification Index is arranged to show **intergeneric** names as appropriate. An **intergeneric** should be entered in the first class in which one parent genus is listed (alpha-order), i.e. put Bealleara (Brassia, Odontoglossum, Miltonia, Cochlioda) in class 078, "Brassia species, hybrids, and intergeneric hybrids; Colmanara (Oncidium, Odontoglossum, Miltonia) in 081 "Miltonia/Miltoniopsis intergeneric hybrids …"

When registering, use the name that is on the label; if an updated name is on the label, please use that name. If a plant is pulled for AOS judging and it is awarded, AOS judges will provide you with the new name.

In **Paphiopedilum** group, there are specific classes for **Paph. P/NP, complex** and **multifloral** hybrids, please register appropriately.

**Standard Phalaenopsis** flowers are generally larger than 6 cm (3”) NS (natural spread) at maturity. At maturity, a **Miniature Phal / Dtps** plant generally has flowers that are no more than 3 cm (1 ½”) NS that are borne on multi-branched inflorescences. **Standards and Miniatures should be registered together, by colour group. At judges’ discretion, multiple first place ribbons may be awarded.**

Pay particular attention to definitions of all classes in an alliance. If in doubt about genera involved in a complex intergeneric, check AQ Plus, OrchidWiz, Wildcatt, etc. Do not guess or put a plant into an inappropriate class. *Plants entered in the wrong class will usually not be judged.* Ask a Registration Clerk for help.

Many plants are eligible for special trophies - i.e. First Bloom Seedling (**NO** **meristems**), Plants Grown In the Home. If plant qualifies, list it in appropriate plant class AND special class as separate items on the Entry Form.

New exhibitors may qualify for the Paul B. Moore Trophy for Best Exhibit by a Novice. A **novice** is an exhibitor (and co-exhibitors) who has never received a ribbon or an award for an orchid show *exhibit (display).* Ribbons for plants do not limit eligibility. If unsure about whether to enter exhibit class 012, ask the Registration Clerks.

Another special award is the Wilford B. Neptune trophy given to the **Grower** of a plant that demonstrates cultural excellence. Each judging team will nominate a candidate from the flower class group(s) that they judge. Team captains will determine the winner of the award.

Plants may also be judged in Class 151, Fragrance (Best / Worst). Fragrance will be judged by: 1. Intensity (strength of fragrance); 2. Diffuseness (Fragrant from distance or only close up?; 3. Pleasantness (or Unpleasantness); 4. Elegance (How well-rounded and perfumey is the fragrance?); 5. Instant appeal (Do I like it and how much?)

If entire display is of Fragrant plants, register the display in Class 006; register each plant in Class 151; AND register EACH plant in appropriate flower class.

ANY plant registered in Class 151 Fragrance MUST BE DISPLAYED so that it is **easily** accessible to the judges without being moved.

All plants registered in Class 151 Fragrance MUST ALSO BE registered in the appropriate flower class to be considered for any ribbon, trophy, or award.

**NEW - Non-Flowering Neofinetia, Dendrobium, etc. should be entered in Class 122B Other non-flowering orchids.**

Please use the Fillable Entry Form or similar document for all registrations. Clearly fill-in or print all information EXCEPT Exhibit No., Exhibitor Number and Assigned Ticket Number. If using the Fillable Form, save it as a **.doc** (not .docx) file with your name, society, file1.doc … i.e. eckstrom mos file 1.doc etc. ***Registrar will assign an Exhibit Number for each display and Exhibitor Number for each person that has a plant or other item entered in a display.*** *The Orchid Show Management program generates the Assigned Ticket Number.*

Info YOU provide on the Plant Entry Form should include: Line 1: Genus and species or hybrid registered name, clonal epithet, AOS awards (if any) OR parent names of an unregistered hybrid. Lines 2 and 3: Parent names of a registered hybrid

Pre-register all plants or items that you hope to show; tags will be ready at setup.  If you do not use an item, mark DELETE on tag, return it to Registration. *You may register additional plants on set-up day.*

If registering at set-up, use an official Entry Form or similar document, print clearly, and follow above examples as a guide.  Bring complete and accurate Entry Forms to Registration desk as early as possible on set-up day so that we can accommodate everyone in a timely, organized and rational manner. Judging tags will be returned to you as soon as practical only after all items on your Entry Form have been entered into the OSM database.

To be eligible for any MOS Show Ribbon, Trophy or Special Award, a plant, exhibit or exhibit item must be in the database. If, for any reason, you do not show an item that is in the database, write DELETE on Judging Tag and return it to Registration Desk so that it can be removed from the database.

All plants (registered or not) may be considered (pulled) for AOS Judging. If awarded, exhibitor is responsible for any fees associated with award. If you specifically want your plant AOS Judged, please ask for an AOS entry form. *If you do not want a plant considered for AOS Judging, please ask us for a “Not for AOS Judging” card.*

We look forward to a smooth Registration process and a great show! With your cooperation, it will happen!

Best regards,

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