THE SACRAMENTO ORCHID SOCIETY
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2026 77th Annual Orchid Show & Exotic Plant Sale
Timeless Orchids

Dates: **April 16th & 17th (setup) and 18th & 19th Sale**
April 17th, Friday Preview Event - 6:30 pm – 9 pm
Location: **Elks Lodge 2103, 5631 Cypress Ave., Carmichael, CA**
Theme: ***"Timeless Orchids"***

Schedule

Thursday, April 16	**9 am - 9 pm Elks Lodge Carmichael open**
9 am	Elks Lodge open - Show setup begins - **SOS only.**
1 pm – 8 pm	Gardens, Vendors, and Exhibits begin setup. Individual Plant and Garden Registration
7 pm - 9 pm	Clerks prepare for judging, locate all plants to be judged
Friday, April 17	**9 am - 6 pm Elks Lodge Carmichael open**
9 am-10 am	Clerks prepare for Judging, Vendor setup – **SOS & Vendors only**
10 am-1 pm	Ribbon Judging, Vendor setup
1 pm - 6 pm	AOS Judging Begins.
6:30 pm - 9 pm	***Preview Event – Tickets required***
Saturday, April 18	**10 am - 5 pm Show open to the Public.**
8 am - 10 am	Elks Lodge opens to members and vendors.
10 am - 5 pm	Doors open to the public.
Sunday, April 19	**10 am - 4 pm Show open to the Public.**
9 am	Elks Lodge open to members and vendors.
10 am - 4 pm	Doors open to the public.
4 pm - 6 pm	Show and Vendor teardown

Vendors

- Barsch Tropicals
- Cal Orchid
- D&D Flowers
- Gold Country Orchids
- MGM Orchids
- Paph Paradise
- Tropical Plants from South America
- In Situ Orchids
- SOS Members Sales

2026 Show Committee

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

DEFINITIONS:

Novice: A non-professional who has not yet won any one of the following: Five (5) or more 1st place ribbons, or an AOS/ODC trophy, or a Best of Class Award or any other plaque at any AOS-judged orchid show.

Hobbyist: A non-professional who has won at least one of the following: Five (5) or more 1st place ribbons, or an AOS/ODC trophy, or a Best of Class Award at any AOS-judged orchid show.

Commercial: A professional or **business** entrant who sells to the general public from an established place of business and whose primary source of income stems from the sale of plants and supplies.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Authority: The decisions and rulings of the judges will be final with respect to all awards. The decisions of the Show Chair are final with respect to all other matters pertaining to the show.

2. Judging: Only the judges and their assistants will be permitted in the area where judging is in progress. The Chair of Judges may establish additional classes if he/she deems it necessary. AOS judging is open to the public

3. Diseases and Pests: For your protection and the protection of other growers**, NO plant with visible insects, pests, or disease will be accepted for entry.** The Show Chair and Chair of Judges reserve the right to pull any diseased plant or plant with pests. Plants shall be in good, presentable condition. This rule and its authority also applies to commercial vendors.

4. Plant Grooming: Individual orchid plants, including foliage plants, should be groomed prior to display. Grooming includes the removal of all dried and dead plant parts, trimming of leaf tips due to browning, and the cleaning of leaves and/or pots. The Show Chair may ask an entrant to do additional grooming.

5. Use of Artificial Materials: Natural orchids, which are strongly preferred, and other plants available for sale at the show may be displayed in exhibits or gardens. There may be no enhancement of natural flower or foliage color, neither may any artificial plant material be used. Cut flowers, including orchids, are not permitted in gardens, but may be used in exhibits and displays.

6. Lighting: Any special lighting is the responsibility of the exhibitor. All entrants should bring their own lighting devices, power strips and 25-foot extension cords.

7. Material Removal: No plant shall be removed, or any display dismantled, prior to 4 pm Sunday without the prior approval of the Show Chair. All exhibitors are requested to be present by 3:30 pm Sunday to prevent potential misappropriation of plants and material by other than the rightful owner. Neither the Show Committee nor the Sacramento Orchid Society is responsible for lost or stolen plants.

8. Entries: Additional rules are provided in the section applicable to each entry.

9. Personal or Property Damage: The Show Committee will take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of property entered for competition or display, but neither the Show Committee, the Sacramento Orchid Society, the Scottish Rite Center, nor persons controlling the show will be responsible for personal or property damage or loss.

10. Water: WATER FEATURES ARE PERMITTED (e.g., ponds, fountains, flumes, etc.). Plants may be misted carefully as necessary, and watered as long as any spills are cleaned up promptly. **SPILLED WATER MUST BE CLEANED UP PROMPTLY TO AVOID DAMAGE TO THE FLOOR**.

11. Tape: ONLY blue "painters' tape" can be used on the flooring. "Duct tape" removes the finish and incurs deductions from our cleaning deposit, which will be charged to the individual using the tape.

12. Theme Signs: Exhibitors must furnish their ***theme*** signs. Signs must present a professional appearance. Theme sign size may not exceed 8.5" x 14". No individual(s), vendor(s), or sponsor(s) names shall be allowed in garden displays until after judging is completed.

13. Garden and Display Signs: The Society will provide and place individual or sponsor ***name*** signs, to be placed on the displays after judging.

14. Ribbon Judging: Novice and Hobbyist plants only are open for ribbon judging. First, Second, and Third place ribbons may be awarded to the best plants in each entry class at the discretion of the judges.

15. American Orchid Society (AOS) Awards: This Show has been approved for AOS judging. All plants, whether entered for ribbon judging or not, may be considered for AOS awards unless marked by the entrant. If an inflorescence has previously been entered or judged at an AOS function it is considered to have been screened and therefore is not eligible for consideration at this Show. It should be marked "Not for AOS judging". This will not disqualify the flower from consideration in the proper ribbon or trophy class. Submission of plants for judging shall obligate the entrant to accept any award granted and to pay any fees connected with such an AOS award, except where it has been clearly indicated before the judging that the entry was not to be AOS judged.

16. Fees: The owner of any plant receiving an AOS award (e.g., HCC, AM, FCC, CCM, etc.) is responsible for the payment of any fees required by the AOS, and for charges for personal slides obtained from the AOS photographer. Fees may change at the discretion of the AOS.

17. Other: In addition to the above rules and regulations, applicable portions of the AOS Handbook on Judging and Exhibition will be followed.

18. Plant, Garden, Exhibit, and Arrangement Entry Instructions: Please see details below.

AWARDS

Awards given by the Sacramento Orchid Society:
- Best Theme Garden
- Best Commercial Garden or Exhibit
- Best of Class in each Individual Plant Class
- Best Commercial Plant

Other Awards:
- The **Sacramento Orchid Society Special Award** may be presented in all Sections, provided the exhibit is entered for ribbon judging. Additional awards may be presented at the judges' discretion if it is felt that the exhibit is deemed worthy.
- The **Dick Snow Best Exhibited Species Award** may be awarded for the best species exhibited in a garden, display, or entered for judging. *Only non-commercial growers who are members of the Sacramento Orchid Society are eligible.* While a member may win this award more than once, they may not win two years in a row.
- The **Judges' Cup Trophy** may be awarded for an orchid plant entered by a novice or hobbyist (NOT a commercial entrant) that has unusual merit in the opinion of the judges.
- The **Rob Cutter Memorial Award** is given to the best plant shown by a Novice. *Only members of the Sacramento Orchid Society are eligible.* Anyone who has previously won any plaque, Best of Class, Rob Cutter, Dick Snow, Judge's Cup or an AOS award is not eligible.
- The **Best of Class** - Vandaceous award, noted below under Individual Plants, is now the **Dick Murrill Best Vandaceous Award** in honor of his love for Vandas and his contributions to the Sacramento Orchid Society.
- The **Sweepstakes Trophy** will be awarded to the SOS member whose plants submitted for ribbon judging result in the highest total ribbon point score based on: Blue = 3 points, Red = 2 points, White = 1 point.

Special Complimentary American Orchid Society (AOS) and Orchid Digest Corporation (ODC) Awards are awarded at the Judges' discretion. These are awarded for displays of plants, flowers and educational material.
- **AOS Gold Certificate**: awarded to groups of plants, displays, or collections
- **AOS Educational Exhibit**: awarded to an educational exhibit of outstanding excellence
- **AOS Trophy** may be awarded to a garden deemed meritorious of the award in the opinion of the AOS judges. No size/space requirements.
- **AOS Artistic Certificate** for artistic display of orchids in use, may be awarded for an outstanding exhibit judged to be exceptionally artistic. Available to Novice, Hobbyist and Commercial entrants.
- **ODC Trophy** may be awarded to a non-commercial exhibit at the option of the judges. It may be awarded to an exhibit which, in the opinion of the judges, displays the highest levels of excellence in artistry, taste, and innovation in design and presentation, flower quality and cultural excellence. It is given to encourage the growing of better-quality hybrids and species and to encourage their better culture. Judges may also consider the exhibit's educational value and the rarity of its plant materials. There are no size or space requirements.

PLANT, GARDEN AND EXHIBIT REGISTRATION

NOTE to GARDEN and EXHIBIT REGISTRANTS
We welcome entries in the Garden and Exhibit categories but we need to know how much space will be needed to accommodate all entries. *PLEASE CONTACT Galen Carpenter (galenbarb@gmail.com), Staging Chair; and Eddie Lopez (cheeno21@yahoo.com), Show Chair, and Vendor Chair, Dave Veach (orchiddave@mycci.net) no later than Friday, April 1, to guarantee your space.* We may not be able to accommodate your entry if you have not pre-registered.

SECTION I: GARDENS FLOOR OR TABLE TOP GARDENS

EXHIBITORS: Members of the Sacramento Orchid Society, orchid groups, and vendors are eligible.

ENTRANT CATEGORIES: **Non-Professional** (Novice/Hobbyist) and **Professional** (Commercial)

JUDGING CRITERIA: Judges will consider flower quality, plant variety, general arrangement, labeling of plants, and the title of the display. There are no restrictions on the number of plants per garden that may be registered for ribbon judging. The primary focal point must be orchids, not the props or foliage. If a garden contains plants provided by multiple growers that are to be considered for judging, then a separate Plant Entry Form for each grower/entrant must be completed.

PLANT LABELING: All orchids in gardens must be uniformly labeled in an attractive and discreet manner.

GARDEN TYPES:
Table-top Garden with a minimum of **5 blooming orchid plants**. Garden size must be a minimum of 1/2 the size of the tabletop and a maximum of the entire table.
Floor garden with a minimum of **15 blooming orchid plants**.

AWARDS:
- **First, second, and third** place awards may be given in each class
- The **AOS Educational Certificate** may be awarded, if merited

BASKET GARDENS

EXHIBITORS AND ENTRANTS: Exhibition and competition is only open to members of the Sacramento Orchid Society. Entries by commercial orchid nurseries are not allowed. All entrants are considered hobbyist, i.e., a non-commercial individual with no restrictions based on past awards.

BASKET GARDEN RULES: The only blooming plants are to be orchids, with no minimum or maximum number allowed. Foliage plants and/or dried plant material may be included. Non-decorative pots are to be concealed. The container should enhance the design and the orchids. Orchids are to be appropriately identified and labeled. Basket size is limited to what can be carried by one person, and all sizes will be judged together.

SECTION II: EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

EXHIBITORS: Members of the Sacramento Orchid Society, orchid groups, and vendors are eligible.

ENTRANT CATEGORIES: **Non-Professional** (Novice/Hobbyist) and Professional (Commercial)

JUDGING CRITERIA: Judges will consider quality, educational quality, general arrangement, and appearance of the exhibit, and the title of the display.

EXHIBIT AND DISPLAY TYPES
Non-Professional / Novice/Hobbyist Exhibits and Displays
Categories include:
Educational Exhibits
Artist-submitted Artwork / Other Artwork
Photography
Memorabilia/Collections Featuring Orchids (e.g., pins, stamps, china, etc.)

Professional / Commercial Exhibits and Displays
Categories are the same as above.

AWARDS:
- **First, second, and third** place awards may be given in each class.
- The **AOS Educational Certificate** may be awarded, if merited.

SECTION III: INDIVIDUAL PLANTS

EXHIBITORS: Exhibition classes for individual plants are open to anyone.

ENTRIES: Non-professionals may enter individual plants for ribbon judging, AOS judging, or both. Professionals may ***only*** enter individual plants for AOS judging, and these plants are eligible for the Best Commercial Plant award.

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- **Hobbyist: A non-professional** who has won at least one of the following: Five (5) or more 1st place ribbons, or an AOS/ODC trophy, or a Best of Class Award at any AOS-judged orchid show.
- **Commercial: A professional** or **business** entrant who sells to the general public from an established place of business and whose primary source of income stems from the sale of plants and supplies.

RULES:

1. **Plants entered for individual judging must be correctly identified**. Persons entering plants for individual ribbon judging shall be responsible for entering their plants in the correct class, including correct name(s) or parentage of plant, spelling, and any awards given to it. Plant name and class of entry must be submitted on the entry form provided, preferably in advance (See Plant Entry Instructions, below). Assistance will be available at Registration for plant identification and class placement.

2. Plants may only be entered in one class.

3. Any plant, including those in gardens, may be entered for AOS judging. If a plant is not to be considered for AOS judging (because it has been judged previously), please indicate on the plant registration form

4. There is no limit to the number of plants in a garden that may be registered for ribbon judging. If a plant will be located in a garden, rather than on the bench with other plants in the class, **the entry form must indicate in which garden the plant is located so the judges can find and evaluate the plant.**

5. Judges retain the option of not judging a plant that is entered in an inappropriate class and/or to relocate the plant to an appropriate class.

6. The owner of any plant receiving an AOS award is responsible for payment of any certificate and registration fees required by the AOS, and charges for personal slides obtained from the AOS photographer.

7. All plants entered for ribbon judging must remain on display throughout the show. Plants from non-members of the Sacramento Orchid Society that earn an AOS award also must remain on display throughout the show. Owners may claim their plants on Sunday at the close of the show.

8. **Plants must have been owned by the exhibitor for a minimum of six (6) months.**

AWARDS:

- **First, second, and third** place ribbons will be given, if merited, to non-professional entries in each class.
- The **Sweepstakes Trophy** is given to the individual who receives the most total award points.
- The **Best of Class** award given to the best plant in each plant class entered by a Novice or Hobbyist.

Best of Class awards are ***only*** given to Sacramento Orchid Society members in good standing.

- The **Best Commercial Plant** award will be presented to the entry selected by AOS judges.

PLANT ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete the Plant Entry Form (attached), type or print clearly, and keep a copy to assist in reclaiming your plants after the show. If you have a lot of plants and working with the form/table is tedious, you may list the information in a similar format in the text of your e-mail, OR provide a simple list in Word or Excel, OR hand write, scan and send as a PDF. We can deal with the information - so long as it is LEGIBLE (please use BLACK ink).

If you are uncertain about a plant being ready or too far gone to display, list it anyway! We have approximately 450 entries to catalog and tags to print and that's a lot at the last minute! Far better to have more entries in early, and delete the 'no-shows', than have last minute entries on Friday evening. This is especially important if you are driving in from any distance and could encounter traffic delays.

Taxonomists have been busy rearranging and renaming plant classifications over the last few years. We will use this more accurate terminology. **PLEASE access the Royal Horticultural Society website, search the International Orchid Register, and get the current, accurate nomenclature for your plants! IT'S EASY and it's FREE!! http://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/orchidregister.asp**

You can also use OrchidWiz or the AOS software to properly identify your plant entries.

If you do not know which class a plant belongs in, PLEASE get some help from an experienced grower or one of our local vendors, and make a note of your concern on your registration form if you are still unsure. In most instances, we cannot guess appropriate class placement from the name alone.

2. **E-mail the registration information to Bev Moon at bev@mclure.org by Monday, April 13 at 9 pm.** Registrations received after this date may be delayed.

3. **Deliver your plants to Plant Registration on Thursday, April 16 from 9 am to 7 pm**. In order to have all the plants entered, placed in the appropriate display area, and cross checked by the clerks in time for judging to start, **all plant entries must be on site no later than 7 pm on April 16. If you cannot meet this deadline, please contact the Registration Chair well in advance to make special arrangements.**

4. Upon delivering your plants, pick up identification tags for your pre-registered plants and work with registration personnel to place your entries in the appropriate display area.

5. Advise registration personnel of any changes in your plant entries (additions or deletions) so appropriate adjustments to the database and identification tag corrections can be made.

6. ***If you have not pre-registered, please arrive as early as possible, but no later than 2 pm on April 16th, complete an entry form upon arrival and remain on-site until identification tags are completed. Once you have your tags, please assist registration personnel in placing your plants in the display area.***

Thanks for your cooperation and for your entries! Good luck to all.

Bev Moon, Registration Chair
916.710.9028
bev@mclure.org

PLANT CLASSES - 2026

EACH PLANT ENTRY SHOULD BEST RESEMBLE THE CATEGORY IT IS ENTERED INTO.

Class A: Cattleya Alliance

1. Epidendrum, Encyclia, Prostechya, & Leptotes
2. Cattleya species
3. Cattleya alliance hybrids - white, semi-alba
4. Cattleya alliance hybrids - yellow, green, bronze
5. Cattleya alliance hybrids - orange, red, art shades
6. Cattleya alliance hybrids - pink, lavender, splash
7. Cattleya alliance hybrids - all other colors
8. Miniature species & hybrids, **under 6" at maturity,** not including flower spike

Class B: Phalaenopsis Alliance

1. Phalaenopsis species
2. Phalaenopsis hybrids - white, semi-alba
3. Phalaenopsis hybrids - pink, lavender
4. Phalaenopsis hybrids - yellow, incl. spots & bars
5. Phalaenopsis hybrids - striped, all colors
6. Phalaenopsis hybrids - all other colors, incl. spots, blotches, & bars

Class C: Cypripedium Alliance

1. Paphiopedilum species
2. Paphiopedilum hybrids - Brachiopedilum
3. Paphiopedilum hybrids - Maudiae types
4. Paphiopedilum hybrids - multifloral
5. Paphiopedilum hybrids - Parvisepalum
6. Paphiopedilum - complex hybrids
7. Paphiopedilum - other hybrids
8. Phragmipedium species
9. Phragmipedium hybrids - pink, red, orange
10. Phragmipedium hybrids - other

Class D: Vandaceous (Sarcanthid) Alliance

1. Angraecum, Aerangis & other African species
2. Angraecum, Aerangis & other African hybrids
3. Aerides, Rhynchostylis, Renanthera, & other Asian species & hybrids
4. Vanda species - flowers less than 3"
5. Vanda species - flowers greater than 3"
6. Vanda hybrids - flowers less than 3"
7. Vanda hybrids - flowers greater than 3"
8. Sarchochilus species
9. Sarchochilus hybrids - sepals and petals pink and white only (lip may be any color)
10. Sarcochilus hybrids - sepals and/or petals having a color other than pink or white

Class E: Dendrobium Alliance

1. Antelope type
2. Nobile type
3. Phalaenopsis type
4. Latouria type
5. Formosana & Callista type
6. Australian type
7. All other species
8. All other hybrids

Class F: Cymbidium Alliance

1. Cymbidium & Gramatophyllum species
2. Cymbidium hybrids - white to yellow
3. Cymbidium hybrids - green to bronze
4. Cymbidium hybrids - pink to red
5. Cymbidium hybrids - novelty colors
6. Miniature hybrids flowers less than 2"
7. Pendant Cymbidiums

Class G: Oncidium Alliance

1. Miltionia & Miltoniopsis species and hybrids
2. Oncidium species and hybrids
3. Oncidium intergeneric hybrids resembling Oncidium
4. Brassia species and Oncidium intergeneric hybrids resembling Brassia
5. Tolumnia species and hybrids including Rodriguezia

Class H: Miscellaneous

1. Masdevallia & Dracula
2. Pleurothallis & Restrepia
3. Zygopetalum, Bollea, Promenaea, & Pescatorea
4. Catasetum, Cycnoches & Mormodes
5. Bulbophyllum
6. Maxillaria
7. All species and hybrids not in groups above
8. Foliage plants (does not have to be in flower)
9. Seedling flowering for the FIRST TIME
10. Miniature (**non**-Cattleya alliance) - **less than 6"**

Class I: Gardens and Displays

1. Basket Garden (any size)
2. Display - Novice / Hobbyist
3. Display - Commercial / Professional
4. Table Top Garden - Novice / Hobbyist

Plant Registration Form

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Exhibitor:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email:_____

Please check your entrant status NOVICE _____ HOBBYIST_____

CLASS letter/##	Plant Name List ALL parts of name given on plant tag	Awarded previously ?	Has this inflorescence been judged by AOS? *	Will your plant(s) be in a GARDEN? Which one?
	NOTE: Every entry must have BOTH a letter and number in the class column!! **Example:**			
A 2	**Cattleya mossiae**	**No**	**No**	**SOS garden**

* If the current inflorescence on your plant has already been considered for AOS Judging, please indicate YES.