



Susquehanna Orchid Society

DIRECTIONS to SKH from I-83 North:

- Take **Exit 19** for **PA-462** (Market Street)
- Bear right onto **N. Hill Road**
- Turn **Right** onto **US-30** (Arsenal Road East/Market Street)
- Take **Ramp** (on Right) to **PA 741** toward Millersville/Rohrerstown
- Turn **Right onto PA 741** – SKH is about a mile down on the Left.

GUIDELINES:

The show is being staged at **Stauffer's of Kissel Hill (SKH)** at 301 Rohrerstown Road in Lancaster PA 17603. There is no charge for admission to the show or sales area.

1. The show is sanctioned by **the American Orchid Society** and will be judged by its rules and judges.
2. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and honorable mention ribbons will be awarded in all classes subject to the discretion of the judges and show chair. Special awards may be awarded to exhibits and plants in any class meriting such recognition as determined by the judges.
3. At the request of the judges, the show chair reserves the right to combine or subdivide classes.
4. Exhibit Awards: (The following to be awarded at the discretion of the judges.)
 - a. The **American Orchid Society (AOS)** show trophy to be awarded to the most outstanding exhibit of orchid plants in flower, arranged for effect.
 - b. The **Orchid Digest (ODC)** award to be awarded to a hobbyist or Society exhibit of 25 square feet or larger, demonstrating high quality orchids and excellent culture.
 - c. The **Slipper Orchid Alliance (SOA)** Award.
 - d. The **International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA)** Award may be awarded at the discretion of the judges.
 - e. **Best Exhibits:** (Orchid plants in flower arranged for effect)
 - i. Best Society exhibit 50 square feet or larger
 - ii. Best Society exhibit 25 square feet
 - iii. Best Society exhibit
 - iv. Best Hobbyist exhibit 15 square feet or larger
 - v. Best Hobbyist exhibit tabletop
 - vi. Best Hobbyist exhibit
 - vii. Best Commercial exhibit 50 square feet or larger
 - viii. Best Commercial exhibit 25 square feet
 - ix. Best Commercial exhibit
 - x. Best Educational exhibit
 - xi. Best Exhibit by first time exhibitor
5. A **People's Choice Award** will be presented to the display judged by the visiting public as the best exhibit of the show.
6. **Individual plant awards** are listed in a separate document.
7. While all reasonable **security precautions** will be taken, neither SOS, nor SKH, is responsible for damage or loss of plants, bloom, or exhibitor personal property.
8. Exhibits must be **set up** between 10am and 7 pm on Thursday October 22. Special arrangements may be made to bring in plants and/or staging on Wednesday October 21.
9. Exhibitors must provide for installation and removal of their exhibits. No exhibit may be dismantled prior to 6pm on Sunday October 25, 2009.
10. The show committee will assign each exhibitor a **display space**. No changes can be made once a space has been assigned.
11. Nothing may be hung from, stapled or taped to the walls or fixtures or other property of the SKH facility.

12. Exhibited plants must be clean, well groomed, and free of pests and disease. The show committee reserves the right to reject any plant or display not complying with this guideline.
13. Exhibit space size will be set by the show chair. The show committee reserves the right to deny entry of inferior exhibits or parts thereof.
14. Improperly classified exhibits may be disqualified.
15. Entries of plants or exhibits received after the **deadline** may be exhibited only at the discretion of the Show Chair.
16. SOS will supply a name card for each exhibit. No other signs will be permitted until after judging.
17. Exhibitors are expected to label all plants, especially those entered for ribbon and/or AOS judging by name and/or cross. Please use black label cards. Lettering should be done with a waterproof pen. It is suggested that plant label cards be waterproofed by spraying with clear plastic or lacquer. Please do NOT spray in the building.
18. **Red stickers** will be provided for plants "**Out of Class.**" I.e. Commercial plant in a hobbyist or society exhibit or hobbyist plant in a commercial exhibit. Red Stickers are to be attached to the front of the plant label card.
19. **Green stickers** will be provided for "First bloom" seedling plants (no meristem or stem props please). Green stickers are to be attached to the front of the plant label card. First bloom plants may be staged in an exhibit, or on the first bloom table.
20. A **Commercial grower** is defined as an individual who sells more than 100 orchid plants, flasks, or community pots or a combination of the above in a year. Final determination of grower status is the responsibility of the Show Chair.
21. There will be a **Member Plant Sales Table**. Plants must be established and free of pests and disease. All plants must have a sticker with the price and seller's initials. All sellers must register with the show chair. Non commercial grower members may sell up to a combined total of 20 plants, compots, or flasks at the 2009 show. At the discretion of the show chair, member may be allowed to sell extra plants based on their work towards the success of the show and overall contribution to SOS during the year.
22. Anyone selling orchid plants, compots, or flasks other than from SOS's member Sales Table must install a 25 square foot or larger orchid display.
23. Single orchid plants grown for foliage or flowers may be exhibited and presented for judging by being placed in **Grower's Choice**. Grower's Choice Plants must have been owned and grown by the presenter for a minimum of 6 months.
24. Species classes include **natural hybrids**.
25. Definitions:
 - a. Intrageneric hybrids have parents from more than one species, but from only one genus.
 - b. Intergeneric hybrids have parents from more than one genus.
26. Unless clearly designated otherwise, all exhibited plants will be eligible for AOS judging. By entering a plant in the show, the exhibitor agrees to complete AOS requirements for awarded plants.
27. All questions regarding interpretation or application of these show guidelines will be referred to the Show Chair. The Show Chair's decisions will be final.