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## Annual Orchid Show 2013

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Dear member,

This major event on the calendar of the Society is now at our doorstep. The timing is I believe appropriate to remind you of a few things. First of all put a note in your diary that you have a big commitment on Friday 4th October. In the morning you will have to bring your plants for registration and in the evening all members are invited to the opening ceremony at 6.30 p.m., at the municipality of Quatre Bornes.

In the meantime you need to have a closer look at your plants and get them ready. Check the labels to see if the names are still on them. If not, you still have time to try to trace the name back from your notes.

We have already registered a few members who have volunteered to help and we are looking forward to hear from you.

We have revisited the whole process of the orchid show competition and you will find in this issue the complete set of regulations which everyone should be aware of.

We hope that each and every member will contribute one way or another to make it a success.

Serge L'Ecluse

## Our New Web Site

The Orchid Society of Mauritius has a new web site since the 24th August 2013. The site address is <http://www.orchidmauritius.org>

The initial one, you will remember, had been launched at the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Society and has been quite useful on many accounts. The time had come to upgrade the site. The Society chose a professional web designer to carry out the task and we are happy with the product. We hope you will like it and inform your friends about it.



## Atelier de formation pour les members - 8 juin

Un atelier de formation a l'intention des membres de l'orchid society a eu lieu le samedi 8 juin au cercle de Rose Hill., sur le thème 'Notions essentielles pour bien cultiver les orchidées'. L'animation était assuré par Serge L'Ecluse.

Une vingtaine de membres étaient présents et sont repartis contents. La Société projette d'autres sessions sur des thèmes complémentaires a l'avenir. Pour rappel, ces programmes sont destinés non seulement aux débutants mais également aux plus initiés.

## Orchid Bazaar - 27 juillet

Le samedi 27 juillet la Société a organisé a titre d'essai une plateforme pour faciliter des échanges de plantes entre membres de manière relaxe et informelle.

Les consignes données permettaient aux intéressés a échanger, vendre ou faire don de leurs surplus et ceci dans l'unique but de donner la chance aux membres de parfaire leurs collections.

Le résultat a été moyen, L'expérience a démontré qu'il y a un intérêt pour la chose et que la formule demande a être retravailler afin cet exercice se déroule dans un pur esprit d'entraide et non pas dans un but lucratif.

## Celebration du 33eme anniversaire - 24 aout

Les membres étaient conviés a un cocktail dans les salons de La Potinière, a Curepipe pour marquer le 33eme anniversaire de l'Orchid Society of Mauritius, le samedi 24 aout dernier.

Les invites ont eu droit a des moments agréables, autour d'un excellent mini show. Le nouveau site web de la Société a été lancer lors de cette soirée.

## Notes from Majeed Khadaroo

### Growing Orchids sky rise

With more and more people migrating to flats or apartments, gardening seems to be losing its popularity. Many people, however, cannot live without plants. Orchids are one of the varieties that can easily adapt under certain conditions. They will definitely not grow and flower inside a room. But if you have a flat roof or a balcony, there are quite a few varieties that will adapt very well and flower regularly.

On a flat roof, benches can be easily erected on at least three sides of the roof and a 50% shade cloth installed to protect the plants. The floor should be lined with an edge of cement to prevent water running away. Cover the whole floor with a small grade of chipping- half inch size will do.

The following orchids will do well under such conditions . *Dendrobiums*, *Vandas*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Cattleyas*, *Oncidium*s and quite a few other genera. The *phalaenopsis* should however be protected against rain and too much light.

Under a balcony, the number of plants grown is naturally limited depending on the size and its orientation. A balcony facing North, East or West is ideal avoiding South at all cost.

Remember that plants have to be watered and fertilized and that all water has to be drained away from the house.

## **NEW REGULATORY GUIDELINES FOR BOTH EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES.**

The annual orchid show is a unique opportunity for the Society to display publicly the best specimens of orchids grown by its members. It illustrates the progress made by our local growers and their achievements are celebrated. Members are invited to bring in the best from their collection with the understanding that a show is meant to stage beauty.

We need however to set rules and guidelines in order that , on the one hand exhibitors know what is expected from them and judges, on the other hand have proper guidelines to give a fair judgement.

### **Format of show**

The show set-up shall include both table tops and landscape displays.

### **Exhibitors**

There shall be 3 categories of exhibitors:

- Novice
- Amateurs
- Pro

### **Definitions**

**A Novice** is one who is new to orchid growing and who has never won an award at the annual show.

**An amateur** is one who has been growing orchids for more than three years, for pleasure only and who may have won awards at previous annual shows.

**A Pro** is an experienced orchid grower who grows orchids for both pleasure and for commercial purposes.

## **Competing for an Award**

### **4.1 Plant Registration**

The registration process will be under the sole responsibility of a Registrar, appointed by the OSM executive committee.

Plant registration will take place between 7.30 am and 11.00 am on the Friday.

The Registrar shall have one assistant and two helpers whose specific functions will be (a) to check registration forms and plants and (b) to check health status of plants.

The Registrar may decline registration for (a) late submissions and (b) specimens representing disease or pest contamination hazards.

Each exhibit shall bear a color coded tag indicating the exhibitor's category, the plant registration number, a label with the name of the plant or marked 'Lost Label'.

### **4.2 The exhibitor and his exhibits**

Each exhibitor shall fill in a registration form prior to submission indicating the list of plants to be registered the name of each plant or name unknown (as applicable).

The registration form shall be handed over to the Show Registrar together with the plants.

Exhibitors may bring any number of plants.

The plants registered, shall comply with the following criteria :

The plant shall have a label bearing its varietal / species name or bear the name of its parents.

In cases where the name is unknown, the plant shall bear a tag marked 'Lost Label'.

The plant shall be healthy and free from signs of uncontrolled disease symptoms and insect pests.

Flowers shall be of excellent quality and inflorescences shall have a reasonable number of fully opened flowers.

The plant exhibits shall have been in the registrant's possession for a minimum of one year.

Plant exhibits shall not be removed from the show floor before 3.30 p.m. on the Sunday.

### **4.2 Show judging**

The plants registered for the competition shall be judged by a panel of three knowledgeable and experienced judges, who will appoint a Chairperson among themselves. They shall be assisted by two judging clerks exempt of voting rights.

The judging process shall start at 1.30 p.m. on the Friday and be completed at 3.30 p.m.

### **The judges :**

Shall be provided with a complete list of entries for the competition as well as the full list of awards.

Shall determine with a majority of 2/3<sup>rd</sup> what they consider as being the best exhibit of each class and sub-class out of all the plants registered for the competition, irrespective of registrant's category.

Judges shall nominate the best plant out of the lot registered in the 'Novice' category, irrespective of the orchid class and sub-class.

May withhold the granting of an award where the entries in a class are either sub-standard or if there is only one entry.

May also disqualify plants for improper classification or name.

A 'Lost label' plants shall participate in the competition. It may receive an award as the best in a sub-class (e.g. Best white *phalaenopsis*), but shall not be eligible for the Trophy rewarding the best of the class (e.g. Best *Phalaenopsis* & Allied genera).

No judge shall judge a class in which he or she has an exhibit.

Plant exhibits will be judged:

On their own merit at the time of judging.

According to the appearance of their flower(s), vigor and overall presentation.

With some leniency for the 'Beginners' category.

The decisions of the judges shall be final.

### **4.4 Cocarde, Prize and Trophy**

**Cocardes** – there shall be three types of cocardes given:

Red and white for the best of a sub-class

Blue, red and white for the best of each class

Blue, red and white, with ribbons bearing the National colours for the best orchid on show.

Prizes – gift prizes may be offered for all awards provided the Society obtains adequate sponsorship.

### **Trophys**

There are eleven challenge trophies sponsored by various organizations, They are as follows :

**Best *Cattleya* & allied genera; Sponsored by COROI (Maurice) Ltée.**

**Best *Phalaenopsis* & allied genera; sponsored by Roger Faydherbe & Co. Ltd.**

**Best *Vanda* & allied genera; sponsored by Exotica.**

**Best *Dendrobium*; sponsored by The University of Mauritius.**

**Best *Oncidium* and *Odontoglossum* alliance; sponsored by The Food and Agricultural Council.**

**Best *Cymbidium*; sponsored by APEXHOM.**

**Best *Paphiopedillum*; sponsored by Compagnie Agricole de Labourdonnais Ltée.**

**Best Other genera; sponsored by CIEL GROUP.**

**Best Species (Mascarene & Madagascar); sponsored by The Royal Society of Arts & Science.**

**Best Orchid on Show; sponsored by The President of the Republic.**

**The Champion of the Show (a public vote); sponsored by The Orchid Society of Mauritius.**

**Ratified by the executive committee of the Orchid Society of Mauritius**

**On the 21st August 2013**