

FLOWER SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

Siuslaw Chapter – American Rhododendron Society

A: DEFINITIONS

- a. Truss: A single rachis, (flowers coming from one bud.)
- b. Spray: Elepidote – multi-stems emerging from a single stem. May consist of multiple trusses. (In our show we also allow hammerheads, a single stem with multiple flower buds to be shown in this class).
- c. Spray: lepidote Rhododendrons, azaleas and azaleadendrons: flowers coming from multiple buds on a single stem not to exceed 16" by 16" above the container top.

B: EXHIBITS AND ENTRIES

- a. Exhibits will be accepted from anyone, ARS member or non-member, amateur or commercial. All entries will be eligible for ribbons and trophies.
- b. Any one exhibitor may enter only one truss or spray of a single hybrid variety. A family is considered as one exhibitor. The Entries committee will disqualify duplicate entries. If you have more than one selection of a species you may enter them all in our show. For example if you have 5 selections of R. augustinii you may enter all five in the same category.
- c. Entries must have been in the exhibitor's possession for a minimum of six months prior to the show and must have been primarily cared for by the exhibitor.
 - A current member that sells and vacates their current property may enter trusses to both shows in their name, if they had owned the property for 6 months or more. This new rule will cover only the current member, not the new owner of said property. The new owner may enter trusses in the flower shows when they have had ownership for 6 months or more. (This is a clarification of the 6 month rule)
- d. Exhibitors may bring entries between 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM on the opening day of the show. Entries close at 9:00 AM sharp!
- e. The Entries & Classification committee have the authority to reassign or disqualify exhibits that infringe on any show rule or regulation. Their decision shall be final.
- f. Each entry must be in approved water filled container. We recommend a frappuccino bottle.
- g. Exhibitors may remove their exhibits at 4:45 PM on the final day of the show. Ribbons and trophies should also be picked up at this time. Unclaimed entries will be disposed of properly.
- h. Entries in tender categories, such as vireyas and maddenii may be raised in an area of artificial protection.
- i. New American hybrids (classes 810-840) may be shown only twice in this category. Subsequent showings will be in the class indicated by the schedule. A new American hybrid is a seedling grown by the individual submitting the entry.
- j. Trusses and sprays should be properly groomed for top consideration.
 - . Damaged or dead branches, leaves, and buds should be removed.
 - . Cleaning and washing the leaves with water makes for a better presentation.
 - . No artificial shining of the leaves or trimming of the leaves is allowed.

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C: STAGING OF ENTRIES

- a. All entries must have a completed entry card prepared by the exhibitor. The exhibit and the entry card must have been presented to the Entry & Classification Committee at the show site for assurance of placement in the proper class or group.
- b. The placement Committee may add a new class or group when five or more entries of the same variety are entered.

D: JUDGING

- a. Entries shall be judged in their group or class as set out in the show schedule and the show key in accordance with the following criteria:
[100 points total]
 1. **Flower Truss.** According to variety. Refers to the diameter of individual corollas, number of flowers per, and overall size of truss. The color should be true to the variety and a good representation of the group in which it is classified. **50 points**
 2. **Foliage.** All leaves should be well shaped, of good color and size and of good condition without mars or blemishes and not trimmed. **30 points**
 3. **Cleanliness and Presentation.** Entries should be clean and in an upright position if at all possible. **20 points**
- b. Each entry shall be judged against all others in its group or class. Multiple ribbons for first, second and third place will be awarded.
All decisions of the judges are final.
- c. Only first place (blue ribbon) winners will be considered for trophies.
- d. For the **Sweepstakes Trophy**, the following point scale applies:
 1. Trophy Winner – 5 points
 2. First place (blue ribbon) – 5 points
 3. Second place (red ribbon) – 3 points
 4. Third place (white ribbon) -2 points

The Maximum number of points per truss or spray is 10.

E: GENERAL

1. No spectators will be allowed in the exhibit area until judging is complete and trophies are awarded. Workers are asked to keep the talking down.
2. The Chapter will make every attempt to care, and protect the flowers and trophies, but is not responsible for any loss or damage.