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NEXT MEETINGS

March 15, 2009 ~ 2:00 Vestal Library

April 19, 2009 ~ 2:00 Vestal Library

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Newsletter Needs

Do you have orchid information that you are willing to share with other members of the Southern Tier Orchid Society? We are looking for anyone who might care to write an article for our newsletter.

We are also looking for people who have photographs of their or other orchids and who would be willing to share those also.

Our newsletter will be better for your help!

We are also looking for a volunteer to help get our newsletter mailed out - if you can help please give Dee Janis a call.

Thanks for your help!

EDITOR'S NOTE

Contributions, including pictures, to the STOS newsletter from members are welcomed. Contributions must be submitted by the 25th day of each month to the editor.

If you have difficulties with the electronic format of this newsletter, please contact the webmaster at: info@storchidsociety.com

TIPS FOR THE CHIEF CLERK

You are the one whose job it is to make sure everything runs smoothly and with the least amount of wandering around or backtracking.

First get your team together, introduce yourself and the other clerks.

You will usually get a folder with the class numbers, plants entered and any trophies assigned to the team. Check the schedule to see if trophies are awarded to any plant in the show, or if they must be entered. If you have a doubt, check with the Chair of Clerking. The idea is to look at the entries and plan how to walk through and see them all in the least time. If there is **one** entry in a class two or three down the line that is in a close exhibit, you **could** show this to the team leader and ask if it could be judged now. Quite often they will agree. Don't go too far ahead in case plants need to be reclassified into those categories. (This happened to me on my first time as leader).

For classes with two or more entries, plan to view the plants from one end of the arena to the other, if possible. Most judges have walked many, many shows and are very receptive to juggling classes to avoid backtracking.

Start by saying clearly to all the judges on your team, "this is class number so and so; there are x number of entries and this is #1. When you are at the last plant in that group, you say, "this is the last entry in this class".

If there are any reclassifications or disqualifications made by the team, make sure they are noted on the right entry forms.

It will usually be written in the schedule under the 'Trophies' section which classes are included in each trophy category. When it is time to award the trophies, go back in the sheets and identify the first place winners in the classes for each trophy.

Make sure the judges sign the appropriate sheets (usually all sign the first page and sometimes one each for the rest).

Assist the Ribbon Clerk, if necessary, to check that the right ribbons are on the right plants. (See below for help codes). Above all, remember to have fun (see above).

Keep your team together until the judges are completely through. Sometimes, the team will be given other classes to judge, and will need the clerks. When all judging is completed, ask the Judging Team Captain if he or she is through and ask to be excused. If you have the lunch tickets, be sure to pass them out, because the free lunch is the only pay you get for a job well done!

TIPS FOR THE RIBBON CLERK

You are responsible for seeing that the right ribbons get on the right plants. You really want to stay with the judges, have fun and learn as much as possible by hearing what they have to say. **You can do both!** In order to make sure this happens, you only need to write three things on the back of each ribbon -- and they are the same three things!!

CLASS NUMBER (for example, CL 14a)
SPACE NUMBER (i.e., SP 6)
ENTRY NUMBER (i.e., #244)

That's all there is to it. Even if you don't think you can remember what goes where, at the end of judging, you can go to Space 6, look up Class 14a, which might be Cattleya Hybrids - Yellow, and find the plant with the tag that has 244 on it. Even someone who was not on the team could put the right tags on later, although by staying with the team, you SHOULD know some of them. There is no need to look at a pink phalaenopsis if the class is yellow cattleyas. Remember, at this point you should be having a **whole lot of fun!**

