

Orchid Fragrance Competition at the Hilo Orchid Show

For Exhibitors:

- This competition is for orchids with a pleasant fragrance – floral, fruity, “powdery”, spicy, even medicinal. It is *not* to showcase unpleasant fragrances such as rancid or fecal, however “interesting” they may be. Also, the competition is for the *BEST* fragrance, not necessarily the strongest fragrance.
- This competition is for day fragrant orchids only. While night fragrant orchids may have beautiful fragrances, it is beyond our ability to properly display them at this point.
- The plant(s) displayed may have one flower or tens of flowers but at least one must be open for the commencement of the show.
- Each exhibit can consist of a single orchid plant or a grouping of orchid plants of the same species or clone of a hybrid.
- Only plants specifically entered in the Fragrance Competition and displayed in the special display area will be eligible for this trophy; plants in regular displays are excluded.
- All plants must be free of pests or visible disease.
- Although not required, it is recommended that plants be labelled with genus, species / hybrid, and clone (if known). Plants in the fragrance competition will also be eligible for any other ribbons or trophies that they qualify for.
- Plant(s) size is unimportant as long as it will fit within a 2' x 2' table space. Consideration should be given to how easily the judges (show attendees) can access the flower to sample the fragrance: is the fragrance readily apparent from a distance or is it faint where the judge will have to approach closely to sample it? This should be taken into account in layout of your space. Also, take into account the height of your flowers on a tabletop. Will they be accessible to most attendees or only basketball players? You may request a special consideration such as a floor space if your plant is too high or if you need exceed the 2' x 2' space allocation (see below).
- Special arrangements may be possible to allocate more space on the tabletop for a specimen plant or a floor space for a very tall plant. However, notification will need to occur at least two weeks before the commencement of the show (not later than June 14th) and acceptance will be pending availability of space.
- Please be aware that the Edith Kanaka'oke Stadium is prone to strong breezes. Please try to design your exhibit to take this into account; we don't want the breeze to cause your plant to fall over and become damaged.
- While this competition is for fragrance, the aesthetics of appearance also need to be addressed. Pots may need to be slipped into attractive clay or ceramic pots or covered in something like burlap, tatami mat, or Spanish moss (“Pele’s hair”) to improve aesthetics.
- Display setup and breakdown can only be done during the time periods allocated for this in the show rules. All fragrance entries will be required to remain in the show until the conclusion of the show on Sunday afternoon.

The Fragrance Competition:

- Each competing display shall be given a unique identifying number that will be included at the display, this is to be used for voting.
- Ballots will be made available to each show attendee.
- Attendees desiring to judge this event should sample the fragrances and deposit their vote into the receptacle(s) provided in the fragrance display area.
- The Fragrance Competition shall commence at the opening of the show on Friday morning and will close at the close of the show on Saturday afternoon. Votes will be counted at the end of day on Saturday. Winner shall be announced and the trophy awarded at the opening of the show on Sunday morning.

Judging:

- Judging will be conducted in the same manner as ribbon judging of orchids at the show – it is up to the individual opinion of the judge (show attendee). There is no right or wrong answer, it is a matter of what appeals to the judge. Sample the fragrances and study them carefully, then submit your vote into the ballot receptacle in the fragrance competition area. *Once your ballot has been submitted, it may not be removed to change your vote.* If you attend more than one day, feel free to vote each day!
- Please be aware that fragrance and intensity of fragrance may vary with light intensity or time of day so you may detect different nuances at different times. Perhaps you may want to sample the fragrance upon entry and then again before leaving before casting your vote.

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