

## GROS SHOW 2010 RULES AND REGULATIONS

(References to days of the week refer to the week of the show.)

### Judging

1. All plants and exhibits must be registered. They may be labeled as not for judging (NFJ.)
2. Plants may be entered in only one class.
3. A Commercial Exhibitor is defined as anyone selling at the GROS show outside of the GROS members' table.
4. First Time Exhibitor is defined as a person who has never before set up an exhibit, either blooming plants or educational, at a show.
5. Each exhibitor agrees upon registration to abide by the rules, regulations, and judges' decisions. The judges' decisions are final.
6. Judges will have the right to award or to withhold any scheduled prize and may substitute any class or award.
7. All questions regarding the interpretation of the rules shall be referred to the Chairman of Judging.
8. Only authorized persons are permitted in the show area during judging.
9. Plants eligible for the GROS Cultural Award must have been grown by the exhibitor for at least six months prior to the show.
10. Plants eligible for the Joan Burnham Award must have been grown by the exhibitor for at least six months in the windowsill, with no artificial (except normal room lights) supplemental light. The plant cannot have been grown in an environment modified specifically for plants (i.e. no Wardian cases, porches converted to greenhouses with controlled humidity, etc.). Areas of uncertainty can be discussed with the Judging or Registration Chairperson.
11. Cut flowers and flowering plants will be considered equally in judging.

### Exhibits

12. The Genesee Region Orchid Society will take reasonable precautions for the safety of the exhibitor's property but will not be responsible for loss or damage.
13. Orchids are to be the only flowering plants in displays other than in class #109, Arrangements, Corsages and Bouquets. In this class, orchids must be the predominant flower. No dyed flowers will be permitted.
14. Tables in standard sizes will be furnished without cost for individual exhibits. However, display exhibitors must provide their own non-standard tables as well as cloth, foliage plants, etc.
15. Any lighting used for effect is the responsibility of and must be furnished by the exhibitor. It must be approved by the Show Chairman or Show Setup Chairman. Effect lighting may be turned off during judging.
16. The Show Setup Chairman/Show Chairman reserve the right to limit space to any exhibitor should exhibit space become limited.
17. The Show Committee reserves the right to judge the suitability and appropriateness of any exhibit and alter or remove the exhibit as the Show Chairman deems necessary.
18. Each plant must be labeled with its name. Black labels and silver writing pens will be made available by the show committee for those wishing to use them.

19. The Show Setup Chairman will provide exhibit labels based on the name provided on the exhibit entry form for use after judging. If you prefer to use your own exhibit sign, please so note on the exhibit entry form. Exhibit names will not be visible until after the judging is complete.
20. All shipments of plants, cut flowers, or exhibit material to be displayed by the Setup Committee must be received by 5:00 p.m., Thursday. If the exhibitor cannot be present, the plant material will be labeled and displayed by the Show Setup Committee in a uniform manner.
21. There is no entry fee for plants or exhibits. Normal AOS fees apply to those individuals receiving AOS awards.
22. Registration for all exhibitors will close at 9:00 p.m., Thursday. Entries for the GROS exhibit will only be accepted until 7:30 p.m., Thursday. Exceptions will be considered on an individual basis—please contact the Registration Chairperson.

### Vendors

23. All vendors at the show are required to enter a display of at least 11 blooming plants. The display may be entered in Class A, B, or H (Educational). If the vendor will not be selling live plants at the show (sellers of jewelry, paraphernalia, etc.), contact the Show Chairman or Set-up Chairman for alternate exhibit plans.
24. Space will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.
25. The table fee will be \$260 per eight-foot table, payable in advance to the GROS. We must receive table requests and payments prior to the show. Deposits may be requested in advance, at the discretion of the chairman.
26. Commercial vendors must provide one (1) orchid plant in bud or bloom per sales table, to be donated to the GROS for raffle or door prize use at the show.
27. One or more 8-foot sales tables may be requested. The Show Setup Chairman reserves the right to limit any single vendor to a maximum of two (2) sales tables if necessary to accommodate all timely reservations. "Half table" requests will be accommodated at the discretion of the show chairman.
28. Commercial exhibits must be of sufficient artistic and flower quality as to enhance the reputation of both Vendor and the GROS show. Citation by the show committee for poor exhibit quality or the presence of insects or other pests or diseases in the exhibit may result in the Vendor not being invited to participate in future GROS shows.

### General

29. Any plants found to contain insects or other pests will be removed from the show room and isolated.
30. All plants and displays must be left in place until 4:00 p.m., Sunday.
31. All plants and exhibits not claimed by 5:30 p.m., Sunday will go into the "custodial care" of the Show Chair and/or the GROS Executive Committee.