

GROS SHOW 2024 RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

COVID-19 Guidelines

All show attendees including judges, vendors, GROS members, and the public shall adhere to current Monroe County COVID-19 guidelines while inside the museum.

In the event that Monroe County mandates events and programming be postponed or canceled, vendors will receive a full refund of paid table fees.

Judging

1. All plants and exhibits must be registered. They may be labeled as not for judging *and/or not for AOS judging*.
2. Plants may be entered in only one class except for the Best Windowsill Grown Plant.
3. A Commercial Exhibitor is defined as anyone selling at the GROS show outside of the GROS members' table.
4. Each exhibitor agrees upon registration to abide by the rules, regulations, and judges' decisions. The judges' decisions are final.
5. Judges will have the right to award or to withhold any scheduled prize and may substitute any class or award.
6. All questions regarding the interpretation of the rules shall be referred to the Chairman of Judging.
7. Only authorized persons are permitted in the show area during judging.
8. Plants eligible for the Best Amateur Grown must have been grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of one year prior to the show.
9. Plants eligible for the Best Windowsill-Grown Award must have been grown by the exhibitor for at least one year 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.
10. Cut flowers and flowering plants will be considered equally in judging.

Exhibits

11. 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.
12. Orchids are to be the only flowering plants in displays other than in the class for Arrangements, Corsages and Bouquets. In this class, orchids must be the predominant flower. No dyed flowers will be permitted.

13. 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.

14. 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.
15. The Show Setup Chairman/Show Chairman reserve the right to limit space to any exhibitor should exhibit space become limited.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. All shipments of plants, cut flowers, or exhibit material to be displayed by the Setup Committee must be received by 4:00 p.m., Friday. If the exhibitor cannot be present, the plant material will be labeled and displayed by the Show Setup Committee in a uniform manner.
20. There is no entry fee for plants or exhibits. Normal AOS fees apply to those individuals receiving AOS awards.
21. Plant registration for all exhibitors will close at 4:00 p.m., Thursday. Entries for the GROS exhibit will only be accepted until 4:00 p.m., Thursday. This is the same cut-off time as plant registration. Please plan accordingly. Exceptions will be considered on an individual basis—please contact the Registration Chairperson.

Vendors

22. All commercial 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, supplies, etc.) contact the Show Chairman to discuss alternate exhibit plans.

23. Vendor sales area space will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Each sales area fee of \$260, reserved and payable in advance to the GROS, will afford the vendor one (1) 10-foot x 10-foot square sales area, one (1) 8-foot table and one (1) 6-foot table. Vendors are requested to keep their merchandise and supplies within their 10-foot square area. We must receive the vendor space reservation form and a deposit of \$130 per 10-foot square area no later than March 29, 2024. The balance of \$130 per 10-foot square area is due by April 12, 2024. One or more 10-foot square sales areas may be requested. The Show Setup Chairman reserves the right to limit any single vendor to a maximum of two (2) sales areas if necessary to accommodate all timely reservations.
24. We reserve the right to request a copy of your Nursery Registration Certificate (issued by the Dept. of Agriculture), and a New York Certificate of Authority to Collect Sales Tax. New York State Sales Tax must be collected at point of sale.
25. Vendor signage shall be discrete, (vendor name, information, prices etc.) and will be permitted at the discretion of the show chairman.
26. Commercial orchid vendors must provide one (1) orchid plant in bud or bloom per sales table, or *orchid supplies of equivalent value*, to be donated to the GROS for raffle or door prize use at the show. Commercial non-plant vendors (i.e. artisans) must provide one (1) orchid related product per sales table to be donated to GROS for the raffle or door prize use at the show.
27. 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

28. Any plants found to contain insects or other pests will be removed from the show room and isolated.
29. All plants and displays must be left in place until 4:00 p.m., Sunday.
30. 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.