

The Central Oklahoma Cactus and Succulent Society's Annual Show

General Rules for the 2017 Show

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Plants must be delivered to the show room site between 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday, June 2, 2017. For plants to be accepted outside those hours, arrangements must be made with the Show Manager.

The Show Committee and assistants will exercise caution and care in handling, staging, and displaying plants, but neither the Committee nor the Society can be responsible for damaged or lost plants/display material. As a safety measure to other people's plants, the Show Manager or Placement person will be responsible for advising any entrant of the need to permanently remove any diseased and/or pest infested plant from the show area.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, June 3, 2017. All required members, judges, and clerks, should be present by 8:00 a.m. to be briefed by show manager. All decisions of the judges are final.

The Show area will be open to the public Saturday, June 4, 2017, as soon as judging is over to 5:00 p.m..

The Sales area will be open to the public Saturday, June 4, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 19, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Exhibits and awards may not be removed from the show area before Sunday, June 4, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

Exceptions to this rule must be authorized by the Show Manager.

Horticultural Rules for the Show

1. All Exhibitors must register and obtain an exhibitors number.
2. All plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for a minimum of 90 days.
3. All entries must be accepted by the Show Committee.
4. Entries must be classified according to genus, species and, if appropriate, variety or cultivars within the species. (See Horticultural Rules #10)
5. Exhibitors may have more than one entry in a class as long as the plants are of different species or varieties of the species.
6. Entries will be classified as specimen plants according to their natural growth characteristics. Established, rooted cuttings may be displayed where their natural size would otherwise restrict them (i.e. opuntia, cereus, euphorbia. etc.). The Show Committee will make all decisions as to what constitutes a plant of a particular species.
7. All plants must be exhibited in containers suitable, both horticulturally and aesthetically, for the dimensions and growth habit of the particular species.
8. Only the Show Committee will be able to add or delete classes as the plants are being placed.
9. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed entry card. It is the personal responsibility of the exhibitor to provide such a card upon arrival. Cards are available at the Club meeting on May 18, 2017, by contacting the Show Manager or printing them from the clubs web-site. <https://oklahomacactus.com> (under the Show & Sale tab)
10. The exhibitor is personally responsible for correctly identifying and labeling entries. (See Hort. Rules #4). The Show Committee will assist exhibitors in identification on Friday only, and given its large task – cannot be responsible for individual identification. Except as permitted by the Committee – where identification of a rare hybrid is not possible – the genus name alone will not be allowed. Such identifications limit judging against a standard for comparable plants and this is outside the spirit of the show.
11. Individual plants within collections (Classes 17, 18 and 49) must each have a proper identification with genus and species. Additional information about an individual entry that may be of interest to the public (e.g. the common name, use, place of origin, etc.), or may aid in judging (e.g., the fact that a miniature plant is mature at the size shown) may be included on a 3" X 5" card.

Definition and Horticultural Scale of Point

A perfect plant will exhibit the following criteria:

It reflects excellent cultivation and care. It is not scarred, has no missing spines, is not sunburned or shriveled, has no dead areas or leaves, and is clean and insect-free. It reflects the plant's natural growth characteristics. Its size is consistent with that of a mature specimen of the species or variety. Rarity alone cannot be used as exclusive criteria to judge a plant's degree of excellence. Indeed, old or rare plants can be in poor shape.

Moreover, some plants can be difficult to grow and thus are rare, but that does not exclude them from being

plant's degree of excellence. **Scale of Points:** Overall Condition 60 points; Size 10 points; Staging 15 points; Nomenclature 15 points: Total points 100.